

Town of Locke, Commercial Building  
13955 River Road  
Locke  
Sacramento County  
California

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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FOLLOWS

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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## TOWN OF LOCKE

## COMMERCIAL BUILDING

Location: 13955 River Road (County Road E-13, east side of street, third building north of Levee Road, Locke, Sacramento County, California.

USGS Courtland Quadrangle;  
UTM Coordinates: 10:630475:4234430

Present Owner: Chan Moon Chee Building Owner  
Rt. 1, Box 200  
Walnut Grove, CA 95690

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

Present Occupant: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chow.

Present Use: Residence.

Significance: This building served as a restaurant for many years and is now a residence. It is one of the group of buildings, each separated by narrow alleyways, that forms the Main Street and River Road street facades.

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

## A. General Statement:

1. Architectural merit and interest: This wooden structure with its front on River Road and second floor balcony on Main Street is typical of the buildings constructed on these two streets.
2. Condition of fabric: Fair.

## B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: The rectangular, two-story building is approximately twenty-four feet across the front by sixty feet deep. The west front and second floor east front have three bays, and the first floor east front has four bays.
2. Foundation: Wooden piers and beams, concrete footings at the perimeter. The building sits above grade with a low, open crawl space below.

3. Wall construction, finish and color: Wooden drop siding with corner boards, painted white on the east and west facades; the sides are unpainted. A false-front is attached to the west facade.
4. Structural system, framing: Wooden frame construction.
5. Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc.: The concrete sidewalk on the east facade is protected overhead by the second story's shed-roofed balcony. The roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal and is supported by four wooden posts. A wooden balustrade with square balusters extends between the end posts and across each end. The balcony is supported by three wooden columns resting on concrete bases. A wooden boardwalk, covered by a shed roof, extends along the west facade. The roof, covered with corrugated sheet metal, is supported by four wooden columns. A wooden railing extends between the posts on each side and turns at the center bay, extending along each side of a wooden bridge leading to the street.
6. Openings:
  - a. Doorways and doors: The off-center, recessed double doorway is on the first floor of the east facade. The wooden panel doors have a glass light panel on the upper half section, wooden surrounds, and a transom, now covered with plywood. A paneled door is on the extreme south edge of the east facade. An entrance from the east facade's second-story balcony leads into a hallway. The wooden door has two panels below a four-light glass panel, wooden surrounds and threshold. The recessed and splayed entrance on the west facade, second level leads into a vestibule. Each of the double wooden doors have three horizontal, double-raised panels below a single glass panel, wooden surrounds, and sill, and a two-light transom.
  - b. Windows and shutters: The display window to the right of the east facade's recessed entrance has four-over-four fixed lights and extends across approximately one-half the building. Below the display windows is a horizontal band of framed vertical wooden paneling. Above the entrance and display window are six, four-light, fixed windows.

The west entrance is flanked by four-over-four fixed light display windows. A framed vertical board panel is below each window. Above the entrance, at the display window height, are three projecting porcelain light sockets.

Wooden windows on both floors are one-over-one light, double-hung sash, with wooden surrounds and sill. A wooden louvre window is in the center of west facade's false front and one in the east gable end.

7. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Gable roof with corrugated sheet metal covering.
- b. Cornice, eaves: Boxed cornice projecting to a narrow overhang.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plans:

- a. First floor: The entrance on the east facade leads into a large game room, which was formerly a restaurant dining room. A doorway on the west wall, right side of the stairway, leads into the kitchen. A doorway on the north wall leads to the alleyway, and the doorway on the south opens into a large storage room under the boardwalk.
  - b. Second floor: The entrance from the west facade leads into a small vestibule, opening into the living room to the south and the kitchen to the north. The east side of the living room is open and forms an ell into a dining room. A doorway on the west wall leads into the kitchen, and to a narrow hallway on the east. Three rooms are on the south side of the hall and two on the north.
2. Stairways: The wide stairway connects the second floor entrance vestibule to the first floor. The straight run, enclosed between walls, has a wooden handrail, a wooden newel at the top of the stair, and an arched opening at the foot.

3. Flooring: Wooden floors are covered with linoleum on both floors.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Beaded-board wooden panel walls and ceilings on both floors; the second floor has acoustical tile ceilings. Part of the north and south walls of the first floor game room have a painted wainscoting of plywood and wooden lattice strips forming panels approximately eight feet in height, painted. The large kitchen on the first floor has painted fiberboard walls and ceilings.
5. Doorways and doors: Wooden doors have two tiers of four double-raised panels.
6. Mechanical equipment:
  - a. Heating: Propane gas-fired space heaters.
  - b. Lighting: Electrical fixtures.

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: The building faces east on Main street and west on River Road, the third structure north of Levee Road. The structure is surrounded by buildings of similar design and construction. A simple wooden railing extends across the alleyway on the west facade's second level. On the north railing is a large advertising sign. The wooden boardwalk extends along the west facade. A wooden retaining wall is built along the west facade between the road and the building.

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PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

This 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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