

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

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

***Resource Name or #:** 405 West J Street
P1. Other Identifier: none
***P2. .Location: *a. County** Solano
b. Address: 405 West J Street
***c. City:** Benicia **Zip** 94510
d. UTM: N/A
e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
***f. Other Locational Data (APN #):** 87-152-12
***P3a. Description**

This is a vernacular residence that falls within what is commonly classified as the Front and Wing Vernacular family. These houses dominated urban folk building in the Northeast in the 1870s and 1880s and were eventually brought to California. The style has much in common with simpler versions of the Greek Revival. The house is two-story and L-shape in plan. It has a front gable wing with a moderately pitched gable roof with a slight eave and gable overhang. The gable is finished with a plain verge board and vertical saw tooth boards. A side (east oriented) porch has a one-story shed roof supported on incised and capped posts. The side of the porch is presented to the street with access via a wooden stair. The porch roof has exposed structural members. Dominant fenestration consists of paired one-over-one double hung windows. Cladding is clapboard.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2
***P4. Resources Present:** Building Structure Object Site District Element of District
P5b. Description of Photo:
 Front façade, view southeast
***P6. Date Constructed/Age:** 1870

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



Prehistoric Historic Both
***P7. Owner and Address:**
 Matthew Vincent
 405 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: 405 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:** Vernacular – Gable Front and Wing

B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown

Date: N/A

Original Location: same

***B8. Related Features:** The house is heavily enveloped in overgrown vegetation.

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 example of a Vernacular form that was popular in the urban Northeast and rural Midwest. There is another example of this style on East J Street. The house retains its integrity but is in poor condition and is heavily obscured from street view by overgrown vegetation. It is associated with the early development of residential areas in Benicia and is probably one of the earliest surviving houses on J Street. The house is listed as a possible contributor to the Downtown Historic District and should be listed as a contributor.

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.

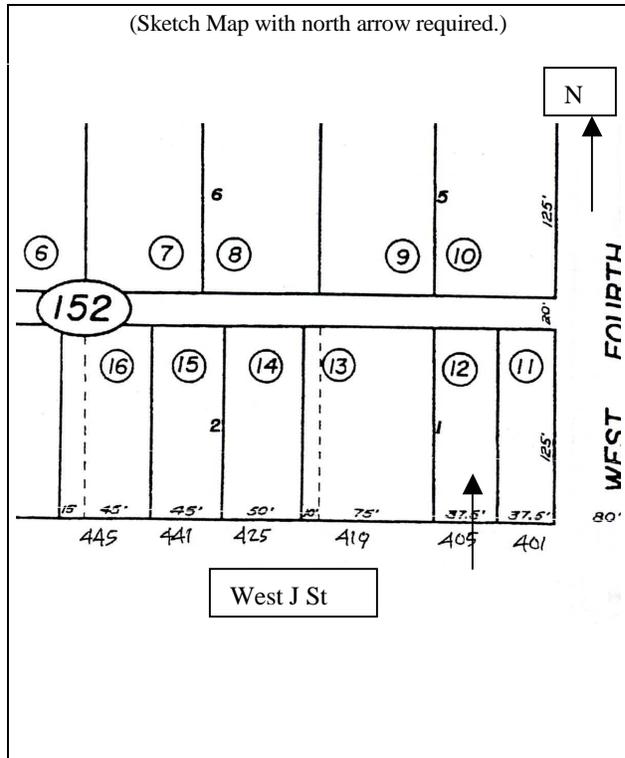
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Remarks: N/A

B14. Evaluator: Carol Roland, Ph.D.

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



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