

# PRIMARY RECORD

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Trinomial \_\_\_\_\_  
NRHP Status Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Listings \_\_\_\_\_  
Review Code \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Resource Name or #: 145 East J Street

- P1. Other Identifier:** none
- \*P2. .Location: \*a. County** Solano
- b. Address:** 145 East J Street
- \*c. City:** Benicia **Zip** 94510
- d. UTM:** N/A
- e. USGS Quad:** Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- \*f. Other Locational Data (APN #):** 88-142-05

**\*P3a. Description**

This is a two-story L-shape house with a cross gable roof. The roof is steeply pitched and the gable is finished with a fascia that has decorative ends and brackets. A shed roof dormer is cut in the center of the cross gable slope and may be a later addition. The east side of the front elevation is spanned by a shed roof porch. The porch roof is supported on turned posts and has a spindle work frieze. A low plain wood rail encloses the porch. Fenestration consists of one-over-one double hung windows arranged in pairs on the front elevation. A square bay projects from the gable end wall. The bay has a hip roof with overhangs supported on brackets. Decoratively embellished window casings add detail to the prominent bay. The house is clad with clapboard and a decorative wood pattern trim is used to close the gable end and demarcate the second story. The house is a Vernacular form known as a Gable Front and Wing house. In this form a side-gable addition is added at right angles to a side gable structure. This house form is found as an elaboration of the gable front Greek Revival house or of the Gable Front folk house. In this case the basic folk form is overlaid with Victorian trim which may have been original with the construction or was added shortly after.

**\*P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2

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

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



**P5b. Description of Photo:**

Front façade, view northeast

**\*P6. Date Constructed/Age:** 1880

Prehistoric  Historic  Both

**\*P7. Owner and Address:**

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145 East J Street  
Benicia, CA 94510

**\*P8. Recorded by:**

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**\*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

\*Resource Identifier: 145 East J Street

\*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: none

B3. Original Use: Residential

B4. Present Use: Residential

\*B5. Architectural Style: Vernacular

\*B6. Construction History:

\*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 is an excellent example of the Gable Front and Wing house type. This is a folk house form that was popular in the Northeast, especially in rural areas. This is one of the only Vernacular houses of this style in Benicia. It retains its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, setting, location and association. It exemplifies the early development of Benicia's residential downtown. The house contributes to the Downtown Historic District and should continue in this 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.

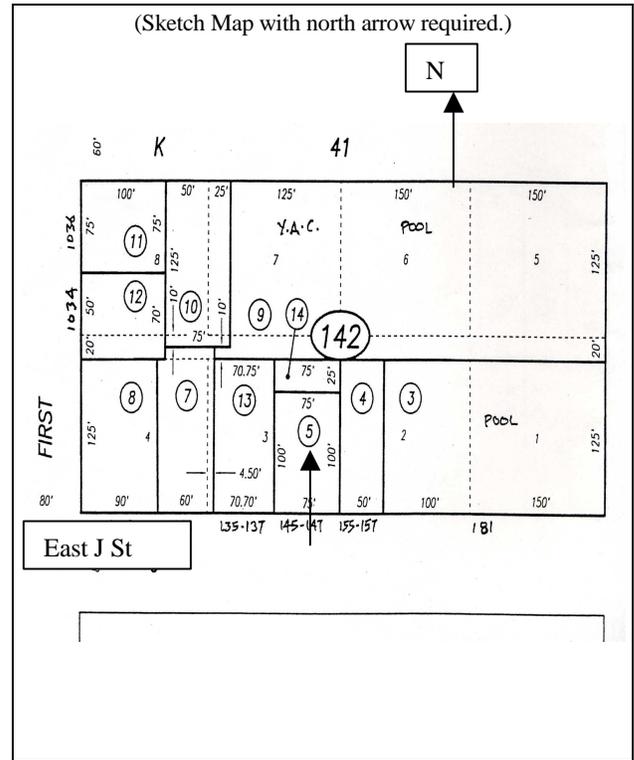
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Remarks: N/A

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**B 15. Date of Evaluation:** 11-22-04



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