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# CHINESE AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

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# GOALS

1. Research steps
2. Types of information
3. Chinese name & research challenges
4. Library resources
5. Immigration laws and timeline
6. Research strategies
7. Online resources (cemetery records, digital collections, maps, newspapers)
8. Genealogical societies

# STEPS TO GENEALOGY SEARCH

- Gather information
- Organize your information
- Decide who and correct name spelling
- Fill out basic forms & charts
- Figure out who has the information
- Use database, resources & libraries
- Refine your search
- Verify, document and share

# TYPES OF RECORD

## 1. Population: Earlier generations

Census, immigration, land & military records

## 2. Personal (private): Person's life

Birth, marriage, and wills & probate records

## 3. Death records: Descendants

Death certificate, obituary, cemetery records,

# RESEARCH: SOURCES



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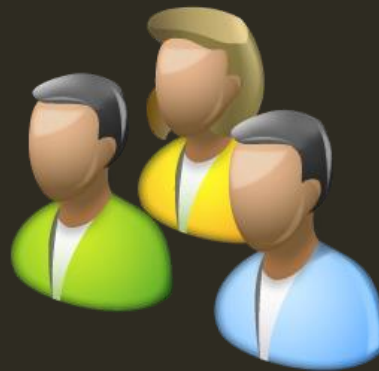
Court



Library



Associations



Family members



Personal documents

# LOCATION-BASED INFO

- Birth, marriage & death certificates
- Residency: Where, who & socioeconomic status
- Court records: Civil and legal documents
- Business and (family) associations
- Obituary and cemetery records

# NAMES : PERSONAL (FIRST & MIDDLE)

- **Milk name**: at birth
- **Nick name**
- School name
- Adult name: coming of age
- **Western** (American) name
- **Formal name**
- Alias (pen) name
- Honorary name (after death): title

# NAMES : GENERATIONAL POEM

- Each member shares a generational character name
- Usually the middle name
- Name is sequenced by a generation poem

## **Purposes:**

- Preserve and promote family linkage
- Prevent inter-familial marriage
- Preserve one's identity
- Establish rights and privileges



# NAMES : NAMING CONVENTIONAL

静夜思 “Thoughts in the Silent Night” by Li Bai

床前明月光，疑是地上霜。

举头望明月，低头思故乡。

Surname + First + Character (月) father

Surname + First + Character (光) son

Surname + First + Character (疑) grandson

# NAMES : CHALLENGES IN RESEARCH

- Romanization of names : Varied by country
- Phonetic spellings
- Characters : Traditional vs. simplified

## **More Difficult :**

- Do not read or speak Chinese
- Fictitious names (Paper son)
- Fear of prosecution
- Assimilation : name change
- Family secrets
- Lack of available tools
- Unfamiliar with research
- Cost : travel and time

# NAMES : UNIQUE RESOURCES FOR RESEARCH

- Zupu : family book
- Naming convention : Generation poem
- Anti-immigration laws and ordinances
- Benevolent associations : Membership
- Burial practices : Headstone, cemetery and burial location
- Photographs : Hidden clues about family



# IMMIGRATION LAWS AND CHINESE IMMIGRATION TO U.S.

[www.le-librarian.net/genealogy.html](http://www.le-librarian.net/genealogy.html)

# UC BERKELEY: TIMELINE

## Timeline

### Timeline of Chinese Immigration to the United States

- 1785** Three Chinese seamen arrive in the continental United States aboard the ship Pallas in Baltimore, MD.
- 1790** The Naturalization Act of 1790 restricts citizenship to “free white persons” of “good moral character.” The law would be enforced until 1952. In effect the Nation is divided between White and racial minority populations, each of whom would be accorded different and unequal rights and treatment. Racial minorities would be limited in their citizenship, voting, residency, jury, property, and family rights. Asian Americans, including Chinese Americans, would be directly affected by this legislation until it was rescinded by the passage of the Walter-McCarran Act of 1952.
- 1830** The first U.S. Census notation of Chinese in America records three Chinese living in the United States.
- 1830s** Chinese sailors and peddlers visit New York.
- 1844** United States and China sign treaty of "peace, amity, and commerce."

# TIMELINE : IMMIGRATION LAWS

1789 : Immigration records kept by **Custom Bureau**

1790 : No naturalization of non-white

1819 : **Passengers list** collected

1875 : Banned contract laborers & prostitutes

1882 : **Chinese Exclusion Act**

- **Permit of Re-entry**

1888 : **Scott Act** : Once departed; cannot return

1890 : INS established; oversaw immigration papers

1891: Inspectors at the ports

# TIMELINE : IMMIGRATION LAWS

## 1892 : Geary Act 1892

- Resident permit, 1892-1943

## 1902 : McCreary Act : Suspended immigration; required registration

- Certificate of Resident (Geary Act, ext. 1902)
- Certificate of Identity (card)
- 1882-1905: 10K appealed; most ruled in favor of Chinese

## 1906 : SF Earthquake: Destroyed birth records

- Paper Sons
- Interrogation papers, Angel Island, 1910-1940

# TIMELINE : IMMIGRATION LAWS

**1906: Naturalization Act:** Allowed naturalization

- **Declaration of Intention** (“First Papers”)
- **Petition for Naturalization** (“Second Papers”)
- **Certificate of Citizenship**

**1917:** Visa required for noncitizens to enter

- **Visa applications**

**1940: Alien Registration Act:**

- **A-files** created; Standardized by 1956

**1941:** **Passports** required for U.S. citizens;  
1861-62 (Civil War) and 1918-21 (WWI)



# TIMELINE : IMMIGRATION LAWS

1943 : **Repeal of Chinese Exclusion** : noncitizens can be naturalized

1945 : War Brides Act

1946 : Public Law 713 : Wives of citizens to enter

1947 : GI Fiancée Act

1952 : **Immigration and Nationality Act**

- **Special skills, relatives of U.S. citizen, and refugees**

1956 : **Chinese Confession Program** (1956-1965)

1965 : Immigration and Nationality Act : Abolished nationality quota.

# TIMELINE : IMMIGRATION LAWS

## Ancestry database for NARA records:

- **US Passport (1795-1925)** : Physical descriptions and travel plan
- **Report on Death of Am. Citizens Abroad** : 1835-1974
- **Consular Reports on Birth & Marriage Abroad** : 1910-1945
- **World War I Draft** : Men born btw. 1875-1917
- **World War II Draft** : Men born btw. 1880-1965

# NARA RECORDS : CASE FILES

- Held at the initial port of entry

## Documents :

- Interrogation transcripts
- Medical exam records
- Birth & marriage certificates
- Certificate of Identity
- Certificate of Resident
- Application for departure
- Permit to Re-enter
- Court affidavits : US births
- Cross-reference sheets (of previous files)
- Arrival info and ship name
- Proof of identity: Maps, photos, physical descriptions, business pamphlets, witness statements and contacts

# NARA : NATURALIZATION RECORDS

## **1906 : Naturalization Act**

Allowed aliens to become naturalized as US citizens

### **Records are kept:**

- **Pre 1906** : Local courts, state archives & geological societies
- **1906-1933** : Bureau of Immigration and Bureau of Nationalization
- **1933-2003** : Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS)
  
- 1991-present : USCIS (assistance)
- 2003-present : Dept. of Homeland Security

STRATEGY



# STRATEGY 1: LOCATION



- City directory
- Voter registration
- Vital Records
- Burial & cemetery records
- Obituary
- Court and land records
- Family and business associations
- Phone book



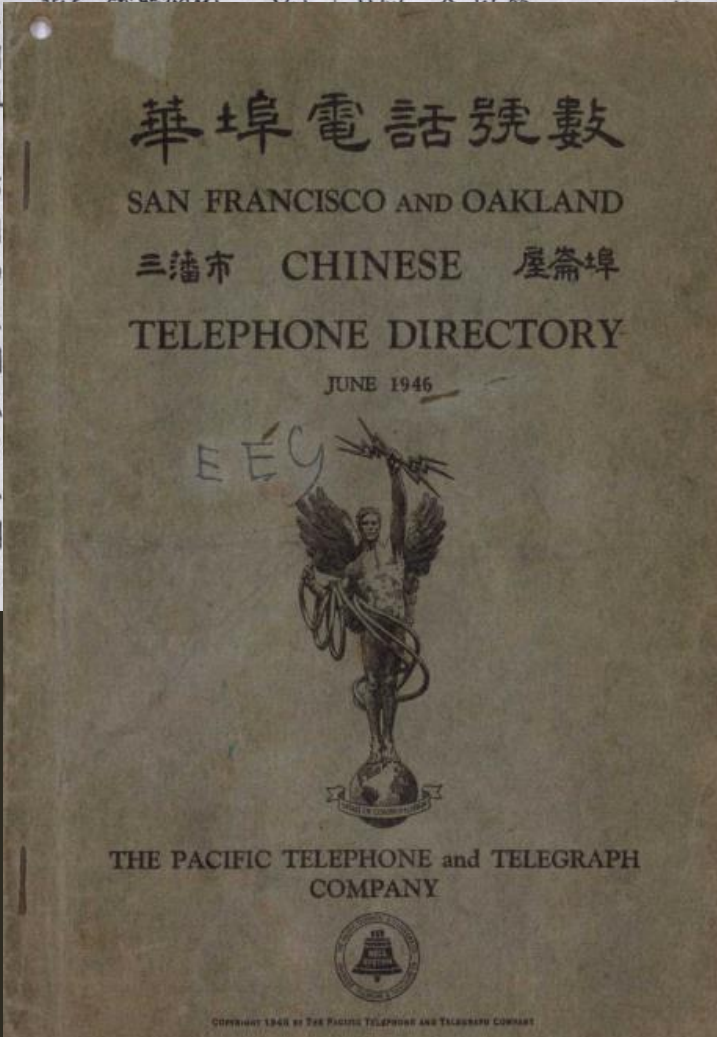
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Chadbourne Levi, clerk with John Burnap, dwl 420  
Leavenworth  
Chadbourne Thomas J., Eclipse Bakery, 1412-1420  
Dupont, office 200 Davis, dwl 208 Turk

## SF City Directory 1873

- Full name
- Address
- Occupation
- Business name
- Type of business
- Owner or boarding

差拿	都板街	門牌	差拿	都板街	門牌
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0222	贊寧堂地道藥材	222	1212	大光書林	210
1211	惠安昌	220	0211	永興祥油米雜貨	211
11001	惠安昌	220	1110	駱桐際	211
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11011	中興旅館	212	0022	聯昇孖結	1001
11012	中興旅館	212	0122	生生鮮魚鷄鴨	1002
11013	中興旅館	212	1220	大新公司	1002
12112	美國國家銀行		1222	大新公司	1002
	加省華埠支行	212	1212	大新公司	1002
0022	廣益餅食油米	221	1221	廣發公司	1002
1220	金門旅館	221	0022	春和堂	1012
1222	安樂	222	0022	公源油米雜貨	1012
1112	人和房	222	1021	源興瓜菜	1012
0221	和樂園	221	0222	生隆記瓜菜	1012
1022	天寶堂地道藥材	222	0221	張炳	1012
1122	方倫創	222	1222	大三元	1012
0221	和記油米雜貨	222	1212	大舞臺戲票房	1012
1221	楊棠	222	1222	鴻生鮮魚鷄鴨	1012
0221	正來公司	221	1221	鴻生	1012
1122	利民公司	221	0221	陳寶琦	1012
1122	廣昌盛金鋪	222	0222	威林黃	1012
0221	大昌公司	221	1221	梁求光	1012



# SF & Oakland Chinese Telephone Directory 1946

- Chinese name
- Street (Grant Ave.)
- Address Number
- Apt. number



## STRATEGY 2: CENSUS RECORDS



- Family members
- Residency (location)
- Vital records
- Country of origin
- Birth place & year
- Neighbors, wealth and occupation
- Other important information



# STRATEGY 3: PORT OF ENTRY



- Passenger list
- Place of departure
- Immigration records
- Residency in U.S.
- Census records

# MAJOR PORTS

## North:

Washington, New York, Maine & Vermont

## West:

San Francisco, Portland,  
Seattle, Port Townsend,  
San Diego & Long Beach.



## East:

New York, Boston,  
Baltimore,  
Philadelphia.

## South:

California, New Mexican, Arizona  
& New Orleans.



# STRATEGY 4: VITAL RECORDS

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

THIS RECORD IS VALID FOR DEATH ONLY

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STATE OF LOUISIANA  
**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**  
STATE FILE No. 9 317

1. Last Name of Decedent <b>HEPburn</b>		2. First Name <b>Howard</b>		3. Surname <b>HEPburn</b>		4. Month Day Year <b>May 26 1916</b>		5. Hour <b>12:00</b>	
6. Sex - Male or Female <b>Male</b>		7. Color or Hair <b>White</b>		8. Weight <b>165</b>		9. Height <b>5-7 1/2</b>		10. Age <b>50</b>	
11. Date of Birth at Decedent <b>May 26 1916</b>		12. Age at Decedent <b>50</b>		13. Birthplace (City and State) <b>New Orleans, LA</b>		14. Citizen of what Country <b>USA</b>			
15. Last Occupation, also kind of work <b>Self Employed</b>		16. Kind of Industry or Business <b>ICS</b>		17. Was Decedent ever in U. S. Armed Forces? <b>Yes</b>		18. Social Security No. <b>342-07-4527</b>			
19. City, Town, or Location <b>Slidell</b>		20. Name of Hospital <b>Slidell Memorial Hospital</b>		21. Name of Physician <b>R. J. Heppner</b>		22. Name of Doctor <b>Wang, Robert Silver</b>		23. Date of Death <b>May 26 1966</b>	
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I certify that the above stated information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Part I. Cause of Death as reported by: **HEPburn HEPPNER THROUGH SISTER**

Condition of body at death: **Chronic Myocarditis**

Condition of body at death: **Chromocyanophanic chronic**

Part II. Other significant conditions contributing to death or not related to the foregoing. (State conditions given in Part I.)

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ACTING STATE REGISTRAR

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- Family members
- Birth place and date
- Residency
- Cause of death
- Obituary & cemetery records
- Census records
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# PUBLIC HEALTH RECORDS



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### Confidentiality

Birth: first 75 years  
Death: after 25 years

# STRATEGY 5: LOCAL LIBRARY



- City directory
- Building and land records
- Historical photographs and maps
- Phone books
- Family history books
- Obituaries
  
- Expert advice & help
- Genealogical societies



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## Chinese Immigration to the United States, 1884-1944

### The Early Arrivals Records Search (EARS)

A dataset from Investigation Arrival Case Files, San Francisco and Hawaii, Records of the U.S. Service, Record Group 85, National Archives at San Francisco.

#### Immigration record:

#### Record details below

LastName	CHAN
FirstName	AH
MiddleName	KEE
Box Number	00164
Series	
Case Number	10186/ 16
Ship	HONG KONG MARU
Port	
Date	06/14/1907
Destination	
Birthplace	USA
Birthplace City	
Birthplace State	
Birthplace City	
Date of Birth	



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Researchers

## Chinese Heritage



Photograph of Lee Wai Shee and Children



Research tools and links to Case Files from Seattle, Chicago and St. Paul, land border crossing records, passenger lists in Canada.





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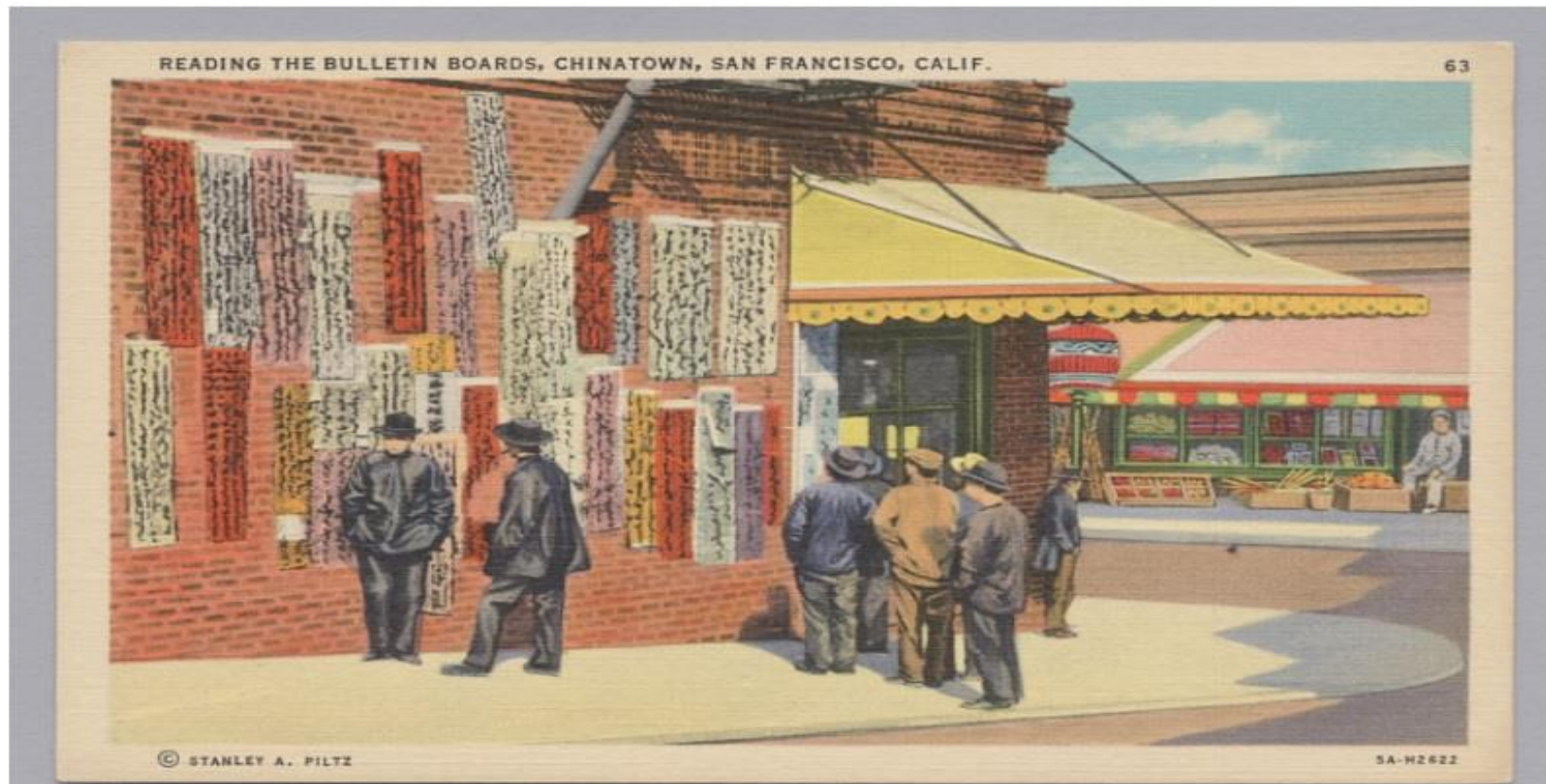
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- Documents the experiences of Chinese immigrants in California 1850-1925.
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Orientation for on-site Researchers

## Chinese Immigration and the Chinese in the United States

### Introduction

From 1882 to 1943 the United States Government severely curtailed immigration from China to the United States. This Federal policy resulted from concern over the large numbers of Chinese who had come to the United States in response to the need for inexpensive labor, especially for construction of the transcontinental railroad. Competition with American workers and a growing nativism brought pressure for restrictive action, which began with the Act of May 6, 1882 (22 Stat. 58). Passed by the 47th Congress, this law suspended immigration of Chinese laborers for ten years; permitted those Chinese in the United States as of November 17, 1880, to stay, travel abroad, and return; prohibited the naturalization of Chinese; and created the *Section 6* exempt status for teachers, students, and travelers. These exempt classes would be admitted upon presentation of a certificate from the Chinese government.

The next significant exclusionary legislation was the *Act to Prohibit the*



Resources for Chinese American and immigration in U.S.

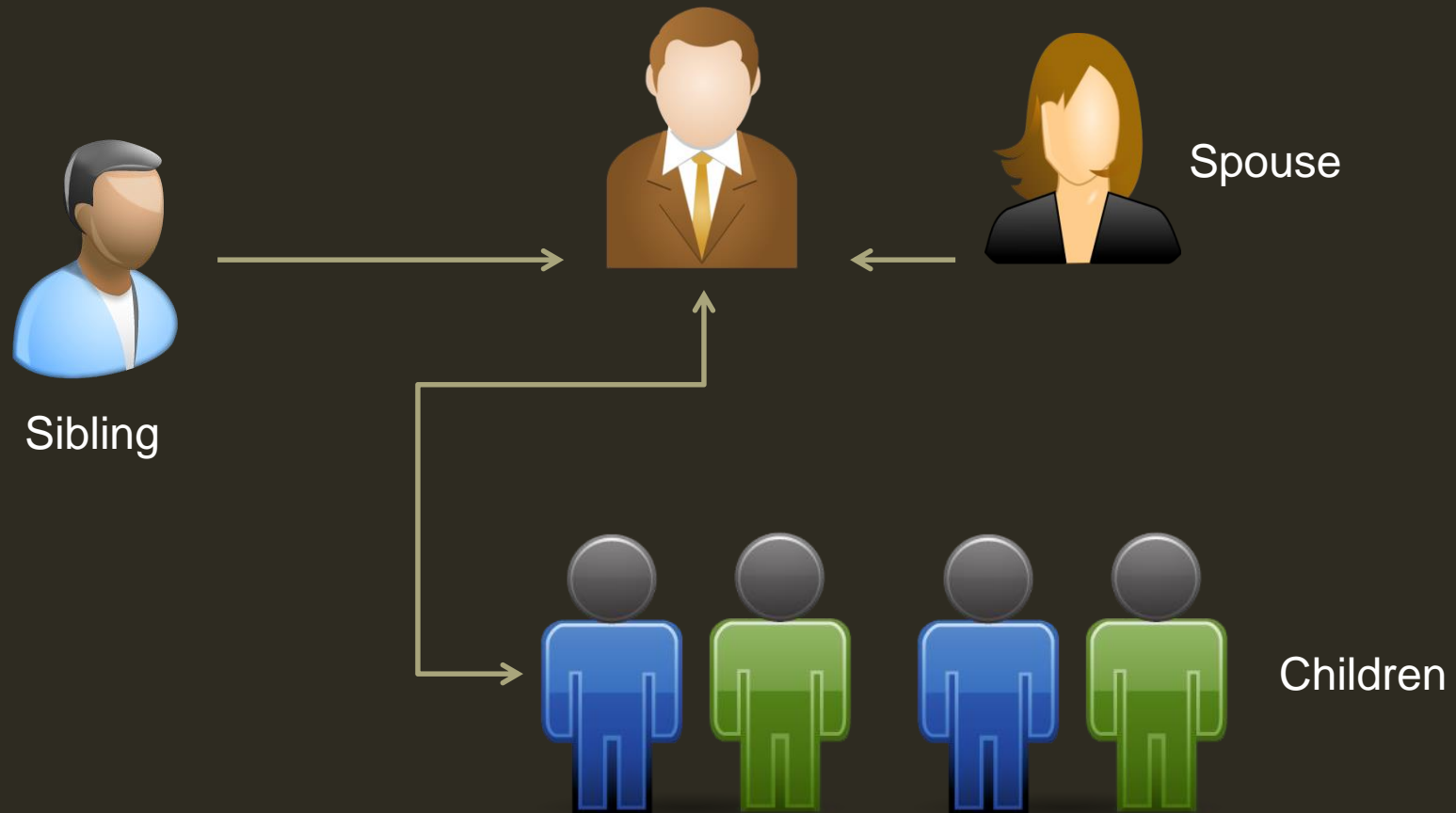


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San Francisco State University  
1630 Holloway Ave, 5th floor.

# STRATEGY 6:





# STRATEGY 7: NARA RECORDS

- Ship Passenger Lists: 1820 -1985
- Border Crossing: 1891-1957
- Naturalization Certificate Files (C-Files): 1906 - 1956
- Alien Registration Forms (Form AR-2): 1940 - 1944
- Alien Registration Record Number (A-Files): 1944 -1951
- Visa Files: 1924 -1944
- Registry Files: 1929 - 1944
- U.S. Passport Applications: 1795-1925

# NARA: OTHER RECORDS

- Civil War Draft (1863-65): Age 20-45; 3.1 million
- WWI Draft (1917): 24 million; 23% pop.
- WWII Draft (1940) : 45 and 65
  
- Consular Reports on Birth & Marriage Abroad: 1910-1945
- Report on Death of American Citizens Abroad: 1835-1974

# STRATEGY 8: OUT OF STATE & COUNTRY

1. Use database: Ancestry, FamilySearch & Heritage Quest
2. Local resources :
  - a. Libraries and librarians (local, state, and university)
  - b. Consulate office in U.S.
  - c. Genealogical societies and groups
3. Online sources: LibGuides Comm., Facebook
4. Books: WorldCat.org, Amazon.com
5. Tutorials: Ancestry, FamilySearch and YouTube



# LIBRARY RESOURCES



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- Databases: Ancestry, Heritage Quest & Fold3
- Obituaries
- City and reverse directories
  
- Newspapers: 1850s
- Maps: Sanborn (1860s) and Fire Insurance
- Local archives: documents, books, photos & maps
- Genealogy section: 921s



# ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITIONS



Coverage dates: 1300 - present

Contains 4,000+ databases:

- U.S. Federal Census images and indexes from 1790 to 1930
- Map Center containing more than 1,000 historical maps
- American Genealogical Biographical Index (over 200 volumes)
- Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage (over 150 volumes)
- The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1630
- Social Security Death Index (updated monthly)
- WWI Draft Registration Cards
- Federal Slave Narratives
- Civil War collection

# HERITAGE QUEST

Coverage dates: 1700s to the present

Update frequency: Ongoing

Audience: Genealogists, historians

Collection that currently includes the following:

- **7 million images** from 28,000 family histories and books
- 1790-1930 U.S. Federal Census records
- Periodical Source Index (PERSI), about 2.3 million records since 1800.
- Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant App. Files
- The Freedman's Bank Records - African American ancestors
- U.S. Congressional Serial Set records



# FOLD3



Coverage dates: 1700s to 2000s

Update frequency: Ongoing

Audience: Genealogists, historians

Collections: over 5 million records

- Original military records.
- Stories, photos, and personal documents
- Sources: U.S. Natl. archives, Natl. Archives of the U.K. and other international records.

# THE VANCOUVER DAILY PROVINCE

VANCOUVER, B.C., MONDAY, MAY 7, 1945

## Canada, Britain Declare Tuesday V-E Holiday; Doenitz Surrenders Germany Unconditionally

### Celebrations Begin Quietly, But Gather Strength

### VICTORY COMES TO VANCOUVER



### Historic Document Signed In Reims, France

LONDON, May 7.—The war against Germany, the greatest conflict in history, ended today with the unconditional surrender of all German armed forces.

The end for Nazi Germany came after five years, eight months and six days of bloodshed and destruction.

The Canadian and British Governments have announced tomorrow will be celebrated as V-E Day, a national holiday.

The surrender to the Allies—Great Britain, the United States and Russia—was made at Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's headquarters by the German High Command.

### Von Keimig Gives News to Reich

Berlin, Germany, the German radio carried a speech by Hermann Goebbels, Reich Minister of Propaganda, in which he gave the latest news to the Reich.

The speaker's appearance took place in a grand hall which is the headquarters of the Reichstag.

In giving the message, Goebbels announced a unique the German people's surrender to the Allies.

Prime Minister Churchill will broadcast at 9 p.m. tonight.

It is the first time since the attack on Berlin, Germany broadcast the German people that Grand Admiral Doenitz had signed the final peace.

The British Prime Minister announced "The surprising detail is accepting V-E Day, in spite of the complete exhaustion by the British people, who are now in London, Washington and Moscow."

There were thousands who all day long in London, Washington and Moscow. The Prime Minister's speech was broadcast to all parts of the world.

The British Government and the American and Soviet Governments will also be reported on the radio.

The day of the news was reported only by the radio that the war against Japan would be finished, with many countries still at war.

### Germany to March Into Sweden

The Washington, D.C., Times said to have agreed with the British and American governments that the Soviet Union is preparing to march into the German-occupied zone of Poland.

## Stores Shut Today, Tuesday, Open Wednesday; Sunday Proclaimed Day of Thanksgiving

# CASE STUDY: Grandfather at the V-E Parade

WWII parade, location,  
person name

1. **Google:** Parade date
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4. **Local resources:** photos, business, more



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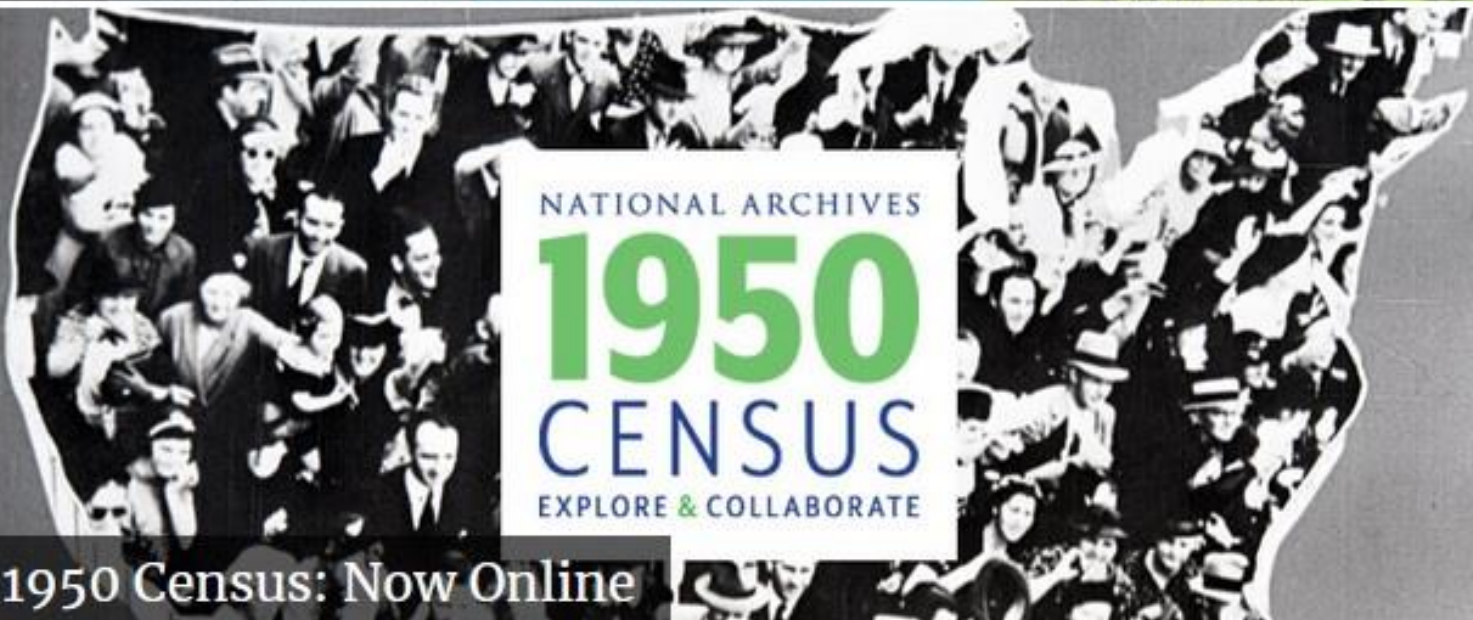
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**Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association** (Wiki) : List branches in SF, NY, Seattle and Vancouver, Canada.



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Photograph of Lee Wai Shee and Children



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Gateway to Peking [sic. Peking], exterior." #913



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River front of Khabarovsk - showing Chinese



[Unidentified Man on Horse]



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Mouth of tunnel no. 3



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imals for food. hundreds of people complained that the animals were treated cruelly and kept in unsanitary conditions. But after loud protests from Chinatown merchants — who viewed the ban as a cultural attack — the recommendation was never enacted by supervisors or the mayor. Last month, the Fish and Game Commission waded into the controversy by considering a proposal to outlaw the importation of live turtles and frogs, which are commonly sold in Chinatown. "We simply did not get anywhere with the animal welfare advocate Briggs, explaining why others asked fish and game commissioners to intervene. But the commission devote at the urging of Asians and some lawmakers sue is expected to be decided April 1 meeting in Long B. Richard Schulke, chair of the Animal Control and Commission, said he plans

Chinatown Live Animals Issue  
36 photos • 12 views

# More Gate for Chinatown



Wilma Fung and Howard Wong with a conceptual drawing of the proposed gateway at Grand Avenue and Broadway Street.

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### Who is supplying the gate:

"I would suggest to improve traffic and give to Chinatown, especially to the street."

"I believe that the gateway is a very good idea and it will help to bring in more people to the area."

"I think the gateway is a very good idea and it will help to bring in more people to the area."

20 -- CHINATOWN -- LABOR

# Forgotten Chapter: the 1938 Chinatown

60 years ago in San Francisco's Chinatown, women gathered together to demand better working conditions for their factory workers.



Joe Shiong, who also is of the richest and figures in the Chinatown, reacted to the certification of the lead and demanding a fifth

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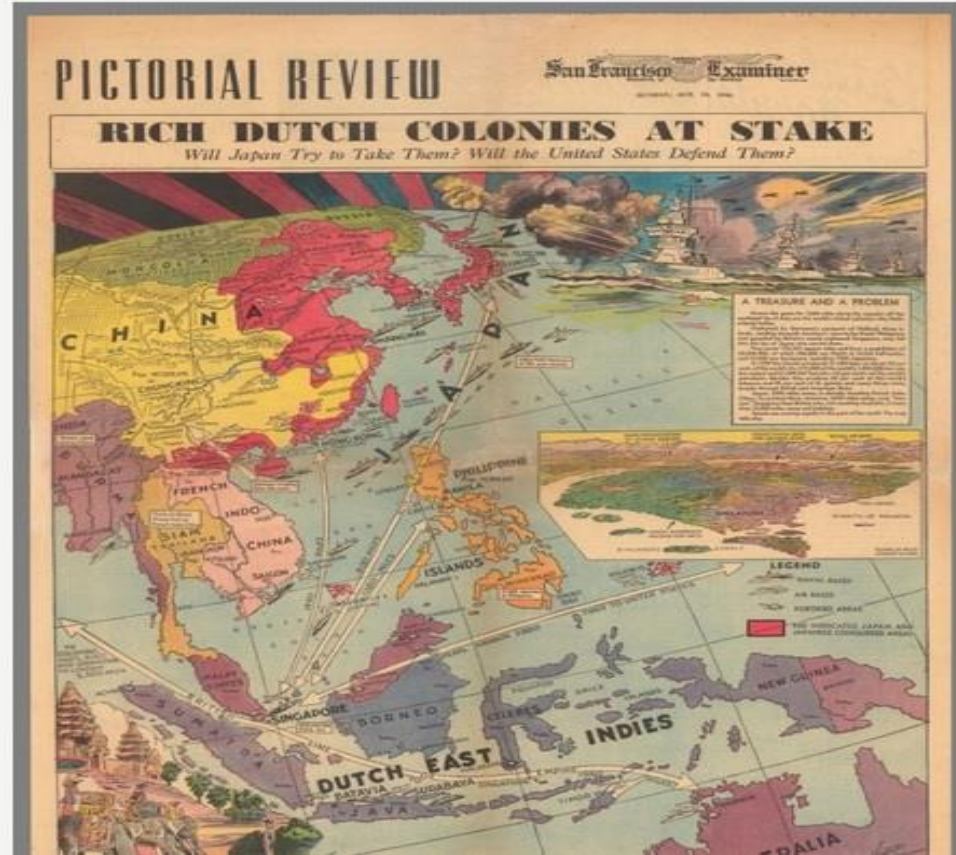
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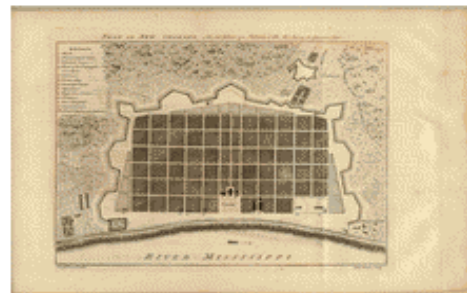
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### MAP Plan of New Orleans.

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