

United States of America,  
Washington Territory,  
County of King

In the Matter of the Expulsion  
of Chinese from Tacoma, W. T.

Sing Lee having been first  
legally duly sworn on his oath  
deposeth and saith:

My name is Sing Lee, I am 51  
years of age and a citizen of  
the Chinese Empire. China is my  
native country. I arrived in  
Port Townsend, Washington  
Territory in 1858, since which  
time I have made Washington  
Territory my home. On the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
day of November last I was  
engaged in business at Tacoma,  
W. T. as a contractor and merch-  
ant. I was in Victoria, British  
Columbia at the time of the  
expulsion of the Chinese from  
Tacoma, but my family were in  
Tacoma. Tacoma was my home.  
I received a telegraphic dispatch  
to come and meet my wife at

Sing Lee

Port Townsend, W. T. whether she  
had fled from the mob. I do not  
know of my own knowledge  
what happened at the time of the  
riot in Tacoma, all I can state  
is what I learned from my wife  
and my countrymen. On November  
3, 1885 I had a brick yard at  
Tacoma. I also had a farm of  
160 acres of land about 18 miles  
from Tacoma in the vicinity  
of Hillhurst. The farm cost  
me \$4200 besides about \$3000 I  
have expended upon the farm  
since I bought it in ditching  
and otherwise improving the  
land. I had been absent from  
Tacoma 3 months at the time  
of the riot. I have not been  
on my farm for six months.  
My wife informs me that I  
sustained the losses set forth  
in the following paper in the  
riot of November 3, 1885 at  
Tacoma or as a direct result of  
said riot, to-wit:

Goods wares and merchandise

\$1008.48

Solvent debts due  
me from Chinese  
who were expelled and  
now uncollectible \$7,000

Brick yard, building,  
fixtures, material  
team &c. 3760.02

Vegetable garden  
Pigs, hay, chickens &c. 2800.00

China mine, Rice  
Vermicelli, beans &c. ~~1520~~  
1520

In regard to some of my  
losses it is impossible to  
make an accurate statement  
detailing to the fact of my books  
and vouchers being destroyed  
or stolen by the mob.

\$16,088.02

I had a clerk in Tacoma at the time of the riot who had charge of my business. He is now in Victoria, B. C. sick and unable to come here to testify. In January 1886 I presented a claim for the foregoing losses signed by myself and wife to Col. Bee Chinese Consul at San Francisco, California. All the articles and things, choses in action &c. set forth in said list of losses belonged to me. Every charge made in said list is reasonable and just. I lost a great many articles in said riot which are not mentioned or included in said list.

I know Lung May and his wife. She became insane a few days after the riot and is now a raving maniac. I think her insanity was produced by the excitement, grief and losses sustained by her husband, who was financially ruined by the riot.

Sung Lee (over) 李勝院

Subscribed

and sworn to before me this  
third day of June, A. D. 1886.  
N. Söderberg  
Notary Public.

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the Expulsion of  
Chinese from Tacoma.

Affidavit of  
Ching Lee.

Territory of Washington, King County, W.  
this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, A. D. 1886, before me a  
Notary Public in and for said County and  
Territory, duly authorized by law to administer  
oaths personally appeared King Lee, a Chia-  
nan over the age of twenty one years, well  
known to me as the person who subscribed  
to the foregoing affidavit and says he is  
fully entitled to the same  
who being by me first solemnly sworn  
according to law upon his oath, says that the  
statements in the foregoing affidavit by him  
subscribed are true. I further certify that I am  
not interested in said claim or any part  
thereof either directly nor indirectly. In  
witness whereof I have hereunto affixed  
my hand and official seal  
at Seattle in said County  
this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 1886.

N. Soderberg  
Notary Public.

Affidavit of  
Shing Kee

Chong H.

In the Matter of  
the Separation of  
Chinese from  
Jesuits.

Affidavit of  
Shing Kee