State of California — The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #: _____
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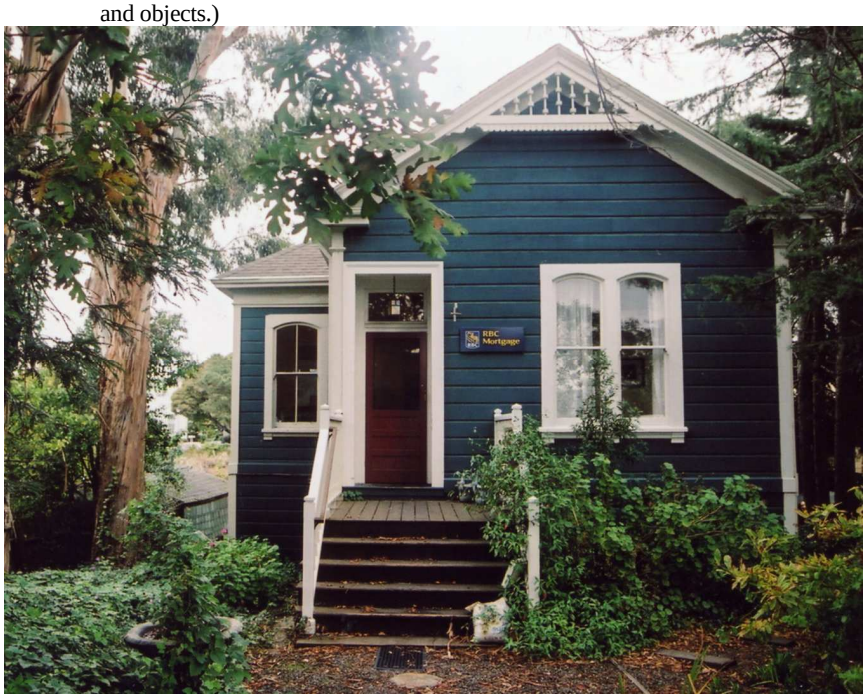
NRHP Status Code: _____
Other Listings _____
Review Code ____ Reviewer _____ Date __ _____

***Resource Name or #:** 131 West D Street
P1. Other Identifier: none
***P2. .Location: *a. County** Solano
b. Address: 131 West D Street
***c. City:** Benicia **Zip** 94510
d. UTM: N/A
e. USGS Quad: Benicia
***f. Other Locational Data (APN #):** 89-174-09

***P3a. Description:** This residence is a small, L-plan Greek Revival cottage with some Victorian detailing. Set on a raised foundation, it is surmounted by a cross gable and hip roof. Gables and eaves have a slight overhang with gable end returns. The front gable end is decoratively embellished with a molded fascia, a plain cornice, and open spindle work. Fenestration consists of paired and single double hung windows with arched casings and bracketed sills. The entry, located on the west side of the front façade, is recessed into a narrow opening. The door is partially glazed and there is a transom. Cladding is clapboard with wooden quoins. The front porch and stair are replacement, constructed of rustic board that is inconsistent with the period and style of the house. The house, unlike its neighbors is set well back from the street in a deep front yard that is heavily landscaped. A picket fence separates the yard from the sidewalk.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2
***P4. Resources Present:** ■ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ■ Element of District
P5b. Description of Photo:
South façade, view north.
***P6. Date Constructed/Age:**
Circa 1870
☐ Prehistoric ■Historic ☐ Both

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



***P7. Owner and Address:**
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***P8. Recorded by:**
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***P9. Date Recorded:** 11-21-04
***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:** 131 West D Street ***NRHP Status Code:** 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: none

B3. Original Use: Residential **B4. Present Use:** Office

***B5. Architectural Style:** Vernacular cottage with Queen Anne detailing

***B6. Construction History:** The porch and stair was recently added.

***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**: Single Family **Applicable Criteria:** A / C

This is a simple cottage designed on an L-shape plan which retains its principal decorative detailing in the front gable end, the window casings, recessed entry, and cladding. The spindle work gable end trim probably was added at a later date. The original porch has been removed and replaced with a plain, wooden plank porch and stair. The absence of the original porch compromises the integrity of the otherwise intact historic building, but is preferable to a conjectural reconstruction. It is possible that the house was moved to this location as it does not appear on the 1886 Sanborn Map. The house is delineated as a contributor on the 1991 Historic District Conservation Plan map. There is no survey form from 1986 for this house. Despite the porch removal and replacement, the house should continue to contribute to the Downtown 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.

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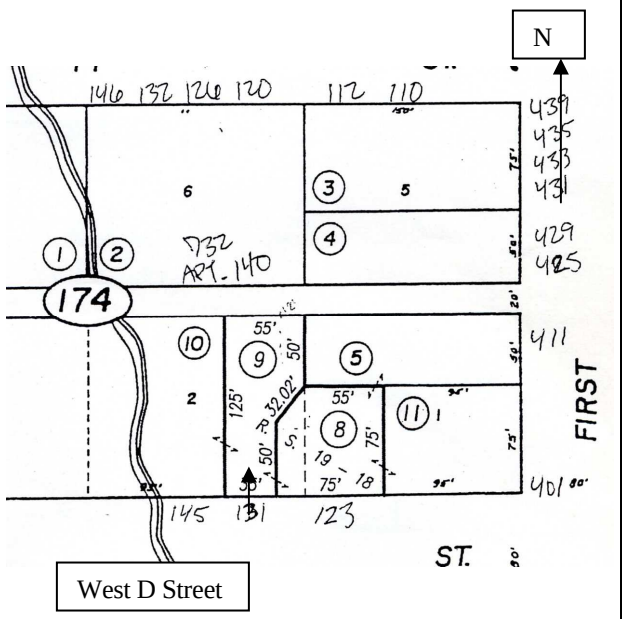
(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)



Remarks: N/A

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B 15. Date of Evaluation: 11-21-04

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