

PRIMARY RECORD

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Other Listings _____
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

*Resource Name or #: 717 West Second Street

- P1. Other Identifier:** none
***P2. .Location: *a. County** Solano
b. Address: 717 West Second Street
***c. City:** Benicia **Zip** 94510
d. UTM: N/A
e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
***f. Other Locational Data (APN #):** 89-111-25

***P3a. Description**

This appears to have originally been a two-story Italianate house which has been substantially modified. The house has a hip roof of moderate pitch with overhanging closed eaves and a plain cornice. The south side of the front façade is occupied by a projecting gable roofed two-story square bay, while the north side of the façade is occupied by a one-story gable roof vestibule. Both gable ends have overhangs with wide verge boards. Fenestration consists of double hung windows with decorative upper panes. Casings and sills are wood. The entry door is multi-light with a small concrete stoop. The cladding is asbestos shingle.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view west

***P6. Date Constructed/Age:** 1870
 Prehistoric Historic Both

***P7. Owner and Address:**
Cynthia Strobele

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



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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: 717 West Second Street

*NRHP Status Code: 6Z

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name:

B3. Original Use: Residence

B4. Present Use: Residence

***B5. Architectural Style:**

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 odd combination of elements from different periods. The primary mass of the house and the two-story square bay on the south side of the front façade indicate that the house was originally constructed in the Italianate Style. The treatment of the eaves and cornice further support this probability. The form of this part of the house is very similar to other Italianates in Benicia. However, the front vestibule appears to date from the 1920s and is Craftsman in massing, form, roof treatment and arrangement of fenestration, although the windows themselves may date from the original construction. The horizontality of the vestibule contrasts markedly with the verticality of the main house core. Additionally the original cladding has been replaced with asbestos shingle. The house lacks integrity in design and materials and to a large degree, workmanship. It retains its authenticity of setting and location. The house currently contributes to the local district, but should be reconsidered in as much as it does not meet either a state or federal integrity standard.

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.

