

PRIMARY RECORD

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NRHP Status Code: _____
Other Listings _____
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*Resource Name or 627-639 First Street

- P1. Other Identifier: None
- *P2. Location: *a. County
- b. Address: 627-639 First Street
- *c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- *f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-115-12

***P3a. Description**

This is a typical two part commercial block which occupies the northern half of the western 600 block of First Street. The corner "anchor" building is two-story with a hip roof, while the remainder of the block consists of two-story flat roofed shops with parapets. The line of shops share party walls. The large corner building exhibits three quarter length shop windows on both the south and east elevations. The entry door is set corner-wise to First and G Streets. The shops facing on First street share a common design with central entries and three-quarter length display windows arranged on either side of the door. Upper story fenestration consists of fixed center windows with decorative muntins flanked by one-over-one double hung sidelights. Upper fenestration on the north façade consists of single double hung windows. All of the buildings have canvas awnings at the first story level. Buildings are clad in stucco.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP3

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

P5b. Description of Photo: Front façade, view northwest

*P6. Date Constructed/Age: Circa 1910s Source: Sanborn Maps
 Prehistoric Historic Both

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



***P7. Owner and Address:**

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***P8. Recorded by:**

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*P9. Date Recorded: 7-22-08

*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):

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***Resource Identifier:**

B1. Historic Name: None
B2. Common Name: None
B3. Original Use: commercial
***B5. Architectural Style:** Two part Commercial Block
B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown
***B8. Related Features:** None

***NRHP Status Code:** 3D

B4. Present Use: commercial

Date: N/A **Original Location:** same

B9a. Architect: unknown

B9b. Builder: unknown

***B10. Significance:** **Theme:** Benicia Downtown District **Period of Significance:** 1847-1940 **Property Type:** Single family residence **Applicable Criteria:** A / C

The buildings are a good example of a commercial block structure, common in many main-street commercial districts in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Despite some alterations to display windows and shop entries, the building continues to convey its character and significance. It retains integrity of overall design, materials, workmanship, setting, location, association and feeling. The building currently contributes to the Benicia Downtown Historic District and should continue in this status.

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.

Remarks: N/A

B14. Evaluator: Carol Roland, Ph.D.

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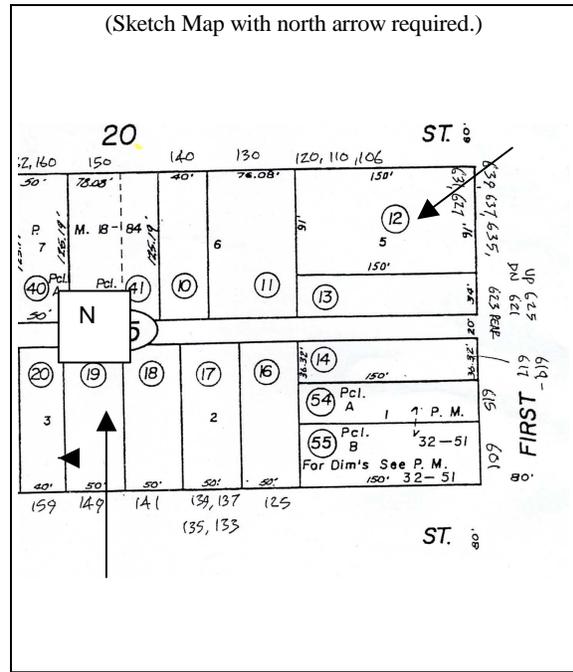
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B 15. Date of Evaluation: 7-26-08

B13. Remarks: None

*B14. Evaluator: Carol Roland, PH.D.

*B15. Date of Evaluation: 7-30-08



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