

Third Hom/Tom Family Reunion

Hom Kun Foo (Hom Puen Sing)
& Lee Shee Families

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五月十七日二〇〇八年

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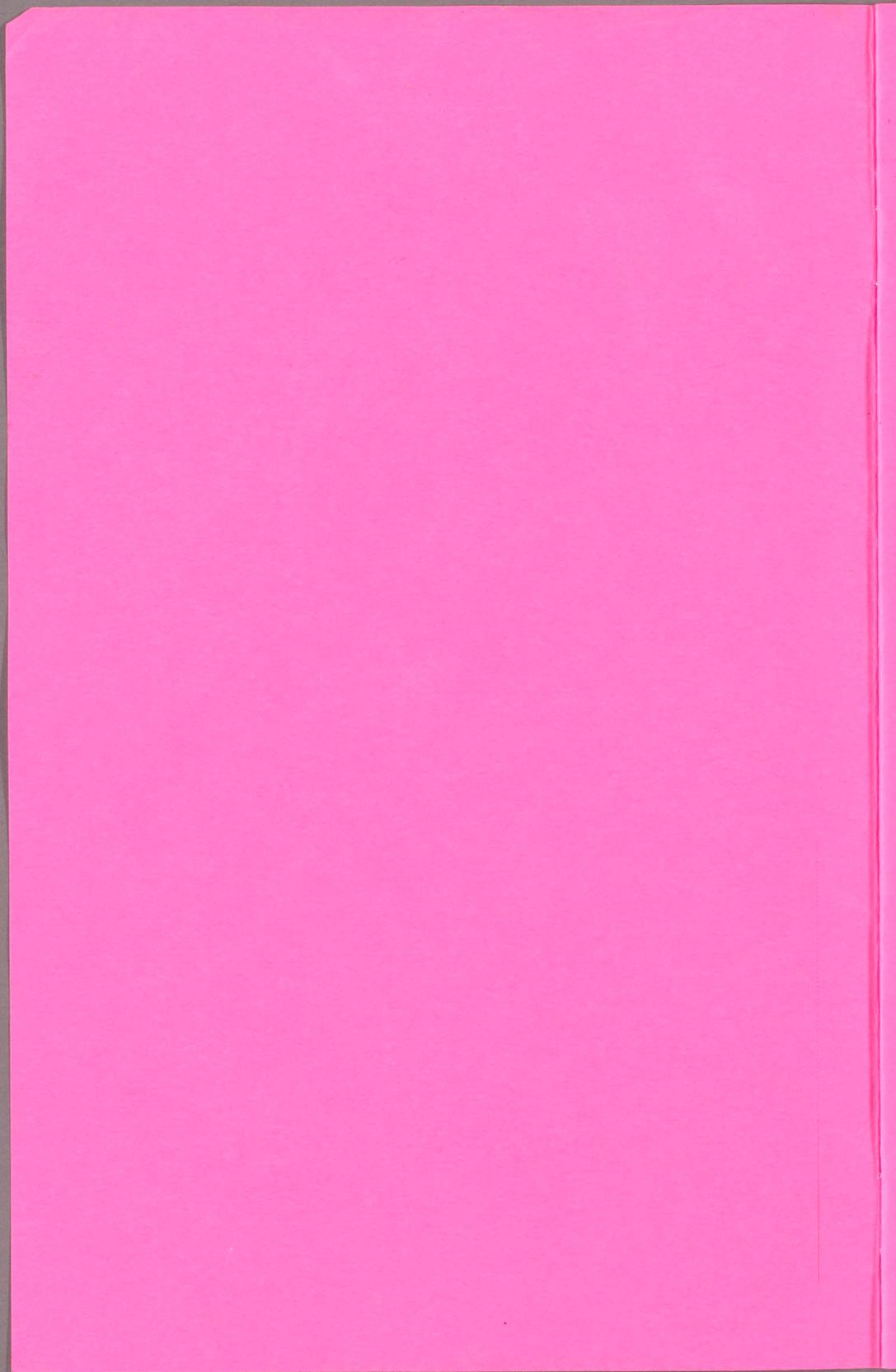


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Introduction

On May 14, 2005, the Hom/Tom family had their second reunion in Marysville. The reunion was a huge success with a total of 160 family members attending. The reunion was also on the front page of the local paper, the Appeal Democrat.

In planning for the third reunion, the Reunion Committee started meeting again in April, 2007. The committee wanted to make this reunion fun and also provide a learning experience.

The Chinese American Museum of Northern California has an outstanding collection of Chinese artifacts and photographs of Marysville and surrounding Chinatowns. It also has the restored bean sprout plant that supplied the bean sprouts to the many Chinese restaurants in Marysville and surrounding Chinatowns.

Added to this year's program is a tour of the Sierra View cemetery where Lee Shee, wife of Hom Kun Foo (first generation) and the second generation are buried. This will be the first time this tour has been done and this should be very informative.

Even though there were moments in the planning of the reunion that we were not sure if we could make it happen. Things started coming together once the date for the reunion was established. It was a collective effort by all the committee members and we hope that you will enjoy this reunion as much as we enjoyed making it a reality.

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Fire-free vote risky

Yuba district facing 'calamity'

By Bob Hoyle

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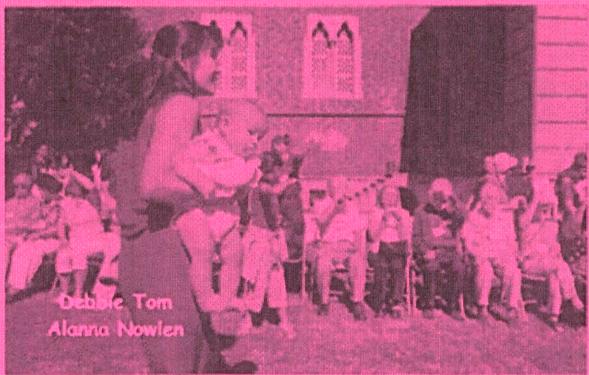
Appeal Democrat staff... photo credit: Bob Hoyle

Generations meet in Marysville reunion

Big family's roots in Chinatown reach to 1851

By Daniel White

Generations of the family met in Marysville for a reunion... photo credit: Daniel White



Debbie Tom
Alanna Nowlen

Guests from the reunion... photo credit: Daniel White

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Inmates to be tagged

Reunion Activities

Tour of Sierra View Cemetery	Rogena Hoyer
Chinese American Museum opened	Brian Tom
Names in Chinese for Children By old Chinese brush master	Stanley Hom
Displays of old photographs	On Stage
Sales of Cookbook Irene K. Tom	Wilbur Tom
Children Crafts and Activities	Gloria Gee
Games	Gloria Gee
Family Tree update on wall	Everyone
Contribution to the Bok Kai Temple (goal of \$10000) at Front Desk	Everyone
Ordering of Group and Family photographs	

HOM/TOM FAMILY REUNION

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HOM KUN FOO / LEE SHEE - A short History

Hom Kun Foo was born in 1838 in the Bak Sui (White Water) village in the Taishan District of the Guangdong Province. He came to Gold Mountain (America) in 1851 at the age of 13 with an older brother in search for gold. He settled in Marysville during the gold rush years and later rented the building at 310 First Street, Marysville.

He started operating it as a general merchandise establishment and named the store, Tung Wo & Company.

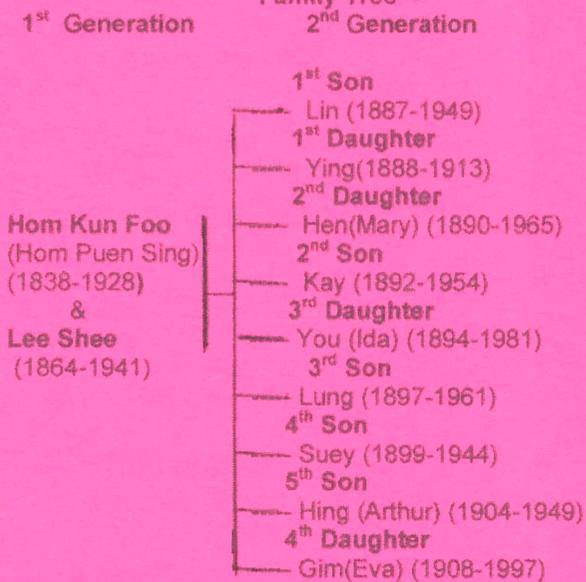
In 1885, he married Lee Shee from Fresno. The first son, Lin was born in 1887. He was followed by 8 more children, Ying (daughter, 1888), Hen or Mary (daughter, 1890), Kay (son, 1892), You or Ida (daughter, 1894), Lung (son, 1898), Suey (son, 1899), Hing or Arthur (son, 1904) and Gim or Eva (daughter, 1908). They were all born in the Tung Wo Building at 310 First Street.

In early 1910, Kun Foo started to plan for a return trip to China after a fortune teller told him that he would die soon. He wanted to die in his homeland. He returned to China in December of 1910 to the Xybushan (Washcloth Mountain) village in the Taishan District and built houses for his 5 sons. He was highly respected by the villagers because he was the only person from that area that went to Gold Mountain and was not only successful but had sons and daughters born there. He passed away in 1923 at the age of 85.



Hom Kun Foo Family Portrait dated 1906-update 1909

- Family Tree -



Family events since the reunion in 2005

There were many families that travel to China to visit the ancestral village (Xybushan) in Toishan. These were:

Wilbur Tom and family

Reginald Low and family

David Hom (Leonard Hom's son) and Lin Hom

Helen (Tom) and Weyman Chun

Margaret (Tom) and Henry Low

Marriage:

David Hom (Son of Leonard Hom) was married in 2006 to Lin Chang

Suzanne Chin (daughter of Sharon Chin) was married in 2006 to John Bowman

Daniel Young Low (son of Florence Low, grandson of Virginia Tom) married in 2008 to Deborah Lynette Hom

Birth:

Renee Keilani Tom – June 24, 2006 Daughter of Arthur Tom III (first son of Arthur Tom Jr.) and Michelle Tom

Lindsey Mei Tom – October 7, 2006 Daughter of Lincoln (third son of Arthur Tom Jr.) and Stephanie Tom

In remembrance of the people who are no longer with us:

George Hom-Tom (oldest son of Hom Lin) 2005

Herbert Gee (second son of Hom Hen) 2007

Julie Tom (wife of Arthur Tom Jr.) 2007

Denise 'Zimra' Lee, (Ada (Tom) Lee granddaughter) 2007

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST OF THE FAMILY

The Chinese Museum of Northern California in Marysville had its Grand Opening during Bomb Day (Yee Yet Yee) in March 2007 and was a huge success. The museum was in several Chinese newspapers and more recently, in the March/April 2008 issue of the *Via* (AAA) bimonthly magazine.

The Marysville Chinatown book to be published by Arcadia Publishing as part of the Images of America Series is schedule to be out by November 2008.
Authors: Brian Tom & Lawrence Tom

Henry Tom a distant cousin that separated from our branch in the 6th generation maintains a website on the Tom Family. (see page 12)

Raymond Tom, a distant cousin that branched from our in the 10th generation went back to China and located a family tree book that preceded ours by many generations.

Web Addresses

Our Hom/Tom Family Website

www.csus.edu/indiv/h/lenhom/hom-tom_website/

Other related Hom/Tom Family website

<http://mysite.verizon.net/vzepzau/index.html>

Other websites of interest

<http://www.apex.net.au/~jgk/taishan/menu.html>

<http://www.tsinfo.com.cn/EN/>

<http://www.asianamericanbooks.com/newslets/n10307.htm>

<http://www.kodakgallery.com/Slideshow.jsp?Uc=13qgn8xn.9zo2jbgr&Uy=yxub58&Upos>

For ordering pictures www.Harris Studio.net

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