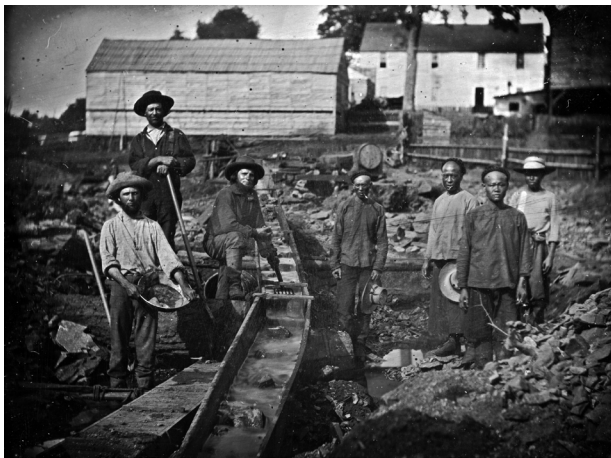


"GOLD MOUNTAIN: CHINESE CALIFORNIAN STORIES" EXHIBIT PRESS IMAGES & IMAGE CREDITS

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DESCRIPTION:

Until Chinese immigrants arrived in California in large numbers in 1852, white miners did not object to them and sometimes they even worked side by side. These men were mining at Auburn Ravine.

CREDIT:

Head of Auburn Ravine, circa 1852, by Joseph B. Starkweather. Courtesy of the California History Room, California State Library.



DESCRIPTION:

Born in San Francisco, Chinese American Wong Kim Ark (circa 1873-1939) was denied re-entry to the U.S. after a trip to China in 1895. Officials argued that Wong was not a U.S. citizen because his Chinese parents were not eligible for citizenship. He appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court and won. Today, anyone born in the U.S. is a citizen thanks to his case, *United States v. Wong Kim Ark*.

CREDIT:

Identification photograph on the affidavit "In the Matter of Wong Kim Ark, Native Born Citizen of the United States," filed with the Immigration Service on May 14, 1904. Courtesy of the National Archives and Records Administration.



DESCRIPTION:

The front page of the *San Francisco Call* on Nov. 22, 1901, gave banner coverage of the Chinese Exclusion Convention and the proposed re-enactment of the exclusion law "in defense of American labor."

CREDIT:

San Francisco Call, November 22, 1901. Courtesy of the Library of Congress.



DESCRIPTION:

From 1910 to 1940, most Chinese immigrants came through San Francisco and were detained at the immigration station on Angel Island. A Board of Special Inquiry was tasked with verifying identities and family relationships. Detainees could be there for weeks, months or even years.

CREDIT:

Immigration hearing at Angel Island, 1923. Courtesy of the National Archives and Records Administration.

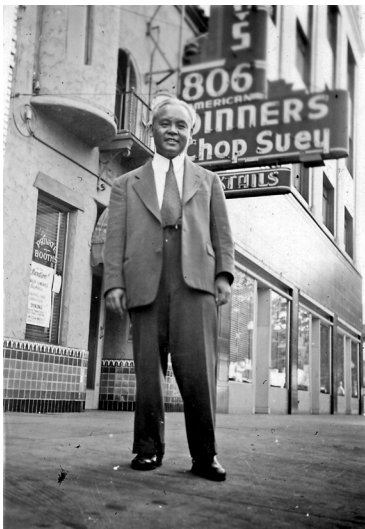


DESCRIPTION:

Born in Los Angeles, Anna May Wong (1905-1961) dropped out of high school to pursue her passion: acting. Cast in a leading role in "The Toll of the Sea" (1922) at age 17, Wong became the first Chinese American movie star. Throughout her career, however, she was cast in stereotypical roles.

CREDIT:

Anna May Wong, a portrait, dated February 12, 1937. Courtesy of the Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles Herald Examiner Photo Collection.



DESCRIPTION:

Frank Fat (1904-1997), an immigrant from Canton, China, founded his namesake Sacramento restaurant at 806 L Street. Located blocks from the State Capitol, the eatery has attracted generations of politicians and power brokers. In 2019, Frank Fat's celebrated its 80th anniversary and today is the oldest Sacramento restaurant operating in its original location. It is still run by Fat's descendants.

CREDIT:

Frank Fat, circa 1940s. Courtesy of the Fat Family Restaurant Group.



DESCRIPTION:

World War II was a turning point in popular attitudes toward Chinese Americans. Allied against a common enemy, Japan, improved relations between China and the U.S., coupled with the war efforts of Chinese Americans, led to wider acceptance of Chinese Americans on the home front.

CREDIT:

A Chinese soldier guards a line of American P-40 fighter planes in China, circa 1942. Courtesy of the National Archives and Records Administration.



DESCRIPTION:

Luella Chinn Louie (1916-2009) was one of many Chinese Americans who served her country during World War II. Trained as a riveter, Chin worked at the Alameda Naval Air Base during the war.

CREDIT:

Luella Chinn Louie, Alameda Naval Air Base, circa 1940s. Courtesy of Janice Chow.



DESCRIPTION:

Born in San Francisco, actor Bruce Lee (1940-1973) challenged stereotypes of Chinese American men as physically weak. Lee was transformational for a generation of Chinese Americans who had been bullied for their ethnicity.

CREDIT:

Bruce Lee publicity photograph from "Fists of Fury" (1972), National General Pictures. Public domain.



DESCRIPTION:

Journalist Lisa Ling struggled to accept her heritage while growing up in suburban Sacramento as the daughter of Chinese American immigrants. Inspired to pursue her career by NBC anchor Connie Chung, Ling has been a national television host since 1999 on shows including ABC's *The View* and *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. Since 2014, she has hosted and produced the CNN series *This Is Life with Lisa Ling*.

CREDIT:

Courtesy of Lisa Ling.

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