

PRIMARY RECORD

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

*Resource Name or #: 901 First Street

P1. Other Identifier:

*P2. .Location: *a. County Solano

b. Address: 901 First Street

*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-043-14

*P3a. Description

This is an Italianate commercial building from the late 19th century. With slight variation in detail its design is almost exactly like that of the commercial building across the street at 828 First Street. It is two-story and has a false front with a gabled pediment. The pediment has an overhang supported on brackets with an elaborate cornice. Front upper story front fenestration consists of a single and a paired set of two-over-two double hung windows with pediments supported on brackets. Other upper story fenestration consists of two-over-two double hung windows without pediments. The lower story storefront has been extensively modified with the typical central entrance flanked by storefront windows was removed and replaced with a floor to ceiling plate glass "wall" and double metal and glass doors. A cinder block corner piece has been used to "modernize" the lower story at the south corner. The building, which was probably originally clapboard has been reclad with stucco.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP6

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view west

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



*P6. Date Constructed/Age: Circa 1890

Prehistoric Historic Both

*P7. Owner and Address:

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105 Sheridan Ave
Piedmont, CA 94611

*P8. Recorded by:

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Roland-Nawi Associates
4829 Crestwood Way
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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: 901 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 Storefront

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 is a contributor to the Downtown Historic District. However, it has seriously compromised integrity for a building of this status. The entire lower store front has been replaced, probably circa 1950, with plate glass and metal frame doors. This substantially alters the appearance of the building at the street level, although the upper story continues to convey the 19th century origins of the building. Integrity has further been damaged by the application of stucco over the original siding. The changes to the building are of a sufficient magnitude to have a serious impact on its integrity. With these alterations the building generally would not be eligible for listing in the California Register of Historic Resources. However, because of the continuity of the commercial block it should retain its contributing status. Changes to the building other than those that would rehabilitate it to a more historic appearance would remove it from contributing status.

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.

