

## Collection Overview

**Title:** Chinatown Subject File

**Date:** 1970-2013

**Physical Description:** Folders containing newspaper and magazine articles, reports, pamphlets, and other ephemera.

**Collecting organization:**

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**Physical Location:** Adult reference section.

**Language of Materials:** Chinese and English

**Access:** The collection is open to research. Some of the collection may be housed in staff-only area of the building. Please call the reference desk at 415-355-2888 in advance.

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**Arrangement:** Alphabetical

**Scope and Contents:** The contents of the subject file focus on the history of San Francisco's Chinatown as well as the issues and concerns of Chinese Americans living in Northern California. Subjects include (but are not limited to) authors, celebrities, crime, education, housing, labor, legislation, refugees, religions, stereotypes, and temples; subjects also relate more specifically to location, for example Housing in San Francisco's

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The range of the content include clippings from newspapers, journals, and magazines, reports written by individuals and neighborhood and government organizations, advertisements, forms, pamphlets and other ephemera from festivals, community meetings, and other events. A subject might have one or two items in its folder, or be so expansive that it is contained in several folders.

**ASIAN INTEREST VERTICAL FILE**  
**SUBJECT HEADING**  
(as of December 15, 2022)

Acupuncture

Affirmative action

See also Education – Affirmative action

See also Employment of minorities

Aged – Asian Americans

AIDS – Asian Americans

Amerasians

American Born Chinese

Angel Island

Angel Island (Chinese)

Asian American astronauts

Asian American authors

See Authors, Asian American

Asian American consumers

See also Consumers – Asian American

Asian American dancers

Asian American directors

Asian American directors – Lee, Ang

Asian American directors – Wang, Wayne

Asian American directors – Women directors and producers

Asian American families  
See also Asian American youth

Asian American film  
See Asian Americans in the media

Asian American fire fighters

Asian American libraries  
See Asian collections libraries

Asian American magazines

Asian American radio

Asian American students

Asian American students – Awards

Asian American students – Census data

Asian American students – Model minority

Asian American students – Rankings

Asian American students – Test scores

Asian American students – University admissions

Asian American studies  
See also Chinese in the United States

Asian American television and video

Asian American theater

Asian American veterans

Asian American voters

Asian American women

(See also the Asian Americans in the various professions folders, such as architecture, government, film, law, etc.)

Asian American youth

(Including teen pregnancy)

Asian Americans

Asian Americans – Chefs

Asian Americans in agriculture

Asian Americans in architecture

Asian Americans in art

Asian Americans in business

Asian Americans in business – Census

Asian Americans in business – Computer industry

Asian Americans in business – Entrepreneurs

Asian Americans in business – Hospitality industry

Asian Americans in business – Hotel and restaurant

Asian Americans in business – Minority business programs

Asian Americans in business – Professional organizations

Asian Americans in business – Professional profiles

Asian Americans in business – Real estate development

Asian Americans in business – Retail industry

Asian Americans in design

Asian Americans in education

Asian Americans in fashion

Asian Americans in film

See Asian Americans in the media – Film

Asian Americans in fraternities and sororities

Asian Americans in government

Asian Americans in government –California (statewide)

Asian Americans in government – Federal

Asian Americans in government – Professional profiles

Asian Americans in government – San Francisco

Asian Americans in law

Asian Americans in law enforcement

Asian Americans in Los Angeles

Asian Americans in medicine

Asian Americans in music

Asian Americans in politics

Asian Americans in politics – California (statewide)

Asian Americans in politics – Federal government

Asian Americans in politics – Nationwide

Asian Americans in politics – San Francisco and Bay Area

Asian Americans in science

Asian Americans in Silicon Valley

Asian Americans in sports

Asian Americans in the judiciary

Asian Americans in the media

See also Asian American television and video

Asian Americans in the media – Actors and actresses

Asian Americans in the media – Asian American International Film Festival

Asian Americans in the media – Film

Asian Americans in the media – Journalism – Broadcast

Asian Americans in the media – Journalism – Print

Asian Americans in the media – Minority portrayal

Asian Americans in theater

Asian Americans – Population

Asian Americans – Statistics

Asian Americans -- Upward mobility

Asian collection libraries

Asian gays and lesbians

Asian games

Asian labor

Asian migration

Asian newspapers

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

Asian women

Asiatown (Seattle)

Assimilation and acculturation

Authors, Asian

Authors, Asian American

Authors, Asian American – Kingston, Maxine Hong

Authors, Asian American – McCunn, Ruthanne Lum

Authors, Asian American – Takaki, Ronald

Authors, Asian American – Tan, Amy

Authors , Asian American – Women authors

Authors, Asian American – Yep, Laurence

Authors, Chinese

Banks

See San Francisco – Chinatown – Financial institutions

Bibliographies – Asian American

Bilingual ballots

Bilingual education

Birth

See Chinese customs – Birth

Bo Yang

See Authors, Chinese

Book review

Bookstores

Cambodian Americans

Cameron House

Census, U.S. – Asian

Chefs, Asian American

See Asian Americans – Chefs

Cherry Blossom Festival

See Festivals – Cherry Blossom Festival

Chi Kung

See Qi Gong

Chiang Nan

See Liu, Henry

Chiang, Kai-Shek

Chin, Vincent

See violence against Asians

China camp

See Chinese in California

China – Human rights

China – Libraries

Chinatown Branch Library

Chinatown (Chicago)

Chinatown (Los Angeles)

Chinatown (New York)

Chinatown (Oakland)

Chinatown (Other)

Chinatown (San Francisco)

See San Francisco – Chinatown

Chinatown (Seattle)

See Asiatown (Seattle)

Chinese Americans – Biography

See Also San Francisco – Chinatown – Biography

Chinese Americans – Genealogy

Chinese Americans – Social and psychological aspects

See Mental health – Asian Americans

Chinese boats

Chinese calendar

Chinese casinos

Chinese cemeteries



Chinese characters in computers  
    See Computers – Chinese language

Chinese chess

Chinese costumes

Chinese cultures

Chinese customs  
    See Also Chinese New Year  
    See Also Chinese weddings

Chinese customs – Birth

Chinese customs – Death  
    See Also Chinese funerals

Chinese dancing

Chinese Diggins, Folsom, CA  
    See Chinese labor in the United States – Gold mining

Chinese drama  
    See Also Chinese music and drama

Chinese festivals – Ching Ming

Chinese festivals – Dragon Boat

Chinese festivals – Moon Festival

Chinese festivals – Chinese New Year  
    See Chinese New Year

Chinese Filipinos in the Bay Area  
    See Filipino Americans

Chinese funerals  
    See Also Chinese customs – Death

Chinese furniture

Chinese games

Chinese hairstyles  
    See Chinese costumes

Chinese horoscopes

See Chinese calendar

Chinese hospital

See also Community Organization VF  
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Chinese in Alameda County

Chinese in California

Chinese in Locke, California

Chinese in Mendocino

Chinese in Monterey

Chinese in San Francisco

Chinese in the United States

Chinese invention

Chinese Jews

Chinese kites

Chinese knots

Chinese labor in the United States – Fisheries

See Chinese in California

Chinese labor in the United States – Gold mines

Chinese labor in the United States – Railroads

Chinese language schools

Chinese mythology

See Also Chinese gods

Chinese New Year

See Also Chinese customs

Chinese New Year Parade

Chinese overseas  
    See Also Individual countries, regions, etc.

Chinese shoes  
    See Chinese costumes

Chinese silk

Chinese Six Companies  
    See Also Community Organizations VF

Chinese stamps

Chinese stereotypes in the media  
    See Also Stereotypes  
    See Also Stereotypes – Textbooks

Chinese students – Mental health  
    See Mental Health – Asian Americans

Chinese symbolism

Chinese telegraphic code  
    See Telegraphic code, Chinese

Chinese weddings

Chinese youth

Citizenship – Study and teaching – U.S.

City College of San Francisco

Civil rights  
    See Discrimination

Comfort women

Comic books, strips, etc. – Manga

Computers – Chinese language

Conference of the Chinese Immigrants Services Agencies on North America

Cooks, Asian American  
    See Asian American – Chefs

Crime and Delinquency

See Also Immigration – Illegal entry

Defectors

Der, Henry

The broken ladder '89: Asian Americans in city government/ by Henry Der  
And Colleen Lye

See Also CAA in Community Organizations VF

Discrimination

Divorce – Asian and Asian Americans

Dong, Arthur

See Also San Francisco – Chinatown – Nightclubs

Education – Affirmative action

Embarcadero Freeway

Employment of minorities

English only amendment

ESL (English as a Second Language)

Espionage – China

Family Associations

Festivals – Cherry Blossom Festival

The Fifth Preference

See Immigration – Legislation

Filipino Americans

Flower Drum Song

Forbidden City Nightclub

See San Francisco – Chinatown – Nightclubs

Foreign Students in the U.S.

Fortune cookies

Gambling – Asian Americans

Gangs, Asian

See San Francisco – Chinatown – Crime

See Crime and Delinquency

Garment industry

See Sewing factories

Glass ceiling

See Asian Americans – Upward mobility

Goddess of Democracy Statue

See San Francisco – Chinatown – Portsmouth Square

Health and hygiene – Asian Americans

Health care – Asian Americans

Hmong

See Also South East Asian

Immigration

See Also Crime and delinquency

Immigration – Illegal entry

Immigration – Legislation

Indochinese refugees

See Also Southeast Asian refugees in San Francisco Bay Area

International Hotel (San Francisco)

See San Francisco – Chinatown – Housing – I Hotel

Internet – Asian countries

Interracial marriage

Inventions, Chinese

Investment, foreign

Japanese Americans

Japanese architecture

Japanese in California

Junks

See Chinese boats

Ke Si

See Chinese embroidery

See Chinese handicrafts

Kites -- China

See Chinese kites

K'o SSu

See Chinese embroidery

See Chinese handicrafts

Korean Americans

See Also Los Angeles Riots 1992

Laotians in the United States

See Also Southeast Asian Refugees in San Francisco Bay Area

See Also – Mien

Lee, Brandon

Lee, Bruce

Lee, Chol Soo

Lee, Wen Ho

Lion and Dragon dance

Lion-Dog

See Art, Buddhist – China

Liu, Henry

Locke, California

See Chinese in Locke, CA

Los Angeles Riots 1992

See Also Korean Americans

Mail-order brides

Marriage – Asians and Asian Americans  
See Also Chinese Weddings

Marital arts  
See Chinese martial arts

Media

Mental health – Asian Americans

Mien  
See Also Asian refuges in the San Francisco Bay Area  
See Also Laotians in the U.S.

Miss Chinatown USA Pageant

Model minority  
See Also Asian American students – Model minority

Names, personal

Nanking Massacre, 1937

New Park (in Chinatown)  
See San Francisco – Chinatown – Parks

Newspapers – Asian  
See Asian newspapers

Pacific Islanders

Peking opera  
See Chinese drama  
See Chinese music and drama

Political activists – Asians and Asian Americans

Railroad workers  
See Chinese labor in the U.S. – Railroads

Red egg and ginger  
See Chinese customs – Birth

Religion – Asian Americans

Religion – Chinese

San Francisco – Census -- Asian

San Francisco – Chinatown – Agencies

San Francisco – Chinatown – Banks

See Also San Francisco – Chinatown – Financial institutions

San Francisco – Chinatown – Biography

See Also Chinese Americans – Biography

San Francisco -- Chinatown – Boy Scouts

San Francisco – Chinatown – Business

San Francisco – Chinatown – Children

San Francisco – Chinatown – Community development

San Francisco – Chinatown – Crime

See Also Crime and delinquency

San Francisco – Chinatown – Description

San Francisco – Chinatown – Education

San Francisco – Chinatown – Employment and industries

San Francisco – Chinatown – Environmental issues

San Francisco – Chinatown – Government and politics

San Francisco – Chinatown – Health

San Francisco – Chinatown – History

See Also Angel Island

See Also Chinese Historical Society

San Francisco – Chinatown – Housing

San Francisco – Chinatown – Housing – 1960's

San Francisco – Chinatown – Housing – 1970's??????

San Francisco – Chinatown – Housing – 1980's



San Francisco – Chinatown – Housing – 1990's

San Francisco – Chinatown – Housing – I –Hotel

San Francisco – Chinatown – Housing – Lady Shaw Center

San Francisco – Chinatown – Housing – Mei Lun Yuen

San Francisco – Chinatown – Housing – North Ping Yuen

San Francisco – Chinatown – Housing – Orangeland

San Francisco – Chinatown – Housing – Pineview  
See Also San Francisco – Chinatown – Housing – Lady Shaw Center

San Francisco – Chinatown – Housing – 701 study

San Francisco – Chinatown – Housing – Immigration

San Francisco – Chinatown – Kearny Street bridge

San Francisco – Chinatown – Labor

San Francisco – Chinatown – Landmarks

San Francisco – Chinatown – Legal aid

San Francisco – Chinatown – Live Animals Issue

San Francisco – Chinatown – Newspapers  
See Asian newspapers

San Francisco – Chinatown – Nightclubs

San Francisco – Chinatown – Parks

San Francisco – Chinatown – Police relations

San Francisco – Chinatown – Portsmouth Square

San Francisco – Chinatown – Recreation

San Francisco – Chinatown – Senior Citizens

San Francisco – Chinatown – Sewing factories  
See Sewing factories

San Francisco – Chinatown – Sidewalk displays

San Francisco – Chinatown – Taoism

San Francisco – Chinatown – Telephone exchange

San Francisco – Chinatown – Temples

San Francisco – Chinatown – Tours

San Francisco – Chinatown – Traffic and parking

San Francisco – Chinatown – Urban renewal

San Francisco – Chinatown – Women

San Francisco – Chinatown – Youth

See Also San Francisco – Chinatown – Education

San Francisco – Churches – Asian

San Francisco – Crime

San Francisco – Elections

San Francisco – Housing – Asian Americans

San Francisco – Japantown

San Francisco – Libraries

San Francisco – Mission District

San Francisco – Newspapers

See Also Asian newspapers

San Francisco – North Beach

San Francisco – Restaurants – Asian

San Francisco – Richmond District

San Francisco – Schools

San Francisco – Schools – Asians

San Francisco – Schools – Lowell High School  
See Also San Francisco – Schools – Asians

San Francisco – Sunset District

San Francisco – Tenderloin

San Francisco’s sister cities

Senior citizens  
See Aged – Asian Americans

Sewing factories

Simpson/Mazzoli Bill  
See Immigration – Legislation

Smoking – Asian Americans

Smuggling  
See Crime and delinquency  
See Immigration – Illegal entry

Soon, Ching-Ling

Southeast Asian Refugees in San Francisco Bay Area  
See Also Indochinese refugees

Stereotypes  
See Also Chinese stereotypes in the media  
See Also Textbooks – Stereotypes

Supermarkets, Asian

Sweatshops  
See Sewing factories  
See Immigration – Illegal entry

Telegraphic code, Chinese

Temples, Chinese

Tenderloin  
See San Francisco – Tenderloin

Tet (Vietnamese New Year)

Textbooks – Stereotypes

Tibetan Americans

“The Ugly Chinaman”

See Authors, Chinese

Vietnamese Americans

Vietnamese refugees

See Southeast Asian Refugees in San Francisco Bay Area

Violence against Asians