

PRIMARY RECORD

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NRHP Status Code: _____
Other Listings _____
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

*Resource Name or #: 191 East H Street
P1. Other Identifier: none
*P2. .Location: *a. County Solano
b. Address: 191 East H Street
*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
d. UTM: N/A
e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-052-11

***P3a. Description:**

This is an industrial building constructed in the 1870s or 1880s to house the Benicia Gas Works. In 1886 it was sited at the end of the block several lots removed from adjacent residences. It is a two-story rectangular plan building of masonry construction. The roof is side gabled, moderately pitched, and has modest overhangs. The roof is presently clad with a modern Spanish tile. The building has large vertically emphasized window openings which have had modern metal frame windows inserted. The entry is located at the west side of the front façade. It is probable that the original building entry was at the east end where the Gas Works office was located. The current entry opens into an area that was the coal house and which was unlikely to have had a direct front entry. The brick walls are laid in English bond. A large, single story modern building has been constructed to the east of the old gas building. This building is brick veneer with a side gable roof and window openings similar in appearance to those of the historic building.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

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



Front façade, view northwest

***P6. Date Constructed/Age:** 1870
 Prehistoric Historic Both

***P7. Owner and Address:**

Charles Britt
191 East H Street
Benicia, CA 94510

***P8. Recorded by:**
Survey Committee
City of Benicia

***P9. Date Recorded:** 9-08

***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

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B1. Historic Name: Benicia Gas Works

B2. Common Name: none

B3. Original Use: Gas Works Building - Industrial

B4. Present Use: Offices

***B5. Architectural Style:** Industrial

***B6. Construction History:** The building has been modified to convert it from industrial to office use.

***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 building is an example of a small industrial building constructed to service the needs of the local community. Its location at the edge of the early residential district is a reminder of the intermixture of industrial, commercial, and residential uses that was common in 19th -century towns before land use was regulated. The original massing, form and building openings are preserved sufficiently that the industrial origins of the building are still discernable. The building is currently a contributor to the Downtown Historic District and should continue to retain this status. The extensive changes that have been made to the building were necessary in order to adaptively reuse the industrial building for commercial office use.

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.

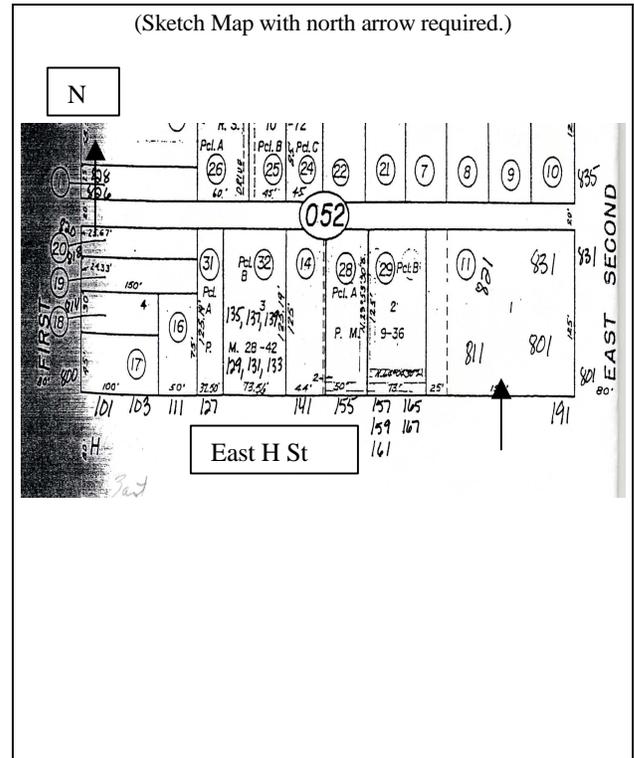
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Remarks: N/A

B14. Evaluator: Survey Committee

Survey Committee
City of Benicia

B 15. Date of Evaluation: 9-08



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