

Town of Locke, Joe Shoong Chinese School
13920 Main Street
Locke
Sacramento County
California

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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TOWN OF LOCKE

JOE SHOONG CHINESE SCHOOL

Location: 13920 Main Street (west side of street at the southwest corner of Main street and Locke Road), Locke, Sacramento County, California.

USGS Courtland Quadrangle: Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 10:630455:4234530

Present Owner: Joe Shoong, c/o Bob Jang, P.O. Box 293, Courtland, CA. 95615 Building Owner

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

Present Occupant: Joe Shoong Chinese School.

Present Use: School.

Significance: This one-story, wooden frame structure was built in 1915 as the National Party Hall. It later served as a Chinese school, and today is often used for public meetings.

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural merit and interest: This one-room, wooden school house is the corner building of the group forming the street facade.
2. Condition of fabric: Good.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: The three-bay, one-story, rectangular building is approximately twenty-feet across the front by fifty feet along the side, and is raised above the grade approximately three feet.
2. Foundation: Concrete footings and perimeter with wooden piers and beams. Wooden piers under the center of the building rest on wooden footings.
3. Wall construction, finish, color: Wooden drop siding with corner boards, painted ivory. Wooden skirting forms a low wall extending out from the building on the east facade at each side of the building. On the north side the wall turns east to form an ell and on the south side extends across the alley. The gable and wall of the ell are covered with wooden shingles.

4. Structural system, framing: Wooden frame construction.
5. Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc: There is a covered porch across the east facade and extends around a part of the north facade. Four wooden columns support the roof of the east side and three support the north. Each have a wooden pedestal and simple capital with moulding. A wooden railing with molded hand-rail and square balusters extends between each column. In the center of the east porch are four open-string wooden steps, with simple wooden railing extending up to the columns on each side.
6. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: The double door in the center of the east facade opens into the classroom. There is a wooden surround, wooden sill and threshold and a two-light transom above the doorway. Each wooden door has a panel in the lower section with a glass light in the upper section.
 - b. Windows and shutters: Wooden windows have two-over-one light and one-over-one light, double-hung sashes, with wooden surrounds and sills. There is a fixed one-light sash in the gable end of the north facade.
7. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: Hip roof covered with asphalt shingles.
 - b. Cornice, eaves: Wooden fascia with metal gutters and downspouts.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans: The entrance on the east facade porch opens into the classroom which is the length and width of the building. There are two windows on both the north and south walls and one on each side of the doorway on the east. A doorway on the north wall leads into a small vestibule. From the vestibule, on the east and west, a doorway leads into a toilet which appears to have been a part of the north exterior porch. There is an attic scuttle in the classroom near the center of the west wall.
2. Flooring: Asphalt tile covers wooden flooring.
3. Wall and ceiling finish: Walls and ceilings are beaded board paneling painted white. A simple wooden chair molding forms a wainscot. The ceiling has a crown molding. Quarter round moldings are found in the corners of the walls.
4. Doorways and doors: Wooden panel doors with wooden surrounds.

5. Mechanical equipment:

- a. Heating: There is a propane gas-fired unit heater, hung from the ceiling, and a space heater. An evaporative cooler on the exterior with an opening cut through the north wall ventilates the building.
- b. Plumbing: Modern plumbing fixtures.
- c. Lighting: Modern lighting fixtures.

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: The building stands on the west side of Main Street facing east. At the north side is a grassy slope extending up to Locke Road as it extends down from River Road. The west facade faces River Road, and there is a retaining wall on the west that is a part of the levee of the Sacramento River. On the south side is the Yuen Chong Market, separated by a small alley, and residential structures across the narrow Main Street on the east. Concrete paving extends from the face of the porch to the street on the east side and four square concrete bollards at the street edge.

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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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