

PRIMARY RECORD

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Other Listings _____
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*Resource Name or #: 726 First Street

- P1. Other Identifier:
- *P2. .Location: *a. County Solano
- b. Address: 726 first Street
- *c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- *f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-341-01

***P3a. Description**

This is a 20th century, one-story commercial block. Rectangular in plan, it has a flat roof with a stylized geometric pediment. There are multiple storefronts with recessed entries and flat store front windows along the front elevation. A clerestory runs in a band above the store front windows, but has been covered in the center of the building. One of the store fronts on the south side of the building has been enclosed to accommodate a bar. This has altered the appearance of the building which originally consisted of continuous store fronts.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP6

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view northeast

*P6. Date Constructed/Age: Circa 1930
 Prehistoric Historic Both

*P7. Owner and Address:
Patrick Leary Estate

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



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Martinez, CA 94553

*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: 726 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: Moderne

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 commercial building continues the pattern of contiguous shop blocks along First Street that was established in the 19th century. Relatively simple in design, the pediment and cornice treatment make an allusion to the Moderne Style which was popular in the 1930s and 1940s. With the Majestic Theater and the commercial building at 120 H Street, it is one of the few examples of 20th century moderne architecture in the town. Unfortunately the enclosure, or removal, of the store front façade in the center of the building and the removal or covering of the clerestory has adversely affected the building's integrity. Because it retains its original form and many of the other storefront features, the building may have potential for rehabilitation. This should be considered in any future review of proposals for alterations. The building is a contributor to the Downtown Historic District. However, the poor integrity of the building makes this designation fragile and any further changes should be carefully evaluated.

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.

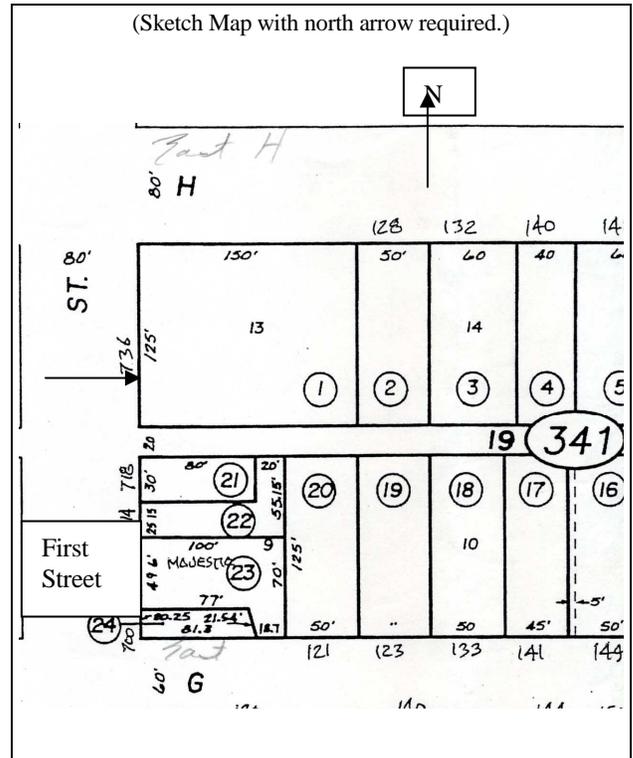
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Remarks: N/A

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



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