

PRIMARY RECORD

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NRHP Status Code: _____
Other Listings _____
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- *Resource Name or #: 245 West H Street
P1. Other Identifier: none
*P2. .Location: *a. County Solano
b. Address: 245 West H Street
*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
d. UTM: N/A
e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-042-12

***P3a. Description**

This residence is one of the more elaborate examples of Mediterranean Revival architecture in Benicia. Horizontally oriented, the house is one-story with a cross gable Mission tile roof. The roof is moderately pitched with clipped eaves and gable. There is a terracotta pipe vent at the gable apex. A shed roof vestibule is located at the "L" created by the intersection of the gables and gives the front of the house an irregular elevation. An arched entry door into the vestibule faces the street and is covered by a tiled shed roof supported on brackets. Fenestration is varied with an arched, multi-light central window with sidelights on the east side of the front façade and paired vertically elongated multi-light windows on the west side. Both sets of front windows have an overhanging tile shed roof awning supported on brackets. Other fenestration is double hung and aluminum frame sliders. The house is relatively modest in size, but like many revival style houses it seeks to create the illusion of greater massing by the use of full height side gates that are integral to the front elevation. In this case the wall has arched openings and a tile edging along the top of the wall.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2

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

P5b. Description of Photo: Front façade, view northwest

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



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

Prehistoric Historic Both

***P7. Owner and Address:**

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120 29th Place
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

***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: 245 West H 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: Mediterranean Revival

*B6. Construction History: The house appears to have additions to the rear.

*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
Single Family Applicable Criteria: A / C

Period of Significance: -1847-1940

Property Type:

This is one of the more elaborate and decoratively detailed Mediterranean Revival houses within the boundaries of the Downtown Historic District. It exhibits substantial workmanship for such a relatively small house, particularly in the porch and window overhangs, the arched doors and the attached side gates. Although there appear to have been rear additions to the house, these are not readily visible from the street and the front of the house retains substantial integrity. The house currently contributes to the Downtown Historic District both as an example of the continued infill and development of the downtown area in the 20th century and as a good example of its style and type. It should continue to contribute to the district.

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.

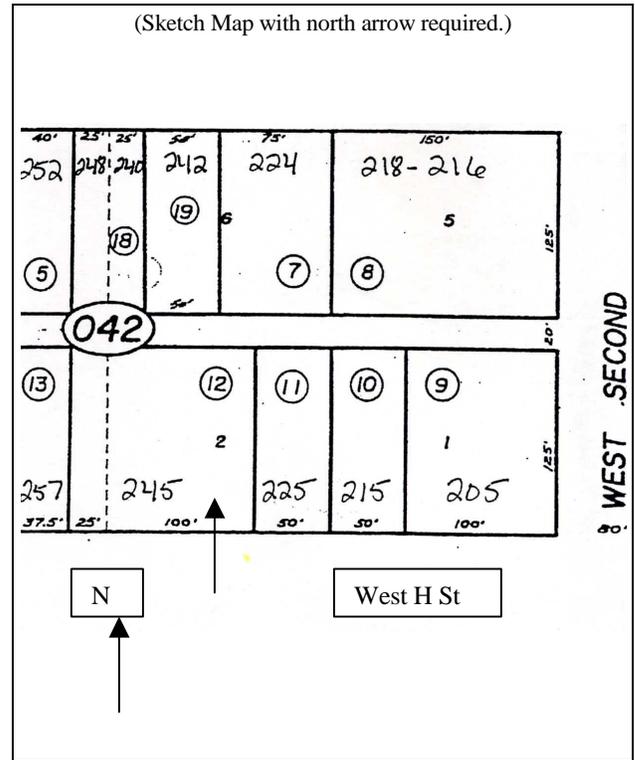
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Remarks: N/A

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



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