

PRIMARY RECORD

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

*Resource Name or #: 800 First Street

P1. Other Identifier: 101 East H Street

*P2. .Location: *a. County Solano

b. Address: 800 First Street

*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-052-17

*P3a. Description

This building was originally constructed as a gas station in the 1920s or early 1930s. It is Mediterranean Revival in style, a common stylistic choice for this new type of structure in the 1920s. The building curves around the corner site and consists of four bays. It is one-story with a flat roof and a stepped pediment with Mission tile trim. The office at the northwest end of the building has a central entry door flanked by one-over-one double hung windows. There are three service bays that originally had double wide garage openings. These have now been closed with vertical board siding and converted to shops.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP6

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view north

*P6. Date Constructed/Age: 1920

Prehistoric Historic Both

*P7. Owner and Address:

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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: 800 First Street

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name:

B3. Original Use: Gas station

B4. Present Use: Commercial

*B5. Architectural Style: Mediterranean Revival

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 is a good example of gas station architecture as it developed in the early period of automobile usage. Petroleum distributors sought to make gas stations fit in with the architecture of the period and to design stations in ways that were harmonious with local building preferences. Mediterranean Revival stations were common in California, although few remain today. Although the service bays of the building have been closed with wood walls, the original openings are clearly distinguishable. This may have been one of the earliest service stations and automotive facilities in Benicia. The building should be considered for addition to the list of contributing buildings in 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.

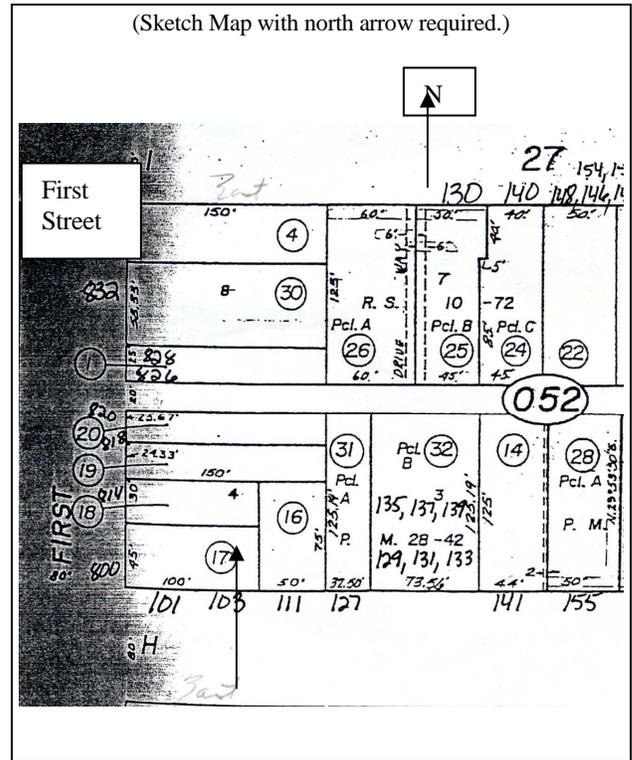
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Remarks: N/A

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



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