

State of California — The Resources Agency
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

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

*Resource Name or Von Pfister House

- P1. Other Identifier:**
***P2. .Location: *a. County** Solano
b. Address: 280 West J Street
***c. City:** Benicia **Zip** 94510
d. UTM: N/A
e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
***f. Other Locational Data (APN #):** 89-041-03

***P3a. Description**
 This is an important historic residence associated with Captain E.H. Von Pfister, one of the first settlers in the town and an important merchant during the early development of Benicia. The house is a two-story Greek Revival with a rectangular plan. It has moderately pitched front gable roof. The gable is trimmed with a verge board and the closed eaves have an eave return. Upper story fenestration is symmetrically arranged. On the lower story the recessed entry door is located on the east side of the front elevation. The entry is trimmed with pilasters and a small gable is attached to the wall over the entry. The door is a replacement. The building is clad with narrow lap siding.

- *P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2
***P4. Resources Present:** Building Structure Object Site District Element of District
P5b. Description of Photo: Front façade, view southwest
***P6. Date Constructed/Age:** 1860
 Prehistoric Historic Both
***P7. Owner and Address:**
 Shirley King

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



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***P8. Recorded by:**
 Carol Roland
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***P9. Date Recorded:** 11-20-05
***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: 280 West J Street

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: Von Pfister House

B2. Common Name:

B3. Original Use: Residence

B4. Present Use: Residence

***B5. Architectural Style:** Greek Revival

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 residence **Applicable Criteria:** A / C

This house has important historic associations under Criterion A/1 of the National and California Registers. However the entry has been altered by the removal of the original pilasters and the addition of a gable shaped porch roof. The entry door is a replacement. The gable end is an important detail and in this case the rain gutter either replaced or covers the original fascia. These alterations have a large visual impact and undermine the integrity of the house in regard to design, materials, and workmanship. However, given the building's important historic association it should continue to contribute to the Downtown District. It appears at this time to lack sufficient integrity to become a City Landmark.

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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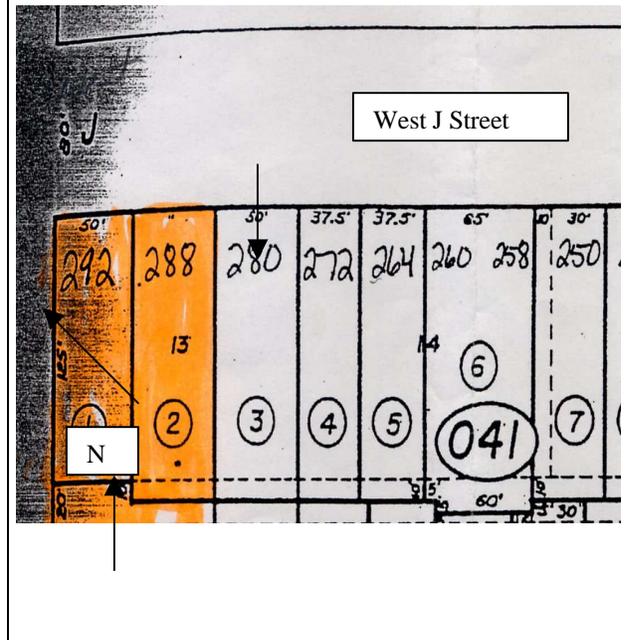
Remarks: N/A

B14. Evaluator: Carol Roland, Ph.D.

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B 15. Date of Evaluation: 9-25-05

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)



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