

# PRIMARY RECORD

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

\*Resource Name or #: 159 West J Street

- P1. Other Identifier: none
- \*P2. .Location: \*a. County Solano
- b. Address: 159 West J Street
- \*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- \*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 87-164-16

**\*P3a. Description**

This is a small Queen Anne Cottage which has had some modification. The building is L-shape in plan with an intersecting hip and gable roof. The front gable is finished with a fascia, eave returns supported on brackets, and a plain verge board. A covered porch occupies the L on the front façade. The porch roof is hipped and is supported on plain posts. The replacement poured concrete porch is accessed via concrete steps with metal balustrades. Both the porch window and door are replacement. The gable end wall has a single centered window. This is uncharacteristic of the style and the house originally probably had paired vertically emphasized windows. Other fenestration consists of one-over-one double hung windows. The house is clad with clapboard and has corner boards.

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

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

**P5b. Description of Photo:**

Front façade, view north

**\*P6. Date Constructed/Age:** 1890  
 Prehistoric  Historic  Both

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

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



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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: 159 West J Street

\*NRHP Status Code: 3D

**B1. Historic Name:** N/A

**B2. Common Name:** same

**B3. Original Use:** Residential

**B4. Present Use:** Residential

\***B5. Architectural Style:** Queen Anne

\***B6. Construction History:** Several alterations have been made to the front elevation of the building. These include the replacement of the porch, porch rail and posts, porch window, door, and front gable window.

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

**Date:** N/A

**Original Location:** same

\***B8. Related Features:**

**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:**

This house is clearly recognizable as a Queen Anne Cottage but has been compromised by a series of small changes, particularly on the front elevation. The house contributes to the Downtown Historic District, although its current integrity is questionable. It should continue in a contributory status, but any further non-historic alterations could cause the status of the house to be reconsidered.

**B11. Additional Resource Attributes:** N/A

**B12. References:** McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred Knopf (1986); Brueggemann, 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.

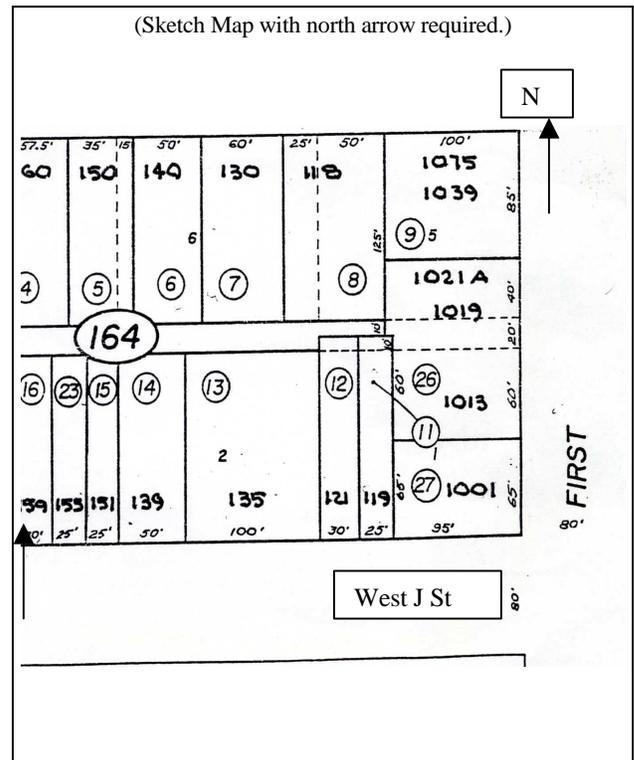
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Remarks: N/A

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



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