

Solano County

The Solano County Courthouse in Fairfield.
Part 2 of 2: Vacaville, Benicia, Vallejo, Mare Island.



Vacaville

Vacaville was founded in 1850 by William McDaniel. Today its population is 92,000. Its most famous landmark was the Nut Tree restaurant that lasted from 1921 to 1996. (August 2003)



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Main Street East

★ Historic 2000



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City Hall, located at the intersection of Main Street East and 1st Street, built in 1907. A new city hall was replaced on Merchant Street in 1909.



Shade and ice houses for loading fruit into refrigerated railroad cars, about 1000.



Vacaville Grammar School, built 1908 by the Board of Education to replace the old brick Vacaville Public School.



Christian Church, established in Vacaville 1885.

Sanborn Fire Insurance map, 1908.

View looking south from Anderson Street over Main Street, about 1909.



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Benicia

(October 2000)



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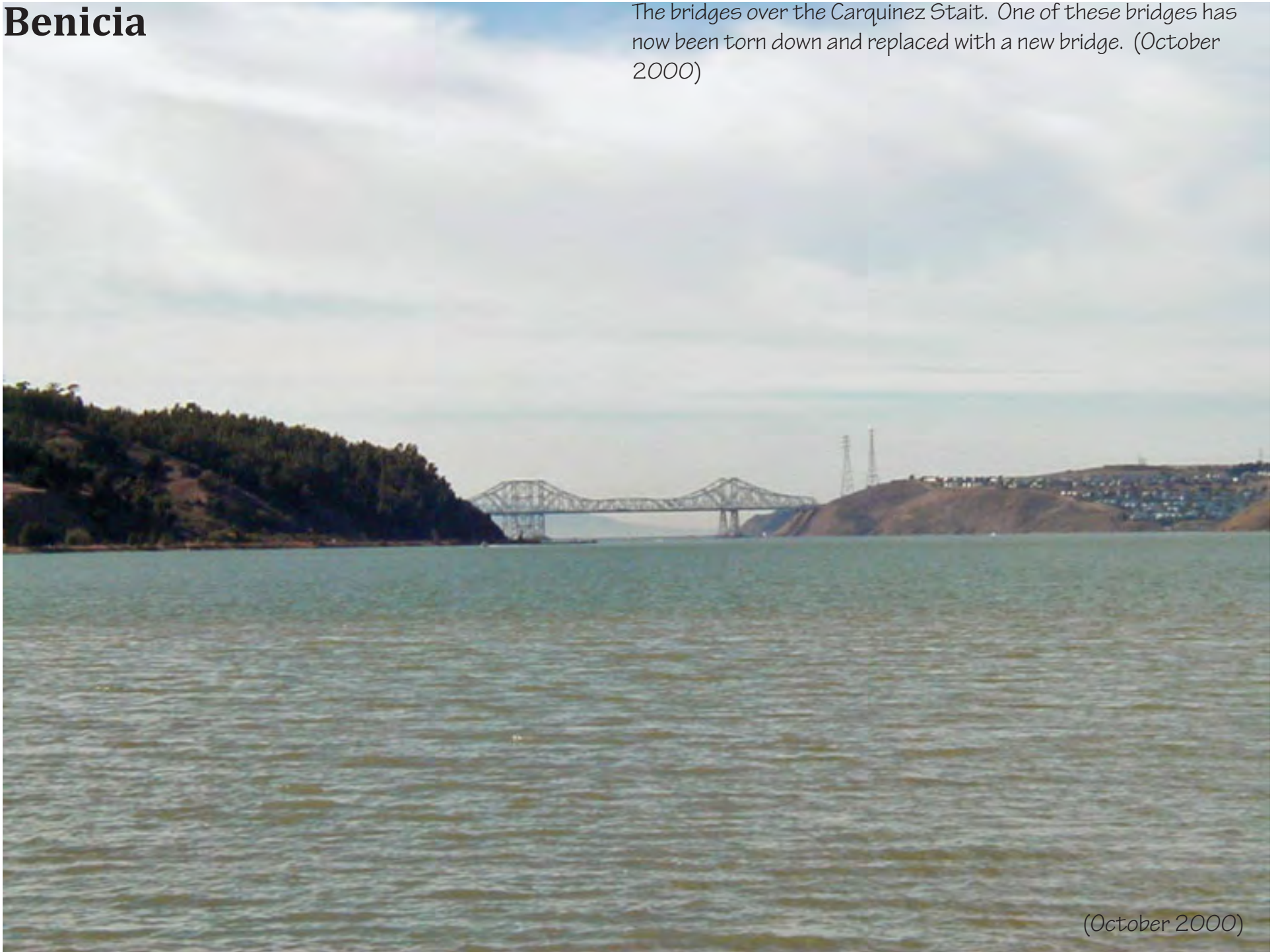
Benicia

First Street, the main street.



Benicia

The bridges over the Carquinez Strait. One of these bridges has now been torn down and replaced with a new bridge. (October 2000)



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The oil refinery, Mt. Diablo and the city of Martinez as seen across the Carquinez Strait. (October 2000)



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Benicia Arsenal

The Arsenal was the first American Arsenal built west of the Mississippi in 1852. The Arsenal was closed in 1964. Some of the old barracks have been turned into affordable housing. (February 2011)



Benicia Arsenal

The commander's house has been refurbished for events. (February 2011)



Benicia Arsenal

The warehouses have been turned into artists lofts. (February 2011)



Benicia

(April 2002)



Benicia

Benicia was founded in 1847 Dr. Robert Semple, Thomas Larken, and Mariano Vallejo.
(April 2002)



Benicia

Benicia served as the state capitol from Feb. 1853 to Feb. 1854. (April 2002)



Benicia

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Benicia

The railroad station at the end of First St. (February 2011)



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Benicia

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is an historic church worth a visit.
(February 2011)



Benicia

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Benicia

The Interstate 680 freeway crosses the Carquinez Strait at Benicia and Martinez. (February 2011)



Benicia

This is what is left of the “Mothball” fleet which was leftover ships from World War II. (February 2011)



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Vallejo

(September 2002)



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Mare Island

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Mare Island

Mare Island became the first permanent U.S. Naval base on the West Coast in 1854. It was a major ship building center from that time until its closure in 1995. Its closure had a devastating impact upon the city. The base is still in the process of conversion to civilian use. (June 2005)



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Western Railway Museum

This rail museum features the street railway and interurban cars that connected California cities before 1940. (January 2002)





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