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ORAL HISTORY  
CHINESE MIGRATION  
TO CALIFORNIA

-- TAPE RECORDED --

Date of Interview: February 1974  
Subject: Chinese Migration to California  
Period: Circa 1850 to Present  
Interviewee: Charles A. "Doc" Dambacher  
Background:

Taping sessions in February and May of 1973 with Mr. Dambacher met with such success that it was decided that this subject needed coverage. Mr. Dambacher has very obligingly agreed to share his expertise with us.

It is suggested that the tapes on - Charles Dambacher (Feb 1973) and - Lumber and Mining (May 1973) be used as a prelude to this interview.

TAPE:

Side #1

1850 - Only a Handful  
Letters to Friends  
Steamship Companies  
Ship Arrivals in San Francisco  
Long Lines of Chinese  
Heads Shaved - Ques  
Gold Field Migration  
Camp Salvadore - Woods Creek  
Camp Washington - Chinese Camp  
Dry Diggins  
Sims Panch  
Six Pit Gulch - Red Hills  
Whitemen Pay to Wash Ore  
Chinese War - Claim Dispute  
Implements of War  
Hired Blacksmiths  
Pattleground - Crimea House  
700 and 900 Warriors  
Guns  
4 Dead - 4 Wounded

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Special Armor  
Armor Still Around  
250 Arrests - Wars End  
Columbia Supports 12-1500  
Store Locations  
Matelot Gulch  
Butcher Shop Story  
Gold Springs Diggings  
Costly Pranks  
Living Standard  
Portion of Income to Homeland  
Tongs or Six Companies  
Exist on \$50 - \$100 per year  
1856 (Circa) Curtailment of Immigration  
Bandits Invade Camps  
Rewards Bring End to Bandits

Side #2

Charles Dambacher (1859 - 1948) Story  
Pocks Thrown at Chinese  
Truce  
Ancestry Story  
Little or No Peace  
Retreat to San Francisco  
Survival in the Ditch  
Cedar Ridge Road Crossing  
Three Chinamen Wading  
Near Starvation  
Proceed to Dambacher Ranch  
Soups and Beds  
Servants at the Ranches  
End of Placer Mines  
Sonora Restaurant 1853  
Apple Pie  
Tong Master Millionaires  
Prison Heroes  
Following Gold Rush  
Stone Walls - Cheap Labor  
Outstanding Walls North of Sacramento  
Very Industrious  
Cooks - Laundries in Sonora  
Lyons Street - Green Street - Stockton Road  
Sonora Chinatown  
Shacks - Adobe - Brick - Wood  
Dedication of Chinatown  
Looking in with Skepticism  
Delivering Milk as a Poy  
Hop Chee Restaurant  
Price of Meal \$.25  
Sonora Creek Flooded  
Happy Works at Gem Cafe [HAPPY HEN CHOW]  
Old Chinese Hat  
If Happy Could Relate His Past  
Happy's Friends and Protectors  
Last of Old Chinese to Live in Sonora  
Similar to Indian Persecutions  
Taxation  
Circus Story at Columbia  
Pranks on Chinese Cook

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**Conclusion:**

Mr. Charles A. "Doc" Dambacher's devotion to each subject can only be reflected in his serious approach. At the same time he is able to tell the interesting stories that we have learned to expect on each visit. If you enjoy listening half as much as he enjoys telling all who will someday listen, you can then appreciate this wonderful man.