

PRIMARY RECORD

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

***Resource Name or**

- P1. Other Identifier:** 620 First Street
***P2. .Location: *a. County** Solano
b. Address: 620 First Street
***c. City:** Benicia **Zip** 94510
d. UTM: N/A
e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
***f. Other Locational Data (APN #):** 89-342-24

***P3a. Description**

This is a rectangular plan front gable commercial building with a faux front. The building is of frame construction with a moderately pitched gable roof with only a slight eave overhang. The gable end is hidden by a false front stepped pediment intended to give the building a more imposing street presence. A recessed central entry is flanked by storefront windows. The entry is elaborated with pilasters at the edge of windows. An elaborated dentil cornice extends across the front elevation just above the entry and windows. The sides and rear of the building are clad with clapboard siding which is probably original. The front elevation has been covered with stucco..

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2

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

P5b. Description of Photo: Front and north façade, view southeast

***P6. Date Constructed/Age:** 1910
☐ Prehistoric ☒ Historic ☐ Both

***P7. Owner and Address:**

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



***P8. Recorded by:**

Carol Roland
Roland-Nawi Associates
4829 Crestwood Way
Sacramento, CA 95822

***P9. Date Recorded:** 11-20-05

***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:**

B1. Historic Name: None
B2. Common Name: None
B3. Original Use: Commercial
***B5. Architectural Style:** Commercial store front
B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown
***B8. Related Features:** None

***NRHP Status Code:** 6Z

B4. Present Use: Commerical

Date: N/A **Original Location:** same

B9a. Architect: unknown

B9b. Builder: unknown

***B10. Significance: Theme:** Benicia Downtown District **Period of Significance:** 1847-1940 **Property Type:** Commercial
Applicable Criteria: A / C

The building has the massing, form and basic features of a typical commercial/retail establishment from late 19th or early 20th century Benicia. The integrity of the building's location, setting and association remains intact. However, the refinishing of the front elevation has had a substantial impact on the integrity of the building's materials and workmanship. Because the alterations are to the front façade, the most important elevation in a building of this type, the store front no longer retains sufficient integrity for listing as a contributor in the Downtown Historic District. Since the original elements of the building appear to remain under the alterations, the building might qualify for listing if it was rehabilitated.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: N/A

B12. References: McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred Knopf (1986); Brueggmann, 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.

