

# PRIMARY RECORD

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Trinomial \_\_\_\_\_  
NRHP Status Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Listings \_\_\_\_\_  
Review Code \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Resource Name or #: 480 East H Street

- P1. Other Identifier:**  
**\*P2. .Location: \*a. County** Solano  
**b. Address:** 480 East H Street  
**\*c. City:** Benicia **Zip** 94510  
**d. UTM:** N/A  
**e. USGS Quad:** Benicia T2N R3W MDM  
**\*f. Other Locational Data (APN #):** 80-171-20  
**\*P3a. Description;**

This is one of two small cottages believed to have been built by Barzilla Cox who owned two-story house next door. That house which was built in 1855 was demolished in the 1980s. The cottage is a one-story structure set on a raised foundation. It is a simple front gable roof rectangular building with Italianate details. The moderately sloped gable roof has overhanging gables and eaves. The gable is finished with a plain fascia and is supported on curved brackets. The narrow front elevation is occupied on the west side by paired vertically emphasized two-over-two double hung windows set in pedimented wooden casings with bracketed sills. A recessed entry occupies the east side of the façade. The entry is faced with plain pilasters and has a flat bracketed pediment covering the entry stoop. The stoop has been extended to create a west facing entry stair with a modern metal rail. This alteration is minor and relatively inconspicuous. The door and transom are original. The house is clad with clapboard while the raised foundation is sided with lap siding.

- \*P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2  
**\*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 south  
**\*P6. Date Constructed/Age:** 1860  
 Prehistoric  Historic  Both  
**\*P7. Owner and Address:**  
Victoria Neremberg  
480 East H Street  
Benicia, CA 94510  
**\*P8. Recorded by:**  
Carol Roland  
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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: 480 East H Street

\*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name:

B3. Original Use: Residence

B4. Present Use: Residence

\*B5. Architectural Style: Italianate cottage

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 small cottage is an excellent example of a simple Italianate cottage. It retains character defining features of the style in its roof treatment, fenestration, entry, bracketed gable and pediments. It is associated with one of the early settlers of Benicia, Barzilla Cox, and like other houses from the 19<sup>th</sup> century on this part of H Street, it was built at a time when the street served as the primary route to the Pacific Steamship Company. The house is listed as potentially contributing to the Benicia Historic District on the 1991 Downtown District Conservation Plan. It should be elevated to contributing status. In conjunction with its neighboring house at 472 East H Street it might be considered for Landmark status.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: N/A

B12. References: McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred Knopf (1986); Brueggemann, 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.

