

# PRIMARY RECORD

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

\*Resource Name or #: 277 West H Street

P1. Other Identifier: none

\*P2. .Location: \*a. County Solano

b. Address: 277 West H Street

\*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

\*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-042-15

**\*P3a. Description:**

This is a fine example of an Italianate house in the informal picturesque mode. It is T-shape in plan with a moderately pitched hip and cross gable roof. There is a wide gable and eave overhang with the overhangs supported on brackets in a sun burst pattern. The gable is finished with a plain fascia and the gable end is clad with fish scale shingles. A wide bracketed cornice with an unusual circular pattern extends across all of the elevations. Fenestration consists of long one-over one double hung windows. The cornice brackets are tied into the upper portion of the window casings, unifying the two elements. A two-story square bay dominates the west side of the front elevation. This bay has windows on all sides. The side casing of the windows is extended below the sill to create "panels" on the lower wall of the bay. Bracketed, shingled awnings extend over the front of the bay windows and other selected windows. A single story shed roof porch occupies the east side of the front façade. The porch roof is supported on turned posts with brackets. There is a frieze with decorative stick work. The open porch rail is low with short broad double newels at the balustrades. A belt course marks off the low basement. House is clad with clapboard. It is set on a double lot with a large side yard.

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP2

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

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



P5b. Description of Photo: Front façade, view northeast

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age: 1880  
 Prehistoric  Historic  Both

\*P7. Owner and Address:  
Carol Rich  
277 West H Street  
Benicia, CA 94510

\*P8. Recorded by:  
Carol Roland  
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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: 277 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: Italianate

\*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  
Single Family

Period of Significance: 1847-1940

Property Type:

Applicable Criteria: A / C

This is an exceptionally good example of the informal more picturesque application of the Italianate style. The house has all the principal character defining features of the style including a low roof, wide overhanging eaves, bracketed cornice, narrow one-over-one windows, and elaboration of decorative details. It has excellent integrity and appears to have either been maintained in excellent condition, or rehabilitated. The house was photographed in 1977 by HABS. It contributes to the Downtown Benicia Historic District and should be considered for elevation to Landmark status.

House B11. Additional Resource Attributes: N/A

B12. References: McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred Knopf (1986); Brueggemann, 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.

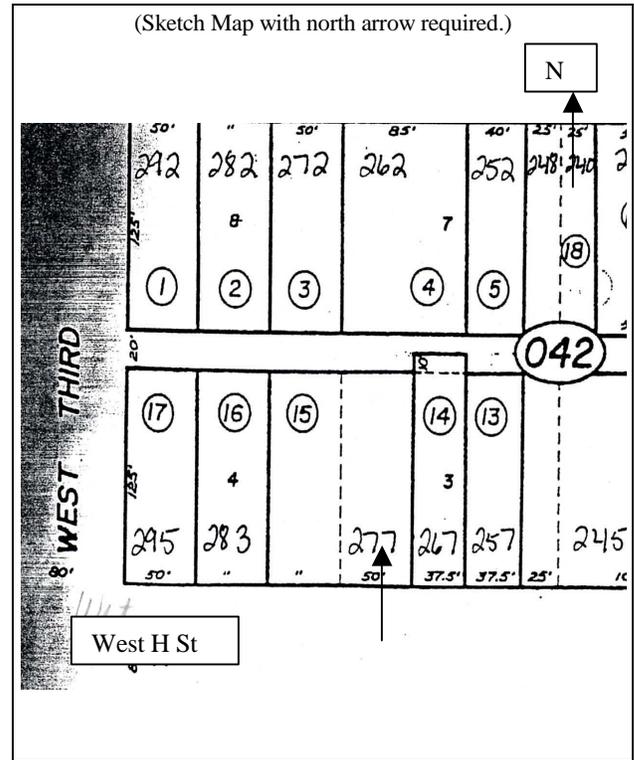
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Remarks: N/A

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

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



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Continuation  Update



HABS photograph 1977