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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

PRIMARY RECORD

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

***Resource Name or #:** 134 West H Street
P1. Other Identifier: none
***P2. .Location: *a. County** Solano
b. Address: 134 West H Street
***c. City:** Benicia **Zip** 94510
d. UTM: N/A
e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
***f. Other Locational Data (APN #):** 89-113-09
***P3a. Description:**

This is a rectangular plan, two-story residence. In form the building is Greek Revival presenting a narrow gable end wall to the street. However, it exhibits a number of decorative details that are drawn from the Queen Anne style which was just becoming popular at the time this building was constructed. The roof is steeply gabled with enclosed eaves. The gable is trimmed with a molded fascia and a plain verge board. Eave returns are supported on double brackets. A gable ornament has a drop newel. Fenestration consists of vertically emphasized one-over-one double hung windows arranged both singly and in pairs. There is a canted bay on the east side of the front elevation with an elaborate cornice and inset panels. A belt course separates the first floor and the raised basement. The entry door is located on the west side of the façade and is recessed with a transom. Wooden stairs and a replacement rail provide access. The house is clad in clapboard.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2
***P4. Resources Present:** ■ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ■ Element of District
P5b. Description of Photo:
Front façade, view south

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

***P6. Date Constructed/Age:** 1880
☐ Prehistoric ■Historic ☐ Both
***P7. Owner and Address:**
Olivia O'Grady Estate
120 29th Pl.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
***P8. Recorded by:**
Carol Roland
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:** 134 West H Street ***NRHP Status Code:** 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: none

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

***B5. Architectural Style:** Greek Revival with Victorian decorative details

***B6. Construction History:** There is no indication of major alterations or additions.

***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 house is transitional between the austere aesthetic of the Greek Revival and the more elaborately embellished Queen Anne style that superceded it. The house form and massing is clearly Greek Revival with a tall narrow elevation oriented to the street. The steep gable roof with eave returns, the vertically emphasized simple fenestration, and the small recessed doorway are also typical of the style. The treatment of the gable end with a gable ornament and the canted front bay with its pilasters and lower panels are more typical of the later Queen Anne. The house retains its integrity with little evidence of alterations. The house is considered a potential contributor on the 1991 District Conservation Plan map and should be elevated to a contributor to the 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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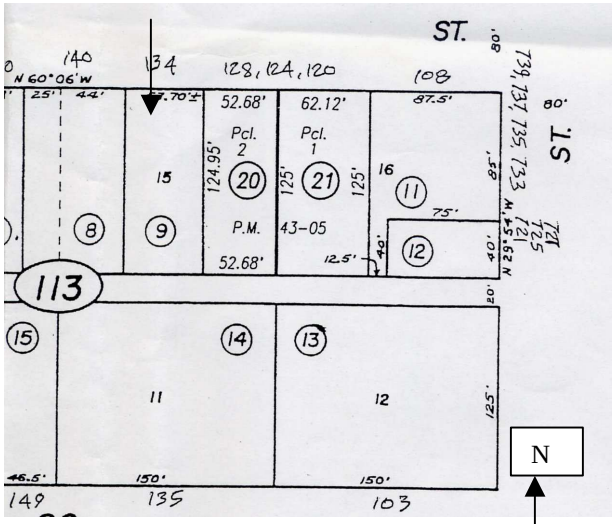
(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)



Remarks: N/A

B14. Evaluator: Carol Roland, Ph.D.

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

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