

Union Hotel (Solano House)  
401-05 First Street  
Benicia  
Solano County  
California

HABS No. CA-2086

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PHOTOGRAPHS

HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey  
National Architectural and Engineering Record  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240



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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE California	COUNTY Solano	TOWN OR VICINITY Benicia
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Union Hotel		HABS NO. CA-2086
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Solano House		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 401-05 First Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) mid 19th century	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) None known	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Little is known about this hipped-roof structure. Thompson and West's map in their 1878 <u>Historical Atlas of Solano County</u> indicates that the Solano House is located here; that may have been this structure. The 1885 Bird's-eye View of the city shows a hipped roof structure on this site.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) with one-story porches on the south and east sides.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Horizontal wood siding over heavy timber frame		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) L-shaped, three stories, six-bay front		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE French doors, some with fanlights, on first floor are probably not original; two-over-two-light windows; hipped roof		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Center-hall plan		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Rafters and third-floor ceiling joists are heavily charred; one-story porch is indicated in early views (see above) and in end of cantilever seen in CA-2086-3.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE residence		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) The Benicia project was undertaken by HABS in the summer of 1976 in cooperation with Exxon Company, USA, and the Benicia Historical Society. The project supervisor was John P. White and the project historian was Robert Brueggemann.		

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