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**NRHP Status Code:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Listings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Review Code \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Resource Name or #: 251 West J Street

- P1. Other Identifier: none
- \*P2. Location: \*a. County Solano
- b. Address: 251 West J Street
- \*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia
- \*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 87-162-140

**\*P3a. Description:**

A rectangular plan house with a cross hip and gable roof, this simple Victorian period cottage incorporates many decorative elements of the Greek Revival, but in its form and massing, and in its complex roof structure it resembles the less elaborate examples of the Queen Anne. A compound roof involves a front facing gable, a rear, low hipped roof, and a nearly flat shed roof over the entry and the east side of the front façade. The gable end has returns and is embellished by a plain fascia and cornice. The shed roof is finished with a simple cornice and frieze. Fenestration consists of one-over-one double hung windows. The windows on the gable end wall are long and narrow, with bracketed sills and a pediment. On the east side of the façade smaller windows are framed by a plain casing, which may be a replacement. The entry is recessed with pilaster trim and frames a paneled and glazed door with a transom. Wooden entry stairs provide access to the doorway. The stair is flanked by open balustrade with turned balusters and newel posts. Cladding is clapboard. The house has been restored.

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

\*P7. Owner and Address:  
 Antonia Haughey  
 251 West J Street  
 Benicia, CA 94510

\*P8. Recorded by:  
 Carol Roland  
 Roland-Nawi Associates  
 4829 Crestwood Way  
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\*P9. Date Recorded: 11-22-04

\*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: 251 West J 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:** Transitional Greek Revival Cottage

\***B6. Construction History:** Unknown. The house has been restored and is carefully maintained. It is possible that a porch may have been located on the east side of the façade which is now enclosed. Both the elongated shed roof and the variation in the window size and casing treatment suggest this possibility. However, there is no documentary evidence to substantiate this hypothesis.

\***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 significant as an example of the early residential development in the City of Benicia and the establishment of a permanent town. It is transitional in style, exhibiting the restrained, classical decorative motifs of the Greek Revival including a gabled front roof with eave returns, simple cornice, pedimented and bracketed narrow windows, and a recessed entry with pilasters. At the same time the form of the cottage with its combination of a front-facing gable and a shed roof entry is more typical of Queen Anne Cottages, as is the complex roof structure. The house is a contributing building in the Benicia Downtown Historical District and nothing in its appearance or condition suggest any change should be made in its status. It is eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources.

**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.

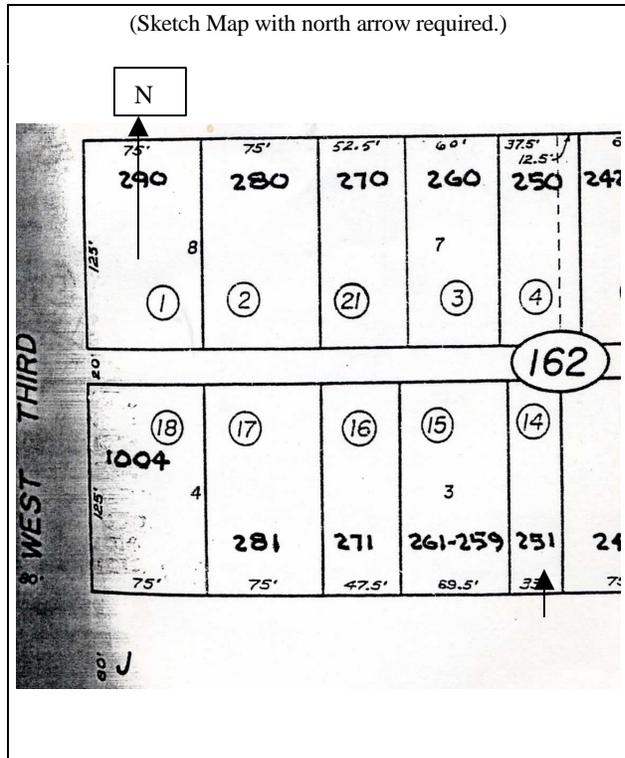
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Remarks: N/A

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



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