

Town of Locke, Commercial Structure  
13959 Main Street  
Locke  
Sacramento County  
California

HABS No. CA-2071 Y

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

ADDENDUM  
FOLLOWS...

Historic American Buildings Survey  
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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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## TOWN OF LOCKE

## COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE

Location: 13959 Main Street, (east side of Main Street,  
second building north of Levee Road)  
Locke, Sacramento County, California.

USGS Courtland Quadrangle,  
UTM Coordinates: 10/630515/4234430.

Present Owner: Kenneth and Elizabeth Abbott Building Owner  
89 Massasoit  
Northampton, Massachusetts

Asian City Development Company, Inc. Land Owner  
P.O. Box 987  
Walnut Grove, CA 95690

Present Occupant: Vacant.

Present Use: Storage and Vacant.

Significance: This building stands at the beginning of the row  
of wooden structures forming the street facade on Main  
Street. The wooden structure, with its galleried balcony,  
corrugated sheet metal gabled roof and painted front is  
typical of Locke buildings.

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

## A. General Statement:

1. Architectural merit and interest: This building is part of the harmonious architectural context of the street.
2. Condition of fabric: Fair.

## B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: This rectangular, two-story building is approximately twenty-five feet across the three-bay west front by sixty feet deep.
2. Foundation: Wooden piers and beams with concrete perimeter footings. A low open crawl space is below.
3. Wall construction, finish and color: Wooden siding with corner boards, painted white on the front and red on the sides. An addition on the east side of the building has board-and-batten siding; the north and east walls are covered with simulated brick asphalt siding. Cement asbestos panels are on the west facade of the first floor around the store front.

4. Structural system, framing: Wooden frame construction.
5. Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc.: A balcony extends across the second story of the west facade, forming a covered walkway on the street level. The balcony's shed roof is supported by four wooden posts, covered with corrugated sheet metal. A painted wooden sign projects out from the west wall, hanging from the balcony over the concrete walk. The balcony is supported by four wooden posts on concrete piers, and it has a wooden floor. The ceiling on the first floor is cement asbestos panels. A stoop with pent roof is on the north side of the building in the northeast corner.

A wooden balcony with a corrugated sheet-metal pent roof extends across the first level of the east facade. The roof is supported by four wooden posts. A wooden balustrade, with turned balusters, extends between posts and on each end. The balcony floor is supported by a cantilevered king post truss. The ends of the truss are enclosed and one edge of the truss is covered with aluminum and fiberglass panels to form a pent roof over the first floor.

6. Chimneys: A metal flue projects out from the south wall, near the center, extending up through the cornice.

7. Openings:

- a. Doorways and doors: The recessed main entrance on the west facade splays outward to the street. Each of the wooden double doors has one panel below a glass panel, framed by wooden surrounds. A doorway in the center of the north facade leads into the sales area. The wooden door has five horizontal panels, wooden surrounds and sill. A doorway at the east corner of the north facade opens into the kitchen. The wooden door has one glass panel above one wooden panel. There is a paneled doorway on the second floor of the west facade that leads from the balcony into the living room. A paneled doorway on the street level of the east facade opens from the balcony.
- b. Windows and shutters: The wooden display windows on the west facade are one-light fixed sashes and have cement asbestos panels above and below the glass. A two-light transom tops the recessed doors. Wooden windows on the first and second floors have one-over-one light, double-hung sash. Some windows on the first-floor have been boarded up, and have vertical iron bars bolted across them. A wooden louvre window is in the gable ends, ventilating the attic.

8. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Gable roof with corrugated sheet metal covering.
- b. Cornice, eaves: Box cornice with a narrow overhang; open eaves on the east addition.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans:

- a. First floor: The central west entrance leads into the general sales area. A large walk-in refrigerator is on the north wall near the east side. A doorway on the north, near the center, opens out to the exterior. A doorway on the east wall leads into the kitchen which extends across the width of the building. A doorway on the kitchen's north wall provides access to the exterior. Near the south-west corner of the kitchen is the stairway to the second floor.
- b. Second floor: The stairway opens into a large room on the east with an opening to the balcony. A doorway to the west leads to the central hallway, flanked on either side by bedrooms. A doorway at the west end opens into the living room. A doorway on the west wall of the living room provides access out to the balcony.

2. Flooring: Wooden flooring. Some floors have linoleum and carpet coverings.
3. Wall and ceiling finish: Walls on the first floor are painted gypsum board and fiberboard. In the first floor sales area is a linoleum wainscot along a section of the south and east walls. Ceilings on the first floor are fiberboard. Second floor walls and ceilings are painted gypsum board; the living room has acoustical tile ceilings.
4. Stairways: The open string stairway of wooden material extends seven steps up to a landing, through a doorway, dog-legs, then rises eight additional steps. A wooden panel railing extends from the first floor to the landing; there is no railing on the upper steps.
5. Doorways and doors: Wooden panel doors with wooden surrounds.
6. Mechanical equipment:
  - a. Heating: Propane gas-fired space heater.
  - b. Lighting: Electrical fixtures. A four-bladed wooden ceiling fan hangs in the general sales area.

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: The building faces west on the east side of Main Street and has a narrow alleyway on the north. To the south is a landscaped garden space. Across Main Street are two-story wooden structures and across the alley on the east are one-story residences.

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PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

The project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey in cooperation with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation and the Chinese Historical Association of America. The recording project was completed during the summer of 1979 under the general direction of John Poppeliers, Chief of HABS; Kenneth L. Anderson, Jr., Principal Architect; John P. White, Project Supervisor (Texas Tech University); Pamela O. Chang, Architectural Foreman (University of California, Berkeley); with student architects William F. Hand (Auburn University); Clemson Lam (University of Hawaii); Gregory C. Tung (Yale University); and David G. Virgil (Carnegie-Mellon University), at the HABS Field Office in Sacramento, California. The drawings were edited in the HABS Washington office in January 1980 by staff architects William Graham and David Marsh. The written data was edited by staff historian Jan Cigliano during January-March 1980.

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