

State of California — The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
**PRIMARY RECORD**

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

\*Resource Name or #: 185 West J Street

- P1. Other Identifier: none  
\*P2. .Location: \*a. County Solano  
b. Address: 185 West J Street  
\*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510  
d. UTM: N/A  
e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM  
\*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 87-164-20  
\*P3a. Description

Originally a one story Italianate Cottage, this house has been remodeled almost beyond recognition. A very large rear and dormer addition have been introduced along with a canted bay window and a gable roof entry porch. The new additions are substantially out of proportion to the original house and violate the Secretary of Interior's Standards.

- \*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:  
 Prehistoric  Historic  Both  
\*P7. Owner and Address:  
Edwin Smith  
PO Box 1216  
Benicia, CA 94510

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



\*P8. Recorded by:  
Carol Roland  
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4829 Crestwood Way  
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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: 185 West J Street

\*NRHP Status Code: 6Z

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: same

B3. Original Use: Residential

B4. Present Use: Residential

\*B5. Architectural Style: Originally Italianate

\*B6. Construction History: Sometime prior to 1986 this house was drastically remodeled with a large rear addition, dormer addition, porch alterations, and window replacements.

\*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 listed by the City as a possible contributor to the Historic District. Unfortunately it has been so altered that it no longer retains its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, setting or association. It is not eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources and should be removed from the list of District contributors.

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.

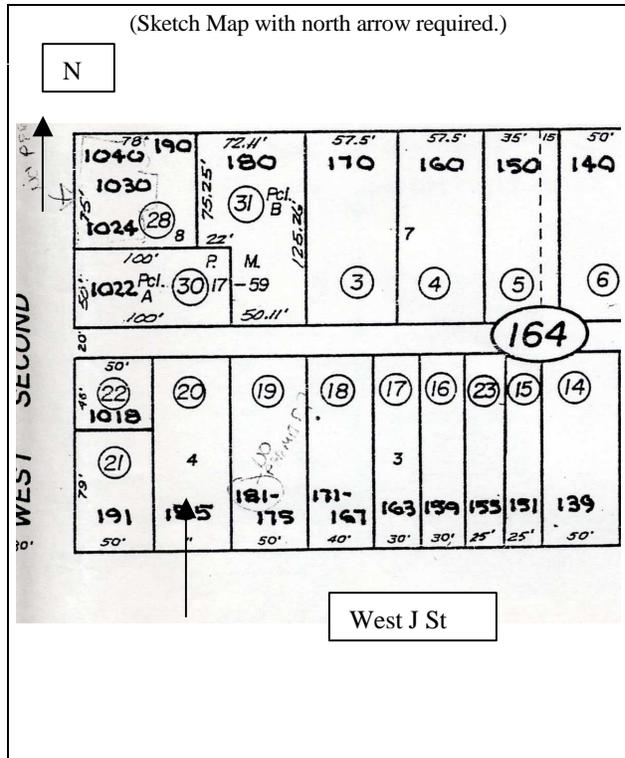
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Remarks: N/A

**B14. Evaluator:** Carol Roland, Ph.D.

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



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