

PRIMARY RECORD

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*Resource Name or #: 242 West I Street

- P1. Other Identifier:** none
- *P2. .Location: *a. County** Solano
- b. Address:** 242 West I Street
- *c. City:** Benicia **Zip** 94510
- d. UTM:** N/A
- e. USGS Quad:** Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- *f. Other Locational Data (APN #):** 89-042-19

***P3a. Description**

This house has a compound plan and an unusual form. The principal body of the house is a rectangular hip roof space. A narrow front gable wing projects toward the street with a small, flat roofed and slightly recessed vestibule attached to its east side. Roofs are moderately sloped, with small overhangs, and fascias have an applied woodwork pattern at the ends. A square bay projects from the gable wing. The bay has a gable roof and one-over-one vertically emphasized windows. The vestibule is tucked into the L formed by the intersection of the gabled wing and the primary body of the house. The vestibule is narrow with a paneled and glazed door. It is accessed via wooden steps and a small wooden stoop. There is no porch and no balustrade on the stair. Fenestration, other than that in the bay, consists of two-over-two vertically emphasized windows. The house is on a raised foundation and is clad with clapboard. In style the house combines elements of the Vernacular pyramidal roof house and the Greek Revival.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2

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

P5b. Description of Photo: Front façade, view south

***P6. Date Constructed/Age:** 1870

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



Prehistoric Historic Both

***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: 242 West 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: A combination of vernacular house form and elements of the Greek Revival.

*B6. Construction History: Unknown.

*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 an interesting example of a combination of styles that appear elsewhere in the downtown historic area. However, in its plan and combination of elements it is unique. The house is associated with the early development of residential neighborhoods off of the main commercial street (First Street). It retains its integrity of design materials, workmanship, setting, location and association. It currently contributes to the Downtown Historic District and should continue to so.

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.

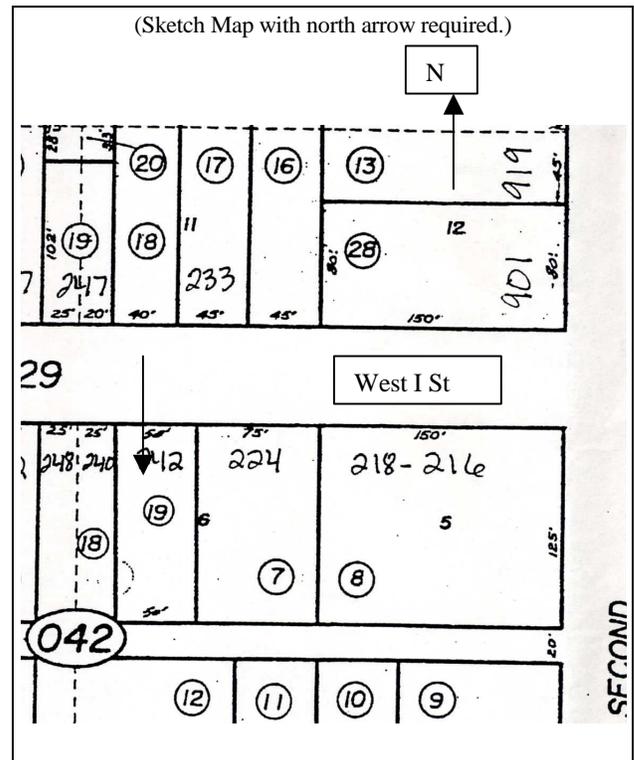
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Remarks: N/A

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



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