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Died in 1906

Kee Chinn arrived in California about 1858. He was a miner, a labor contractor, a truck farmer and a merchant. He owned two brick buildings in Old Town Auburn that are still standing today. His company was called Ma Wing Chung (Chong) and Company.

He lost most of his wealth in mining investments but was highly thought of in the community. He was known as “the boss man of Chinatown.”

His family was involved in shipping the bones of deceased Chinese back to China.

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