

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHINESE AMERICAN ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Interviewee: Daniel Hall
 Chinese Name: _____
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 Interviewer: Jean Wong
 Others Present: None
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 Summarizer: Rodney H. Chow

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Time Segment	Counter Number	Summary	Tape No. <u>1</u>	Side <u>A</u>
1	000-005	I came from Oakland to Los Angeles in 1922. I was 15 or 16 years old.		
	006-018	I went to school in China.		
	019-028	I went to school in Oakland up to fourth grade; Lincoln School -- grammar school. After that I went to work in Oakland in a butcher shop cleaning up. That was in 1917. I just got paid by having something to eat, a place to live. I worked in the butcher shop until 1948. I later got \$100 a year in 1918, 1919, 1920. As I learned more, I got paid more. I always worked for Chinese. In 1922, I came to Los Angeles. I came looking for more money and opportunity. I had no friend and relatives here. I came with an uncle and we started the United Market on Main Street in 1922. My uncle's name was Quon Yue.		
2	029-063	The market had a basement and three iceboxes and we had a counter wholesale retail. We had ten or fifteen workers in 1922. Then we had up to four or five trucks. Our meats came from the city Vernon -- and one is Macy Street Cudahy Packing and 9th Street Armour Packing.		
3	064-081	We don't sell vegetables, only meat. We delivered up to Santa Monica and we had a United Market in Santa Monica on Third Street after four or five years.		
	082-097	I was the co-owner of United Meat Market. My workers were paid \$15 a week for driving. The drivers were Mexican. The others were Chinese and they (Chinese) were provided room and board. Most of the time they worked six days, sometimes six and a half days, and ten hours a day. I worked 12 hours a day.		

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4	098-136	In 1942, United Meat Market moved to Yale Street. The business was twenty years on Main Street. The business is now shrinking because it depends on the manager, there is now only five workers, in 1935 there were thirty workers.
5	137-154	My mother never came to the United States. My father was involved in jewelers business in San Francisco. He never returned to China.
	155-169	I have a brother. I very seldom see them. I know Sam Yup (dialect). When we work we talk in Chinese. When we go out in business, we spoke in English.
6	170-188	My children mostly speak English. They lost all their Chinese. I have thirteen children. I think it is important to know Chinese.
	189-209	I didn't move very much. I lived upstairs above the market on Main Street. Then lived in a house next door to the market on Yale Street for thirty years.
	210-225	I use Chinese medicine, then I used American medicine because gradually you couldn't get Chinese medicine and you forgot how to use it but gradually learned more about American medicine.
7	226-252	I don't go to Chinese type doctors because I don't know them. I can't trust them. I now go to an American type doctor.
	253-271	I belong to CACA -- no family association. I don't believe in politics. I was involved in war relief during the Chinese-Japanese War. I had a can to collect money from people and send money back to China.
8	272-299	I did Tai Chi. Not golf. I go to movies but those days I couldn't afford it, it was 35¢. It was too much.
	300-314	Most of my time was spent working. Sundays I played mahjong. Before World War II, I couldn't associate with white people and they didn't want to see a yellow face. You had to deliver in back or in dark, in evening. The white people bought from me because I was cheap. Long time ago I could go to Orpheum (on Broadway, between 8th and 9th Street) but when you go to 6th and Broadway, you can't go into the movie.

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10	401-417	I got married in 1927. I went back to my village and picked up my wife in 1927 and came to Los Angeles in 1922.
	418-429	My parents helped pick my wife. I came back first. My wife came in 1928. She helped me at home and at the store.
11	430-474	I have ten children. My wife died in 1961 and then I married this one and had three children.

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