

VESTIGES of Lands End



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Left: Sutro Cottage with statues at entrance, ca. 1880s-90s; Right: Rear view of Sutro Cottage, ca. 1894-1907.

Sutro Residence

What would be known as the Sutro residence at Sutro Heights was built in the 1860s by James Butler, first owner of the Cliff House. It was expanded by Samuel Tetlow, proprietor of the Bella Union Music Hall. Adolph Sutro purchased the house and grounds from Tetlow for \$15,000.

Sutro's modifications to the cottage were modest. He added a small side room, rear terrace, and several statues. Adolph Sutro died in 1898, leaving the cottage to his daughter, Emma Sutro Merritt, who lived there until her own death 40 years later. In 1939 the estate was demolished by the Works Progress Administration.