

PRIMARY RECORD

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Other Listings _____
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

*Resource Name or #: 140 West I Street

P1. Other Identifier: none

*P2. .Location: *a. County Solano

b. Address: 140 West I Street

*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-044-06

***P3a. Description**

An Italianate two-story house, this residence is a large and elegant building with extensive detailing. It has a cross gable roof of moderate pitch with closed, overhanging eaves supported on decorated brackets. A projecting gable wing roof is elaborately embellished with a fascia, cornice, and gable end trimmed with applied decoration. The gable end is clad with fish scale shingles and has a turned king post. Fenestration consists of vertically emphasized one-over-one windows arranged singly and in pairs. Window casings have bracketed pediments and sills and applied decoration. On the east side of the front façade there is a lower story canted bay below a rectangular upper story. The overhanging upper story corners are supported on brackets. A narrow projecting gable roof porch covers the entry. The porch roof gable is heavily detailed with incised brackets, applied decoration, a spindle work frieze and drop newels. Turned posts support the porch roof and the porch is enclosed with a turned rail. The house is clad in clapboard. The house has a compound plan and is set on a slightly raised foundation.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP2

*P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District

P5b. Description of Photo: Front façade, view southeast

P5. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



*P6. Date Constructed/Age: 1880
 Prehistoric Historic Both

*P7. Owner and Address:
James Calderwood
140 West I Street
Benicia, CA 94510

*P8. Recorded by:
Carol Roland
Roland-Nawi Associates
4829 Crestwood Way
Sacramento, CA 95822

*P9. Date Recorded: 11-20-04

*P10. Type of Survey: Intensive
 Reconnaissance Other

Describe Eligibility Evaluation

*P11. Report Citation: none

*Attachments: NONE Map Sheet Continuation Sheet Building, Structure, and Object Record Linear Resource Record Archaeological Record District Record Milling Station Record Rock Art Record Artifact Record Photograph Record Other (List):

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

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*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: none

B3. Original Use: Residential

B4. Present Use: Residential

***B5. Architectural Style:** Italianate (Picturesque)

***B6. Construction History:** .The house has been restored. The applied decorative wood trim is carried from the house to the pergola structure over the driveway.

***B7. Moved?** No Yes Unknown

Date: N/A

Original Location: same

***B8. Related Features:** A wood pergola covers the drive to the west of the house. Wood trim is applied to the cross piece supporting the pergola roof.

B9a. Architect: unknown

B9b. Builder: unknown

***B10. Significance: Theme:** Benicia Downtown District
Single Family **Applicable Criteria:** A / C

Period of Significance: 1847-1940

Property Type:

The house contributes to the Downtown District. It is an excellent example of its architectural style, a picturesque Italianate. It is one of three or four examples of this type of residence in the downtown area. The house has been restored with reasonable authenticity, although the applied wood trim may or may not mirror the original. The house should be retained as a contributing building in the Downtown Historic District. Because of its architectural merit and elaborate detailing it should be considered for Landmark status.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: N/A

B12. References: McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred Knopf (1986); Bruegmann, Robert. *Benicia Portrait of an Early California Town: An Architectural History* (San Francisco: 101 Productions (1980); Woodbridge, Sally and Cannon Design Group. *Benicia, California: Downtown Historic Conservation Plan*. City of Benicia, 1990; Sanborn Map Benicia, CA. 1886; 1986 Benicia Historic Inventory form.

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Continuation Update



HABS photograph 1977