

PRIMARY RECORD

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

*Resource Name or #: 242, 244, 248 West H Street

P1. Other Identifier: none

*P2. .Location: *a. County Solano

b. Address: 242, 244, 248 West H Street

*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-111-21

***P3a. Description:**

This house is a fine example of a workingman's Queen Anne Cottage. Despite its small size, it exhibits an array of decorative elements drawn from the Queen Anne vocabulary. The house is L-shape in plan with a gable-on-hip and cross gable roof. There also is a side shed roof addition on the west of the rear cross wing. The roof has wide overhanging closed eaves which are supported on molded brackets. A small porch is located on the west side of the house which is covered by a projecting gable which displays an elaborate fascia, stick and spindle work. The porch roof is supported on turned posts with brackets at the top. The brackets, which match those at the eaves, are used to visually unify the posts, gable end and fascia. Prominent paired one-over-one windows dominate the east side of the front elevation. The eave brackets extend to the top portion of the window casings. The sills are supported on simple brackets which extend below the windows to the belt course and the wall under the windows has applied rectangular panels. Portions of the porch have been replaced. The house is clad with clapboard. This house is very similar to the adjacent cottage at 248 West H Street. The two houses, which share a single parcel, were probably built by the same builder.

*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 south

*P6. Date Constructed/Age: 1880
☐ Prehistoric ☒ Historic ☐ Both

*P7. Owner and Address:
Clayton Kyle
404 Monti Cr
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

*P8. Recorded by:
Carol Roland
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4829 Crestwood Way
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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: 242, 244, 248 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: There have been alterations to the porch floor and stair. When the building was recorded by HABS in 1977 the foundation and the gable end had been covered with faux rock veneer. This has been removed and appropriate finishes have been applied to these areas.

*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
Single Family

Period of Significance: -1847-1940

Property Type:

Applicable Criteria: A / C

This is a small working class Queen Anne Cottage which is notable for its extensive detailing. The treatment of the front façade includes molded brackets, elaborate window casings, a decorated fascia, spindle work, and turned posts. Although portions of the lower porch have been replaced in a somewhat jerry-built fashion, these changes do not substantially affect the overall integrity of the building. The house was photographed in 1977 by HABS. It contributes to the Downtown Benicia Historic District. It should continue in this 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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☒ Continuation ☐ Update



HABS photograph 1977

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