

# PRIMARY RECORD

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

\*Resource Name or #: 165 East F Street

P1. Other Identifier: none

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

b. Address: 165 East F Street

\*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

\*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-342-36

**\*P3a. Description:**

This is a rectangular plan house with a front gable steeply pitched roof. The front gable is trimmed with a molded fascia and has eave returns. The gable end is clad with vertical board and a central inset panel of horizontal board trimmed at the top with scalloped edging. A narrow cornice, also edged with a scalloped trim, runs along the edge of the gable end, just below the eave returns. The entry is centrally located and is framed with a small porch. The replacement porch roof is gabled and supported on plain posts. The porch gable end is trimmed with scalloped shingles and a half-moon vent. The entry door is narrow with a transom. Two symmetrically placed, large windows display decorative upper muntins. Other fenestration is double hung and occurs singly. The wood casing has a flat pediment. The building is clad with clapboard. There is a raised foundation clad with vertical board. Window openings have been cut into the half basement sometime after 1986.

**\*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:** 1870

Prehistoric  Historic  Both

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

Marcus/Mairead Byrne  
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**\*P8. Recorded by:**

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**\*P9. Date Recorded:** 11-20-05

**\*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: 165 East F 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: Greek Revival

\*B6. Construction History: The house has recently been rehabilitated. The configuration of the porch, shown in the 1986 survey form has been altered to a style (gabled with scalloped shingle trim) more characteristic of later Victorian period residences. The previous porch had a flat roof with overhanging closed eaves supported on plain posts. This appears more consistent with the Greek Revival origins of the house. Windows have been cut into the basement half story.

\*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

In its form, massing, roof treatment, and cladding the building exhibits common Greek Revival elements. The large front windows are unusual for this style house, but appear to be original. The inset gable panel is an unusual decorative element and is a character defining feature of the front elevation. The newly added porch, while similar in size and proportion to the earlier porch has added the inauthentic element of a gabled roof, a treatment which is inconsistent with the more refined classicism of the original design. Despite this alteration, the house retains its basic integrity of design, materials, workmanship, as well as setting, location and association. The integrity of design and feeling is altered by the porch which gives the house a more Victorian appearance. The building is a contributor to the Downtown Benicia Historic District and should continue to maintain that 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.

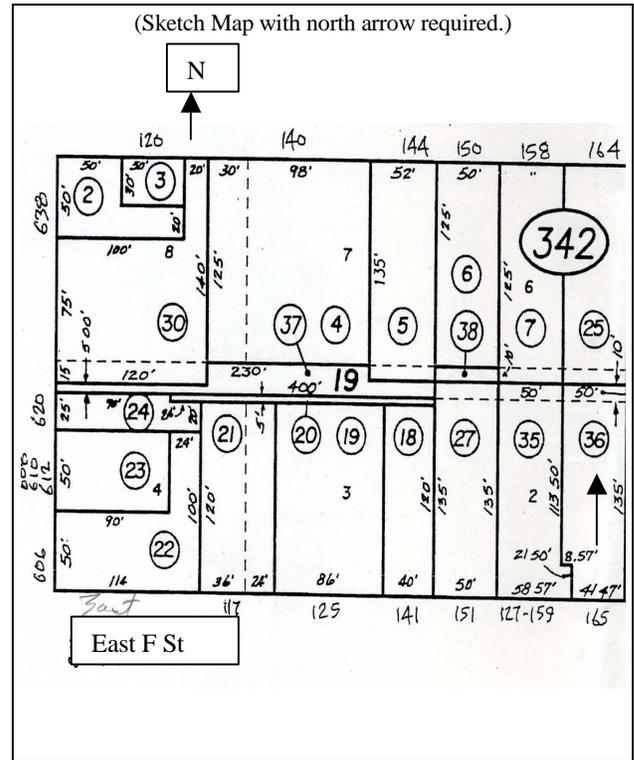
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Remarks: N/A

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



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