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Chung Nye of New Westminster, B.C

*--- A Canadian Story from the Perspective of
Chinese Pioneers living in B.C. during the
1880s to 1920s*

二埠的蔣柰

——卑詩省華裔先民在的加國故事

新會梅閣 蔣汶德 撰

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May 17, 2012

Chung Nye 蔣柰, 字經可 *ca 1867-1928 AD*

At age 16, Chung Nye left his home village of Moy Kwok (梅閣鄉) with a friend for the Gold Mountains

They landed in Victoria B.C. in April 1882

His career as

1. Contractor in the salmon canning industry,
2. Operator of Sun Kum Wo (新錦和),

Personifies the contribution of
Chinese pioneers in British Columbia

Chung Nye 蔣柰, 字經可 ca 1867–1928 AD

The story of Chung Nye begins
with a family portrait taken in 1922 ...
on the occasion of son On Whei's visit
to New Westminster ...

The Chung Nye Family Portrait, 1922

Son 安翹 丁
On 翹 西
Kui 字

Son 紹賢 紹
On 賢 字
Whei 安懷



安偉 Nephew
On Wey

北強 Nephew
字 安順 On Shun

Chung Nye
蔣柰, 字經可

Chung Nye 蔣柰, 字經可 ca 1867–1928 AD

The paths of the 4 young men diverged as each pursued their aspirations.

Two stayed in Canada, whereas nephew On Wey moved to the U.S.

The visiting son On Whei served in the rebuilding of China.

Destiny came to full circle 40 years later when their paths converged again in North America...

Happy Re-union, 1966

44 years after the family portrait was taken,
On Whei (*right*) visited Vancouver again.

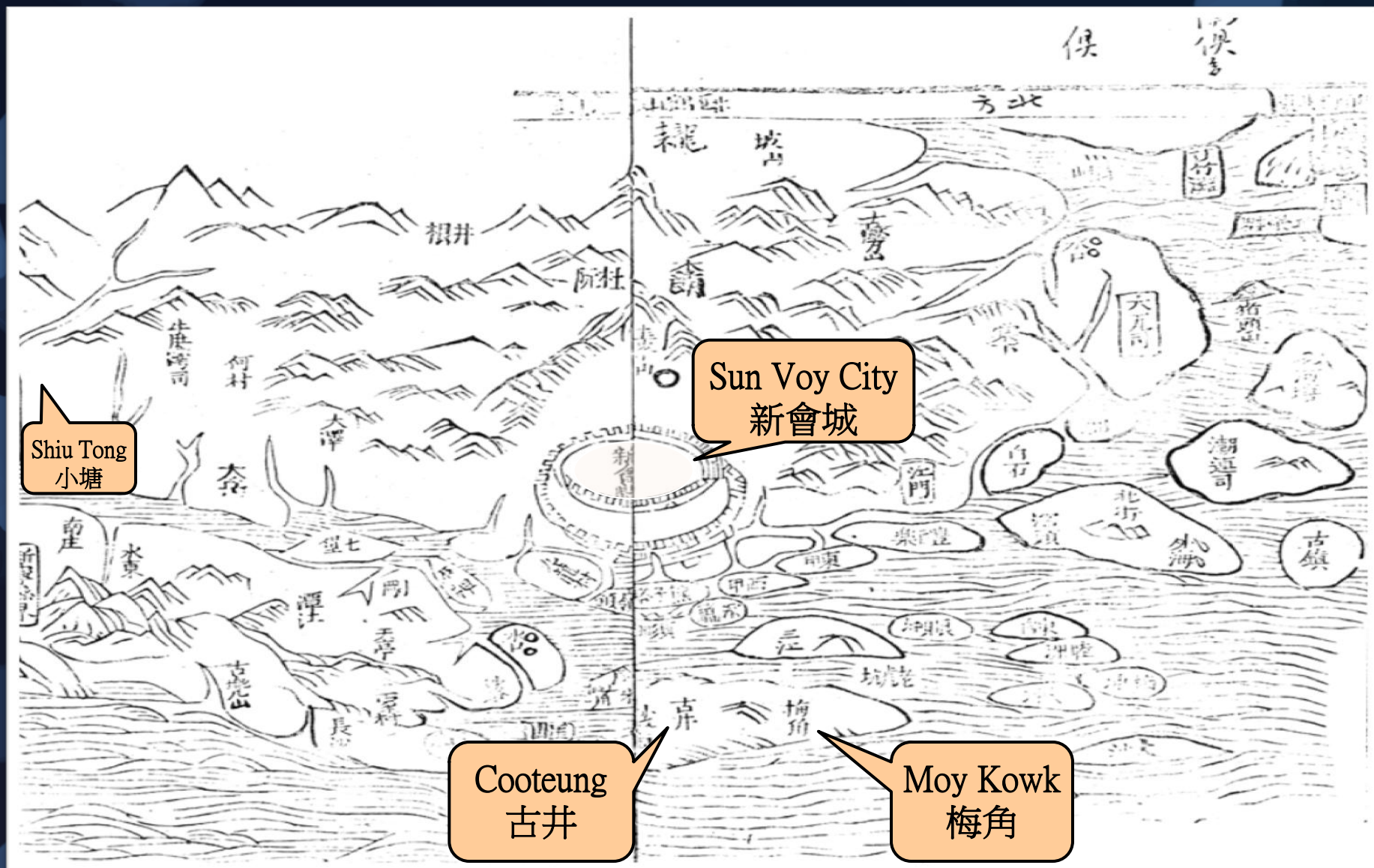


On Kui
安翹

On Shun
安順

On Whei
安懷

1741 Map of Sun Voy City



The History of Chung Nye

- told by his grandson Chi Ho Chiang 蔣麒賀

- ❖ Chung Nye received a Family Settlement Fee (安家費), an advance meant to bridge family needs until the sojourner could send money home.
- ❖ He left the 12 pieces of silver dollar (dai yong 大洋) with his widowed mother for the family.
- ❖ Chung Nye became a contractor for salmon canneries in B.C. He was well respected for recruiting fellow villagers from home.
- ❖ He founded Sun Kum Wo (新錦和), a Chinese herbal and grocery store in New Westminster.

The History of Chung Nye

- told by his grandson Chi Ho Chiang 蔣麒賀

- ❖ Chung Nye bought gold claims from Caucasian partners, it turned out to be fool's gold (pyrite).
- ❖ He befriended Leong Kia Chew (梁啟超) when Leong visited Vancouver in 1903. Nye supported the Reform movement in China.
- ❖ Chi Ho never met his grandfather in person. He got a glimpse of Chung Nye through the glass window of the casket, when the embalmed remain was returned to Moy Kwok for interment.
- ❖ Chi Ho was twelve years old at the time.

Register of Chinese Immigration (1885-1949)

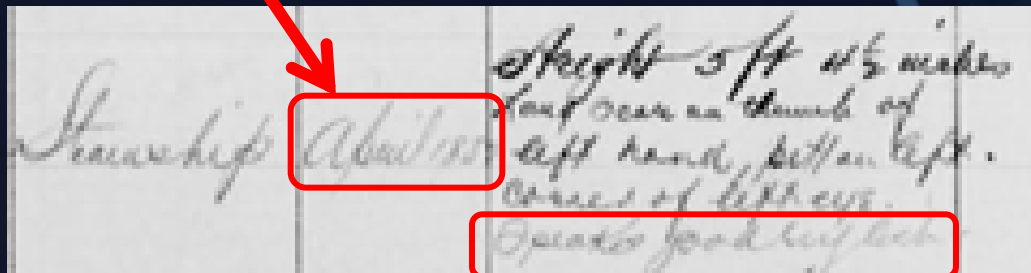
On-line Records, Library & Archives Canada

On line search turned up 3 entries for Chung Nye:

1) November 8, 1895, Port of New Westminster
Declaration No. 414, CI5: 832598, CI6: 6587;
Returning from China, merchant Chung Nye, Age 32,
Entry Fee \$0.50, Place of Birth: Canton, China.

Physical Description: "Height 5ft 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Long
scar on thumb of left hand, pilt on left corner of left
eye. Speaks good English."

First arrival date: April 1882, in Victoria,
by steamship.



Port of New Westminster

Register of Chinese Immigration.

2 No. of Statement and Declaration.	3 NAMES.	5 Date of Registration.	6 7 CERTIFICATE ISSUED.		8 Fee Paid. — Amount.	9 Sex.	10 Age.	11 12 13 PLACE OF BIRTH.		
			C. I. B.	C. I. C.				City or Village.	District.	Province, &c.
		1895								
114	Chung Nye	Nov 8	127896	6587		50	32	do	19158	do

Chung Nye, Nov.8, 1895

Port of New Westminster B.6

14 Title, Official Rank, Profession or Occupation.	15 Last Place of Domicile.	16 17 18 ARRIVAL IN CANADA.			19 Physical Marks or Peculiarities.
		Port or Place of.	Name of Vessel, Railway or other Conveyance.	Date of.	
do	China	do	Steamship	April 1882	Height 5 ft 4 1/2 inches Long scar on thumb of left hand, bitten left. corner of left eye. Speaks good English

1st Arrival: April, 1882; Speaks good English

Register of Chinese Immigration (1885-1949)

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- ✓ April 1882 coincided with the arrival of the 2,000 men recruited by Andrew Onderdonk, on contract with the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company (CPR).
- ✓ Only the CPR, in desperate need for workers could afford to pay a Family Settlement Fee (安家費) of 12 silver dollars.
- ❖ The 16 year old Chung Nye and his friend had to be among the 2,000 men contracted to lay tracks along the Fraser Canyon for Canada.

Register of Chinese Immigration (1885-1949)

On-line Records, Library & Archives Canada

Another record:

2) June 5, 1901, Port of Vancouver

Serial No. 37628, CI5: 32004;

Returning from Hong Kong, labourer Chung Nye, age 38, Entry Fee \$100 Head Tax.

Place of Birth: Moy Gock, Senwoy, China

Vessel: Empress of Japan

Physical Description:

“5 ft. 5, scar right corner left eye, scar on left thumb, scar on left 2nd & 3rd finger.”

Register of Chinese Immigration (1885-1949)

On-line Records, Library & Archives Canada

More record:

3) February 3, 1906, Port of Vancouver

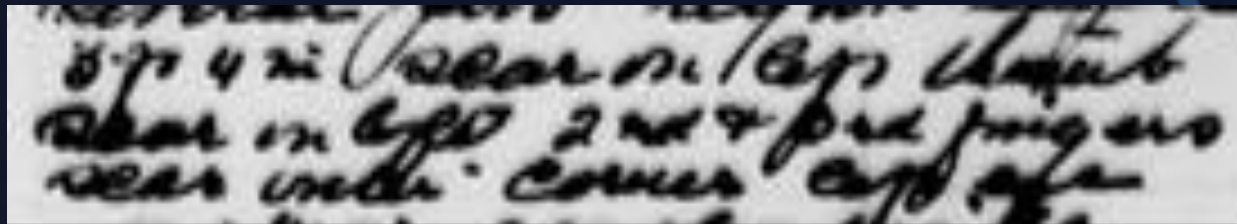
Serial No. 51591, CI5: 45030;

Returning from Hong Kong, merchant Chung Nye,
age 43, Exempted from Head Tax;

Place of Birth: Go Deung (古井), Senwoy, China

Vessel: Empress of China

Physical Description: "5ft.4 in, scar on left thumb,
scar on left 2nd & 3rd fingers, scar under corner
left eye."



1891 Census of Canada

District 2, New Westminster,

Sub District 6, New Westminster, pages 34-35

June 6, 1891

House No. 140, w 2/10,

Head of household:

Jung Nye, age 28,
married, Buddhist.

40 occupants,

4 could read & write

English: Jung Nye,

Lee Sing Jack,

How Lum, & Jung Tie

W 2/10	140.	Jung Nye	"	m	28	m	—
		"	"	m	28	m	L
		Hoe Chung	"	m	30	—	L
		Gau So	"	m	32	m	L
		Wong Lee Hung	"	m	32	—	L
		Lee Sing Jack	"	m	148	m	L
		How Lum	"	m	29	—	L
		Mon Gou	"	m	33	m	L
		Wong Nang	"	m	30	—	L
		Jung Sing	"	m	27	—	L
		Jung Yet	"	m	28	—	L
		Lucy Ma	"	m	35	m	L
		Jung Chee Yau	"	m	42	m	L
		Ye Wong Chong	"	m	27	m	L
		Lam Poo	"	m	27	—	L
		Chung Gong	"	m	17	—	L
		Chau Joe	"	m	29	m	L

Census of Canada 1891
District 2, New Westminster,
Sub District 6, New Westminster, pages 34-35

“...For the reference you found in the 1891 census for Jung Nye, W2/10 refers to a wooden, two-story building, with ten rooms. The number 140 is the household number, i.e. it was the 140th household the census enumerator recorded for that sub-district. Under Relation to Head of Family, L means lodger. This means that the men listed on that page were living in a rooming house.”

*---Ms. Mary Munk of Library & Archive Canada,
personal communication, April 8, 2010*

Chung Nye in 1891

Nine Years After Arrival

- Chung Nye had transformed from labourer to the head of a 40 men household in New Westminster
- He established his cannery career
- At 28, Chung Nye was married, could read and write English
- His first trip home likely took place in 1887-89.
- Chung Nye built two identical houses of solid stone blocks. One for his mom and himself, the other for his younger brother Leon Ho (倫可), father of his nephews.

The Moy Kwok Cannery Pioneers

With a pool of skilled cannery hands, Chung Nye & the Moy Kwok clan secured contracts along the B.C. Coast :

- New Westminster (烏埠), Delta,
- Steveston (市姊廠), Vancouver (雲埠)
- Bella Coola (巴罈咕罈), Klemtu (加欖粗),
- Prince Rupert (片市魯別), Port Edward,
- Nitnet (乃遠叻, 乃典律) and
- many other locals.

The Moy Kwok Cannery Pioneers

Some of the Moy Kwok Contractors

- Chung On Shun (Chong Quong, 蔣北強, 安順),
- Chong On Wey (蔣安偉),
- Chong On Kui (蔣安翹)
- Chong Yat (蔣逸琴, 字安烈),
- Chong Dot (蔣炳達, 字安鰲),
- Chong You (蔣有, 字容可),
- Chung Sat (蔣述, 字國多),
- Chong Tee Poy (蔣池沛, 字會可) ...

1922 Brunswick Cannery Contract
Chung Nye & B.C. Packers
--Courtesy of Chung Collection, UBC, ID 101-1-6

This Agreement made in duplicate at Vancouver, B. C.,
this **TWENTY-FIFTH** day of **JANUARY**, A. D. 19**22**,
Between
CHUNG NYE
of **VANCOUVER, B.C.** in the Province of British Columbia, hereinafter called the parties
of the first part, and **BRITISH COLUMBIA FISHING & PACKING CO., LTD.**
~~and the BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKERS ASSOCIATION~~ of Vancouver,
British Columbia, hereinafter called the parties of the second part.
Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the covenants on the part of
the said parties of the second part hereinafter contained, hereby covenant and agree to and with the
parties of the second part in the manner following, that is to say :
That they will, at any and all times during the canning season of 19**22**, supply to the parties of
the second part all skilled labor, not less than ----- good men, required by them or their
manager at their Cannery on **FRASER RIVER** called **B RUN S W I C K**
Cannery in the work of making such cans as are required, and for the purpose of packing their salmon

Chung Nye Dealings with New Westminster City Council 1895-1926

1895, Sept 23	Chung Nye asking permission to lay building material on Carnarvon Street . Granted
1896, Nov. 9	Chung Nye & co. asking for short sidewalk on Carnarvon Street – Board of Works to act.
1897, May 31	Chung Nye: Revenue Tax Fine – Finance to report
1899, Mar. 20	[<i>The Great New West Fire, Sept 10, 1898</i>] Chung Nye asking for sidewalk – Board of Works to report.
1899, Apr. 17	Chung Nye asking refund of water rate paid in advance, the premises having been destroyed by fire...
1899, May 15	The accounts paid in advance on water services... destroyed by fire on September 10 last be refunded .
1910, Jan. 17	Corbould & Grant re: Sun Kum Wo's claim. City Solicitor to report at an early date.

Chung Nye & the Chinese Reform Association

- 1916, [Sep. 5, Top floor of CRA on fire] Chung Nye & others asking
Sept. permission to rebuild roof of building belonging to
25 Chinese Reform Assn. Also report of Building Inspector on
same, recommending that a life of 1 ½ years be placed on
building. Granted & recommended. Adopted
- 1918, "The Building Inspector attended and referred to the fire at
July the building owned by the Chinese Reform Association
04 which destroyed the roof. He stated that the building was a
well built one and provided the top story was removed
and a new roof put on would comply with the regulations
of the No. 2 Fire Limits. The Insurance Co, offered \$100.00
for damage done, which would cover repairs, but he
advised that alterations mentioned be made at a cost of
\$235.00. On motion the Building Inspector was instructed
to negotiate with the Chinese Reform Association to have
this done."

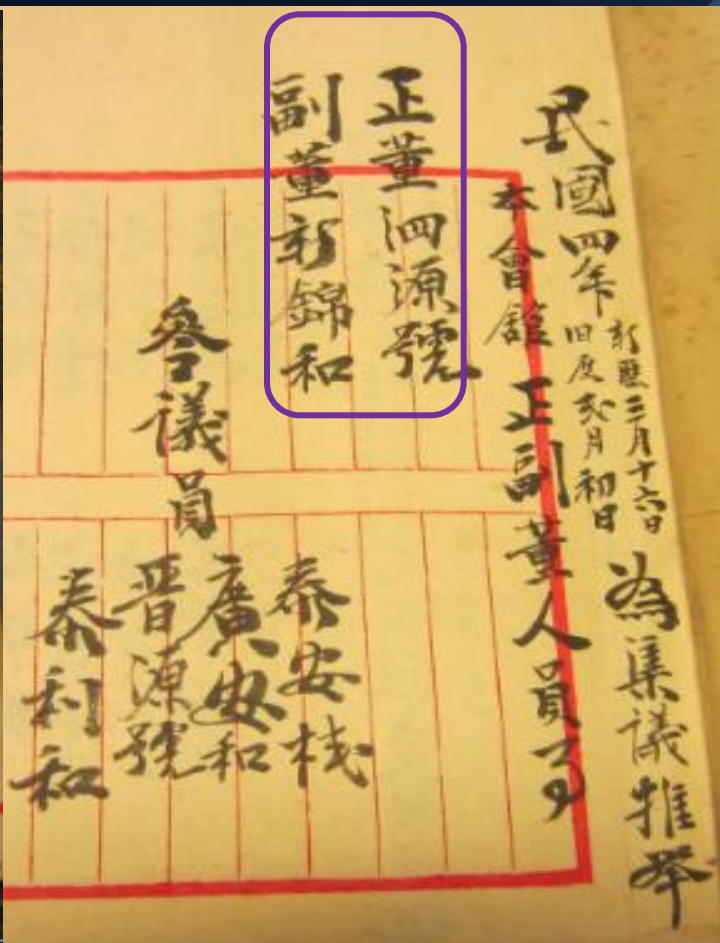
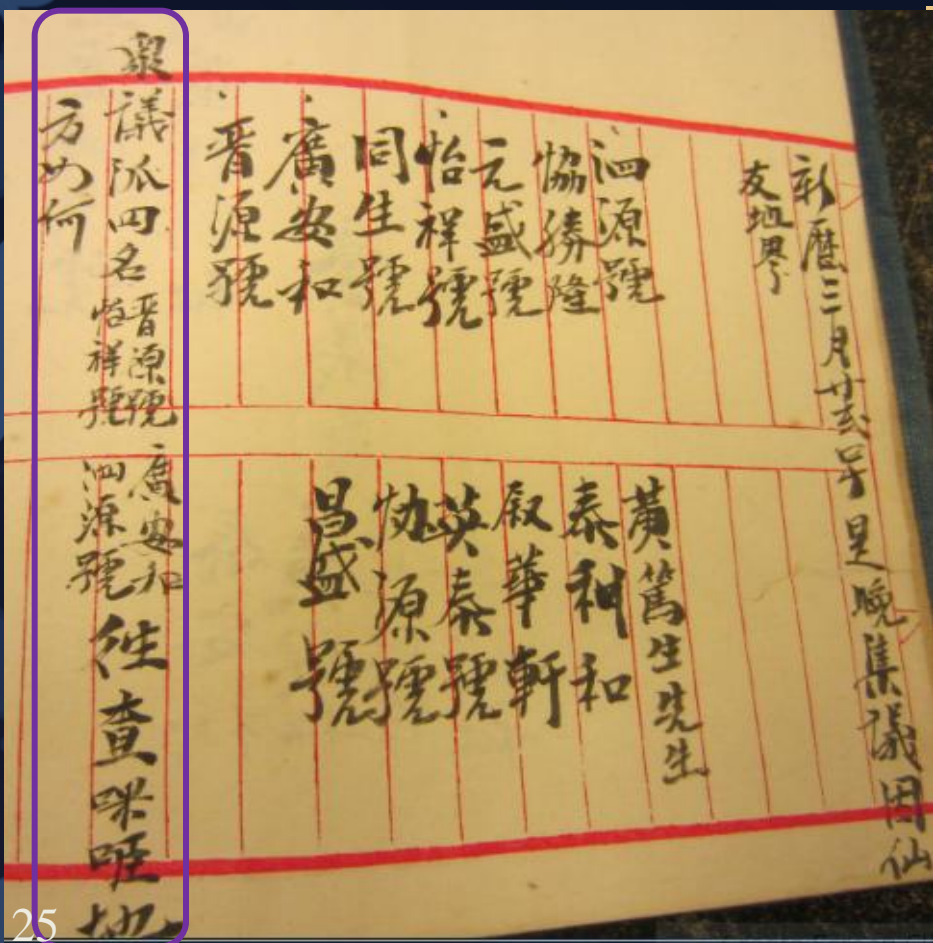
Chung Nye & Tom Hin

Purchased 1047 Royal Ave for \$750 in 1923

1923, Aug 13	<p>“That the offer of Tom Hin and Chung Nye to purchase the re-sub of Lot S.P. 3, City Block 36, for the sum of \$750.00 – payable \$150.00 cash, balance in 6,12, and 18 months, with 6% on deferred payments, be accepted, and bylaw prepared accordingly.”</p> <p>[譚欽,蔣奈1920/5/15,p10,ChineseTimes]</p>
1923, Nov 16	<p>“Re: the application of Chung Nye and Yuen Ching for repairs to roadway and sidewalk adjoining corner of Royal Avenue and 11th Street – this matter has received attention. ADOPTED”</p>

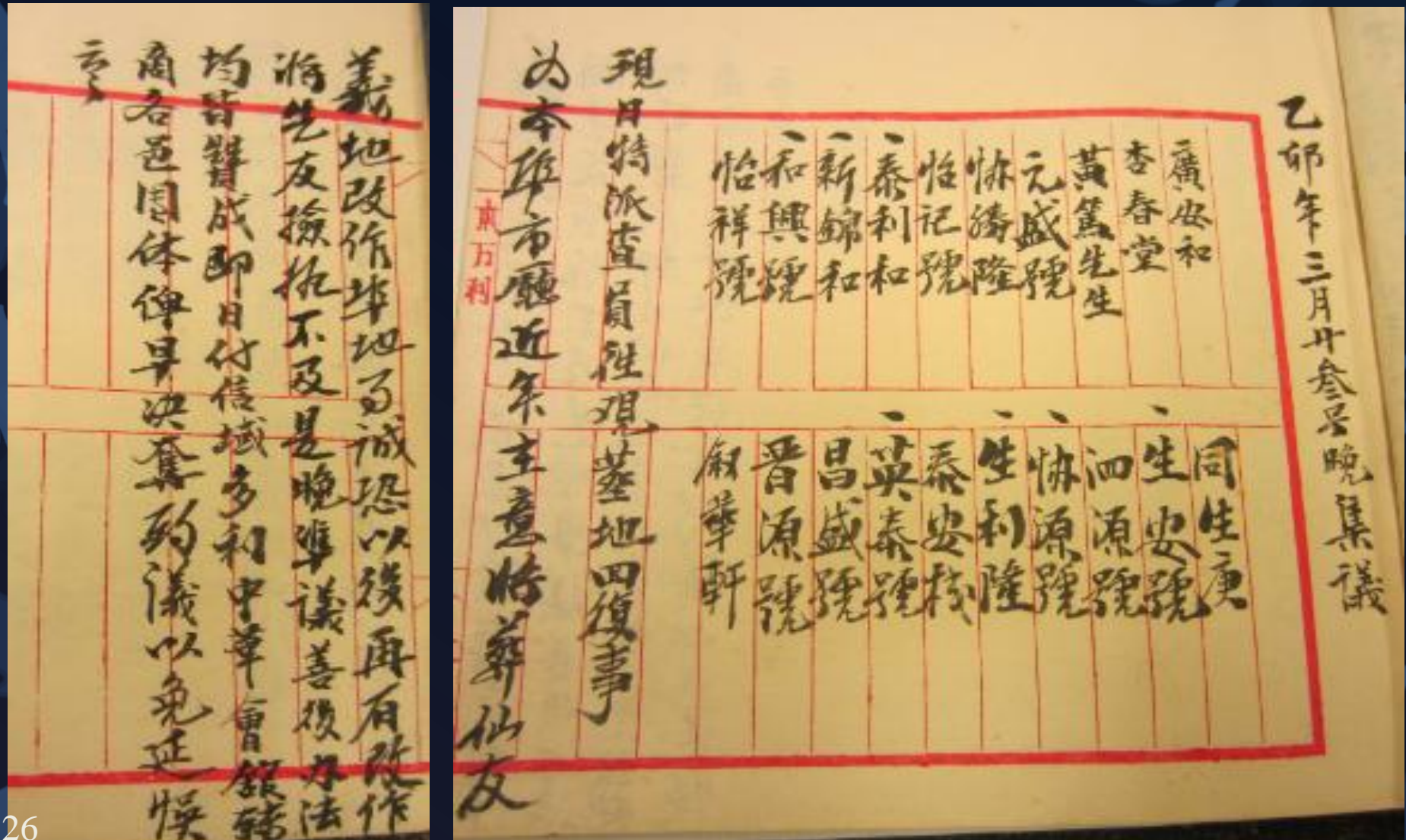
Chinese Benevolent Association (CBA) in New Westminster Minutes of 1915

March 16: Chung Nye of Sun Kum Wo 新錦和 elected Vice-Chair.
March 22: CBA appointed 4 members to check on burial site issues.
[Nov. 9, 1914: City cancelled the 1909 Chinese Cemetery Agreement]



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March 23: Confirmed that City has revoked the Chinese Cemetery.
 Prompt action needed to reclaim buried remains. CBA to request
 Victoria CBA to alert its members of the need for quick action.

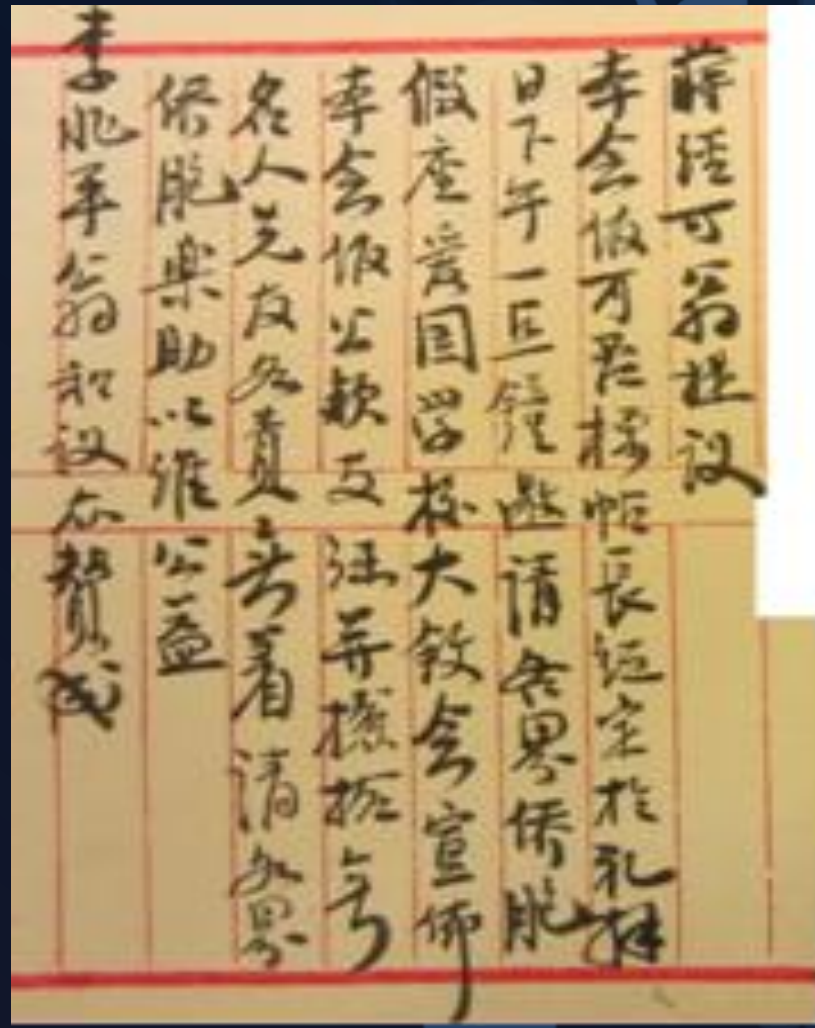


April 26, 1916: Chung Nye proposed a public meeting be held on Sunday to fund raise for reclaiming buried remains.

[July 7, 1919: City approved Mah Chan to exhume 21 or more remains at the 8th Street Chinese Cemetery.]

蔣經可翁提議

本會館可否標帖長紅、定於禮拜
日下午一點鐘邀請各界僑胞、
假座愛國學校大叙會、宣佈
本會館公款支「？」、並撿拾無
名人先友、各責無着、請各界
僑胞樂助、以維公益。
李兆平翁和議、眾贊成。



--- Courtesy of New Westminster Museum & Archives

步以流溪與

“Diplomatic” Visit of Kang Yu Wei in 1899

- June – Sept., 1898 Wushu Reform 戊戌變法
- Kang Yu Wei 康有為 and his secretary Li Yung arrived in Victoria on April 7, 1899
- Kang, age 42, 5ft 2in, of Nan Hoy 南海 County diplomatic corps, exempted from Head Tax
- Li Yang, age 27, 5ft 3.5in, Nan Hoy, secretary, exempted from Head Tax
- They boarded the MV Igumi Maru at Yokohama, Japan
- Immigration file: Microfilm C9512 e0060666

Visit of Kang Yu Wei 康有為

http://data2.collectionscanada.gc.ca/e/e243/e006066675.pdf

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NAMES	Port or Place where Registered.	Date of Registration.	CERTIFICATE ISSUED.		Fee Paid.	Sex.	Age.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	
			C.I. & No.	C.I. & No.				City or Village.	District.
Gong Lee Shong	Victoria	April 8 1899	22976	5.00	Male	20	Pan Wen	Pan Yue	
Gong Yau	"	8 22977	131900	5.00	"	33	"	"	
Gong Lee Hung	"	8 22978		5.00	"	33	"	"	
Gong Bue	"			5.00	"	29	"	"	
Hong Poy Lai	"	8 22980		5.00	"	27	Hing On	Lun Ning	
Kang Yu Wei	"	12 22981		5.00	"	28	Canton	Nam Tay	
Li Yung	"	12 22982		5.00	"	27	"	"	
30	"	14 22983		5.00	"	28	Dai Yue	Pan Yue	

Kang Yu Wei 康有為
Li Yung

Leong Kia Chew Toured America in 1903

Mar. 3, 1903 Leong Kia Chew 梁啟超 & his entourage arrived at Vancouver on the Empress of India

- Leong Kia Chew 梁啟超 age 30, 5ft 5in, of Senwey 新會 [茶坑], boarded from Yokohama 橫濱
- His entourage boarded from Hong Kong
- Wong Wai Chee 黃慧之 age 24, 5ft 5.5in, of Yokohama
- Pow Chee 鮑熾 age 46, 5ft 4in, of Hung San 香山
- Pow Man Cheong 鮑文昌 age 17, of Yokohama
- Their \$100 Head Tax was refunded on Mar. 15
- Immigration file: Microfilm C9512 e0060668

Leong Kia Chew 梁啟超
Wong Wai Chee 黃慧之
Pow Chee 鮑熾
Pow Man Cheong 鮑文昌

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Chung Nye died on November 14, 1928

殷商又弱一個

二埠函、殷商蔣奈翁字經可，新會梅閣人。向承辦雇工製沙文魚罐頭事務。去月因在魚濕食山羊肉煲醋，即覺身體不豫，隨出二埠入醫院調治、越時四日、頗覺痊可、乃出院。未幾舊病復發、遂再入院、至昨晨五時、醫藥罔效。心血管崩裂、延至下午一時、竟與世長辭、享壽共十有五。查蔣翁為人、胸懷磊落、忠厚待人、歷任憲政黨總理。對於社會與黨務、靡不竭力贊襄。今忽歸道山、聞者莫不惋惜。長子紹賢君、英年卓犖、向負笈華北、畢業于天津大學。次子安翹亦學貫中西、已于上月返國云。

Funeral Record of Chung Nye

Place of Death:

1047 Royal Ave

Cause of death: **Cancer**

Died: Nov. 14, 1928

Age: 62

[Vital Statistics: Age 66]

Where Born: China

Occupation: **Merchant & contractor**

Residence: 1047 Royal Av

Where Buried: China

Physician: Geo. E. Drew

Funeral cost: \$455.00

Courtesy of Bowell & Son

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FUNERAL RECORD AND LEDGER

Ordered by S. B. Drew Charged to A. G. Allison Residence _____

Place of Death <u>1047 Royal Ave.</u>	Casket <u>250</u> Box <u>70</u> Plate <u>500.00</u>	Mar <u>27/01</u>	By Cash <u>455.00</u>
Cause of Death <u>Cancer</u>	Hearse <u>Lining</u>		
Name <u>Chung Nye</u>	Coaches		
Age <u>62</u>	Crape <u>Claves</u> Ribbon		
Died <u>Nov 14/28</u>	Embalming <u>50.00</u>		
Where Born <u>China</u>	Grave <u>Digging</u> <u>Tramming</u>		
Occupation <u>Mechanic & Contractor</u>	Printing		
Residence <u>1047 Royal Ave.</u>	Attendance		
Where Buried <u>China</u>	Buried		
Date of Funeral	Chapel		
Minister	<u>Services</u> <u>50.00</u>		
Physician <u>S. B. Drew</u>	<u>Express</u> <u>75.00</u>		
	<u>455.00</u>		

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When was Chung Nye Born?
Immigration & Census Records point to 1864
Family History & Funeral Record suggest 1867

Chung Nye Estate

The Chinese Time

December 10, 1928, page 13

December 8, 1928

the B.C. Supreme Court
validated Chung Nye's
will and awarded his
estate of \$24,193 to son
On Whei (蔣紹賢,
Chiang Shao Hsien).

蔣柰翁之遺產
二埠八日電：本處法庭業經察
驗囑書三通、內有壹通乃屬拾
一月拾四日逝世之華商蔣柰者。
囑書聲明遺產二萬四千一百九
拾三元、歸其子蔣紹賢承領、
官已判准施行矣。

大漢公報 一九廿八年十二月十日

Chiang Shao Hsien 蔣紹賢 字安懷, 1895-1974

On Whei, the 2nd Son of Chung Nye

- Graduate of Tien Jing University (天津大學)
- Polytechnic Business College Oakland California
Diploma in Business Training
April 16, 1924
- Modernization of China



Controller, Engineering Division, Ji Jiang 浙江 Province
Ji Jiang Railways 杭江鐵路, Chien Tang Jian Bridge 錢塘江大橋, Negotiated a \$7 million construction loan.
War Efforts: Controller of Army Corp of Engineers,
Yun Nam Airport, Yun Nam-Siam Rail Proj (滇緬鐵路)

Shao Hsien Honoured by the Constitution Reform Association, December, 1922

憲政會之大讌會

When Shao Hsien visited his father Chung Nye, the Reform Association held a banquet in his honour. **Chairman Won Cumyou** invited Shao Hsien to give an eye witness account of recent political upheavals in China. It was well received...

蔣柰翁之長公子蔣紹賢先生、在中國北京肄業多年、茲者學成來遊此地。并陳宗璜先生奉北京孔教會委任、籌建北京孔教總會堂、駕臨本埠數日。昨日下午六時、憲政會諸先生特設酒與兩先生晤談、酒酣之餘、會長溫金有翁宣布設讌理由、先請蔣紹賢先生演講、亹亹而談、尤足動聽....

An Eulogy In Memory of Leung Kia Chew 1873-1929

From ten thousand miles away,
the sad obituary came; Who
would have thought that our
face to face encounter in Peking
seven years ago, Turned out to
be an everlasting memory?

Draped as a kin, we share a
teacher to student bond; Your
teachings and lofty publications
stacking tall, Shall forever be
echoed by followers to come.

--- Chiang Shao Hsien

雲埠憲政追悼梁任公先生輓聯

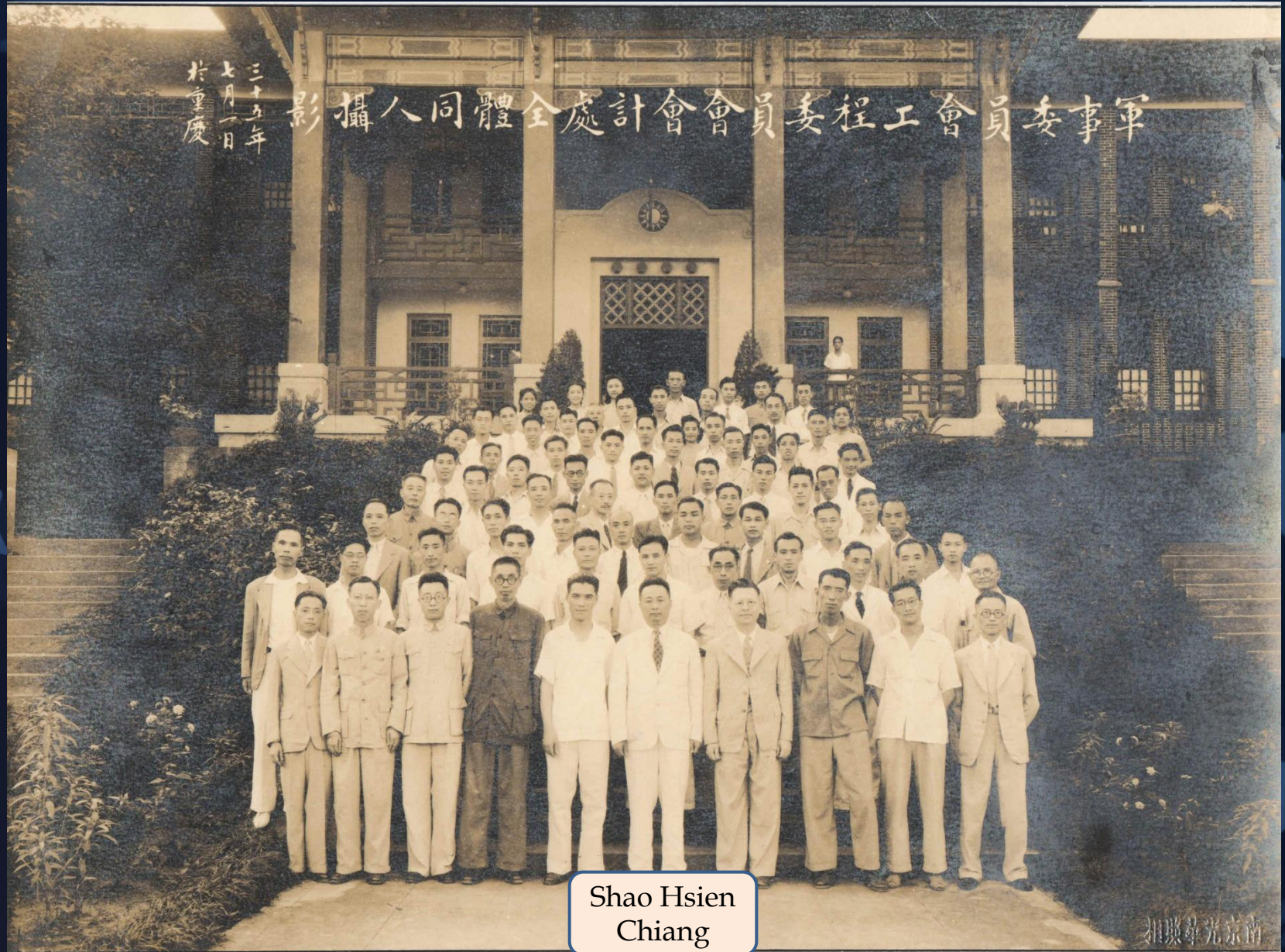
訃聞萬里、面隔七年、回首京華一別那
知成永訣

自有傳人

親附葭莩、情同師弟、等身著作千秋應

蔣紹賢

Controller Branch, Army Engineers Corp. Chiang Shao Hsien & His Staff, 1946



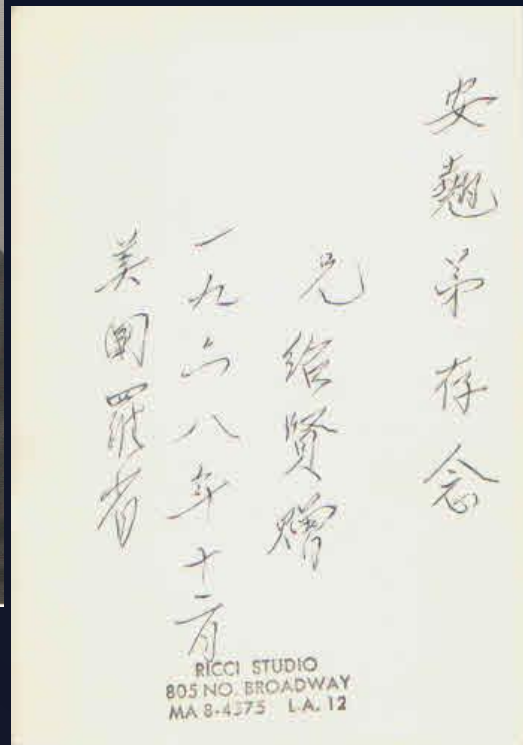
Shao Hsien
Chiang

南光華照

Chiang Shao Hsien Resettled in America

- Chiang Shao Hsien went to Hong Kong in 1950.
- He left for Cuba in 1952 to join his son Luis Chiong.
- In 1960 Luis fled Cuba to Florida with only US\$5 in his pocket. He got a job at Trader Vic the next day. He sent for his father in Cuba right away.
- Shao Hsien soon accepted a job as secretary-custodian for the Los Angeles Kong Chow Benevolent Association at 931 N. Broadway.
- Chiang Shao Hsien passed away at age 79, on June 2, 1974. He was laid to rest at the Los Angeles Chinese Cemetery.

Shao Hsien Chiang, 1968



Chong Ding Yow 蔣丁酉 字安翹, 1897-1978

On Kiu, the 3rd Son of Chung Nye

- Ding Yow, age 14, landed in Vancouver May 15, 1910, Under the Name of Ching Ding Yow.
- \$500 Head Tax exempted, merchant's son
- He Graduated from High School in New Westminster
- Fluent in both Chinese and English
- Career journalist for the Chinese Times in Vancouver
- Retired as General Manager, April 1, 1958
- Renowned for his lyrics & couplets
- Member of the Chinese Freemason
- Chair of the 3rd Pan-America Freemason Conference in Vancouver, January, 1950.

The 3rd Pan-America Conference of the Freemason Party of China
 Vancouver, B.C. January 15, 1950
 Conference Chair: On Kiu Chong



K.S. Wong
USA

Y.K. Chan
USA

J.W. Wang
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S.Y. Seto
Cuba

加國支部分代表
何勤洲
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Chong Quong 蔣北強 字安順, 1891-1972

On Shun, nephew of Chung Nye

- Chong Quong came at age 12 to stay with Chung Nye in 1903. He became a Chinese boss at age 18.
- He was a well known figure with B.C. Packers and Nelson Brothers.
- His son Danny Chung (蔣章霖) held contract with the Port Edward Cannery of Nelson Brothers until 1959.
- Quong's younger son, Wayne Horne Chong (蔣榮漢) retired from the Canadian Fishing Company's Home Plant at the Foot of Gore Ave in Vancouver.

Bountiful Harvest at Steveston, ca. 1950's

Chong Quong standing next to a bailful of salmon, and holding a 30 lb. Spring salmon in each hand.

Location: Nelson Brothers Phoenix Cannery or B.C. Packers Imperial Plant

Credit: This photo, kindly provided by Dr. Brian Ho, belongs to the Chong Quong Family.



Charles On Wey Chong 蔣安偉, 1894-1968

Nephew of Chung Nye

- Charles On Wey stayed with Chung Nye in New Westminster. He was a member of the cannery clan.
- He and his cannery crew donated to the Vancouver Gee Gong Tong (雲域致公堂) in 1930.
- Charles moved to New York in the 1930's and later worked as a bar tender in Washington D.C.
- He retired in Los Angeles.
- In 1963, three generations of the On Wey family were finally re-united when his wife, his son Shek Wan (蔣石穩) and family landed in Los Angeles on February 28.
- On Wey passed away at age 74 in 1968. He was laid to rest at the Los Angeles Chinese Cemetery.

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Lee Yip Sang of Sartuey 沙堆 李業勝

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IMMIGRATION BRANCH — DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
THIS CERTIFIES THAT

OTTAWA, January 24th 1916.

Chang Fook (Chang Fook Yang) of New Westminster, B. C.
whose photograph is hereto attached claims to be
Chang Fook who arrived at
Vancouver on the 2nd day of April 1909.
who was registered at Ottawa under No. 6138 at Vancouver
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PHOTOGRAPH OF CHANG FOOK

BRITISH AMERICAN BANK BUREAU OF OTTAWA

Lee Yip Sang & Rudy Chiang Vancouver B.C., 1964



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This is to certify that the person, whose photograph
appears on the face of this certificate, has registered
as required by Section 18, of the Chinese Immi-
gration Act, 1921.

Dated at Vancouver B.C.
this 27th day of June 1964

Controller of Chinese Immigration

DISCUSSION

Head Tax: An Exploitation Tariff

- A \$50 Head Tax was imposed in 1885
 - Raised to \$100 in 1900
 - Jumped to \$500 in 1903

ASSUMING IN 1903

AT AN AVERAGE WAGE
OF \$35 PER MONTH

Canada extracted a 14 month equivalent of
free labour from every arriving Chinese
worker up front...

ROOM AND BOARD WAS NOT PROVIDED

DISCUSSION

Head Tax: An Exploitation Tariff

The Invisible Hand of the Free Market Economy was handcuffed by the excuse of “Cheap Labour”

THINGS HAVE NOT CHANGED

Modern Anti-Dumping Tariff
Replaced the Head Tax

❖ JULY 1, 1923, A DAY TO REMEMBER

- The Chinese Exclusion Act closed all doors to the Chinese.
- It too closed the door to potential economic growth for the Province & the Dominion.
- New Westminster's population declined.

Opportunity Cost of Discrimination

Discrimination

- ✓ Deprived financial rewards to Chinese workers
- ✓ Taxed the discriminator in productivity gains.
- ❖ The opportunity cost of discrimination, measured as *impeded economic growth to the discriminator* is seldom acknowledged.

Denial of National Identity

- Chung Nye & family accepted the dichotomy of their Canadian identity, without compromising their Chinese cultural affinity.
- Canada was their home.
- Even if they have to wait until 1949 for recognition.

National Identity & Cultural Affinity

A Dichotomy of Divided Loyalty?

- ✓ **National Identity** is a commitment to where one lives, and contributes to.
- ✓ **Cultural Affinity** is an expression of the life-style one prefers to live.
- ❖ **Where** one lives and **how** one lives, are two distinct issues.
- ❖ Land & life-style do not have to be congruent.

Chinese Pioneers: A Missing Chapter in Canadian History

Non-Congruency

- ❖ When the dichotomy of national identity & cultural affinity is fully appreciated as non-congruent, the Chapter on Chinese pioneers & their way of life at the forefront of Canada's nation building will flourish.

Conclusion

- ✓ The story of Chung Nye is by no means unique for men of Chinese descent in B.C.
- ✓ Trade unions, civic authorities, provincial and federal governments all conspired to exclude them.
- ✓ Lobbyists did not hesitate to reap benefits from the wealth created by the value added labour of Chinese pioneers.
- ✓ Chung Nye & his peers struggled, but they met each challenge.
- ✓ They helped each other in times of need & cared for those who were less fortunate.

Conclusion

- ✓ The pioneers contributed to a departure fee of \$4 for each home trip they made.
- ✓ The money was to pay for shipping home, the remains of those who died in a foreign land.

Chinese Pioneers brought with them
ethics, humanity, reciprocity, family value,
and the commitment to build a better home in
Canada.

- ❖ Their founding role in British Columbia and their participation in our nation building
- ❖ Must not be left blank in Canadian history

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❖ New Westminster Museum and Archives

Chinese Benevolent Association Minutes, & Archive Materials

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