

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 #: 433- 439 First Street

- P1. Other Identifier:
- *P2. .Location: *a. County Solano
- b. Address: 433-439 First Street
- *c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- *f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-174-03

*P3a. Description

This property consists of a two-story wing on the north side of the building and a single story wing on the south. The building has a rectangular footprint. Both wings have flat roofs with a dentil cornice. The first story consists of three commercial/shop spaces. The shop in the two-story wing has an entrance at the north corner of the building. There are two store windows to south. In the one story wing central shop doors with transoms are flanked by storefront windows on either side. Fenestration on the second story of the building consist of one-over-one double hung windows. The building is clad in stucco with decorative ceramic tile inset under the store front windows.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP6

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view southwest

*P6. Date Constructed/Age: Circa 1880

Prehistoric Historic Both

*P7. Owner and Address:

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



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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: 433-439 First Street

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name:

B3. Original Use: Commercial

B4. Present Use: Commercial

*B5. Architectural Style: Commercial

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

A group of commercial structures of precisely this configuration appears on the 1886 Sanborn map. The two-story building is described as a general merchandise store with a residence in the second story. The one-story wing is shown as partially vacant with one of the shops occupied by a tailor. The cornice treatment, entry doors with transoms, and shop windows also support a 19th century construction date. The ceramic tile insets, with their suggestion of Art Deco, are a recent addition and were not present when the building was recorded by HABS in 1977. The building retains its massing and form, basic commercial character, setting and location. This grouping of buildings is one of the few remaining connected commercial structures that once presented a unified street front along First Street. The ceramic tile introduces an inauthentic detail and false historic appearance. Despite this change, the building contributes to the historic commercial character of the downtown and should be considered for listing as a contributor to the Downtown Historic 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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Continuation Update



HABS photograph 1977