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*Resource Name or 36 Wingfield

- P1. Other Identifier: None
- *P2. .Location: *a. County
- b. Address: 36 Wingfield
- *c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- *f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 88-83-020

***P3a. Description**

This is a two-story picturesque Italianate residence constructed in the late 1870s as a part of St. Augustine's Academy. It has a cross gable roof of moderate pitch with a prominent center front gable that is an important feature of the building design. The roof has wide gables and closed eaves. Gables are trimmed with a wide barge board and brackets. A flat roof porch extends across the full length of the front elevation. The porch roof has a wide cornice with paired brackets. The porch is supported on open wooden columns with decorative inset. A low rail with a decorative motif encloses the porch. There is a prominent canted bay on the south side elevation. Other fenestration consists of one-over-one double hung windows which run in ribbons on the lower front elevation and are arranged singly on the side and upper elevations. The windows are set into decoratively treated wooden casings. The centered front entry is surmounted by a transom. The building is clad with clapboard and exhibits quoining at the corners.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2

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

P5b. Description of Photo: Front façade, view northwest

***P6. Date Constructed/Age:** Circa 1879 **Source:** Bruegmann, Robert. *Benicia Portrait of an Early California Town: An Architectural History*

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



Prehistoric Historic Both

***P7. Owner and Address:**
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***P8. Recorded by:**
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***P9. Date Recorded:** 7-22-08

***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):

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B1. Historic Name: Wingfield House

B2. Common Name: Same

B3. Original Use: residence B4. Present Use: residence

*B5. Architectural Style: Italianate (Picturesque)

*B6. Construction History: Constructed in 1879. The building has not been substantially altered. Roof cresting was removed at an unknown date and the porch rail appears to have been removed and later rehabilitated or replaced in kind.

*B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown Date: Original Location: Same

*B8. Related Features: None

B9a. Architect: Unknown b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme: Benicia Downtown District Period of Significance: 1847-1940 Property Type:

Single family residence Applicable Criteria: A / C

This building is the only surviving structure associated with the St. Augustine's Academy, an Episcopal Boys School, established in 1868 by Dr. James Lloyd Breck. The school, which included sixteen buildings, operated until 1889. Subsequently the house reverted to private residential use on a reduced, but ample, lot. The building is significant under Criterion A/1 for its association with the founding of the town of Benicia and its early educational history. It also is significant for its association with Dr. Breck, an important figure in the early educational history of California. It is eligible for listing under Criterion C/3 as an excellent example of Italianate residential architecture. The building retains a high degree of integrity. The principal alteration to the building is the removal, at an unknown date, of the metal roof cresting which clearly appears in early representations of the building. Other major character defining features are in tact. The building lies outside the boundaries of the Downtown Benicia Historic District. It, however, is eligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historical Resources. It is one of the most important historic buildings in the city.

B10. Additional Resource Attributes: None

*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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B13. Remarks: None

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

***B15. Date of Evaluation:** 7-30-08

