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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The "Dutton Hotel" was built by Antonio Ramirez in 1849. A one story rectangular adobe building, it served as a home and an inn for travelers and miners. The site was well supplied by water and was a natural setting for vaqueros to hold annual round ups of cattle herds.

The building was sold by Ramirez to Bowen and from Bowen to John Lee in 1871. It was sold by Lee to H.C. Dodge, who in turn sold it to Lt. George Dutton and Captain Tidball. Dutton, who became sole owner in 1876, added a second story of adobe construction as well as a wood frame structure at either end.

During the height of its popularity the first floor of the original adobe had two dining rooms on the north end, one for guests and the other for ranch hands and servants of travelers. The remainder of the first floor contained two parlors and accommodations for the owners. The second story had a central hall with rooms for guests on either side. A vine-covered balcony extended the entire length of the east side of the building. Located behind a trellis on the north end of the veranda on the first floor was an outdoor washroom where one could clean off the dirt of travelling before entering the Inn.

The wood structure attached to the south end contained a General Store and a post office in the front of the building and a saloon in the rear. The saloon had a huge fireplace, an ornate bar which had been brought around the Horn, and six or eight poker tables. The building on the north end served as a kitchen for the adjoining dining rooms.

In later years the Inn was one of the first buildings in the area to have inside plumbing and its own electric lighting system. Commercial electric power did not come into the Jolon area until the late 1930's.

When the property was purchased by William Randolph Hearst in 1929 the outbuildings were removed. There was hope during his ownership that the adobe would become a museum, however, it never materialized. In 1940 the U.S. Army acquired the property and the adobe was used as a recreation center and a bivouac area. As time went on the porch and other parts of the building were used for firewood. From 1950 to 1960, exposed to the elements, the building gradually began to deteriorate. Last year, 1969, the roof caved in, and it is doubtful if the walls that are still two stories in height will survive the winter rains.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The "Dutton Hotel", a California landmark, was a major stagecoach stop for a person travelling between San Francisco and San Diego in the late 1800's. The stages changed horses here and travelers often spent the night at the Inn. Visitors included vaqueros, teamsters, soldiers, miners, Indians, Spanish, Mexican and American settlers, trappers and cattlemen. A familiar name was Tiburcio Vasquez, the noted bandit.

The Inn was located on the original El Camino Real or King's Highway, which followed the trail of the Portola expedition of 1769. It became the nucleus for the settlement of Jolon, which by the year 1876 had numerous families in the area. Other buildings included a dance hall, located across the Camino Real from the Inn, a jail, blacksmith shop, and school. Some five miles to the west was the Mission San Antonio de Padua, first founded in 1771, and which today has been accurately restored.

The store at the Inn was the chief source of supply for foodstuffs, clothing, building supplies, and whatever people needed, for miners from the Los Burros Mining District in the Santa Lucia Mountains and for families who lived in Pacific Valley and other coastal areas. Perhaps twice a year they would visit the Inn, enjoy the hospitality of the Duttons for a few days, then gather supplies and return to their mines and ranches. The first post office in Jolon was located at the Inn.

While it was constructed about 1850 and continued to operate as a hotel until 1929, the "hey day" of the Inn was roughly from 1875 to 1910, until the completion of the railroad and the building of an automobile highway in the Salinas Valley. This new more direct route by-passed the Dutton Hotel by nearly twenty miles. The diversion of traffic reduced Jolon to the status of a "ghost town" within a few years.



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