

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

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

*Resource Name or #: Old Methodist Church
(associated with the Rectory at 932 West Second Street)

P1. Other Identifier: none

*P2. Location: *a. County Solano

b. Address: 932 West Street

*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-043-10

*P3a. Description

This is a two and one-half story ecclesiastical building of roughly rectangular plan. The primary roof is gabled. A one and one-half story entry vestibule and one-story shed roof L compose the front façade of the building. Gable ends on the primary roof and entry are finished with a plain fascia and have exposed rafters. The primary gable end is clad with fish scale shingles. The entry vestibule has double doors with applied panels and a Gothic transom which fills the space under the gable. This treatment makes the entry the visual focal point of the building. A side oriented closed rail stair provides access. The building is clad with clapboard and exhibits corner boards.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP16

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view south

*P6. Date Constructed/Age: 1882

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



*P7. ☐ Prehistoric ☒ Historic ☐ Both
Owner and Address:

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*P8. Recorded by:
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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: 932 West J Street

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: same

B3. Original Use: Religious

B4. Present Use: Commercial

*B5. Architectural Style: Vernacular

*B6. Construction History: Constructed 1882. The single-story shed roof portion of the building adjacent to the entry may be a latter addition.

*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown

Date: N/A

Original Location: same

*B8. Related Features:

B9a. Architect: unknown

B9b. Builder: unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme: Benicia Downtown District Period of Significance: 1847-1940

Property Type: Religious

Applicable Criteria: A / C

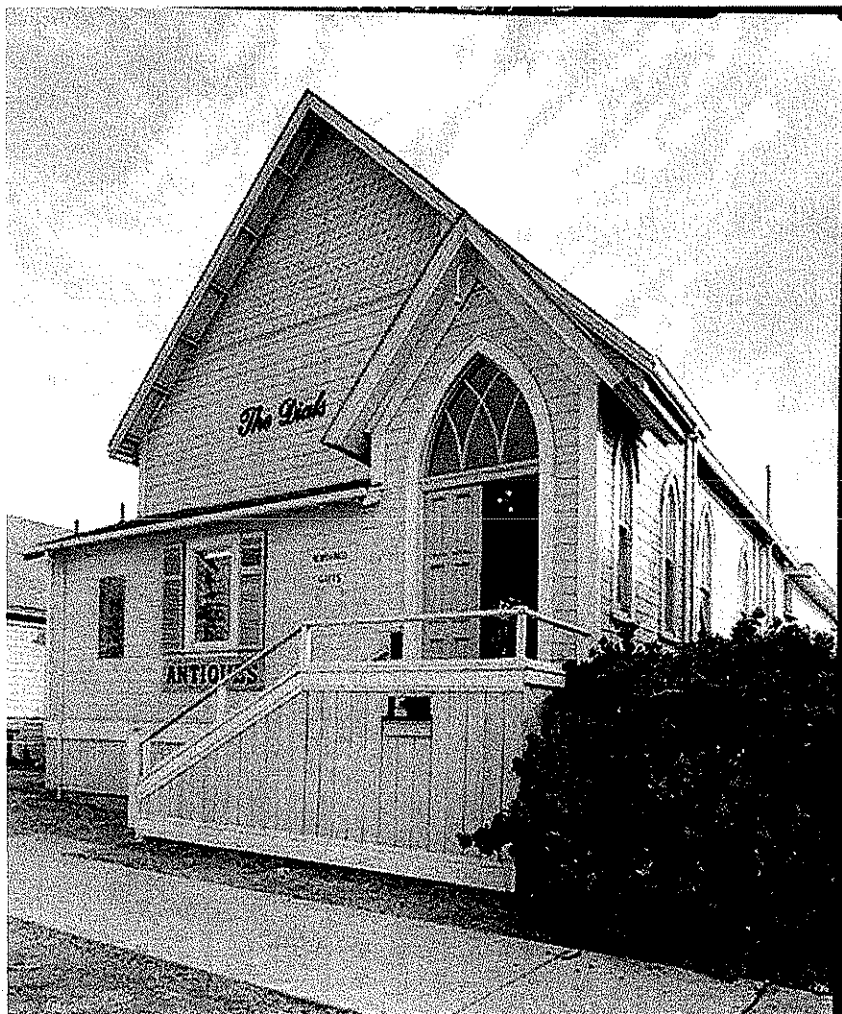
This is a good example of a simple Vernacular church building of frame construction. The patching of the front primary gable indicates that at some time in the past the entry to the building may have been changed. This might be researched further in photographic collections. The building retains its integrity of materials, workmanship, setting and location as well as its over-all design. It is no longer used for religious purposes, but its conversion to a commercial use has not resulted in exterior alteration. The church is directly related to the Rectory at the rear which faces onto West Second Street. The two buildings should be considered together in regard to issues of eligibility and for purposes of project review. The building is a designated Landmark and contributes to the Downtown Historic District. The building was recorded by HABS in 1977.

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.

Resource Identifier: 190 West J Street

☒ Continuation ☐ Update



HABS photograph 1977