

PRIMARY RECORD

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NRHP Status Code: _____
Other Listings _____
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*Resource Name or #: 126 East D Street

P1. Other Identifier: none

*P2. .Location: *a. County Solano

b. Address: 126 East D Street

*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 80-190-02

*P3a. Description: A large, imposing Federalist style house sited on an inclined lot with a large front yard. The house is rectangular in plan with a modern rear addition. The building is of masonry construction with the front façade laid in a variation on English bond. At some point in the past the walls were covered with stucco. The front façade has now been uncovered but the side walls remain stuccoed over. The building is surmounted by a very low-pitched hip roof with wide eave overhangs. A cornice with a dentil motif spans the front façade. Brick chimneys pierce the east and west roof slopes. Fenestration consists of single, vertically emphasized one-over-one double hung windows with wood sash and casings. A fan shaped brick lintel is set above each window. The windows are symmetrically arranged. There is a centrally located, glazed and paneled entry door. A flat roofed porch spans three-quarters of the front façade. The porch roof is supported on full-length turned posts. The porch exhibits an upper story veranda with an open rail.

*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: circa 1852

☐ Prehistoric ☒ Historic ☐ Both

*P7. Owner and Address:

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P8. Recorded by:

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*P9. Date Recorded: 11-7-04

*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: 126 East D Street

*NRHP Status Code: 5S1/3B

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: none

B3. Original Use: residential

B4. Present Use: residential

*B5. Architectural Style: Federalist

*B6. Construction History: A dwelling of similar siting and form appears on the 1886 Sanborn Map with a detached "shed full of straw" at the rear of the lot. The 1891 Sanborn Map shows the house with a full-length porch. According to architectural historian, Sally Woodbridge, the house suffered damage in a 1905 fire. In the HABS photograph in 1977, there is no front porch present. Since that time porch has been restored to its 1890s appearance. A modern rear addition has been added at the rear of the house. The addition is recessed behind the historic building and is not visible from the street. It is wood framed, with clapboard siding. Very wide eave overhangs are supported on turned posts which resemble the posts on the front porch. A wooden, dentil patterned cornice surrounds the addition facades

*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown

Date: N/A

Original Location: same

*B8. Related Features: A large, board and batten clad, two-story "barn" has been constructed in the rear yard and appears to function in part as a garage.

B9a. Architect: unknown

B9b. Builder: George Leviston

*B10. Significance: Theme: Benicia Downtown District
Single Family

Period of Significance: 1847-1940

Property Type:

Applicable Criteria: A / C

Based on its style and detailing, the building is one of the earliest in Benicia. It is one of several 1850s-1860s buildings that have survived in the downtown. According to Sally Woodbridge, architectural historian, the house may have been built as early as 1852, although she offers this as an estimated, rather than documented date of construction. The house is eligible under Criterion A for its association with the early development of the town. Under criterion C it is an excellent example of a federalist building. The brick work demonstrates a high degree of craftsmanship. The house incorporates a hipped roof, a dentil motif cornice, symmetrically arranged fenestration and entry. During the short tenure of the state government in Benicia in the 1850s, the building may have been used as the state archive, although this is a matter of dispute. However, during most of its existence it has served a residential purpose. The house is an excellent example of its type. The principal part of the building retains its integrity of design, workmanship, setting, location, feeling and association. The house is listed as a City Landmark and contributes to the Downtown Historic District. It appears eligible for both individual and district listing in the California Register of Historical Resources. It may be eligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: N/A

B12. References: McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred Knopf (1986); Brueggemann, 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; Woodbridge, Resource Survey form, 1989, Sanborn Map Benicia, 1886. .

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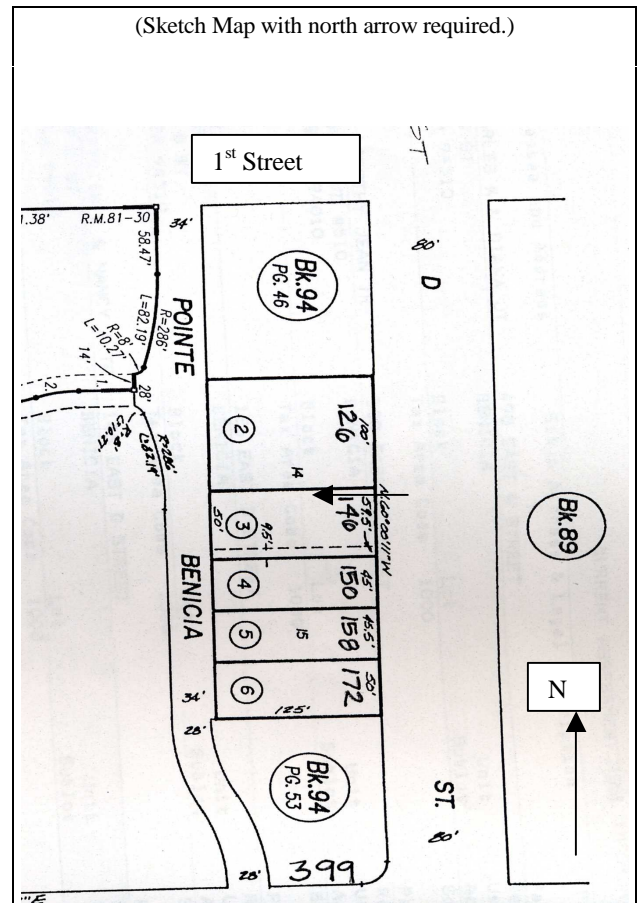
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Remarks: N/A

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



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