

PRIMARY RECORD

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Other Listings _____
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*Resource Name or #: 820 First Street

- P1. Other Identifier:**
***P2. .Location: *a. County** Solano
b. Address: 820 First Street
***c. City:** Benicia **Zip** 94510
d. UTM: N/A
e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
***f. Other Locational Data (APN #):** 89-052-20

***P3a. Description**

This circa 1920s building is one-story and of masonry construction. The building has a flat roof with decorative front parapet which is stepped on the side of the building. The front parapet is topped with a row of headers and a dentil brick cornice. The front entry is turned to the corner facing onto the street at an angle. The entry is in the form of a Gothic Revival arch and is set off by a surround of headers. The door has a transom set into the arch. The front windows are in the form of large Gothic Revival arches with fixed single light glazing. The window casing is composed of brick headers. The brick in the front elevation is varied in tones and is laid in a decorative pattern on the lower wall with a row of soldiers at the base along the foundation. On the side elevations the building takes on a much more industrial quality with plain red brick walls and multi-light metal sash industrial windows which span the wall between structural posts.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP6

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view southeast

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



***P6. Date Constructed/Age:** Circa 1920

Prehistoric Historic Both

***P7. Owner and Address:**

Jeanne Payne
33 LaCresenda St
Vallejo, CA 94590

***P8. Recorded by:**

Carol Roland
Roland-Nawi Associates
4829 Crestwood Way
Sacramento, CA 95822

***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: 820 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 Gothic 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 one-story commercial building is a good example of a 1920s commercial/office building of small proportions. The front masonry work shows evidence of excellent craftsmanship. The building retains its integrity in all aspects. It contributes to the Downtown Historic District and should continue to retain this status.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: N/A

B12. References: McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred Knopf (1986); Brueggemann, 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.

