

## PRIMARY RECORD

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

\*Resource Name or #: 456 East H Street

P1. Other Identifier: \_\_\_\_\_

\*P2. .Location: \*a. County Solano

b. Address: 456 East H Street

\*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

\*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 80-171-14

\*P3a. Description

This house was originally a two-story cottage with a Gothic Revival form, but lacking in any Gothic Revival detailing. It is impossible without historic photographic documentation to know if it was constructed without embellishment, or if the typical detailing of this type of house was removed or deteriorated over time. Originally rectangular in form the house has been substantially altered with a one-story addition to the east and a large wrapped porch addition that extends across the front and east facades. The foundation also has been raised foundation. The roof is cross gabled with a steeply pitched projecting front gable centered over the original entry. Gables and eaves are overhung. While fenestration remains in the original configuration, all of the glazing has been replaced. The current porch incorporates the original steep gable entry cover, but is otherwise hipped. The new porch roof is supported on square posts and is enclosed 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: 1860/1990

☐ Prehistoric ☒ Historic ☐ Both

\*P7. Owner and Address:

Billie Murphy  
456 East H Street  
Benicia, CA 94510

\*P8. Recorded by:

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

\*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: 456 East H Street

\*NRHP Status Code: 6Z

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name:

B3. Original Use: residence

B4. Present Use: residence

\*B5. Architectural Style: Originally Gothic Revival

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

This house was originally a rectangular Gothic Cottage with a cross gable roof and a central covered entry. It had no visible foundation. In the 1990s the house was substantially altered. While retaining the central core of the earlier house, it was elevated on a new foundation, the fenestration was changed and a large wrapped porch was added. These changes undermine the integrity of the historic house in terms of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The house is no longer a good example of its architectural style and does not convey a sense of the period in which it was built. It is currently listed as a contributor to the Benicia Downtown Historic District. Because of the numerous and inappropriate alterations it should be removed from contributing 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.

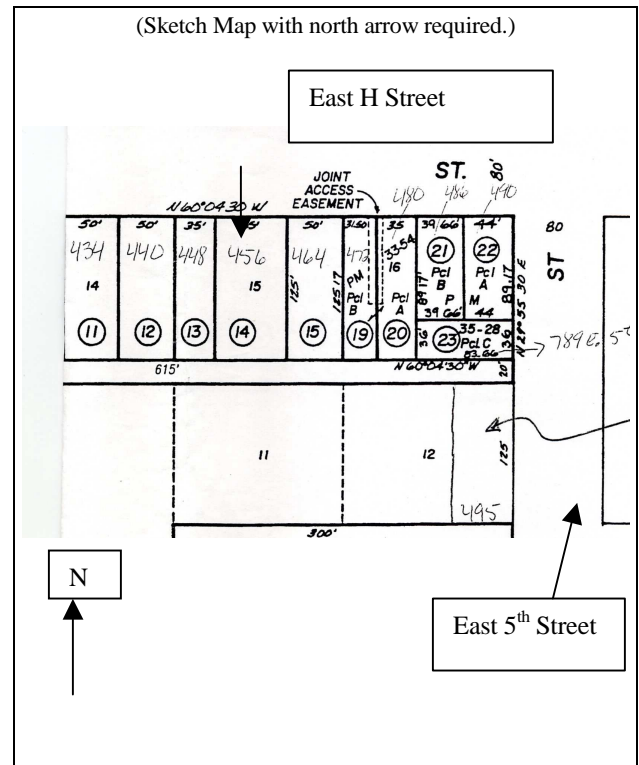
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Remarks: N/A

**B14. Evaluator:** Carol Roland, Ph.D.

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

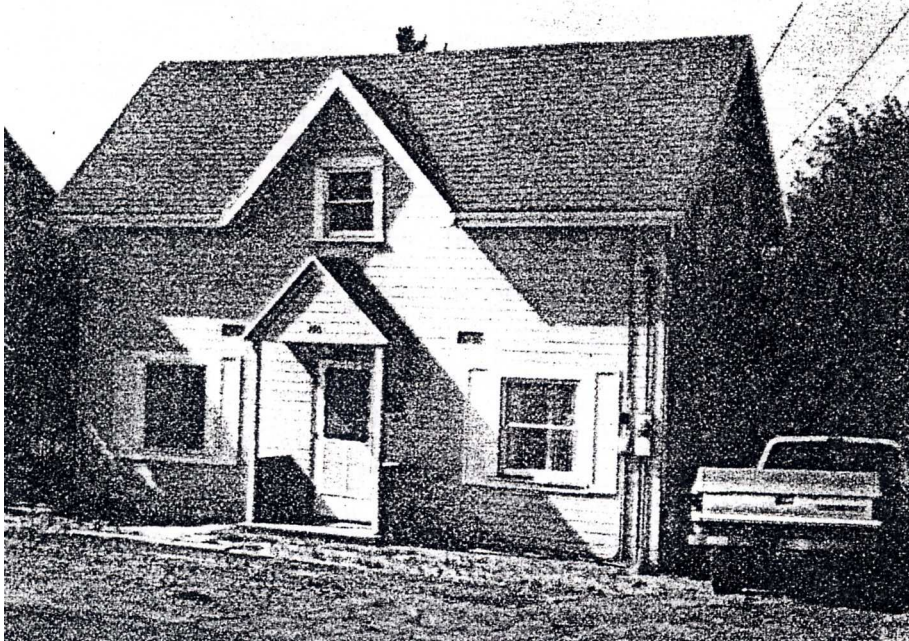


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☒ Continuation ☐ Update



The house as it appeared in 1986