

2026 Trip down memory lane—for Bobby, Dixie and Alice

Your father immigrated to US June 1930 as my father's paper son

Your grandfather Chan Fat

In re:

CHOW ON, citizen of the United States, coming to the United States.

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State of California)
City and County of) as
San Francisco. }






Photo of CHOW ON. Photo of CHOW MAN HIN.

CHOW MAN HIN, being first duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

That he is a citizen of the United States; that his status as such was last confirmed by the United States Immigration authorities at Angel Island, California, on January 10, 1930, on the occasion of the hearing of his application for a Return Certificate, Form 430;

That he has a blood son by the name of CHOW ON, who is now residing in China, but, who desires to come to the United States and to reside therein; that the said CHOW ON was born subsequent to the first admission of your affiant to the United States;

That the photograph attached hereto is a likeness of your affiant who will also cause to be attached hereto a photograph of his said son, CHOW ON;

That your affiant makes this affidavit for the purpose of facilitating his said son, CHOW ON, in his travels and aiding him in gaining admission to the United States.

Chan Man Hin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th. day of January, 1930.

Stephen M. White

Notary Public in and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

IDENTIFICATION CARD
CHINESE CONSULATE-GENERAL
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

No 3729 JAN 1 1930

This is to certify that the holder of this certificate Ma Chan Fat who resides at P.O. Box 14 st. Leake California, is a member of the Chinese race.

C.T. FENG
Consul General of China

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE
This is to certify that in accordance with the Selective Service Proclamation of the President of the United States

Chan (First name) Fat (Last name)
P.O. Box 74 (Place of residence) Leake, Calif (City or town)

Other will be identified with the 2 of the Suspension Card

has been duly registered this 26 day of April 1930

Alburt Dombakis
(Signature of registrant)

Register for Local Board 28 A (City or town) Leake (City)

THE LAW REQUIRES YOU TO HAVE THIS CARD IN YOUR PERSONAL POSSESSION AT ALL TIMES

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Raymond entered military service in May 1942 and was honorably discharged on September 22, 1945. He served as a paratrooper and saw action on the European front. In 1944, Chan Fat "heard" that Raymond had been killed, he was so stricken with grief and drank some alcohol. In a weakened condition and exposed to the rainy elements, he became quite ill and subsequently succumbed to pneumonia.

Unfortunately, the story he had heard about Raymond's death was not true. Chan Fat is buried at the East Lawn Cemetery in Sacramento, CA, close to his brothers Joe Wah and Chow Chew.

After his tour of duty and on his trip to China, Raymond married Jeane Yim in Canton on April 21, 1947. For a while, they lived with my parents on a labor camp/grape farm in Lodi. I remembered that they occupied the upstairs bedroom which was adjacent to the water tower. They settled in Berkeley, CA and raised their three children—Dixie, Robert and Alice. ...don't know what year this was taken ...



One of your many visits to our labor camp/farm in Lodi



1961 Lester/Eva's wedding



Don't know year/place but definitely banquet food



2003 at Grass Valley laying flowers at the cemetery for Uncle Joe Tin and wife. Later, we had lunch at Patty and Harry's home in Rough and Ready.



When my parents would work in other locations during off-grape season, they would sometimes leave me during that time period to live with your parents or Dianne's parents in the bay area; Rose stayed with May. I think I was pre-teen then. All I remember is that the bay area was foggy and cold.

I remembered how close your mom was with May Ching. They acted like school girls, always happy and chatting away. They're probably doing that in heaven now.

My condolences for your loss, Eva