

Sustaining Chinese Programs: The pacific West Chinese Heritage Special Collection Project

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Chinese Diaspora in Oregon

Portland's Louie Chung (1876–1926)



Collection of Mrs. Bessie Louie Sue

LOUIE CHUNG was born in Shek Lau Hang, a small, rural hamlet in Guangdong Province, China, and immigrated to Oregon in about 1892 to work as a railroad laborer. Over the course of two decades he became a prominent Portland businessman and respected Chinese community member. Louie is seated with his family in this 1925 photograph. From the left are his daughters Hazel and Bessie, and his wife Jue Yook, and on the right are his sons Edward and Billie.

Portland's Louie Chung (1876–1926)

“Louie Chung arrived in Oregon during a time of widespread individual and institutional anti-Chinese racism in Oregon. Defying the odds against him for survival and success, he became a respected and influential Portland businessman, family man, land owner, and philanthropist who was equally at ease in both Portland's white and Chinese societies.”

Drawing on family stories and primary documents, the author (Louie Chung's grandson) traces this remarkable journey and opens a window onto the vibrant and sometimes violent life of Portland's Old Chinatown.



1925年12月22日,《俄勒冈日报》

《俄勒冈日报》发表了一篇文章:在为波特兰贫困家庭募集的粮食物资 中,雷祥菜园有限公司捐赠了**价值300 美元**的一卡车货物,随后这些物资将由波特兰警察局派发给民众。

Oregon Chinese Diaspora Project

Our Mission

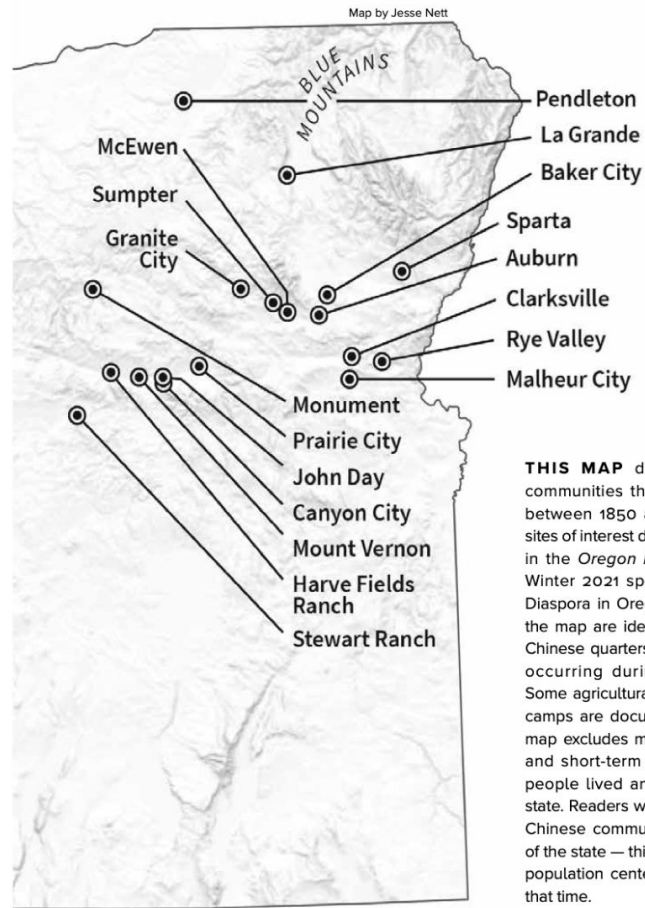
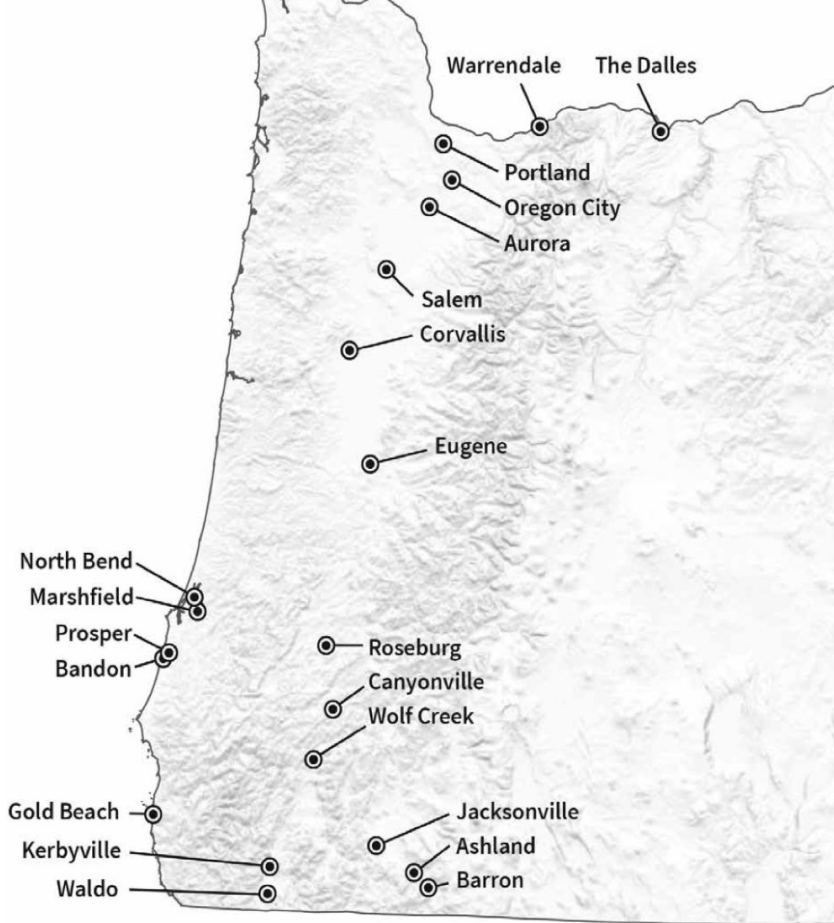
The mission of the Oregon Chinese Diaspora Project is to promote research and education on Oregon's early Chinese residents. The project uses local history and public archaeology to challenge dated stereotypes and highlight the transnational lives of Chinese immigrants and Chinese Americans who helped establish the early infrastructure and economic industries of Oregon. Through the partnership and its affiliated OCDP Chinese American Advisory Committee, the project shares resources and expertise, conducts archaeological excavations, applies cutting edge technology, models best practices and current scholarship, and aims to identify opportunities and overcome challenges in centering the history of the Chinese diaspora in Oregon.

Chinese immigrants helped shape Oregon's history. Come discover the stories and resilience of early Chinese Americans.

University of Oregon Museum of Natural Cultural History
(February 21, 2025 through March 29, 2026)



**Roots and
Resilience—Chinese
American Heritage in Oregon**



THIS MAP documents Chinese communities that existed in Oregon between 1850 and 1943, along with sites of interest described in the articles in the *Oregon Historical Quarterly's* Winter 2021 special issue, "Chinese Diaspora in Oregon." Communities on the map are identified as Chinatowns, Chinese quarters, or hubs for activities occurring during the time period. Some agricultural, mining, and railroad camps are documented, however, the map excludes many of the ephemeral and short-term sites where Chinese people lived and worked across the state. Readers will note the absence of Chinese communities in large swaths of the state — this generally follows the population centers in the state during that time.

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Chinese Massacre at Deep Creek

By [Greg Nokes](#)

Chinese Pilots Trained in Portland During the 1930s

A small newspaper clipping enclosed in a Chinese Exclusion Act case file held in the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) at Seattle led to a research journey that uncovered information about the lives of Chinese pilots who trained in Portland, Oregon, during the 1930s.

The archival collection explored in this Research Files feature are among the thousands of case files created during the Exclusion Era, when all persons of Chinese descent — both American-born citizens and Chinese nationals — entering and leaving the United States were heavily scrutinized and subjected to a complicated documentation process.

‘The Evergreen’: Meet the Chinese American women from Oregon who made aviation history



By **Jenn Chávez** (OPB) and **Emily Hamilton** (OPB)

July 28, 2025 6 a.m.



Why it matters?

Distort real histories and cultures

Contribute to racism and discrimination

Influence media, education, and public policy

Affect how Chinese people are treated in daily life

Oregon Chinese Coalition



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Our Mission

Our mission is to build a vibrant community by promoting Chinese culture and heritage, serving the Chinese American community in Oregon, and ensuring that no one is left behind. We strive to advance our community's interests through advocacy, education, and engagement, while fostering a sense of belonging and inclusivity for all.

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Youth Conference

Youth Drum Team

Youth Guitar Club

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Mulan Drum Team

Naming Project

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连续第四年走进社区庆祝农历新年

📅 February 07, 2026

到目前为止我们在各个社区已经参加了二十个活动，包括学校、老年公寓和社区中心。我们甚至前往摆脱了东部的Boring与那里的学生和教育工作者一起庆祝农历新年，在看到学校周围被农田环绕时，我们就没有犹豫接受了学校的邀请。我们向那些开设中文课程的学校提供了高质量的节目，并很高兴听到这些课程的报名学生人数在增加。选择在老年...

社区冬季捐赠活动进入第八年

📅 November 23, 2025

社区第八届冬季捐赠活动圆满结束！今年共有 50 多位同学参与，分布在 11 个收集点。我们迎接的捐赠者既来自华人社区，也有许多本地非华人群体。在接收捐赠的过程中，孩子们切身感受到这个活动为我们华人社区带来的赞许和感激。面对新闻中偶尔出现的华人负面报道，我们更需要让社会看到：作为一个整体，华人社区过去和现在始终都是...

OCC成为州政府新的房租补贴项目合作伙伴

📅 November 01, 2025

OCC已经或正在与三家协调服务组织建立合作伙伴关系，成为健康相关社会需求（HRSN）项目房租补贴的提供组织。我们刚刚设立了该项目的网页，详细介绍符合资格的标准、申请流程、服务区域及其他紧急援助资源。无论正面临住房危机，还是需要了解相关资源，我们都愿为有需要且符合条件的社区成员提供最贴心、最专业的支持。

中餐馆加入给庇护所提供晚餐的行列

📅 October 25, 2025

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H2C Relay Team



Gloria Wong



Xiaohui Chen and Dick Lee



Fred Wong



Congratulations to following Chinese Americans who won national recognitions in recent years!

Marshall Scholarship

2024 Rupert Li '24 at MIT, from Portland [News](#)

2020 Isaac Cui '20 at Pomona College, from Beaverton [News](#)

Prudential Community Service Award National Honorees

2016 Alisha Zhao, Junior at Lincoln High School, from Portland [News](#)

Prudential Emerging Visionaries

2024 Ethan Zhang, Junior at Westview Highschool, from Portland [News](#)

Regeneron Science Talent Search (STS) Top 10 Winners

2020 Rupert Li, Senior at Jesuit High School, from Portland [News](#)

2021 Wenjun Hou, Senior at Jesuit High School, from Portland [News](#)

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards National Winners

2022 Jenny Chen, Freshman at Lincoln High School, from Portland [News](#)

2016 Sophia Mautz, Junior at Lincoln High School, from Portland [News](#)

The Columbia River “A Women’s Forum”



Dianne Davies

Dianne Davies writes about her collaborator: **Regina Zhao**, Mountainside High School Junior, is a piano student of mine and a brilliant young artist. The strength she brings to all her endeavors inspired me to collaborate with her. Together we have created a powerful experience drawing from the stories of brave women in Oregon’s history.



Regina Zhao

The 80th Oregon Youth Governor



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Timeline of Chinese Immigration to the United States

UC Berkeley: [link](#)

Ghosts of Gold Mountain: Chinese Building the Transcontinental Railroad

Gordon H. Chang, Stanford University: [link](#)

The Chinese Exclusion Act DVD

PBS Online Bookstore: [link](#)

Chinese Americans in Oregon
