

# PRIMARY RECORD

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

\*Resource Name or 640 East Second Street

**P1. Other Identifier:**

\*P2. .Location: \*a. County Solano

b. Address: 640 East Second Street

\*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

\*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-343-04

**\*P3a. Description**

This is a typical Queen Anne Cottage which has been carefully rehabilitate. The building is set on a high foundation and is L-shape in plan. It has a cross hip and gable roof. The projecting front gable is closed with a plain fascia and a lace-like gable ornament. The north side of the front façade has a canted bay with paired front windows and raised decorative panels under the sills. The south side of the front façade is occupied by a porch which is covered by the primary hip roof. The porch roof has a spindle frieze and is supported on turned posts with brackets. The porch is enclosed with a low open rail. Fenestration consists of one-over-one vertically emphasized double hung windows arranged in pairs and singly. There is a second canted bay on the north façade. 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 east

**\*P6. Date Constructed/Age:** 1880

Prehistoric  Historic  Both

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



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

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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: 640 East Second Street

\*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name:

B3. Original Use: residence

B4. Present Use: residence

\*B5. Architectural Style: Queen Anne

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 house is an excellent example of a Queen Anne Cottage which has been thoughtfully rehabilitated. Its character defining features include the gable treatment and porch frieze, the fenestration, and cladding. Integrity is good in all aspects. It appears to have been built by the same builder as the house a 622 East Second Street. The two houses are reverse images of each other with the exception of a few minor details. The building is a contributor to the Downtown Historic District and should retain 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.

