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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>California</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Solano</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER <b>712.06.0003</b>	DATE <b>2/2/71</b>

1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Benicia Capitol - Courthouse, Benicia Capitol State Historic Park**

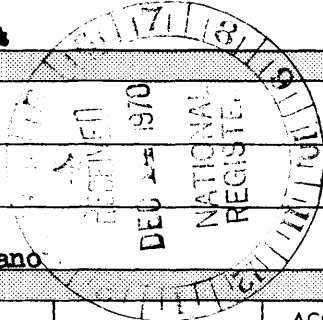
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Benicia Capitol State Historical ~~Museum~~ <sup>PARK</sup>**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**First and G Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Benicia**

STATE <b>California</b>	CODE <b>94510</b>	COUNTY: <b>Solano</b>	CODE <b>095</b>
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**1416 "9" Street, Resources Agency Building**

CITY OR TOWN: <b>Sacramento</b>	STATE: <b>California</b>	CODE: <b>06</b>
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Solano County Courthouse - Office of County Clerk**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
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CITY OR TOWN: <b>Fairfield</b>	STATE: <b>California</b>	CODE: <b>06</b>
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**California Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee**

DATE OF SURVEY:  
 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Department of Parks and Recreation**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**P. O. Box 2390, 1416 "9" Street, Resources Agency Building**

CITY OR TOWN: <b>Sacramento</b>	STATE: <b>California</b>	CODE: <b>06</b>
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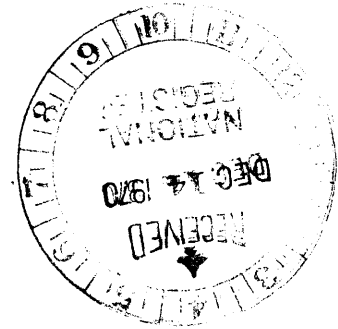
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Benicia State Capitol Building is a two-story structure of red brick 40' x 80'; built in 1853 and restored in 1957. "Greek Revival" style with white painted fluted columns supporting a triangular pediment, severe decorative cornice, brick masonry bearing walls, symmetrical window openings, broad granite exterior stairs; classical entrance with a general temple appearance. The building covers much of the site; landscaping is limited to low base planting and grass areas. A small public restroom of compatible design is located on the site.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1853-1854

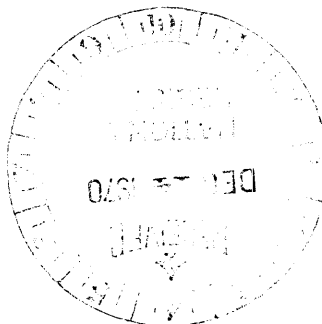
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              | <u>Historic Monument</u>                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            | _____   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       |   | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |                                      |   | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The third State capitol building erected in California and the only capitol remaining to commemorate California's first decade as a State. Built in 1852 it was offered to the State when earlier statehouses proved inadequate. For 1 year, 21 days (February 4, 1853 to February 25, 1854) it was California's seat of government. When the State capitol was moved to Sacramento the Benicia structure became in turn the county courthouse, a justice court, school, library, theatre, church, police station and city hall. In 1949 it was deeded to the State. In 1956-57 it was restored to its pristine glory at a cost of \$270,000 and made part of the State Park System.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Bancroft, H.H. - History of California, Vol. 4  
 Rensch and Hoover - Historic Spots in California

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

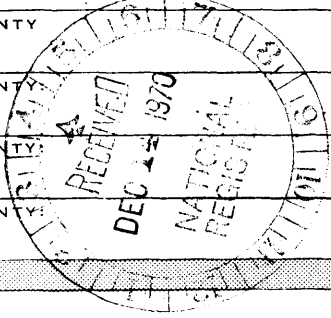
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	122°	09'	29"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **150 x 125 ft. plot of land (45A+-)**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **Allen W. Welts, State Park Historian III**

ORGANIZATION: **Department of Parks and Recreation** DATE: **2/16/70**  
**Resource Management and Protection Division**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1416 "9" Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Sacramento** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: *Allen W. Welts*

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: August 3, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*Ernest A. Donnelly*  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: FEB 12 1971

ATTEST:

*William J. Conroy*  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: JAN 19 1971