

PRIMARY RECORD

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

*Resource Name or #: 905 First Street

P1. Other Identifier:

*P2. .Location: *a. County Solano

b. Address: 905 First Street

*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-043-13

*P3a. Description

This is a two-story Italianate store front building. It has a false front with a pediment supported on brackets. It has a paneled cornice. Upper story windows are paired one-over-one double hung with bracketed pediments and sills. At the first floor level a typical store front occupies most of the north side of the façade while an entry to the second story is found on the south side. The storefront has a central door with canted store front windows. The second story entry is slightly recessed and has a transom. The building is clad with clapboard. It is one of four contiguous buildings from the late 19th century that remain in the block and provide a strong feeling of a 19th century commercial street front.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP6

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view west

*P6. Date Constructed/Age: 1890

☐ Prehistoric ☒ Historic ☐ Both

*P7. Owner and Address:

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



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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: 905 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: Italianate Store Front

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

The building retains most of its character defining features including its false front parapet, elaborate cornice, fenestration, and store front with a separate side entrance. The building has integrity of materials, design, workmanship, setting and location. Its significance is enhanced by the fact that it is part of a continuous block of surviving 19th century commercial buildings. It contributes to the Downtown Historic District and should continue to enjoy that status.

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.

