

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 #: 375 West J Street

- P1. Other Identifier: none
- \*P2. .Location: \*a. County Solano
- b. Address: 375 West J Street
- \*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- \*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 87-154-15

**\*P3a. Description**

This is a good example of an Italianate Cottage. It is rectangular in plan, set on a high foundation, and has a small, later, addition on the west side. It has a hip roof with little overhang and a plain cornice. The centered entry is recessed with a small centered covered porch. The porch has a flat roof which is supported on round capped columns. A narrow wooden stair with a plain balustrade and square newels provides access. Fenestration consists of long narrow double hung windows with one-over-one glazing. Narrow shutters flank the paired windows. There is a "widow's walk" at the ridge of the roof. According to the 1986 survey, the walk and the shutters were added to the house from another historic residence, the McKay house. The house is sited on a large lot on a high foundation. The house which is relatively modest, has a great deal of street presence.

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP2

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

**P5b. Description of Photo:**

Front façade, view north

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



\*P6. Date Constructed/Age: Circa 0  
 Prehistoric  Historic  Both

\*P7. Owner and Address:  
 Gerald Bowles  
 375 West J Street  
 Benicia, CA 94510

\*P8. Recorded by:  
 Carol Roland  
 Roland-Nawi Associates  
 4829 Crestwood Way  
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\*P9. Date Recorded: 11-20-04

\*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: 375 West J Street

\*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: Foley House

B3. Original Use: Residential

B4. Present Use: Residential

\*B5. Architectural Style: Italianate

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 is an excellent example of an Italianate Cottage. Set on a large lot with a high foundation the house is an imposing presence although it is actually rather small. It contributes to the Historic District and should continue to do so.

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.

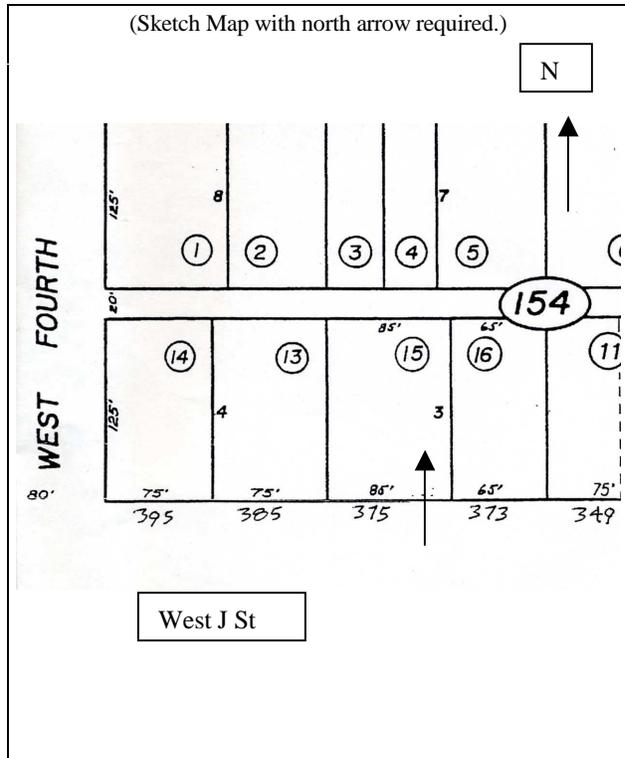
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Remarks: N/A

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

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



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