

PRIMARY RECORD

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NRHP Status Code: _____
Other Listings _____
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

*Resource Name or #: 143 West E Street

P1. Other Identifier: none

*P2. Location: *a. County Solano

b. Address: 143 West E Street

*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-173-10

*P3a. Description:

This is a Greek Revival Style house which presents a side façade to the street. The entrance is oriented to the east. The residence is L-shape in plan. It has a side gable roof of steep pitch. Gable ends are finished with a plain fascia and cornice and eave returns. Fenestration consists of narrow one-over-one double hung windows. The top of the window casings has a slight wooden awning or slanted pediment supported on molded and incised brackets. Cladding is clapboard with the slightly raised foundation covered in vertical board. The entry and front façade treatment is not visible from the street. The house is sited on a slight incline and is set back from the street.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP2

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

South (side) façade, view north

*P6. Date Constructed/Age: Previous survey placed the construction date at 1880s; however the style and detailing of the house suggest an earlier construction date, circa 1860s.

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



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

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*P8. Recorded by:
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*P9. Date Recorded: 1-07-05

*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: 143 West E Street

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: none

B3. Original Use: Residential

B4. Present Use: Residential

*B5. Architectural Style: Greek Revival

*B6. Construction History: Unknown. The house may have been associated with the Solano Hotel according to the 1986 historic survey. It does not appear at this location on the 1886 Sanborn Map, the site being occupied by the Benicia Planning Mill. It is possible it was moved from another location in town.

*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:

Single Family Applicable Criteria: A / C

The building's Greek Revival Style and the siding, eave and gable treatment, and fenestration suggest a building constructed in the 1860s. It is a good example of its style. Character defining features include the roof line, gable treatment and eave returns, narrow windows with the wood awnings on brackets, as well as the clapboard siding. Based on the Sanborn Maps it is possible that this house was originally constructed on another lot and moved to its current location after the closing of the Benicia Planning Mill. The building is a contributor to the Downtown District and retains its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. Its integrity of setting and location is more difficult to assess without information regarding the house's origin on the site. The house was photographed by the Historic American Building survey in 1977. It has been designated as contributing to the Downtown Historic District and should continue in 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); 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; Sanborn Map Benicia, CA. 1886; 1986 Benicia Historic Inventory form.

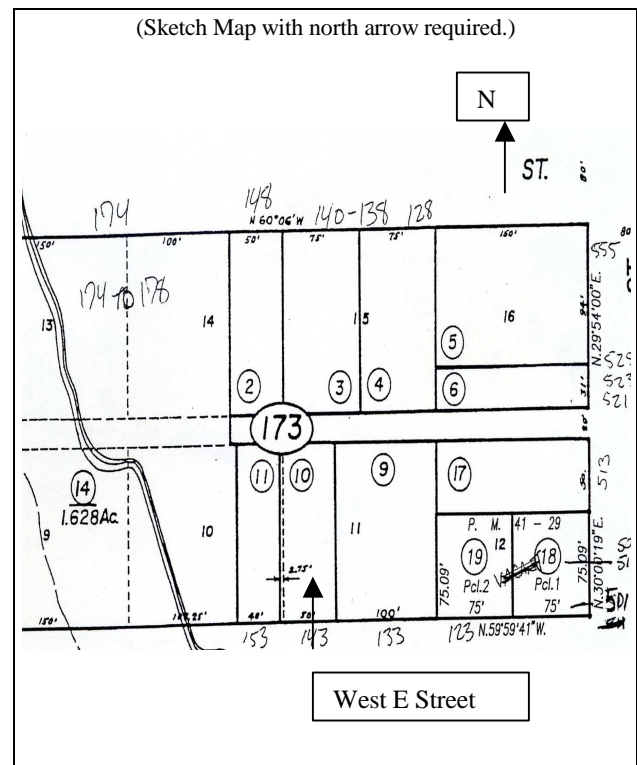
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Remarks: N/A

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B 15. Date of Evaluation: 1-07-05



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