

PRIMARY RECORD

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*Resource Name or #: 917-919 First Street

- P1. Other Identifier:**
***P2. .Location: *a. County** Solano
b. Address: 917-919 First Street
***c. City:** Benicia **Zip** 94510
d. UTM: N/A
e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
***f. Other Locational Data (APN #):** 89-043-26

***P3a. Description**

This is an excellent example of an Italianate commercial building. The building is rectangular in plan with low hip roof. Overhanging eaves are supported on brackets with a paneled cornice that extends around all of the elevations. The upper story fenestration consists of a canted bay on the south side of the façade, with a single window on the north. The bay has a mansard roof with an elaborate entablature below. Windows are one-over-one with the paired front bay windows divided into narrow panels. Decorative pilasters visually separate the bay window casings. The single front window has a Palladian pediment supported on brackets. The second story extends slightly over the lower with the overhang supported on brackets. The lower story presents a standard storefront with a side entrance on the north side of the front façade. This entrance leads to the upper story. The storefront windows have a clerestory of large square glazed panels. An elaborate belt course demarcates the first and second stories. Both the store and side entrances are recessed.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP6

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

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



Front façade, view southwest

- *P6. Date Constructed/Age:** Circa 1890
 Prehistoric Historic Both
- *P7. Owner and Address:**
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Pope Valley, CA 94567
- *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: 917-919 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: Vernacular

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 common form of commercial storefront building from the late 19th century. This type has a store below with offices or a residence on the second story. Major characteristics are the upper story bay and the side second floor entry door. This building is a good example of this type of commercial building of which there are a few others in downtown Benicia. The building contributes to the district and should continue in 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); 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.

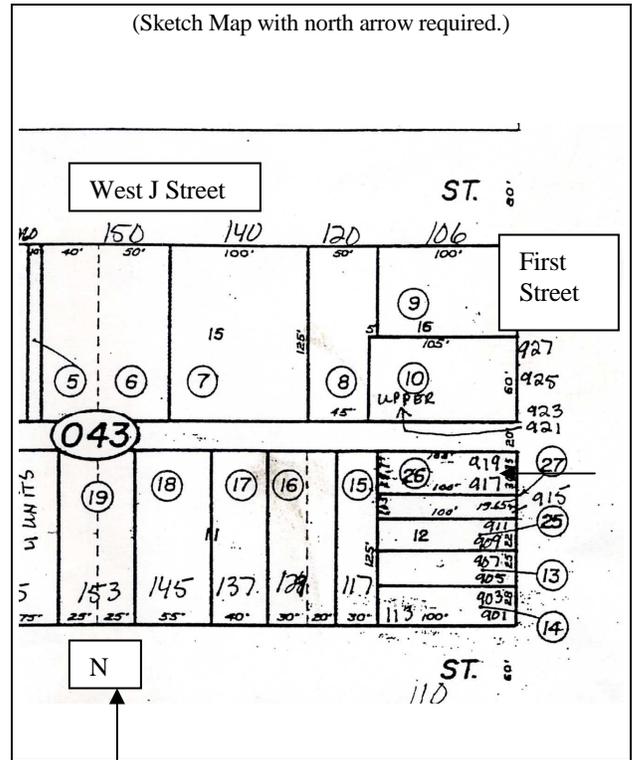
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Remarks: N/A

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



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