

# Grace Chen 陳 珊

1897 - 1942



- **Family lore**

- She studied medicine, but where?
- She traveled to the US to study, but when, where, and how?

- **Clues**

- English name – Grace
- Birth year – 1897
- Moved to Beijing for school
- Postcard from Niagara Falls

By Cathy Chen Lee (grand-daughter of Grace Chen's brother), 2019

This photo is of Grace Chen, Chen Shan (陳 珊). She is my grandfather's oldest sister. Growing up, we heard stories that she was a very different sort of turn-of-the-century Chinese woman. At the time, many girls from middle and upper-class families still had their feet bound, stayed home, and learned embroidery. Aunt Grace refused to have her feet bound and she insisted on going to school, a Western style school, to study medicine – a totally unlady-like profession. Not only did she not marry, she traveled across the ocean alone, which was rare even for a Western woman. Those were the stories but we didn't know when she traveled, where she lived, or how she got there. When I got interested in learning more, about 10 years ago, all of my grandfather's generation were gone and most of my father's generation who were old enough to know her were gone too.

A friend, who studied history of missionaries in China for her PhD thesis, said that it would be nearly impossible to find any records in China due to World War II, the civil war, and the Cultural Revolution. So I searched elsewhere with only a name, a birthyear, and a story of a postcard from Niagara Falls.

## Family Photo



L-R: Chen Tsan 陳瓚 (2nd child), Chen Shan 陳珊 (oldest), Chen Yin 陳瑛 (5th), Great grandma Chen, Great grandpa Chen Zhi 陳治 (seated), Chen Qiu 陳球 (7th)

Family stories say she was stubborn and refused to be constrained by the norms for women during early 20th century. At the time, many girls from middle and upper-class families still had their feet bound, stayed home, and learned embroidery. Chen Shan not only refused but instead received a Western style education. She graduated in 1921 from 华北协和女子大学 North China Union Women's College, Beijing, the first women's college in China. Upon graduating, she practiced as a doctor at St. James Hospital in 安徽安慶, (Anqing, Anhui) then at Margaret Williamson Hospital in Shanghai.

Chen Shan decided to study in America. She sailed on a steamship alone as an unmarried woman to the United States for graduate studies at Women's College Hospital in Philadelphia (now part of Drexel University) for two years 1929-1930. She left from New York City and went home the long way through Europe. We only know one stop was Vienna, Austria, because she left it as her forwarding address.

Above is a photo of my great-grandfather, Chen Zhi 陳治, with his oldest son and his three daughters, taken before Grace traveled abroad, probably in the mid-1920s. From left to right, my grandfather Chen Tsan 陳瓚 (2nd child), Chen Shan 陳珊 (oldest), Chen Yin 陳瑛 (5th), great-grandmother Chen, great-grandfather Chen Zhi 陳治 (seated), Chen Qiu 陳球 (7th).

In January 2018, I attended a presentation by Trish Hackett Nicola at the Seattle Genealogy Society, in which she talked about the Chinese Exclusion Act Files found in the National Archives – Seattle. In answer to my question, Trish said that it was entirely possible to find records about my great aunt because of the time period she would have traveled to the USA. She helped search based on my great aunt's Chinese name, as we did not know she had a Western name at the time. The big breakthrough happened when my father's cousin remembered that their aunt sometimes went by the Western name "Grace".

# National Archive File

Where she went to school



AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE  
American Consulate General,  
Shanghai, China, August 20, 1928.

**SECTION SIX PRECIS**

Name: GRACE CHEN.  
Class: Traveler.  
Visa No.: 96/1928.

Visa of Section Six Certificate granted by this office on August 11, 1928, under Section 3 (2) of the Act of 1924, as a traveler.

Holder's birthplace: Nanchang, Kiangsu, China.

Family: Not married.

Standing of holder: Graduated with degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1921, from the North China Union Medical College for Women, Peking, China. From 1921 to 1927 she practiced as a physician in St. James Hospital, Anking, and from 1927 to 1928, in Margaret Williamson Hospital, Shanghai.

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Reference: Dr. Harry B. Taylor, Johns Hopkins Medical School, Baltimore, Maryland.

Consular investigation and remarks: Examination has been made of the applicant who was accompanied to this office by Doctor J. E. Taylor Lawney, an American physician in Shanghai, who confirmed the statements made by the applicant in all respects. A letter has been received from Mr. H. F. Walker, Treasurer of the American Church Mission in Shanghai, vouching for the applicant's standing and plans as outlined above.

Intended departure:

Steamship: PRESIDENT JEFFERSON.  
Sailing date: September 22, 1928.  
Port of entry: Seattle, Wash.

*J. B. Sawyer*  
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American Vice Consul.

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JBS:LU/WCL.

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With the Western name, Grace Chen, and an approximate birth year, Trish found the National Archives file right here in Seattle! Due to the Chinese Exclusion Act laws at the time, Chinese travelers were subject to tough scrutiny. However, since she was a visiting student, the requirements were less stringent so there are no photos of her at entry and exit, as there might be for Chinese immigrants.

Her Visa, shown here, describes her educational and professional background. It shows she went to college at the North China Union Medical College for Women in Peking (now Beijing). At the time, the family lived in Anqing about 800 miles south. Based on this information, I found additional photos in the Yale University archives of what the school looked like (small photos – the woman is not Grace).

# National Archive File

Where she worked



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Upon graduating, she went home and practiced as a doctor at St. James Hospital in 安徽安慶, (Anqing, Anhui) then at Margaret Williamson Hospital in Shanghai. These were missionary hospitals run by foreigners. Most locals saw their local neighborhood Chinese medicine doctor in the early 1900s. The picture is of Williamson Hospital, found in the Yale Archives.

# National Archive File

Where she was going

\$3000 Mexican??

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Grace decided to study in America. This shows she was planning to study at the New York Infirmary for Women and Children. It is a mystery why she exchanged Chinese money into Mexican currency. She was going to sail on a steamship and her port of entry was Seattle!

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
**LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES**  
 ALL ALIENS arriving at a port of continental United States from a foreign port or a port of the insular possessions of the United States, and all aliens arriving at a port of said insular possessions from a foreign port, a port of continental United States (pink) sheet is for the listing of

9666-2 S. S. PRESIDENT JEFFERSON Passengers sailing from SHANGHAI, CHINA, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 1928

1 No. on List	2 HEAD-TAIL STATUS (110 unless otherwise indicated)	3 NAME IN FULL		4 Age	5 Sex	6 Color of hair	7 Color of eyes	8 Calling or occupation	9 Able to—		10 Race or people	11 Place of birth		12 Immigration Visa Number	13 Issued at—	14 Date	15 Last permanent residence			
		Family name	Given name						Yes	No		Country	City or town				Country	City or town		
1	ADMITTED	CHEN	GRADE	32	F	B	B	PHYSICIAN	YES	ENGLISH	YES	CHINA	CHINESE	CHINA	NAN CHANG	96/1928	SHANGHAI, CHINA	AUG. 11, 1928	CHINA	SHANGHAI
2	ADMITTED	CHANG	CHIA YUEN	21	F	B	B	STUDENT	YES	ENGLISH	YES	CHINA	CHINESE	CHINA	KATUNG	NON-QUOTA	SHANGHAI, CHINA	SEPT. 19, 1928	CHINA	SHANGHAI
3	ADMITTED	PAO	HUIGE K.	33	M	M	M	MERCHANT	YES	ENGLISH	YES	CHINA	CHINESE	CHINA	KIANGSU	VISA 114	SHANGHAI, CHINA	SEPT. 19, 1928	CHINA	SHANGHAI
4	ADMITTED	TOONG	KUAN YIK	21	M	B	B	STUDENT	YES	ENGLISH	YES	CHINA	CHINESE	CHINA	DHE KING	NON-QUOTA	SHANGHAI, CHINA	SEPT. 19, 1928	CHINA	SHANGHAI

**STATES IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL**  
 States, or a port of another insular possession, in whatever class they travel, MUST be fully listed and the master or commanding officer of each vessel carrying such passengers must upon arrival deliver lists thereof to the immigration officer  
 FIRST-CABIN PASSENGERS ONLY

Arriving at Port of SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 1928

16 No. on List	17 The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came	18 Final destination (if changed since passenger was admitted)		19 By whom was passenger paid?	20 If by whom paid, by what means?	21 Whether ever before in the United States, and if so, when and where?	22 Whether going to join a relative or friend, and if so, what relative or friend, and his name and complete address	23 Period of stay in United States										24 Condition of health, mental and physical	25 Determined of criminal, bad character, length of time, and cause	26 Height	27 Color of—	28 Marks of identification	
		State	City or town					Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No						Yes
1	BROTHER: MR. CHEN PAO 5 FO TUNG SCHOOL HANKOW ROAD, SHANGHAI	N.Y.	NEW YORK	YES	SELF	NO	NO	FRIEND: DR. ESTHER PEH WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL NEW YORK CITY	YES	1 YR.	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	GOOD	NO	5 4	ORIENTAL	D	B	OPD 14 131531
2	WIFE: MRS. PEARL PAO 5 TOH-WING BOG, 211 HANKOW ROAD, SHANGHAI	N.Y.	NEW YORK CITY	YES	SELF	YES	NO	FRIEND: MR. ED. I. FARMER 10-E, 56TH ST. NEW YORK CITY	YES	4 YRS.	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	GOOD	NO	5 4	ORIENTAL	D	B	H.T. 22981
3	MOTHER: MRS. TOONG WEI FONG 662 AVE, HAIG, SHANGHAI	ILL.	HAPPERSVILLE	YES	MOTHER	YES	NO	FRIEND: MR. ED. I. FARMER 10-E, 56TH ST. NEW YORK CITY	YES	4 YRS.	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	GOOD	NO	5 4	ORIENTAL	D	B	H.T. 22980

Source: ancestry.com

Based on the travel information on the Visa, I found the ships manifest on ancestry.com. It shows her name, age, profession, that she spoke English and Chinese. Our family was surprised she arrived here in Seattle. We assumed she entered the USA in New York. On the second page, it showed that her next of kin was her brother who lived in Shanghai at Putong College. This confirmed her identity. Finally, it logged her height at 5 foot 4 inches. That is fairly tall for a woman of her generation.

# Certificate of Admission of Alien

M 147  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
Immigration Service

SEATTLE, WASH. File No. 9666-2-1

CHINESE LANDED DIRECT FROM STRANGER ON IDENTIFICATION

SS From Shanghai Date OCT 8 1928

Class Sec 6 Master Shanghai Aug 4/28

What are all your names? Grace Chen

How many times have you been married? never

Give names of wives, age, dates of marriage, kind of feet, living or dead.

How many children have you ever had? Boys: \_\_\_\_\_ Girls: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Age	Sex	Birth date	Marital Status	Location
<u>Speaks English</u>					

Did you take any money, letters, or anything else from the United States to anyone in China on this trip? no

While in China on this trip were you introduced to the child of any resident of this country or did you attend the wedding of any such resident or the wedding of the son of any such resident, if so, give details:

Are you accompanied by anyone? no If so, whom?

CI or CR \_\_\_\_\_

RETURNED TO APPLICANT. \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_ Admitted OCT 9 1928

SWORN: Grace Chen Applicant

Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Marks \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Form 505  
CERTIFICATE OF ADMISSION OF ALIEN  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

Port of Seattle, Wash.  
Date August 7, 1928.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the following is a correct record and statement of facts relative to the admission to the United States of the alien named below:

- (1) Manifest No. 9666/2-1 ; Class, First
- (2) S. S. President Jefferson ; Line, Admiral
- (3) Port at which admitted, Seattle, Wash. ; Date, October 8, 1928
- (4) Name, CHEN, Grace, ; Age, 32 ; Sex, female
- (5) Married, no ; Occupation, physician ; Able to read, yes ; Write, yes
- (6) Citizen of, China ; Race, Chinese
- (7) Place of birth, Nan Chang, China,
- (8) Class of immigration, Sec 3 (2) visa, ; No. 96/1928 ; Issued at Shanghai, China, ; Date, Aug. 11, 1928
- (9) Last permanent residence, Shanghai, China,
- (10) Name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came, brother, Chen Pao, C/o Foo Tung School, Hankow Road, Shanghai, China.
- (11) Destination, New York. ; By whom, Money passage paid, self ; brought, \$200
- (12) Whether in U. S. before, no ; When, ; Where, ;
- (13) Whether going to relative or friend, ; Give name and complete address: Dr. Esther Fah, c/o Women & Children Hospital, New York City.
- (14) Purpose of coming to U. S., Tourist for business.
- (15) Condition of health, good,
- (16) Height, 5' 4" ; Complexion, oriental ; Color of hair, dark
- (17) Color of eyes, brown ; Identification marks, QFD 14-131531
- (18) Examined by Inspector, Spengler and Sanderson.
- (19) Accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_ ; How admitted, primary
- (20) Remarks: To remain in U.S. for one year.

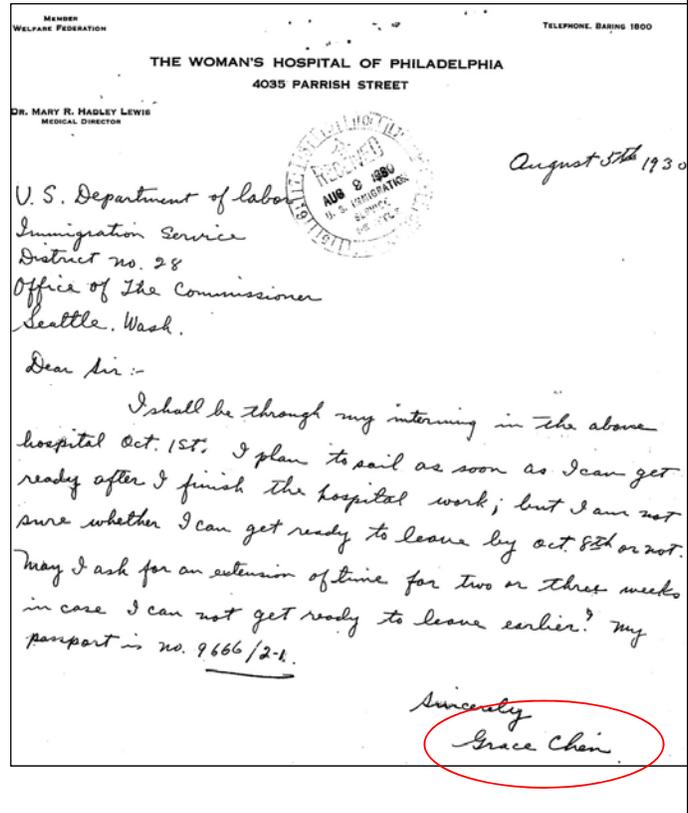
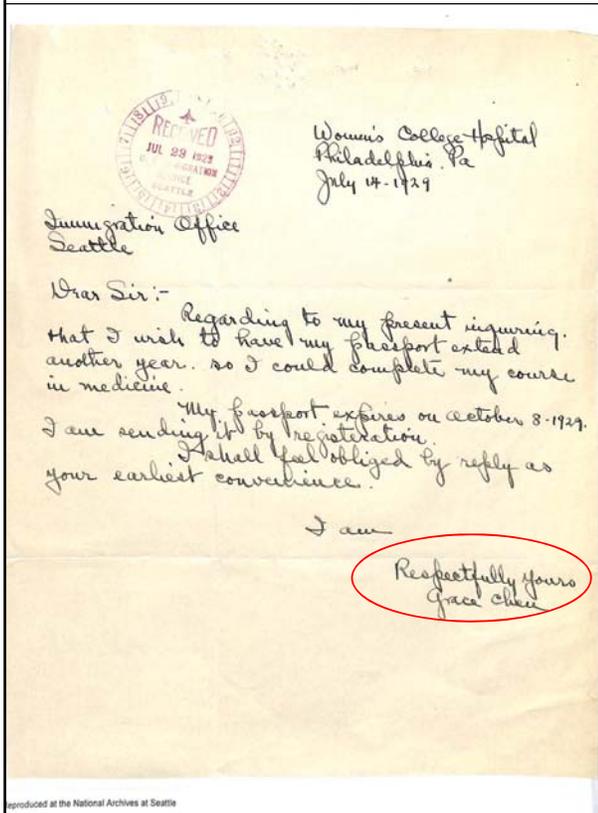
(Signature) [Signature] 1928

(Official title) Assistant Commissioner.

THIS FORM IS INSUFFICIENT AS A BASIS FOR A PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION.

These are Grace's admissions papers. The left document is the interview notes – never married, never been to the US, speaks English. It was signed in her hand which is the first time I saw anything in her writing in either Chinese or English! On the right is the same information formally typed up. It notes that her intention was to stay just one year until August 1929.

# Letters to Immigrations



When the first year was almost up, Grace wrote to immigrations requesting a one-year extension (right) which was granted. The next year, close to when she was supposed to leave, she wrote again to request a short extension. Interestingly, the handwriting on these two letters is very different. At first I thought she asked classmates to write for her.

# Letters to Immigrations

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Class Sec 6 Visitor Sept 25 Aug 28

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How many children have you ever had? Boys: \_\_\_\_\_ Girls: \_\_\_\_\_

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<u>Speaks English</u>					

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Are you accompanied by anyone? M If so, whom?

CI of CR \_\_\_\_\_

RETURNED TO APPLICANT. \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

If applicant intends to apply for Certificate of Identity the following information is requested:

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Marks \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Admitted OCT 8 1928

Inspector [Signature]

Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMBER  
WELFARE FEDERATION

THE WOMAN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA  
4035 PARRISH STREET

DR. MARY R. MADLEY LEWIS  
MEDICAL DIRECTOR

U.S. Department of Labor  
Immigration Service  
District no. 28  
Office of The Commissioner  
Seattle, Wash.

August 5th 1930

RECEIVED  
AUG 6 1930  
U. S. IMMIGRATION  
SEATTLE

Dear Sir :-

I shall be through my internship in the above hospital Oct. 1st. I plan to sail as soon as I can get ready after I finish the hospital work; but I am not sure whether I can get ready to leave by Oct. 8th or not. May I ask for an extension of time for two or three weeks in case I can not get ready to leave earlier? My passport is no. 9666/2-1.

Sincerely  
Grace Chen

Upon closer inspection, the handwriting on the second letter is the same as the signature on her entry interview (left). So we can assume the right-hand letter is entirely written by her. This is the only handwritten document that we have by her. Nothing else survives.

# Woman's Hospital College, Philadelphia



Woman's Hospital College, Philadelphia 1930



Dr. LUCILLE M. VAN.

Dr. Van was born in Soochow, Kiangsu, on December 28, 1897. She graduated from the Wu Peng High School, Shanghai, and had one year premedical work and four years of medicine at the Soochow Woman's Medical College where she graduated in 1916. For a year she was interne at the Mary Black Hospital, Soochow, and the following year she was resident at the same hospital. During her second year as resident she spent six months in Siberia with a unit from the Mary Black Hospital doing Red Cross work.

Dr. Van went to the United States in 1919 and spent three and a half years doing post graduate study at the Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia. The first year was spent in general work and the last two and a half years specializing in eye, ear, nose, and throat work.

Since October, 1922, Dr. Van has been a resident physician at the Margaret Williamson Hospital in charge of the Ear, Nose, and Throat department, as an assistant in the eye department, and as a willing substitute in the other departments when there has been a shortage of workers.

Dr. Van is associate in Laryngology, Rhinology, and Otology in the Woman's Christian Medical College.

Dr. Van became a Christian while she was in the United States and joined the Methodist Church at Camden, New Jersey. She brought her letter to the Moore Memorial (Southern Methodist) Church in Shanghai. The only other member of her family who is a Christian is her sister.

Dr. Van will, in October, 1927, complete her five years as a member of the staff of the Margaret Williamson Hospital. Recently the staff voted to give her time off for study with full pay, at the completion of her five years.

The letters requesting extensions were written not from New York but from Woman's Hospital College in Philadelphia (now part of Drexel University). There is no documentation of why she switched schools. But when I was searching for information about Woman's Hospital College, I found a photo of the school along with a bio of alumna Dr. Van who worked at Margaret Williamson Hospital in 1927. Dr. Van and Grace would have worked at the same hospital at the same time and probably knew each other. It is likely that Dr. Van influenced where Grace went to study.



# Going Home

9666  
2-1

TELEPHONE, BARRIS 1800

**THE WOMAN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA**  
4035 PARRISH STREET

Dr. MARY R. MADLEY LEWIS  
MEDICAL DIRECTOR

April 10, 1931

The Assistant commissioner of Immigration,  
Seattle District,  
Seattle,  
Washington

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry regarding Grace Chen, a Chinese woman, admitted to this country October 5, 1929, I wish to state that Dr. Chen was employed at this hospital as Resident Physician from May 1, 1930 to October 1, 1930, and that shortly after she left us she called from New York. The last address we have is:

Dr. Grace Chen  
c/o American Medical Association of Vienna  
Alserstrasse 9  
Vienna  
Austria

Thanking you very much for the courtesy granted to her in the extension of time, which made her service with us possible, I am

Sincerely yours,  
*Mary R. Lewis*  
Mary R. Lewis, M.D.  
Medical Director

NOTE  
*No record of departure 4/13/31*  
*file Statistics*

P.M. 26

Ship "TURGASTIA" Port of Arrival LONDON Date of Arrival 14th October 1930.

Ship Line CUNARD. Whence Arrived

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF ALIEN PASSENGERS

No.	Port of Embarkation	Port at which Passenger last been landed	NAMES OF PASSENGERS	Proposed Address in the United Kingdom	CLASS	Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passenger	AGE OF PASSENGERS							Country of which Citizen or Subject	Country of Birth	Date of Birth	Date of Arrival	Date of Departure	Foreign Consulate
							Male	Female	Infants	Children	Adults	Older	Younger						
36	LONDON	STARK	Anna	In transit to	TC	Housewife	60							BERMANT	U.S.A.	KS			1
37	LONDON	STARK	Lillie	do	"	Nurse	25							do	do	KS			1
38	LONDON	WALTER	Ellie	do	"	do	27							do	do	KS			1
39	LONDON	CHEN	Grace	China Island	"	Physician	34							CHINA	do				1
40	LONDON	PAYNE	Cecile Ann	109 Portland Rd. 4, Queens St. St.	"	Nurse	42							U.S.A.	do	KS			1
41	LONDON	DU CHAMP	Lawrence H.	Albans, Mexis.	"	Wireless Op.	25							do	do				1
42	LONDON	GRETT	Elizabeth L.	Cafe de Paris London	"	Housewife	38							do	do	KS			1
43	LONDON	MISHER	Lawrence	140, Fenchurch St. St. 1, The Crescent, Tottenham, London.	"	Designer	41							do	do	KS			1
44	PLYMOUTH	HOWE	Madeline	Tottenham, London.	"	Nurse	38							do	do	KS			1

We don't know the exact day she left America. The letter (right) in response to an immigrations inquiry tells us approximately when she left and her forwarding address in Vienna. That is the last document in the Archives file.

On ancestry.com, I found a ships manifest that she sailed from New York to London. We lose the trail here on how she got home. Did she go from London to Vienna? Most likely she took the train (Orient Express?) and then sailed through the Indian Ocean. More research is required.

# Back in China



We know she arrived home not long after, probably within a few months. She returned to work as a doctor at Nankai Schools. She refused to open a lucrative private practice. Instead she opened the school clinic to the public. She treated many of the poor during the war.

This photo is of the extended family around 1940. The family had grown a lot since the 1920s -- my grandfather, Grace, great-grandmother plus all the sisters and brothers and all their children. My father is on the far right. Grace delivered her sister-in-law's baby (baby held by great grandma in photo). He is the one who remembered there was a box of Grace's mementos which included a Niagara Falls postcard. Unfortunately this box of mementos was lost.

Not long after this photo, Grace died of a massive stroke, about age 45. Many of her grateful patients lined the funeral procession and wore mourning clothes, taking the place of children she never had. She was well loved.

# Next Generation Arrives

**Manifest of In-Bound Passengers (Aliens)**

Form Approved Budget Bureau No. 43-B-300  
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 Immigration and Naturalization Service

MANIFEST NO. 2  
 Class CHS from YOKOHAMA, JAPAN 25 NOVEMBER, 1959  
 arriving at port of LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.  
 (Name of vessel) TAINAN (Date of arrival) 11/25/59

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Place of Birth	Country of Birth	Passport No.	Remarks
1	唐功楷	M	30	CHINA	TK 108809	V163798	F
2	李静如	F	30	CHINA	TK 108905	V163204	F
3	杨大白	M	25	CHINA	TK 09910	V1632094	F
4	陈文	M	25	CHINA	TK 108258	V163205	J
5	曾瑞生	M	25	CHINA	TK 104218	V163005	F

*James L. Kawai*  
 11/25/59

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**PASSENGER LIST**

Form Approved Budget Bureau No. 43-B-300  
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 Immigration and Naturalization Service

CARRIER CHINESE S.S. "TAINAN"  
 (Nationality, name, and official No. of carrier)  
 Date of arrival/departure 12055, 1959 Port of arrival LOS ANGELES, CALIF.  
 (Class and date) (Class and date)  
 Last foreign port before arrival in United States YOKOHAMA, JAPAN (Place and Country)  
 Date departed 1959-11-15 Nov. 15, 1959

Family Name	Given Name and Middle Initial	Nationality and passport number	CREW		Case (Departing U.S. Flag Vessels only) ENCL 2 or C.D.B. No. and Name and Address of Next of Kin	This column for use Government officials only - indicate when carrying certain items weapons, etc. (Inter- state)
			Position	Wages shipped or unpaid		
TANG	KUNG-KAI	CHINA TK 108809				H-3
LI	CHING-JU	CHINA TK 108905				F
YANG	TAIEN-FAT	CHINA TK 09910				F
CHEN	WEN-SHUN	CHINA TK 108258			Med Insp. R. Adm. Spc. 12/19/59 R. Deferred to 12/19/59	F
CHENG	CHI-SEN	CHINA TK 104218				F

Almost 25 years later, in 1956 my dad's brother sailed on a ship to study in America, followed by my dad in 1959. They received their PhDs, Physics and Electrical Engineering respectively, at the University of Washington in Seattle!

With assistance from Trish Hackett Nicola and the information in the National Archives, I have the story of Great Aunt Grace's missing years in the United States and was able to share it at our Chen Family Reunion. It was a big hit.

I have been amazed that I have a great aunt who was way ahead of her time. Even more amazing was my great grandfather as a progressive, forward thinking man who let his daughter follow her passion to work and travel!

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