

The House that Jock Built

When Elizabeth finally saw the house, it ¹ part of her family legend for 200 years. It had been built by Jock Phillip, her distant ancestor who ² Scotland for America aged sixteen with nothing but the clothes on his back. Five years after arriving, he discovered a hidden treasure in California: a seam of gold, which he later mined. He had succeeded in ³ his fortunes, and with his earnings he built his ⁴ home.

It was the ⁵ house, large and beautiful, a house to pass down from generation to generation. It belonged to his children, then his grandchildren, and so on. When Elizabeth was young, she remembered ⁶ stories about it. For this reason she had always dreamed about ⁷ the house. Finally, her chance came.

While she ⁸ there, she suddenly felt a sense of sadness. She arrived and saw immediately that the house was badly ⁹ The walls, made of ¹⁰, were falling down, and the windows were long gone. Birds had made their homes in the roof.

