

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 #: 420 West J Street

- P1. Other Identifier: none
- \*P2. .Location: \*a. County Solano
- b. Address: 420 West J Street
- \*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- \*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 87-152-90

**\*P3a. Description**

This is a Vernacular residence of the pyramidal type. The building is rectangular in plan with a raised foundation. It has a hip roof of moderate pitch with brackets supporting the eaves. There is a plain cornice. A shed roof extends from the east side of the front elevation to cover a three-quarter length porch. The porch roof is supported on modern metal posts. The porch is constructed of brick and is enclosed with a modern metal rail and has a side stair. The porch and all its elements other than the roof are replacement. The entry is centered with symmetrically placed windows on either side. The windows are paired four-over-one double hung. They are oddly arranged abutting the ends of the front wall, an unusual placement for this type of house. The sash has been replaced with vinyl. 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 south

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age: 1900

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



Prehistoric  Historic  Both

**\*P7. Owner and Address:**

Malcolm Duvall  
 420 West J Street  
 Benicia, CA 94510

\*P8. Recorded by:  
 Survey Committee  
 City of Benicia

\*P9. Date Recorded: 9-08

\*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):

## BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

\*Resource Identifier: 420 West J Street

\*NRHP Status Code:

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: same

B3. Original Use: Residential

B4. Present Use: Residential

\*B5. Architectural Style: Vernacular (pyramidal)

B7. Moved?  No  Yes  Unknown

Date: N/A Original Location: same

\*B8. Related Features:

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

In form, massing, and design this is a good example of the Vernacular Pyramidal Style house. Houses of this design were built throughout the United States from the 19<sup>th</sup>-century post-railroad period through the 1930s. There are other examples of this type in Benicia. The house has been compromised by the replacement and possible re-orientation of the porch and the installation of vinyl windows. This property is listed as contributing to the Historic District in the City's data list, but is shown as a potential contributor in the 1991 District Conservation Plan. This building should continue to be a contributor to the District.

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.

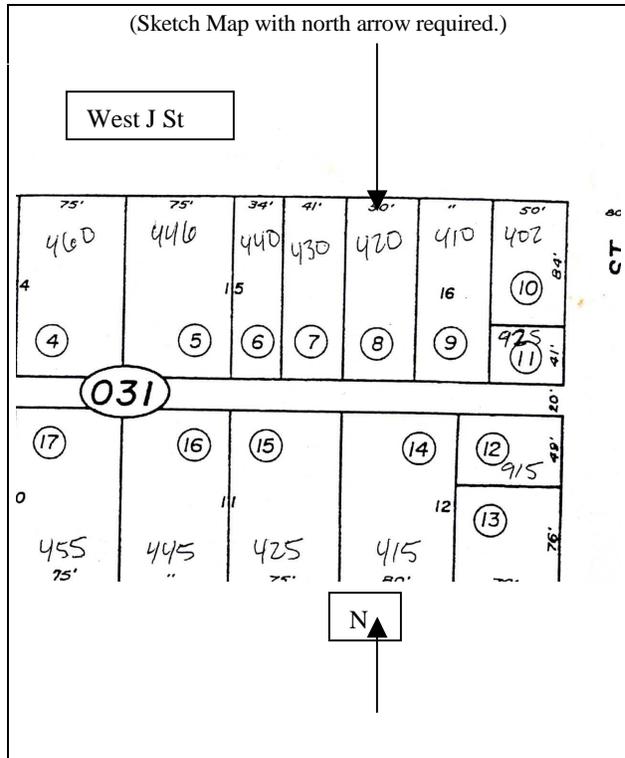
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Remarks: N/A

**B14. Evaluator:** Survey Committee

Survey Committee  
City of Benicia

**B 15. Date of Evaluation:** 9-08



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