

PRIMARY RECORD

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

*Resource Name or #: 250 West H Street

P1. Other Identifier: none

*P2. Location: *a. County Solano

b. Address: 250 West H Street

*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-111-04

***P3a. Description:**

This is an example of a Queen Anne Cottage with an elaborate porch and woodwork. The house is L-shape in plan with a slightly raised foundation. The roof is a gable-on-hip with a projecting cross gable that extends over a canted bay. The gables are trimmed with a decorative fascia and are supported on intricately worked brackets. The closed eaves are supported on brackets. Brackets with drop newels also are found at the angles of the canted bay. The gable end is clad with a decoratively laid square shingle. The canted bay on the west side of the front façade has one-over-one windows that have decorative muntins. The casings and sills are elaborated with applied wood cut-work. An irregular porch with a canted angle on the west side, occupies a large portion of the front façade and is the most prominent feature of the house. The porch has a flat roof with a frieze that exhibits a cut-out circular pattern that is unusual. Turned porch posts with brackets support the roof and frieze. The low open rail repeats the circular pattern of the frieze. The entry door is paneled. The porch stair is concrete replacement. The house is clad with clapboard except for the foundation which is covered with vertical boards.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP2

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

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



P5b. Description of Photo: Front façade, view

*P6. Date Constructed/Age: 1880

☐ Prehistoric ☒ Historic ☐ Both

*P7. Owner and Address:

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*P8. Recorded by:
Carol Roland
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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: 250 West H 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: Queen Anne

*B6. Construction History: The house appears to have undergone few changes except for the replacement of the front stair.

*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown

Date: N/A Original Location: same

*B8. Related Features: A gable-on-hip roofed barn with a prominent projecting front gable is located at the rear of the house. This is a relatively large building which appears to be contemporary with the house.

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 is an unusually detailed example of a Queen Anne Cottage. Important elements include the roof brackets, the window casing treatment, the partially canted porch, the circular patterned frieze and porch rail. These details give the house a striking appearance. There have been few alterations to the building. The replacement of the front steps does not affect its overall integrity, which is notable for design, workmanship and materials. The house is shown as contributing to the Downtown District on the 1991 District Conservation Plan map and should continue to contribute to the Downtown Historic District.

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.

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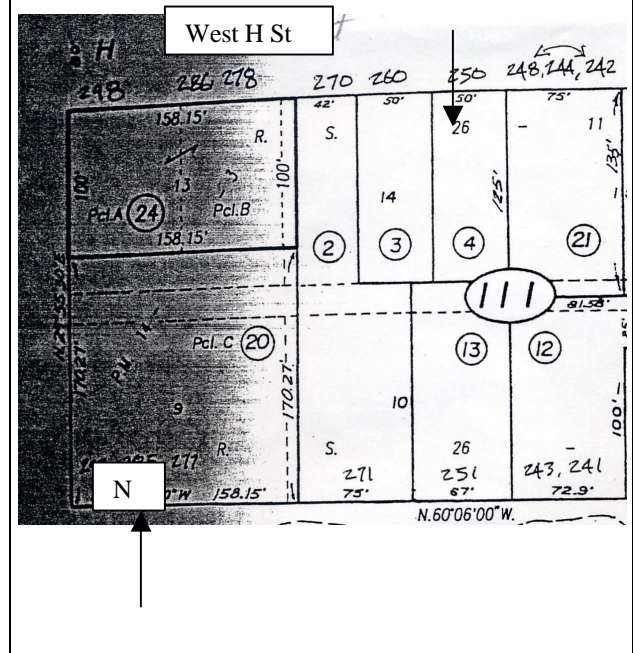
Remarks: N/A

B14. Evaluator: Carol Roland, Ph.D.

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

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)



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