

PRIMARY RECORD

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*Resource Name or #: 183 East I Street

- P1. Other Identifier: none
- *P2. .Location: *a. County Solano
- b. Address: 183 East I Street
- *c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- *f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-051-18

***P3a. Description**

This is a rectangular plan house on a slightly raised foundation. It has a hip roof of low pitch that extends to cover the front full-length front porch. The roof overhang is supported on turned full-length posts. The porch is enclosed with a low open turned rail. A centrally placed stair provides access to the porch and centered entry door. The door is recessed with a transom. Asymmetrically arranged windows, two on the west side and one on the east, flank the door. Windows are long and narrow, one-over-one. They are surrounded by wide casings with small bracketed wooden overhangs. A hip roof dormer pierces the front roof slope and appears to have been added at a later date. Cladding is clapboard. This is a Vernacular Style house (Pyramidal) with detailing that was drawn from stock Victorian trim elements. These include the porch posts and rails, and the bracketed overhangs on the windows.

***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:** Circa 1860

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: 183 East I 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 with Victorian detailing

***B6. Construction History:** According to notes from the 1986 historic survey the house was constructed in 1867.

***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

The house is a listed contributor to the Downtown Historic District. It is a simple Vernacular residence in form and massing and is similar to other houses built in Benicia in this period. Victorian detailing, available through lumber yards and catalogues, was used in the porch, entry and window trim. This may have been contemporary with the construction of the house, or added slightly later to give the house a more up-to-date look. In either case the trim originates within the period of significance. The previous survey form (1986) notes that the house was moved to this location from elsewhere. Based on its style, square nails used in the construction, and information regarding interior details, the house certainly dates from the 1860s-1870s, but does not appear on the 1886 Sanborn Map at this location. The house should continue to contribute to the Downtown District.

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.

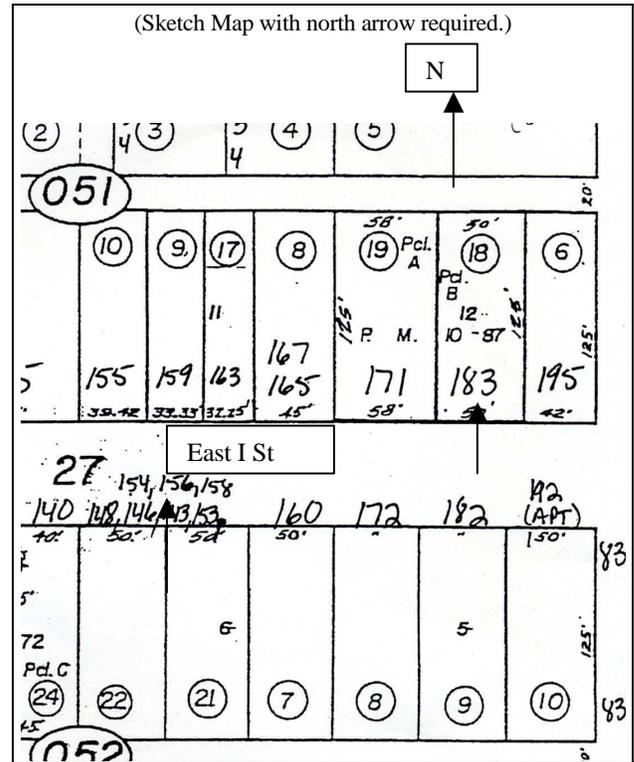
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Remarks: N/A

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



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