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

PRIMARY RECORD

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

***Resource Name or** 803 East Fifth Street
P1. Other Identifier:
***P2. .Location: *a. County** Solano
b. Address: 803 East Fifth Street
***c. City:** Benicia **Zip** 94510
d. UTM: N/A
e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
***f. Other Locational Data (APN #):** 89-64-22
***P3a. Description**

This property consists of three almost identical cottages in the Mediterranean Revival style. These houses were originally constructed circa 1910 in a Craftsman Bungalow style and were completely remodeled in the late 1940s or early 1950s. The buildings are rectangular in plan with moderately pitched front gable roofs trimmed with a tile coping. A terra cotta pipe vent is placed at the apex of the gable end. The north side of the front facades is occupied by a gable roof porch with arched double openings. The porch gable is treated in the same manner as the principal roof. The south side of the front elevation has a window with a mission tile awning. In the case of the southern most house the window is plate glass, flanked by sidelights. In the case of the other two houses the front window is one-over-one double hung. There are arched gate openings attached to both sides of the house. This was a common device which functioned to give the impression that the small revival style house was more expansive. The houses are clad with stucco.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2
***P4. Resources Present:** ■ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ■ Element of District
P5b. Description of Photo: Front façade, view northwest
***P6. Date Constructed/Age:** 1910/1940
☐ 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:** 11-22-04
***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):

***Resource Identifier:** 803 East Fifth Street ***NRHP Status Code:** 3D
B1. Historic Name:
B2. Common Name:
B3. Original Use: Residence **B4. Present Use:** Residence
***B5. Architectural Style:** Mediterranean Revival
B7. Moved? ■ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown **Date:** N/A **Original Location:** same
***B8. Related Features:** Three garages are attached behind the house on the corner.

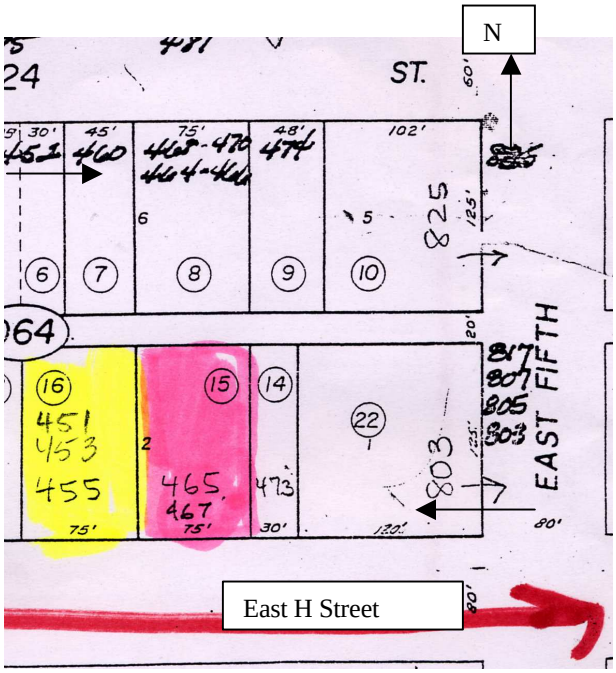
B9a. Architect: unknown **B9b. Builder:** unknown
***B10. Significance: Theme:** Benicia Downtown District **Period of Significance**: 1847-1940 **Property Type**: Single family residence **Applicable Criteria:** A / C
Although these buildings were originally constructed in a Craftsman Bungalow style, the later remodel was quite successful in transforming the earlier houses into the Mediterranean Revival style. This change was accomplished by the use of the cladding and through careful detail work which added a number of decorative elements to the buildings. Notable among these are the Mission tile copings, arched porches and window awnings. The buildings contribute to the Downtown Historic 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.

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)



Remarks: N/A

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B 15. Date of Evaluation: 9-25-05

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