

PRIMARY RECORD

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*Resource Name or #: Jurgensen's Saloon

- P1. Other Identifier:** Lido's
- *P2. .Location: *a. County Solano
- b. Address: 501 First Street Formerly 100 First Street
- *c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- *f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-173-18

***P3a. Description**

This is a two-story Queen Anne commercial building. The building has a hip roof with a stepped parapet with a decorative half arch motif at the corner of the. Just below the parapet octagonal roofs cover the multiple projecting upper story bays. At the level of the bay roofs a fascia and decorative cornice provide visual linkage along the roof line. Rectangular in plan, the lower story has a plainer surface broken by a corner entry. The entry is cut into the front corner of the building with the upper story corner overhang creating an entry cover. The entry is embellished with decorative spindle work supported on pilasters. The door is recessed. A door to the second-story is found on the west end of the south façade. Lower floor fenestration consists of single and paired one-over-one windows with wooden casements. The second story has an overhang which is emphasized by a beltcourse. Canted bays are located on each of the side elevations and over the corner of the building. Additional upper fenestration consists of one-over-one double hung windows. The form of the building is one that is common in San Francisco and the Bay area with commercial space on the first floor and offices or residential space above. The multiple canted upper bays are a noteworthy feature of these building. This appears to be the only building of this type to have survived in Benicia.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP6

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



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

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view northwest

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

*P7. Owner and Address:
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*P8. Recorded by:
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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: 501 First Street

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: Jurgensen's Saloon

B3. Original Use: Saloon

B4. Present Use: Commercial

***B5. Architectural Style:** Queen Anne Commercial

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: Commerical **Applicable Criteria:** A / C

This is one of Benicia's best known, and possibly, most notorious buildings. Built circa 1902, this building replaced an earlier single story building that housed the same business. This building was recently been moved to its present location, was originally located at the corner of First and A Street at the center of the wharf and industrial district of early Benicia. A one and one-half story Willard Hotel building at this original location was purchased in 1889 by John Jurgensen. Jurgensen operated a saloon on the first floor of the building which he advertised as offering a "fine line of wines, liquors and cigars." In 1902 Jurgensen either replaced the earlier building or substantially modified it to its present appearance. The Jurgensen family occupied the second story. Between 1892 and 1913 the saloon was frequented by the writer, Jack London, who refers to it in one of his stories, "John Barely Corn." Following the Jurgensen occupation, the upper story of the building is reputed to have housed a brothel. The building has been moved from the 100 to the 500 block of First Street, but its orientation and setting reflects that of the original location and it is still within proximity of the old wharf area which no longer reflects its maritime and industrial character. The entry of the building has been restored to its late 19th century appearance, reversing changes made in the 1940s. The building is a State Point of Historic Interest, a City Landmark, and continues to contribute to the Benicia 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.

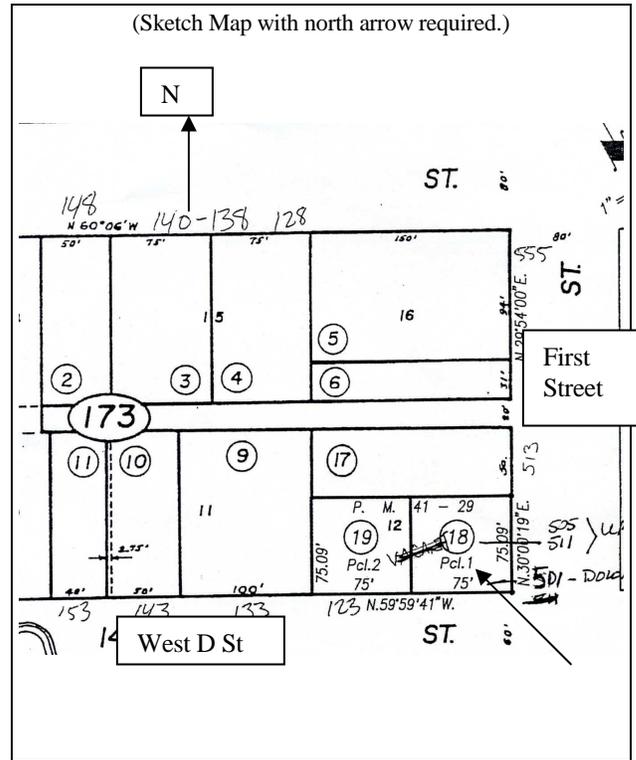
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Remarks: N/A

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



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