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Collection

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### Collection Information

Abstract: This collection contains photographs, certificates and school diplomas of Worcester, Massachusetts residents Henry Chin and his family.

Finding Aid: Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

Preferred Citation: Worcester Historical, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance: Donated by Ettie Lentoy Chin Hong, 291 Locust Avenue, Louisiana.

MARC Access: Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, aat).

## Historical / Biographical Notes

Henry I. Sheu Chin and wife Ung Shee Chin were the first Chinese family to settle in Worcester, Massachusetts and founded the first Chinese laundry in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Chin owned a laundry, a restaurant and a grocery store which catered to the small Chinese population in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Chin had six children; Luther, Ettie, Stanley, Rockwood, Henry Jr. and Barbara. Son, Rockwood Chin graduated from North High School and then Yale University with three degrees; bachelor's with history honors in 1932, a master's in government in 1934 and a Ph.D. in international economics in 1937. Rockwood died on February 24, 1998. Sister Ettie Chin Hong lived in Freeport, NY. at the time of his death. Luther and Stanley both graduated from North High School and then later from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Brother Henry Chin Jr. was married to Lay Shee Chin and had five children; Wesley, Raymond, Eugene, Ruby and Irving. Irving also graduated from North High School in 1949 and from Yale University in 1953.

Henry I. Chin died in 1934 and wife Ung Shee Chin died in 1937. Henry was given permission by the immigration authorities to return to China and bring back his bride to Worcester. At that time he opened a store on Mechanic Street dealing in Chinese merchandise. Mr. and Mrs. Chin were also believed to be the first members of a Baptist Mission Sunday School program for Chinese people. In later years the family was affiliated with Wesley Methodist Church.

## Scope and Content

This collection contains several photographs of the Chin Family taken between 1900 and 1910. There are also certificates and diplomas of the high schools and colleges that the Chin children attended.

## Series Description

Series 1: Certificates

Series 2: Photographs

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Series 1, Certificates

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2003.21.1.1	Worcester Polytechnic Institute certificate for 50 years of honorable service since graduation, Luther Q. Hong chin/ 8x10 in. June 1979.
1	1	2003.21.1.2a-b	Map and aerial view of Worcester Polytechnic Institute / 8x10 glossy photo, n.d.
1	2	2003.21.1.3	Worcester High School Diploma Luther Quock Hong Chin, North High School, 14 x 18 in., 1925.
1	2	2003.21.1.4	Worcester Polytechnic Institute / B.S. of Electrical Engineering, Stanley Quock Wing Chin / 14 x 16, 1932.
1	2	2003.21.1.5	Worcester High School Diploma / Stanley Quock Wing Chin / North High School / 14 x 18 in., 1927.
1	2	2003.21.1.6	Yale University/ B.A. / Rockwood Quock Ping Chin / 17 x 13 in., 1932.
1	2	2003.21.1.7	Worcester High School Diploma / Rockwood Quock Ping Chin / North High School / 14 x 18 in., 1928.
1	2	2003.21.1.8	Worcester High School Diploma / Ettie Lentoy Chin / North High School / 14 x 18 in., 1931.

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Series 2, Photographs

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	2003.21.2.1	Henry Chin as a young boy / 4 x 5 ½ in on a 4 1/4 x 6 ½ in. Matte. Photographer: Ritz Portraits, Boston, MA, Ca 1885 - 1920.
1	3	2003.21.2.2	Chin Family Portrait, pictured are children: Luther, Ettie, Stanley, Rockwood, Ungshee, Henry Jr., and Henry Sr., ca 1905-1910.
1	3	2003.21.2.3	Chin Family Portrait, pictured are: Foster sister, Stanley, Henry Jr., and Ung See Chin., n.d.
1	3	2003.21.2.4	Brother Henry Chin Jr. With first wife and son Wesley, n.d.
1	3	2003.21.2.5	Portrait of Henry Chin / 14 x 11 in. Photographer: unknown, ca 1905-1910.
1	3	2003.21.2.6	Family portrait / 20 x 16 in. Photographer: unknown, ca 1905-1910.
1	3	2003.21.2.7	Brother Henry Chin Jr. With first wife and son Wesley / 20 x 16 in. Photographer unknown, n.d.
1	3	2003.21.2.8	Family portrait, foster sister stands on left side, brother Henry Jr. Stands on right side. Mother is holding Stanley as a baby, father is holding Luther, as a baby / 20 x 16 in. Photographer unknown, ca 1900-1910.