

# PRIMARY RECORD

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

\*Resource Name or #: 160 East I Street

P1. Other Identifier:

\*P2. .Location: \*a. County Solano

b. Address: 160 East I Street

\*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

\*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-052-07

\*P3a. Description

This is a Vernacular Pyramid house which exhibits the square footprint and equilateral hip roof that characterize this housing form. However, the building employs several Italianate details, most notably in the front windows, porch posts and corner brackets. The roof has closed eaves with slight overhangs that are supported at the front corners by paired brackets. There is a plain cornice around all of the elevations. A small porch frames the entrance. It has a hip roof supported on turned posts. The porch has been extended on the west side and a replacement open rail encloses both the entry and the newer porch addition. Fenestration on the front façade consists of symmetrically placed paired one-over-one double hung windows. The windows are set in elaborate casings with bracketed pediments and applied decoration. The windows are arched at the top. Cladding is clapboard with corner boards.

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP2

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view southwest

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age: 1880

Prehistoric  Historic  Both

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



\*P7. Owner and Address:

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\*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: 160 East I Street

\*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name:

B3. Original Use:

B4. Present Use: commercial

\*B5. Architectural Style: Vernacular with Italianate details

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 a fine example of a vernacular style house that has been embellished with fashionable details of the period in which it was built. The front porch has been altered by extending the central entry on the west side of the façade. Although this adds an inauthentic addition at the front of the house, the porch extension is low and relatively unobtrusive. With the exception of this alteration, the house retains its integrity. It is a contributing building in the Downtown Historic District and should retain its status.

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.

