

**Acts of Inclusion:  
How the Quon Family Took Control of Its Story**

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## Slide References & Notes

### Abbreviations for frequently cited sources:

NARA = National Archives and Records Administration

SDHC = San Diego History Center

SDU = *The San Diego Union* (accessed at [www.genealogybank.com](http://www.genealogybank.com))

SDWU = *The San Diego Weekly Union* ( " " )

**For Source List, please see Revised Handout**

### **Slide 1. Title Slide**

#### **Photo of San Diego:**

San Diego and Coronado Beach, Detroit Publishing Co., c. 1899; retrieved from Library of Congress, <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/det.4a05819>.

- I learned about this quote in: Michael Yee, "From Underground Chinatown to Hall of China: Chinese Representation at San Diego's 1915 and 1935 Expositions in Balboa" (MA thesis, California State University San Marcos, 2020), p.1.

### **Slides 2 & 3. Intro & San Diego 1890s**

#### **Photo of San Diego:**

San Diego and Coronado Beach, Detroit Publishing Co., c. 1899; retrieved from Library of Congress, <https://www.loc.gov/pictures/resource/det.4a05820/>.

#### **San Diego population of 16,000:**

"Timeline of San Diego History: 1889-1899", 1888, San Diego History Center [hereafter SDHC], <https://sandiegohistory.org/archives/biographysubject/timeline/1880-1899/>; accessed 23 March 2022.

#### **San Diego Chinese community:**

Murray Lee, *In Search of Gold Mountain: A History of the Chinese in San Diego* (Virginia Beach: Donning Company, 2003), pp. 55 and 100.

### **Slide 4. Celestial Seen Today!**

#### **Screenshot of front page:**

*The San Diego Weekly Union* [hereafter SDWU], 7 September 1893, p. 1.

#### **Photo of bicycle:**

Bank of Commerce and Louis Block, c. 1890, SDHC, Image 22961-c.

#### **Quote about Quon Mane on bicycle:**

- "Local Intelligence", SDWU, 7 September 1893, p. 8. [Not p. 7 as stated in presentation.]

### **Slide 5. A Man & A Brand**

#### **Photo of Quon Mane, c. 1927:**

Author's personal collection.

#### **Quon Mane company letterhead:**

Undated partner list for Quon Mane & Co; File 13546-5, Quon Mane Co. (San Diego); Immigration "Chinese (Business) Partnership Investigation Case Files, c. 1894 - c. 1944"; Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1787 - 2004, Record Group 85 [hereafter RG 85]; National Archives at San Francisco (RW-SB), San Bruno, CA [hereafter NARA San Bruno].

### **Slide 6. 1882: Chinese Exclusion**

#### **Act**

#### **Photo of Quon Mane and friend:**

San Diego Trust & Savings Bank advertorial, *The San Diego Union* [hereafter SDU], 10 October 1927, p. 20.

#### **Ongoing Exclusion legislation effectively bars nearly all Chinese:**

Erika Lee, *At America's Gates: Chinese Immigration During the Exclusion Era, 1882-1943* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2003), pp. 42 and 45.

Estelle T. Lau, *Paper Families: Identity, Immigration Administration, and Chinese Exclusion* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2007) p. 16

## **Slide 7. The 0.2 Percent**

### **Identification card:**

Quong [sic] Tong Identification Card, 11 August 1903; File 2907/35 - Quon Tong; Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files, 1911 - 1976 [hereafter Case Files]; RG 85; National Archives at Riverside (RW-RS), Riverside, CA [hereafter NARA Riverside].

### **Chinese 50-75% of labor force in specific localities and trades:**

Erika Lee, *At America's Gates*, p. 26.

### **“Gate-keeping nation”:**

Erika Lee, *At America's Gates*, p. 6 and passim.

### **1882 Chinese population in California and US:**

Jack Chen, *The Chinese of America* (San Francisco: Harper & Row Publishers, 1981), p. 3.

### **Irish and German immigration:**

“History of Immigration to the United States”, Wikipedia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_immigration\\_to\\_the\\_United\\_States#1850\\_to\\_1930](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_immigration_to_the_United_States#1850_to_1930) : accessed 1 June 2022.

### **Exclusion legislation timeline and quote from 1940 Nationality Act:**

Marjorie Waters, *Chinese American Exclusion/Inclusion: Classroom Materials for the Exhibition* (New York: The New York Historical Society Museum & Library, 2014), Appendix A, Laws Affecting the Chinese in America, p. 76; retrieved from: <https://chineseamerican.nyhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Chinese-American-Classroom-Materials.pdf>.

### **Exclusion casting a shadow on all Americans:**

Erika Lee, *At America's Gates*, p. 6 and passim.

## **Slide 8. Neither Cheers, Nor Sneers**

### **“Most interesting store in town” ad:**

*The San Diego Weekly Union*, 10 December 1922, p. 6.

## **Slide 9. Sei Yup or 4 Counties**

### **Map (with captions by the author):**

Location of Sze Yup within Guangdong China, from <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siyi>. Copyright information: Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 3.0 Unported ([CC BY-SA 3.0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/)).

### **Modern Hoiping 641 square miles:**

“Kaiping”, Wikipedia, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaiping> : accessed 23 May 2022.

### **Rhode Island 1,545 square miles:**

“List of U.S. states and territories by area”, Wikipedia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_U.S.\\_states\\_and\\_territories\\_by\\_area](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_and_territories_by_area) : accessed 23 May 2022.

### **Hoiping terrain:**

Yuen-fong Woon, *Social Organization in South China, 1911-1949: The Case of Kuan Lineage in K'ai-P'ing County* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Center for Chinese Studies, 1984), p 21-22; retrieved via Fulcrum.org, <https://doi.org/10.3998/mpub.22799>.

### **Emigration from Sei Yup and Sam Yup:**

Erika Lee, “Defying Exclusion” in *Chinese American Transnationalism The Flow of People, Resources, and Ideas between China and America during the Exclusion Era*, ed. Sucheng Chan (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2006), Footnote 6, p. 238.

## **Slide 10. Village Scene, c.1906**

### **Photo of Quon Mane nephews, c. 1906:**

Author’s personal collection.

## **Slides 11 & 12. 1910 Quon Family Tree & Quon Mane: #4 of 5**

### **Brothers**

#### **Quon family tree, 1910, page 12, left side:**

Author’s personal collection. (清)關秀培纂修, (清)宣統二年 (公元1910年)寧邑新昌埠智新印務局石印本複印, 一冊。

#### **Photo of Quon Mane, c. 1927:**

Author’s personal collection.

## **Slides 13 & 14. Quon Mane: 1 of 18**

### **First Cousins**

#### **Quon family tree, 1910, portions of pp. 10-12:**

Author’s personal collection.

#### **Five of thirteen cousins in US:**

See references for Slide 49.

## **Slide 15. From Laborer to Merchant**

*Photos from right to left, top to bottom:*

#### **Brother #1, Top:**

Photo of Quon Quock Quan, partner list for Quon Mane Kee & Co., 10 August 1894; File 13546-5, Quon Mane Co.; Immigration “Chinese (Business) Partnership Investigation Case Files, c. 1894 - c. 1944”; RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

#### **Brother #1, Middle:**

Photo of Quon Quock Quan, affidavit, 11 October 1904; File 10135/15 - Quon Quock Quan; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

**Brother #1, Bottom:**

Quon Mane Family, SDHC, Image 18241-1. [Attributed to 1900, but more likely 1915.]

**Brother #3, Top:**

Quong [sic] Tong Identification Card, 11 August 1903; File 2907/35 - Quon Tong; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

**Brother #3, Middle:**

Photo of Quon Tong, affidavit, 5 January 1910; File 2907/35 - Quon Tong; Case Files, RG 85, NARA Riverside.

**Brother #3, Bottom:**

Quon Mane Family, SDHC, Image 18241-1. [Attributed to 1900, but more likely 1915.]

**Brother #4 (Quon Mane), Top:**

Photo of Quon Mane, witness statement, 28 December 1891; File 12756/005-17 - Quon Mane; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno, <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/28817518>.

**Brother #4 (Quon Mane), Middle:**

Photo of Quon Mane, affidavit, 9 June 1910, File 10410/060-56 - Quan Hong Toy; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

**Brother #4 (Quon Mane), Bottom:**

Author's personal collection.

**Brother #5, Top:**

Photo of Quon Leon, partner list for Quon Mane Kee & Co., 10 August 1894; File 13546-5, Quon Mane Co.; Immigration "Chinese (Business) Partnership Investigation Case Files, c. 1894 - c. 1944"; RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

**Brother #5 (Quon Leon), Middle:**

Photo of Quon Mane, witness statement, 7 June 1900; File 10410/060-56 - Quan Hong Toy; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

**Brother #5 (Quon Leon), Bottom, c. 1910:**

Author's personal collection.

**Father's death in K.S. 2 or 3 (1876 or 1877):**

Quon Mane, interrogation, 7 October 1918; File 28217/008-04 - Quon Chew Ben; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

**Cousin's arrival c. 1860 [should be c. 1869, not as stated in presentation]**

Quon Gock Goon, witness statements, 6 February 1909 and 21 July 1909; File 14438/011-29 - Quan

Shut Yee; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno, <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/28826891>.

**Brother #1's & #2's permanent returns in 1913 and before 1898, respectively:**

Quon Mane, interrogation, 7 October 1918; File 28217/008-04 - Quon Chew Ben; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno, <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/28869671>.

**Slide 16. CAREER**

**Quon Mane arrival in San Diego in 1883:**

Ed Davidson, "Pioneer Chinese Merchant Becomes Reminiscent When Asked About Business in New Location", *SDU*, 21 May 1922, p. 15.

**Clearing of Coronado sage brush begins 1885:**

*SDWU*, 8 December 1885, p. 3.

**Fraught arrival of railroad to San Diego:**

James N. Price, "The Railroad Stations of San Diego County", *The Journal of San Diego History*, Spring 1988, Vol. 34, No. 2; retrieved from SDHC, <https://sandiegohistory.org/journal/1988/april/railroad-6/>; accessed 23 March 2022.

Douglas L. Lowell, "The California Southern Railroad and the Growth of San Diego, Part I" *The Journal of San Diego History*, Fall 1985, Vol. 31, No. 4; retrieved from SDHC, <https://sandiegohistory.org/journal/1985/october/railroad-8/>; accessed 23 March 2022.

**Slide 17. Amen for The Stewart Family**

**Photo of Quon Mane, c. 1891:**

Photo of Quon Mane, witness statement, 28 December 1891; File 12756/005-17 - Quon Mane; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

**Photo of William Wallace Stewart, c. 1880:**

SDHC, Image 6138-7.

**Photo of WW Stewart & Company Commission Merchants, 1891:**

SDHC, Image 1373.

**Quon Mane-Stewart relationship:**

Eleanor Ring Storrs (granddaughter of William Wallace Stewart), "Parties, Politics, and Principles: 'It's at the Local Level'", an oral history conducted by Sarah Sharp, 15 February 1983, in *Republican Philosophy and Party Activism*, pp. 81-82 of 206, Regional Oral History Office, The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, 1984. [https://digitalassets.lib.berkeley.edu/roho/ucb/text/republican\\_philosophy\\_and\\_party\\_activism\\_w.pdf](https://digitalassets.lib.berkeley.edu/roho/ucb/text/republican_philosophy_and_party_activism_w.pdf).

## **Slide 18. c.1885: Clearing Coronado**

### **Map of Coronado Island:**

1888 Lithograph of Coronado Beach; Historic American Buildings Survey Sketch by E. S. Moore, Crocker and Company, 1888; Collection of the Hotel del Coronado Corporation; retrieved from Library of Congress,

<https://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/ca0567.photos.015028p/>.

### **Photo of Hotel del Coronado:**

Hotel del Coronado, 1980s [sic], Coronado, California, Robert L. Huffstutter; retrieved from <https://www.flickr.com/photos/huffstutterrobertl/6711381349>. Copyright information: Creative Commons Attribution-2.0 Generic ([CC BY 2.0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.0/)).

### **Cousin with Sing Yick and Coronado clearing:**

Davidson, "Reminiscent".

### **Clearing of Coronado sage brush begins 1885:**

*SDWU*, 8 December 1885, p. 3.

### **Coronado workers discharged early 1886, with possible summer work:**

*SDWU*, 20 March 1886, p. 3.

## **Slide 19. George Marston & His Mother**

### **Photo of former Marston's site:**

Photo of Marston Building, Bernard Gagnon, 25 March 2013; retrieved from [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marston%27s\\_\(department\\_store\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marston%27s_(department_store)). Copyright information: Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 3.0 Unported ([CC BY-SA 3.0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/)).

### **George Marston:**

"George White Marston (1850-1946)", SDHC, <https://sandiegohistory.org/archives/biographysubject/gwmarston/> : accessed 23 March 2022.

### **Quote about Mrs. Marston ("splendid woman"):**

Davidson, "Reminiscent".

### **Quote about Mrs. Marston ("my early education"):**

San Diego Trust & Savings Bank advertorial, *SDU*, 10 October 1927, p. 20.

### **8- or 9-month trip to China K.S. 11 to 12 (1885 to 1886) and re-entry as laborer:**

Quon Mane, interrogation, 7 October 1918; File 28217/008-04 - Quon Chew Ben; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

### **Store partner C. F. Louie:**

- Ad for "Quan Mane & Louie", *SDU*, 18 June 1888, p. 7.
- Quon Leon affidavit with partner list, 25 July 1893; File 13546-5, Quon Mane Co.; Immigration "Chinese (Business) Partnership Investigation Case Files, c. 1894 - c. 1944"; RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

## **Slide 20. A 10-Foot Room**

### **Map of store location, with author's annotation:**

Image 20, Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from San Diego, San Diego County, California, 1888; Sanborn Map Company. Retrieved from Library of Congress, [http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g4364sm.g4364sm\\_g008101888](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g4364sm.g4364sm_g008101888).

### **Fireworks ad for "Quan Mane & Louie":**

*SDU*, 28 June 1888, p. 7.

### **Photo of Quon Mane:**

Photo of Quon Mane, partner list for Quon Mane Kee & Co., 10 August 1894; File 13546-5, Quon Mane Co.; Immigration "Chinese (Business) Partnership Investigation Case Files, c. 1894 - c. 1944"; RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

### **Quote about 10-foot room:**

Davidson, "Reminiscent".

### **Two non-Quon partners:**

Quon Leon affidavit with partner list, 25 July 1893; File 13546-5, Quon Mane Co.; Immigration "Chinese (Business) Partnership Investigation Case Files, c. 1894 - c. 1944"; RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

### **Significance of partners lists:**

Estelle T. Lau, *Paper Families*, p. 34.

### **Multiple Quon Mane partner lists:**

- Partner lists from 1893, 1894, 1913, 1918, 1921, and 1922; File 13546-5, Quon Mane Co.; Chinese (Business) Partnership Investigation Case Files, c. 1894 - c. 1944; RG 85, NARA San Bruno.
- Partner list from 29 April 1901, Quon Mane & Co., Vol. 3, p. 4, Firm 16; Series 5: Lists of Partnerships Nationwide Vol. 3: Jan. 8, 1901–Apr. 25, 1907. Firms 1–492; Partnership Lists of Chinese Firms in San Francisco, California and Nationwide, 1893-1907; and Index of Chinese Departing from San Francisco, California, 1912-1943; retrieved from Family Search, <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collecti on/2427227>, California, Chinese Partnerships and Departures from San Francisco, 1893-1943 > Browse All Images > Roll 2 (vol 1-5, 1893-1907) > Image 676.

Note that Image 668 is the Q page of an index to the scanned ledger, which indicates that *Quon Mane & Co.* is on p. 4 of the ledger.

Series numbers refer to NARA microfilm publication A3362: "Partnership Lists of Chinese Firms in San Francisco, California, and Nationwide, 1893-1907; and Index of Chinese Departing from San Francisco, California, 1912-1943"; RG 85, NARA San Bruno, retrieved from <https://twelvekey.files.wordpress.com/2015/12/a3362.pdf>.

Note: This 1901 list is **not** in File 13546-5, *Quon Mane Co. (San Diego); Immigration "Chinese (Business) Partnership Investigation Case Files, c. 1894 - c. 1944"*; RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

- Partner list from 1904; File 10135/15 - Quon Quock Quan; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno, <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/28802912>.
- Partner list from 1910; File 12756/005-17 - Quon Mane; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.
- Partner list from 1927; File 28217/008-04 - Quon Chew Ben; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.
- Partner lists from 1930 and 1933; File 32015/003-06 - Quon Hong Qui; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno, <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/28877677>.

### **Slide 21. Store #2: c. 1890-1896**

#### **Photo of Quon Mane store site:**

Photo of Yuma Building, Alpha, 21 May 2005; retrieved from <https://www.flickr.com/photos/avlxzy/14986642/>.

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#### **Photo of Quon Mane, c. 1904:**

Photo of Quon Mane, affidavit, 10 December 1904, p. 35; File 12756/005-17 - Quon Mane; Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files, 1911 - 1976; RG 85; RW-SB.

#### **Quote about Quon Mane - "one of the most intelligent...":**

"Chinese Investigation", March 31, 1899, Oscar Greenhalgh, Inspector, to Walter S. Chance, Supervising Special Agent, Bureau of Immigration; File 52730/84, folders 1-14), Subject Correspondence File, RG 85, National Archives and Records

Administration, College Park, Maryland. Cited in Jeffrey Scott McIlwain, "Bureaucracy, Corruption, and Organized Crime: Enforcing Chinese Exclusion in San Diego, 1897-1902," *Western Legal History*, 2004, Volume 17, Number 1, p. 94.

### **Slide 22. [1890s store ads]**

#### **Gifts ad:**

SDU, 9 December 1894, p. 8.

#### **Fireworks and canaries ad:**

*The Evening Tribune*, San Diego, 8 June 1896, p. 5.

#### **Closing out sale ad:**

SDU, March 16, 1896, p. 4

#### **Clip art:**

[www.canva.com](http://www.canva.com).

### **Slides 23, 24 and 25. Store #3 1896-1916**

#### **Photo of Quon Mane store exterior:**

Bank of Commerce and Louis Block, c. 1890, SDHC, Image 22961-c.

#### **Photo of Quon Mane (same as Slide 15):**

Photo of Quon Mane, affidavit, 9 June 1910; File 10410/060-56 - Quan Hong Toy; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

#### **Photo of Brother #5 (Quon Leon):**

Author's personal collection.

### **Slide 26. Store #4: 1916-1922**

#### **Photo of Quon Mane (same as Slide 15):**

Photo of Quon Mane, affidavit, 9 June 1910; File 10410/060-56 - Quan Hong Toy; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

#### **Drawing of 1051 Fifth Street storefront from ad:**

*The Evening Tribune*, San Diego, 14 March 1916, p. 9.

#### **"Formal opening" ad:**

SDU, 6 May 1916, p. 8.

#### **"Make your home beautiful" ad:**

SDU, 15 April 1917, p. 46.

#### **Selected crystallized ginger ads:**

- SDU, 18 December 1921, p. 53.
- SDU, 16 December 1946, p. 6.

#### **Ginger stock image:**

[www.canva.com](http://www.canva.com).

### **Slides 27 & 28. Store #5: 1922-1935**



**Photo of Quon Mane store opening, 1922:**  
SDHC, Image 85\_15526-15.

### **Slide 29. Beautiful Things**

**Photo of Quon Mane store interior, 1922:**  
SDHC, Image 85\_15526-5

**Quote about “beautiful Chinese goods”:**  
Anna L. Waldo witness statement, 25 June 1913; File 14438/011-29 - Quan Shut Yee; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

### **Slide 30. Civic-Mindedness**

**Contribution 1:**  
“Day’s Subscriptions to Exposition Fund”, *SDU*, 10 March 1910, p. 8.

**Contribution 2:**  
“List of Contributors to Rivers and Harbors Fund”, *SDU*, 25 April 1909, p. 9.

**Zoo Donation:**  
“Local Merchant to Give Chinese Specimens to Zoo”, *SDU*, 25 June 1922, p. 54.

### **Slide 31. A Place in San Diego Lore**

**Quon Mane interview:**  
Davidson, “Reminiscent”.

**Quon Mane bank advertorial:**  
San Diego Trust & Savings Bank advertorial, *SDU*, 10 October 1927, p. 20.

**M. F. Heller bank advertorial:**  
San Diego Trust & Savings Bank advertorial, *SDU*, 20 June 1927, p. 12.

**Mrs. L. L. Rowan bank advertorial:**  
San Diego Trust & Savings Bank advertorial, *SDU*, 22 August 1927, p. 20.

### **Slide 32. Responsibilities**

**Quote: “All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way”:**  
Leo Tolstoy, *Anna Karenina*, trans. Richard Pevear & Larissa Volokhonsky (New York: Viking Press, 2001).

### **Slides 33 & 33A. 1904: Wife & Daughters Depart**

**Photo of Quon Mane store interior, c. 1901:**  
Author’s personal collection

**Photos of wife and daughters:**  
Photos of Gun Shee, Katherine and Mary, undated; File 28217/008-04 - Quon Chew Ben; Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files, 1911 - 1976; RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

**Merchants’ right to bring over family members:**  
Estelle T. Lau, *Paper Families*, p. 34.

**Chinese-American gender imbalance:**  
Erika Lee, “Defying Exclusion”, pp. 9-10.

**Legislation implying prostitution:**  
Marjorie Waters, *Chinese American Exclusion/Inclusion*, p. 9.

**Chinese as temporary sojourners in US:**  
Estelle T. Lau, *Paper Families*, p. 21.

**Naming of daughters after Stewart girls:**  
Storrs, “Parties, Politics, and Principles: ‘It’s at the Local Level’”, p. 82 of 206.

**Stewart daughters named Kate, Belle & Mary:**  
“W. W. Stewart, San Diego pioneer, died yesterday”, *SDU*, 24 April 1929, p. 4.

**Four trips to China:**  
Quon Mane, interrogation, 7 October 1918; File 28217/008-04 - Quon Chew Ben; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

**Four trips above the average:**  
Erika Lee, “Defying Exclusion”, pp. 8-9.

### **Slide 34. More Nephews Than Sons**

**Photo of Quon Mane nephews in attic, c. 1915:**  
Author’s personal collection.

**Inset photo (Fred Quon):**  
Photo of Quan Shut Yee, application for pre-investigation of status, 25 June 1913; File 14438/011-29 - Quan Shut Yee.

### **Slide 35. The Chinese Mission**

**Photo of Chinese Mission:**  
Author’s personal collection.

**Firm members live “upstairs over the store”:**  
Quon Mane, mercantile status examination, 30 September, 1918; File 28217/008-04 - Quon Chew Ben; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

**Firm members “all eat and sleep in the basement”:**  
James Quon (aka Quon Shuk Quin) witness statement, 30 September 1918, *ibid*.

**“Some of them sleep in the basement”:**  
Quon Mane, mercantile status examination, 30 September, 1918, *ibid*.

**About Chinese Mission:**

Elizabeth MacPhail, "San Diego's Chinese Mission", *The Journal of San Diego History*, Spring 1977, Vol. 23, No. 2; retrieved from SDHC, <https://sandiegohistory.org/journal/1977/april/chinese/>.

#### **1330 Tenth Street listing for Quon Mane:**

San Diego, California, City Directory, 1927, Street and Householders' Guide, p.1050; retrieved from Ancestry, U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995, <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469/>.

### **Slide 36. Quon Mane...& Sons?**

#### **Photo of Quon Mane store interior, 1922:**

SDHC, Image 85\_15526-5.

#### **Photo of Brother #5 (Quon Leon) and sons:**

Author's personal collection.

#### **Photo of Quon Mane and sons:**

Photo of Quon Mane and sons, undated; File 28217/008-04 - Quon Chew Ben; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

#### **Tension between Quon Mane and nephews:**

Albert T. Quon, conversations with author, 4-10 August 1991; 29 April 1992; 12-14 October 1993.

### **Slide 37. Long Har: Also A Lopsided World**

#### **Ancestral hall group shot, c. 1915**

Quon Mane Family, SDHC, Image 18241.

#### **Opportunities in early 20th c. China:**

Charlotte Brooks, *American Exodus: Second-Generation Chinese Americans in China, 1901-1949* (Oakland, University of California Press, 2019), passim.

#### **Remittance Lifestyle**

Yuen-fong Woon, *Social Organization in South China*, p56.

### **Slide 38. BARRIERS**

(No references.)

### **Slide 39. Singled Out**

#### **Quon Tong identification card:**

Quong [sic] Tong Identification Card, 11 August 1903; File 2907/35 - Quon Tong; Case Files, RG 85, NARA Riverside.

#### **Quon Hong Qui (Frank) Permit to Reenter:**

Quon Hong Qui Permit to Reenter the United States, 17 October 1931; File 32015/003-06 - Quon Hong Qui; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

#### **Frank Quon Certificate of Identity:**

Quon Hong Qui, Certificate of Identity #19468, 6 July 1915; Images 1180 and 1181, "Certificate no. 18875-20715, 1915", United States & Canada Film, Film 2448416, Image Group Number (DGS) 8362227, Granite Mountain Record Vault; retrieved from Family Search, <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/1918154>, citing NARA microfilm publication "Chinese immigration certificate of identity, California, 1908-1943".

#### **Quon King certificate of identity:**

Quon Ning [sic], Certificate of Identity #53155, 6 August 1925; Images 1934 and 1935, "Certificate no. 52164-54039, 1924", United States & Canada Film, Film 2448625, Image Group Number (DGS) 8362247, Granite Mountain Record Vault; ibid.

#### **Quon Chew Ben certificate of identity:**

Quon Chew Ben, Certificate of Identity #28571, 23 October 1918; Images 1101 and 1102, "Certificate no. 28024-29771, 1918-1920", United States & Canada Film, Film 2448472, Image Group Number (DGS) 8362234, Granite Mountain Record Vault; ibid.

#### **Processing Chinese immigrants 50-60 times more costly:**

- Mary Roberts Coolidge, *Chinese Immigration* (New York: Henry Holt and Company, 1909).
- Cited in Erika Lee, *At America's Gates*, p.87.

#### **Ad hoc growth of Immigration Bureau and Chinese inspectors:**

Erika Lee, *At America's Gates*, pp. 49-50

#### **Chinese inspector discretion:**

Estelle Lau, *Paper Families*, Chapter 4, "Guardians of the Gate", esp. p. 69 and following.

#### **Reliable or "credible white witness":**

"Geary Act", Wikipedia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geary\\_Act](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geary_Act) : accessed 24 June 2022.

#### **Detailed interrogations and preparation:**

Marjorie Waters, *Chinese American Exclusion/Inclusion: Classroom Materials for the Exhibition* (New York: The New York Historical Society Museum & Library, 2014), p. 10. Retrieved from <https://chineseamerican.nyhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Chinese-American-Classroom-Materials.pdf>.

### **Slide 40. Inside Track**

#### **Photo of William Bowers, c. 1890:**

SDHC, Image 87-16489.

### **Quon Mane as interpreter:**

Jeffrey Scott McIllwain, "Bureaucracy, Corruption, and Organized Crime", p. 94.

### **1912 card noting Quon Mane as interpreter:**

Mane Quon, Chinese Interpreter, San Diego, Separation, 20 December 1911; Roll 25, "Schools - Smugglers", INS Reference #53,400-351; Subject Index to Correspondence and Case Files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1903-1952, NARA microfilm publication T458, 31 rolls, NAID: 4490783; RG 85, NARA Washington, D.C.

Retrieved from Ancestry, "All U.S., Subject Index to Correspondence and Case Files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1903-1959", <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1946/>.

*I am grateful to Marisa Louie Lee for drawing my attention to this file.*

### **Bowers attests to Quon Mane's reputation:**

William Bowers, Collector of Customs, San Diego, to Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D.C., 19 October 1901 and 4 November 1901; The Honorable Secretary of the Treasury March 5, 1900 – March 3, 1904 [Bound Volume], Box 3; Letters Sent to the Secretary of the Treasury, 06/03/1892 – 07/01/1908, NAID 5604090; Collection District of San Diego, California; Records of the U.S. Customs Service (Record Group 36); NARA San Bruno.

## **Slide 41. No Guarantees**

### **Chung Sai Yat Po letter:**

Ng Poon Chew, Managing Editor, Chung Sai Yat Po, to Edward White, Commissioner of Immigration, Angel Island, 11 Oct. 1918, p. 43; File 28217/008-04 - Quon Chew Ben; Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files, 1911 - 1976; RG 85; RW-SB.

### **Document with photos of Quon Mane and son:**

Quon Mane affidavit, 3 October 1918 and 9 May 1918, pp. 87-88; Ibid.

### **"Favorable action is recommended" quote:**

Jason Butler, Immigration Inspector, to Commissioner of Immigration, 16 Oct. 1918, p. 36; Ibid.

### **Hiring of lawyer:**

McGowan & Worley, Attorney, to Commissioner of Immigration, Form 2508 p. 69; Ibid.

### **Approximately 3-week approval interval:**

Jason Butler, Immigration Inspector, to Commissioner of Immigration, 16 Oct. 1918, p. 36; Ibid.

## **Slide 42. Attic Skeletons**

**Photo of Quon Mane nephews in attic, c. 1915:**  
Author's personal collection.

### **Son of Brother #2 (James/Seuk Gin):**

- **Claimed by Brother #5 as his son, with note that he traveled with Quon Mane:**  
Quon Leon, affidavit, 8 May 1908; File 10410/060-56 - Quan Hong Toy; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.
- **Refers to Quon Leung (Leon) as father and Hong Toy (Albert) as brother:**  
James Quon (aka Quon Shuk Quin) witness statement, 30 September 1918; File 28217/008-04 - Quon Chew Ben; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

### **Merchant denied entry:**

Passenger manifest, Hong Kong & Yokohama to San Francisco, arriving 20 April 1896, entry 124 for Quan Gauk Sim; NARA Series M1414 and M1476, RG 85, NARA Washington, D.C.; imaged at Family Search database as of 18 July 2022, "California, San Francisco Chinese passenger lists, 1882-1947", <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3477655>.

*Manifest notes Gauk Sim Quon as Merchant, San Diego, aged 32. All details fit, except age is probably 7 or more years too young. Overstamped "Landing Refused".*

## **Slide 43. Harsh Irony**

Nicholas Steinmetz witness statement, 2 August 1927, pp. 13-14; File 28217/008-04 - Quon Chew Ben; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

## **Slide 44. San Diego "Citizen"**

### **Quon Mane obituary with photo:**

"Leading Chinese Citizen is Dead", *SDU*, March 16, 1922, p. 22.

### **Quote about Kate Stewart hospital visit:**

Storrs, "Parties, Politics, and Principles: 'It's at the Local Level'", p. 82 of 206.

## **Slide 45. "There Are a Great Many Very Fine People"**

**Quotes: "young and ambitious" and "fine people":**

Davidson, "Reminiscent".

## **Slide 46. LEGACIES**

(No references)

## **Slide 47. Public Legacy**



**Pig-tailed celestial ad 1 (suitcases):**  
SDU, December 9, 1934, p. 29.

**Pig-tailed celestial ad 2 (boxes):**  
SDU, December 4, 1932, p. 45.

**Lingerie ad:**  
SDU, June 5, 1932, p. 38.

**Photo and mention of pagoda roof window-surrounds:**  
“Company Ready For Business in New Location”,  
SDU, November 17, 1935, p. 16.

**Grauman’s Chinese Theater architect:**  
John Degelman, “Fifth Avenue Building to Be Ready  
Nov. 1 for Tenants; Speed Work”, *SDU*, October 20,  
1935, p. 41.

**Photo of La Jolla store:**  
La Jolla Historical Society, “This is an excerpt from a  
great article by our own Carol Olten from the fall  
2016 Timekeeper...”, Facebook, May 2, 2017,  
<https://www.facebook.com/lajollahistory/posts/pfbid0Br9KMVsnEvy2d4BEb7AowjtnFAWD692scuDvzVUn7rBacbiDiwt7CUr5n69UBCixl> : accessed 2  
February 2019.

## **Slide 48. Direct Descendants**

**Quon family tree, 1910, portions of pp. 10-12:**  
Author’s personal collection; publication as above.

**Photos of Brother #4 (Quon Mane), c. 1927;  
Brother #5 (Quon Leon), c. 1910; and Daughter #1  
(Katherine Quon Lem):**  
Author’s personal collection.

**Photo of “Gentlemen of the Quon family”, c. 1941:**  
Author’s personal collection.

## **Slide 49. A Bigger Picture**

**Quon family tree, 1910, portions of pp. 10-12:**  
Author’s personal collection; publication as above.

*Photos above family tree:*

**Brother #5 and Quon Mane:**  
Author’s personal collection.

*Photos below family tree:*

**1st row, 1st from left:**  
Quong [sic] Tong Identification Card, 11 August  
1903, p. 26; File 2907/35 - Quon Tong; Chinese  
Exclusion Act Case Files, 1911 - 1976; RG 85,  
NARA Riverside.

**1st row, 2nd from left (Brother #1):**  
Photo of Quon Quock Quan, partner list for Quon  
Mane Kee & Co., San Diego, 10 August 1894; p. 14  
of 22; File 13546-5, Quon Mane Co.; Immigration

"Chinese (Business) Partnership Investigation Case  
Files, c. 1894 - c. 1944"; RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

**1st row, 3rd from left:**  
Photo of Quon Lung/Quon Quock Jim, affidavit, 18  
July 1907, p. 37; File 17546/11-27 - Quon Quock  
Jim; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno,  
<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/28838151>.

**1st row, 4th from left:**  
Photo of Quon Quock Chew, affidavit, 4 September  
1908; File 12297/084 - Quon Quock Chew; Case  
Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno,  
<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/117694178>.

**1st row, 5th from left:**  
Photo of Quon Sow, partner list for Wing Wo Lung &  
Co., p. 2 of 4 of 13546-16.pdf provided 6 April 2021;  
File 13546-16, Wing Wo Lung & Co. (San Diego);  
Immigration "Chinese (Business) Partnership  
Investigation Case Files, c. 1894 - c. 1944"; RG 85,  
NARA San Bruno.

**1st row, 6th from left:**  
Photo of Quon Quock Quan, affidavit, 11 October  
1904; File 10135/15 - Quon Quock Quan;  
Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno.

**2nd row, 1st from left:**  
Photo of James Quon, 2 October 1918 partner list, 20  
October 1918, p. 6 of 22; File 13546-5, Quon Mane  
Co.; Immigration "Chinese (Business) Partnership  
Investigation Case Files, c. 1894 - c. 1944"; RG 85,  
NARA San Bruno.

**2nd row, 2nd from left:**  
Photo of Quon Fan Mon, Quon Lung affidavit, 14  
October 1918, p. 53; File 17546/10-3 - Quon Fan  
Mon; Case Files, RG 85, NARA San Bruno,  
<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/28838097>.

**2nd row, 3rd from left:**  
Photo of Quon Choak, affidavit, 26 January 1931, p.  
25; File 31160/31 - Quon Choak; Case Files, RG 85,  
NARA San Bruno.

**2nd row, 4th from left:**  
Photo of Quon Foon, witness statement, 7 June 1905,  
p. 13; File 10148/69 - Quon Foon; Case Files, RG 85,  
NARA San Bruno.  
<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/28803176>

**2nd row, 5th from left (Fred Quon):**  
Photo of Quon Shut Yee, application for re-entry  
permit, 17 June 1931, p. 16; File 14438/011-29 -  
Quan Shut Yee.

**3rd row, 1st from left (Raymond Tong/Quon):**  
Author’s personal collection.

**3rd row, 2nd from left (Paul G. Quon):**

Photo of Chinese Mission with Henry Lew, SDHC, Image 2507 [Note: Image is 1930 Chinese New Year gathering organized by Lung Kong Tin Yee Association, which may have then been temporarily housed in the Chinese Mission.]

**Slide 50. EXCAVATING THE STORY**

(No references)

**Slide 51. San Diego Sources**

*The San Diego Weekly Union (SDWU), The San Diego Union (SDU) and The Evening Tribune, San Diego:* Accessed via [www.genealogybank.com](http://www.genealogybank.com).

**Slide 52. Timeline with Tweaks****Value of Timelines:**

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[https://bh9qf7dyqmpb4rk14s84y90-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/Complimentary-NGS-Magazine-Articles/Hatton\\_Genealogical\\_Timeline\\_42\\_2\\_2016.pdf](https://bh9qf7dyqmpb4rk14s84y90-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/Complimentary-NGS-Magazine-Articles/Hatton_Genealogical_Timeline_42_2_2016.pdf).

**Slide 53. Timeline Sample****Reign year conversion calendar (in Chinese):**

<http://www.china-ybb.com/ndhs.php>

**Slide 54. NARA Arrival Case Files****Resources re Chinese Exclusion case files:**

- <https://chinesefamilyhistory.org/govt-source/s/>
- <https://chineseexclusionfiles.com/>

**Slide 54A. Finding Case Files****Screenshot of NARA search for “Quon Mane”:**

National Archive Catalog,  
<https://catalog.archives.gov> : accessed June 20, 2022.

**Screenshot of Ancestry.com “Chinese Arrival Case Files Index, 1884-1940” page:**

Ancestry.com,  
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61228/> : accessed June 20, 2022.

**Slide 55. NARA Partnership Records...in Combination with “Jiapu”****“F. A. N. Club” Research”:**

Elizabeth Shown Mills, “Quick Lesson 11: Identity Problems & the FAN Principle”, Evidence Explained,  
<https://www.evidenceexplained.com/content/quickles>

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**Slide 56. Partnership Examples****Series 1, 3 and 5:**

Series numbers refer to NARA microfilm publication A3362: “Partnership Lists of Chinese Firms in San Francisco, California, and Nationwide, 1893-1907; and Index of Chinese Departing from San Francisco, California, 1912-1943”; RG 85, NARA San Bruno; retrieved from

<https://twelvekey.files.wordpress.com/2015/12/a3362.pdf>.

**Screenshot of Series 1 card:**

Card noting Quan Mane Kee and other San Diego companies starting with Q, plus codes referencing File and Folder #s in Immigration "Chinese (Business) Partnership Investigation Case Files, c. 1894 - c. 1944"; RG 85, NARA San Bruno; retrieved from Family Search, “California, Chinese Partnerships and Departures from San Francisco, 1893-1943”,

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2427227> > Browse All Images > Roll 1 (vol A-Z, 1911-1943) > Image 639.

**Screenshot of Series 3 card:**

Card listing Quon Tong and other persons who applied for a re-entry permits on 2 August 1921, with handwritten arrival case file #23391/2-4; retrieved via name search at Family Search, Index Page for “California, Chinese Partnerships and Departures from San Francisco, 1893-1943”,

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2427227>.

Note: Case file at <https://catalog.archives.gov/> is now #23391/002-4.

**Screenshot from Series 5 ledger page:**

See citation at Slide 20 for partner list from 29 April 1901, Quon Mane & Co.

**Quon Mane partners lists, left to right:**

1922, 1918 and 1893 partner lists for Quon Mane & Co., pp. 2, 6 and 14; File 13546-5, Quon Mane Co.;

Chinese (Business) Partnership Investigation Case Files, c. 1894 - c. 1944; RG 85; RW-SB.

**Chinese Partnership material finding guide:**

Note that in the finding guide, the word “index” is used for several different types of index and with different index arrangements, and this body of material also includes unindexed image-only records.

**Slide 57. CLOSER**

**Photo of bicycle:**

Bank of Commerce and Louis Block, c. 1890, SDHC, Image 22961-c.