

PRIMARY RECORD

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NRHP Status Code: _____
Other Listings _____
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

*Resource Name or #: 141 East H Street

P1. Other Identifier: none

*P2. .Location: *a. County Solano

b. Address: 141 East H Street

*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-052-14

*P3a. Description:

This rectangular plan building combines elements of Greek Revival Style with Victorian period decorative elements. The roof treatment with a molded fascia and a cornice with dentils and eave returns are consistent with the Greek Revival. The wide gable end has a centrally placed paired window with a pediment at the top of the casing. A full-length porch with a shed roof extends across the front facade and is supported on plain posts. A centrally placed paneled and glazed door provides primary entry, but there also is a secondary door, located on the west side of the façade. Fenestration is mixed with both original and new windows. On the front façade the east window has been replaced with plate glass and it is possible that the west entry door was created by the removal of a window in that location. A modern shed roof dormer has been added to the west roof slope. The house is clad in clapboard while the gable end is finished with fish scale shingles.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP2

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view north

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



*P6. Date Constructed/Age: circa 1880

Prehistoric Historic Both

*P7. Owner and Address:

Donald King
141 East H Street
Benicia, CA 94510

*P8. Recorded by:

Survey Committee
City of Benicia

*P9. Date Recorded: 9-08

*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

*Resource Identifier: 141 East H Street

*NRHP Status Code: 6Z

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: none

B3. Original Use: residential

B4. Present Use: residential

*B5. Architectural Style: Greek Revival

*B6. Construction History: The house appears to have been constructed in the 1880s. A building of similar plan with a full porch appears on the 1886 Sanborn Map at this location. Several alterations have been made to the building

*B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown

Date: N/A

Original Location: same

*B8. Related Features: none

B9a. Architect: unknown

B9b. Builder: unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme: Benicia Downtown District

Period of Significance: 1847-1940

Property Type:

Single Family Applicable Criteria: A / C

This house is an example of late Greek Revival with elements of Queen Anne decoration. It retains some of the distinctive characteristics of Greek Revival in the gable treatment, porch, and window casings while an important Victorian element is the fish scale shingle cladding on the gable. However, a number of haphazard alterations, such as the insertion of a second door on the front façade, the replacement of the front window with plate glass and the construction of a dormer have a serious impact on the integrity of the house. Any restoration or rehabilitation must comply with the design guidelines in the Downtown Historic Conservation Plan and the Secretary of the Interior Standards. The building retains integrity as a contributor to the district.

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.

