

# PRIMARY RECORD

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

\*Resource Name or #: 715 West Third Street

P1. Other Identifier:

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

b. Address: 715 West Third Street

\*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

\*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-103-20

\*P3a. Description

This elegant two-story Italianate is one of the larger examples of its style in town. Rectangular in plan, the house has a projecting two-story canted bay and one-story addition on the south side. The primary roof is hip while the bay is surmounted with a moderately sloped gable. The principal roof has wide closed overhangs supported on brackets. The elaborate gable end has a scrollwork motif. The gable ends extend over the canted sides of the bay and are supported on carved and ornamented brackets. Fenestration consists of tall one-over-one double hung windows. A one-story gable roofed porch extends from the north side of the elevation. The porch gable is trimmed with a fascia and fretwork frieze and has a wooden rosette set onto the gable end. The porch roof is supported on turned posts. The paneled entry door is original. A large one-story flat roof wing is located on the south elevation. The flat roof is surrounded by a low open veranda rail. It has paired fenestration of the same design as the rest of the house. The house is clad with clapboard.

\*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 northwest

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age: 1870  
 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: 715 West Third 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

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 residence is a good example of an upper-class Italianate house. It is large in size and elegant in its decorative motifs and execution. Its character defining features include the roof line and eave treatment, the elaborate bay and porch gables, the elongated double hung windows, and woodworking in the railings, fretwork and gable brackets. It exhibits integrity in all aspects and has been rehabilitate. It currently contributes to the Downtown Historic District and should continue to do so. It should be considered for Landmark status.

iB11. 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.

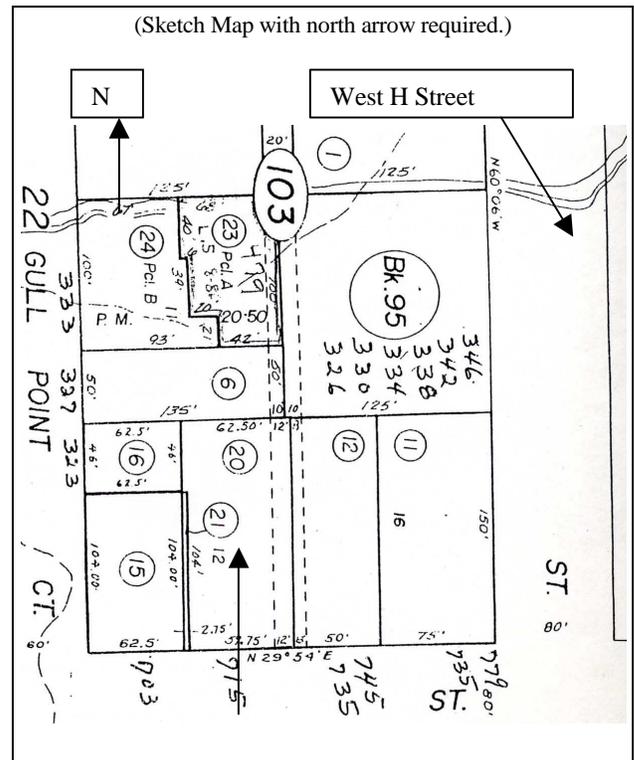
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Remarks: N/A

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



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