

PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #: _____
HRI # _____
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NRHP Status Code: _____
Other Listings _____
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

*Resource Name or #: 718 First Street

P1. Other Identifier:

*P2. .Location: *a. County Solano

b. Address: 718 First Street

*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-341-21

*P3a. Description

This type of commercial storefront building is sometimes referred to as the "brick front store," a form which persisted from the 19th through the early 20th century. This building, constructed circa 1900, is two-story with a flat roof. The upper façade is distinguished by a ribbon of one-over-one double hung windows clustered in the center of building. A classical pediment and pilasters unite the windows within a single frame. At the ground level, a recessed central entry is flanked by storefront windows. A clerestory above the store front windows and entry has been blocked out. According to the 1986 survey the building is clad of a material known as wizard block, in appearance a brick-like material with an ashlar finish.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP6

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view east

*P6. Date Constructed/Age: Circa 1900

Prehistoric Historic Both

*P7. Owner and Address:

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



Piu Ming Fong
1202 Military West
Benicia, CA 94510

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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: 718 First Street

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name:

B3. Original Use: Commercial

B4. Present Use: Commercial

*B5. Architectural Style: Commercial Store Front

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: Commercial Applicable Criteria: A / C

This building has a typical 19th century storefront on the lower story with a somewhat unusual window arrangement on the upper façade. It utilizes a commercial cladding which is probably not original, but was added during the period of significance. The building is a good example of its style and type. The building retains its integrity with the possible exception of the cladding. It contributes to the 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.

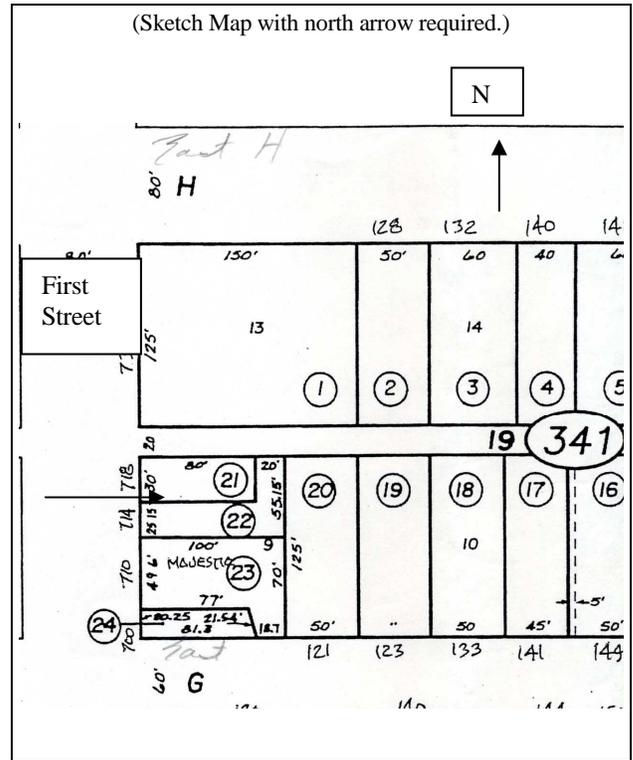
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Remarks: N/A

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



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