

1852-01 Locke House and Barn

Summary (from Wikipedia): The Locke House and Barn complex is a home and outbuilding recently named [the Inn at Locke House](#), 19960 Elliott Road. *As of September 2025, the site is private property – do not enter.* The house, built in 1858, the barn, built in 1852, and the water tower, built in 1887, were the first structures to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places in San Joaquin County, California. [It appears the Inn at Locke House has closed]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Locke_House_and_Barn

The [Locke House](#) began as a small log cabin that housed Dean Locke when he arrived in California but was soon remodeled when he brought his wife, Delia Hammond to live with him on his ranch. This little cabin in the [San Joaquin Valley](#) was transformed into a homey frame house. In 1865, it was once again remodeled into a three-story brick house, to contain the growing number of children. The house also had a barn. Other additions were eventually made, such as a water tower in 1881, and another two stories in 1882. With these additions, the house contained twenty-two rooms, and three stories. The house was built in the [neo-Georgian](#) style. The Locke House accommodated Locke, his wife, and their thirteen children. It could also house the occasional visitor, relative, or a patient of Dr. Locke's. At the time of the [Civil War](#), the barn was used by the [Mokelumne Light Dragoons](#) as headquarters. The Locke House was restored and renovated by previous owners, the Eklund family, who converted it to The Inn at Locke House. The Eklunds became the first proprietors and innkeepers of the inn.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dean_Jewett_Locke

Yelp reviews with history:

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/the-inn-at-locke-house-lockeford-3>

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps:

<https://www.loc.gov/maps/?q=sanborn+fire+insurance+map+from+lockeford.+san+joaquin+county.+california>

In the news:

The Evening Mail Wed, Feb 11, 1885 ·Page 3

Well-known brick-maker, Benjamin Wire, falls down staircase of “the old Locke house” and breaks his neck.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609406111/?match=1&terms=%22locke%20house%22>

The Evening Mail Tue, Oct 22, 1895 ·Page 8

Lieutenant-Governor Millard is resting at the Locke house and is not expected to live through the night.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609359656/?match=1&terms=%22locke%20house%22>

The Record Sat, May 15, 1920 ·Page 50

Mrs. Lou M. Locke recounts the story of Lockeford: Dr. D.J. and Elmer H. Locke, pioneers of '49, came to this section and settled in 1850, building the original cabin on the top of Yankee hill under three oak trees early in 1851. A bricked-up well, still there, furnished their water supply.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609935734/?match=1&terms=%22locke%20house%22>

Stockton Independent Sun, Oct 23, 1927 ·Page 22

The original Locke house, situated on the property recently acquired by Ferdinand R. Bain, was recently called Mossdale and will now be La Lomita Rancho. The Mossdale company bought it from the Locke estate, being part of N.H. Locke's father's estate. The original Locke house, situated on the property, was shipped down the Atlantic coast, around the Horn, to San Francisco Bay. The house is still standing and architects are planning to convert it to a “colonial mansion.”

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/607924798/?match=1&terms=%22locke%20house%22>

The Record Thu, Mar 07, 1935 ·Page 18

The Elmer Locke house stood as a land mark until it was torn down by F. R. Bain.

Lodi News-Sentinel Jul 17, 2009

Locke's barn sheltered more than just hay

https://www.lodinews.com/features/vintage_lodi/article_33c07846-5277-5b73-a9d8-1627a63be889.html

Lodi News-Sentinel Mon, Jan 24, 1955 ·Page 6

Dr. Locke's brick-making

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033434139/?match=1&terms=%22locke%20house%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Mon, Jun 02, 1958 ·Page 9

The Locke house was formerly a store and post office, now an apartment house

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036445794/?match=1&terms=%22locke%20house%22>

California Historical Landmark:

Locke's ford <https://noehill.com/sanjoaquin/cal0365.asp>

Lodi Historical Society newsletter:

- [Early Lockeford](#) - Winter 2003. This issue with many photos describes the founding and development of Lockeford, near Lodi. The first pioneers, brothers Dean and Elmer Locke, arrived in 1850 and purchased 320 acres of the Andres Pico Mexican Grant. When their father and Delia Hammond, Dean's wife, arrived, they helped start a farm with a ford that made crossing the Mokelumne River possible. Soon a store, the White House, appeared, followed by a hotel. Chinese workers molded and fired bricks for the new structures. The growing town had strict temperance views and was thought to be free of alcohol. In 1882 the new

narrow-gauge railroad from Brack's Landing added Lockeford as a stop. Many of Lockeford's original structures are still visible today.

Find a Grave:

- Dean Jewett Locke
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18533676/dean-jewett-locke>
- Delia Marcella Hammond Locke
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18533724/delia-marcella-locke>

Locke Family Cemetery:

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/8122/locke-cemetery>