

PRIMARY RECORD

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*Resource Name or #: Union Hotel

- P1. Other Identifier:
- *P2. .Location: *a. County Solano
- b. Address: 401 First Street
- *c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- *f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-174-11

***P3a. Description**

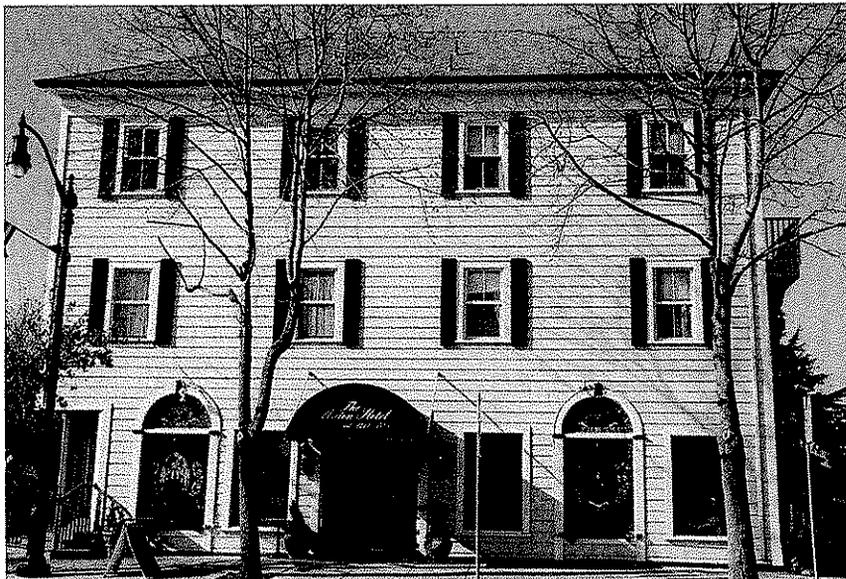
This is a three story rectangular building originally constructed as a hotel. This is the only three-story historic commercial building in town. The roof is hip with small overhangs and a plain cornice. The primary entry is centered on the front elevation and is flanked by alternating rectangular and arched windows. Both types of windows have art glass glazing which is not original. Based on the HABS photographs from 1977 the lower story rectangular windows were originally ten light casement and the arched windows were single light casements. The rectangular lower windows have plain casings while the arched window casings are elaborated with decorative elements. A corner door has been inserted at the southeast corner of the front façade. This was done after 1986 and disrupts the symmetry of the front façade. Upper story windows are symmetrically arranged at intervals across the front and side facades. Casings are simple and windows are two-over-two double hung. Decorative shutters flank the upper windows. The building is clad with clapboard siding.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP6

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

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



Front façade, view west

*P6. Date Constructed/Age: Circa 1860
 Prehistoric Historic Both

*P7. Owner and Address:
Richard's Dream Inns
PO Box 874
Benicia, CA 94510

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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: Union Hotel

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name:

B3. Original Use: Hotel

B4. Present Use: Hotel

*B5. Architectural Style: Classical 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: Hotel Applicable Criteria: A / C

This is a City Landmark and a contributor to the Downtown District. According to Bruegmann it is one of the oldest surviving commercial buildings in town and Woodbridge dates it to the 1860s. The building has good integrity overall, but the original lower story window glazing has been replaced with art glass. The high Victorian patterning of the glass is inconsistent with the architectural style and period of the building. The introduction of a corner door on the south side of the front façade has damaged the symmetrical arrangement of the front elevation, a character defining aspect of its design. Despite these alterations the building remains eligible for the California and National Registers and continues to be a City Landmark. The building was recorded by the Historic American Building Survey in 1977.

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.

Resource Identifier: 401 1st Street

Continuation Update



HABS photograph 1977