

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

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

*Resource Name or #: 304 West J Street

- P1. Other Identifier: none
- *P2. .Location: *a. County Solano
- b. Address: 304 West J Street
- *c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- *f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-033-04

***P3a. Description**

This is an imposing Italianate house sited on a large corner lot. It has a compound plan and is two-story. The compound roof consists of cross hips which intersect at varying angles. The roof has wide overhangs with closed eaves supported on brackets that attach to the window casings on the upper floor. The west side of the front elevation is occupied by a projecting wing with a two-story canted bay. The bay is elaborately decorated with roof brackets, panels with applied wood work, and on the lower story a hip and gable bay roof. A wrap-around porch occupies the east side of the front elevation. It is covered at the first story level with a hip roof supported on turned posts and has a decorative frieze. Fenestration consists of two-over one double hung vertically emphasized windows. The house is clad with clapboard.

*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: Circa 1870

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



Prehistoric Historic Both

***P7. Owner and Address:**

Pacia Parker
 304 West J Street
 Benicia, CA 94510

***P8. Recorded by:**

Carol Roland
 Roland-Nawi Associates
 4829 Crestwood Way
 Sacramento, CA 95822

*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: 304 West J Street

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: same

B3. Original Use: Residential

B4. Present Use: Residential

***B5. Architectural Style:** Italianate

***B6. Construction History:** The house does not appear to have had any major modifications.

***B7. Moved?** No Yes Unknown

Date: N/A

Original Location: same

***B8. Related Features:** There are two large palm trees which flank the end walls of the residence.

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 is an imposing Italianate residence set on a large lot. It contributes to the Downtown Historic District and is an excellent example of its architectural style and appears to retain a high degree of integrity. The house should continue to contribute and might be considered for Landmark status.

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.

