

Year	Date	News Event	Source
1857-61		Chinese begin working for grape growers in Napa & Sonoma	Beasts of the Field
1860		45,000 Chinese in Calif-20,000 miners, 20k railroad, 5k misc	Factories In the Field
1862		Anti-chinese "Coolie" Clubs exist as political groups	Fact Field
1867		most wheat labor done by Chinese and Indians	Fact Field
1868		Napa Valley Railroad being built, Gravel roadbed prepared by Chinese laborers, who are lodged near the gravel quarry in Sh. Farmers come to watch them work.	
1869		Transcontinental railroad completed and jobs end. Estimates that 10,000 unemployed Chinese move to agricultural areas	Fact Field
1870		Chinese are 10% of farm laborers	Census
1871		Chinese harvesting grapes in Napa Valley	Beasts of the Field
1872	Jan	Overland Monthly writes "grapes in the northern portion of the state are picked by Chinamen, who will pick an average of 1500 pounds per day"	Overland Monthly
1873		Depressed economy drops wine sales, vintners try to cut costs by hiring Chinese labor	Calif Napa Valley Heintz p60
1874	24-Jan	Anti-chinese anarchists set fire to Occidental Winery hay barn	Beasts of the Field
1874	12-Nov	Locals are outraged that Chinese have requested to use public schools in the evening for classes, when they don't pay taxes.	Star
1874	10-Dec	"tallow colored rat eaters of the celestial empire in Napa are buying guns, perhaps to shoot their way to the flowery kingdom"	Star
1875	19-Aug	Wah Chung, the labor contractor, says he has 300 Chinese waiting to pick grapes	Star
1875	26-Aug	There are so many Chinese in Chinatown waiting to pick grapes and hops, all 3 wells have gone dry	Star
1875		At harvest time 300 Chinese arrived in SH, contracted to pick grapes	Beasts of the Field
1876	22-Apr	Quong Goon Loong advertises "China Labor Furnished", and China goods for sale	Star
1876	1-Sep	SF Chronicle condemns use of Chinese for grape harvest, when 3000 unemployed boys 16-20 yrs old are willing to work for \$15-20 a month.	Star
1876	1-Sep	Charles Storey began picking hops with 60 Chinamen employed	Star
1876	15-Sep	H.A. Pellet (first mayor of SH) owns Manzanita Winery. His Chinese employee got his finger caught in a grape crusher.	Star
1876	20-Sep	Editorial espouses hiring local boys for vineyard work, not Chinamen.	Star
1877	Feb	Chinese workers complete the Beringer cellar and are still working on the limestone aging tunnels	Napa Wine by Sullivan p59
1877	25-May	Slumlord Gillam received a threatening letter, saying his premises will be torched because he employs Chinese (he doesn't)	Star
1877	8-Jun	Chinaman killed at Rudolf Lemme's La Perla Winery when a hillside collapsed on him as he was excavating for a wine cellar.	Star
1877	27-Jul	"San Sing, at Ginger's China Store, furnishes help for cooking, railroad work, chopping wood, etc. at Yountville, Oakville, Rutherford, St. Helena, Calistoga. Good men at cheap prices!"	star Ad
1877	29-Jul	Chinaman working for John Lewelling burned a pile of brush, which got out of control due to dry conditions. Heavy fire damage.	Star
1878	8-Feb	Chinese residents invite the public to a "Grand Display of Fire Crackers on Sunday at 4pm" in honor of Chinese New Year	Star
1878	7-Jun	"Workingmen's Picnic" held in Napa with Denis Kearney, supremacist organizer as speaker. A load of St. Helenans rode south in a large carriage decorated with a sign "Chinese Must Go".	Star
1878	30-Sep	"Ginger", the well-known Chinese merchant, went bankrupt with debts of \$1000	Star
1878		majority of farm labor in Napa Valley still white	Beasts of the Field
1879	22-Mar	Mock You, married 28 yrs old woman died at Rutherford of natural causes- no obituary	Cem records

1879	9-May	Editorial writes of Harpers Weekly "the paper did its best to break down the wine interest of California..with your fancy sketch of Chinamen treading out the wine with their feet"	Star
1879		new Calif constriution discriminates against Chinese	Fact Field
1880	30-Jan	Chinese laborers are plenty, but they don't patronize local merchants. Send their money to china. Complaints about them always finding work.	Star
1880	10-Sep	100 Chinamen working on the railroad between Napa and St. Helena. When poll taxes were due,they refused to pay. Railroad workers pass poll tax receipts from one to another, so that 100 receipts will do for 2000 Chinamen.	Star
1881	28-Jan	"John Weinberger made wine from wild grapes, but his Chinese drank it all (Chinese must go)"	Star
1881	27-Jun	Citizens "will be glad to know that..effort is being made to remove the filthy den of disease breeding Chinamen from the main street to a more retired situation..the entrance to town is marred by stench, noisy confusion, fighting," etc.	Star
1881		list of Cal Italian vine growers: 141	Fact Field
1882	13-Jan	Eddie Butler murdered at Occidental Winery by two Chinese who demanded payment of their wages. Butler refused to pay until the wine was sold.	Star
1882	10-Mar	Large anti-chinese meeting held at the Palace Hotel. Resolutions supported bills in Congress restricting Chinese immigration of persons who are "a curse and a blight upon the industries and morals of this country"	Star
1882	2-Jun	Newspaper warns against a white mechanic teaching his Chinese assistant,enabling him to undercut the price of white man's work.	Star
1882	15-Sep	Chinese worker on Ink's farm brutally assaulted. Editor urges prompt prosecution of the evil perpetrators, who are not named.	Star
1882	20-Oct	Chinese labor camp at the Washington Mine in Pope Valley burned down. Chin miners lived separately from whites.	Star
1882	Oct	Witness for prosecution Ah Chuck in Butler case was murdered in San Francisco	Star
1882	24-Nov	Ad for Quong On Lee's Chinese Intelligence Office-Men for picking, clearing, ditching, chopping,etc. Look for house in back of stores in Chinatown	
1883	17-Jul	Edwin Angwin rented land on Howell Mtn to Chinese farmers, who raised over \$300 worth of strawberries on half acre.	Star
1883	3-Aug	Town marshal and a large posse of citizens arrest 13 gamblers,while about 50 escape. Prisoners are marched up Main Street, escorted by 100 or so whites, and put in jail.	Star
1883	10-Aug	"Celestial lawbreakers" have all pleaded guilty to gambling: casino owner fined \$30, each gambler \$15. Four were unable to pay and remain in jail.	Star
1883	26-Oct	Local boys assaulted an old Chinaman on Main Street in SH. Four boys arrested, given stern warning by judge and released. Editor warns these incidents will tarnish town's good name.	Star
1883	2-Nov	"Lively rumpus in Chinatown resulted in Ah Chung hitting Ah Kate over the head with a revolver. Ah Chung was arrested by Officer mcGee and brought before Judge Elgin, Fined \$25. Being unable to pay, he went to jail in Napa."	Star
1883	26-Nov	Police raided a gambling parlor in Chinatown	Star
1883		Napa County collected poll tax from 400 Chinese	Star
1884	3-Jan	"A gang of 15-20 men mounted on horse back and mules rode through town looking like a bunch of lawless Indians. They rushed into Chinatown, frightening a team of horses hitched to a Chinese vegetable peddler's wagon, causing a runaway and smashup"	Star

1884	13-Mar	Chinese Free Masons met in Justice Hunt's court to initiate 13 members, there being no hall in Chinatown large enough. 40 prominent Chinese from other parts in their brightly colored costumes conducted the ceremony, followed by a feast and fireworks.	Star
1884	14-Jan	Charles Krug has a gang of Chinamen on Howell Mtn clearing forest to plant grape vines	Star
1884	31-Jan	Residents complain of their chickens being stolen by Chinese who are preparing the Chinese New Years feast.	Star
1884	3-Mar	3,000 Chinese cigar factory workers were fired in San Francisco	Star
1884	7-Apr	Chinese man of high standing died of consumption, given a stately funeral procession with band, hearse, 50-75 men on foot, wagon with food for afterlife, 4 leading merchants of Chinatown.	Star
1884	14-Apr	Editorial complaining Chinese increasing wage demands from \$1 to 1.50 per day. Alleged that Chinese contractors skim off a large share from the laborers.	Star
1884	14-Aug	Huge fire in Chinatown started in upper story of Quon Loong High China Store. Hook & Ladder boys arrived, followed by the hose company. 3 stores, lodging houses and contents destroyed. \$5000 total lost.	Star
1884	18-Aug	Slumlord John Gillam is rebuilding new store on site of fire. The other stores will be rebuilt at once, as tenants are waiting.	Star
1884	8-Sep	Ah Choo died. Service held at temple in Chinatown, 100 men marched to the cemetery in fine costume, Musicians played at the grave in rites of their secret society.	Star
1884	15-Dec	movement afoot to evict all Chinese from their tenements and wash houses	Star
1884		Napa County collected poll tax from 500 Chinese	Star
1885	16-Feb	Chinatown "den of infamy" constructed in Chinatown, 2 story 10X12 foot building is a disgrace to the town.	Star
1885	19-Feb	Chinese New Year began Saturday, when our "celestials are good natured, giving candy, nuts and cigars to white friends".	Star
1885	23-Apr	Old Chinese man was run over by the train while walking on the tracks. No name given.	Star
1885	4-Sep	Editorial encouraging hiring white men tramping the roads looking for work, saying they work harder than Chinese and spend their money in white owned stores.	Star
1885	4-Dec	Sh protest against Chinamen held and Anti-Chinese League formed by 300-400 taxpayers, prominent citizens who want to rid the town by any lawful means. Editor cautions that grapes could not be harvested without them.	Star
1885	11-Dec	Anti-Coolie League of SH has 300 members. Rumor that Mongolians are preparing to leave town. League meets at city hall. VP-H.C. Rammers, Sec-A.B. Swartout, Sgtat arms-A.B. Williams.	Star
1885	11-Dec	Chinaman arrested for riding his horse on the sidewalk due to a passing funeral. Employer Parrott hired a lawyer to defend him. Charges dropped.	Star
1885	18-Dec	Editorial urges boycott of Chinese vegetable peddlers, servants and laundrymen. The Anti-Chinese League held a regular meeting at city hall. Dr Davis evicted his Chinese tenants.	Star
1885		Napa County collected poll tax from 687 Chinese	Star
1886	2-Feb	300 Anti-Coolie marchers descend on Chinatown and demand residents leave in 10 days, residents lock up and leave, bosses requested to listen to group's demands. Vintners urge restraint, as other sources of farm labor not available.	Star
1886	5-Feb	Editor says Chinatown in its present location is an eyesore, detrimental to health and morals, country better off with white labor, but grapegrowers need labor and must harvest their crop. Knights of Labor passing around petition to Congress in favor of restricting Chinese immigration.	Star

1886	12-Feb	Slumlord John Gillam writes to editor defending his ownership of Chinatown, saying the rents support his family. "No Chinatown in state is so well located but out of the way as SH"	Star
1886	12-Feb	Vineyardists call meeting to discuss labor question. Speakers say violence against Chinese is wrong, threats against employers is un-American, demanding they leave Chinatown is unlawful, labor and employers should cooperate on a solution, and all should find another site for Chinatown.	Star
1886	19-Feb	"Chinatown sold-Moon-eyed Denizens must find other quarters"-Anti-Coolie league reps buy property, narrowly beating out the Chinese Six Companies who were willing to pay more. Buyers are Simmons, Logan, Sciaroni and Davis	Star
1886	9-Apr	Anti-Chinese meeting held at Turner Hall, 400-500 locals attend, urge opening a white employment agency, urge boycott of those who employ Chinese.	Star
1886	9-Apr	New owners of Chinatown complain Chinese refuse eviction, prove they have valid leases and hire a lawyer. Landlords deny accusations they bought Chinatown to collect the high rents from the Chinese, maintain they were fulfilling wishes of the town.	Star
1886	9-Jul	A new road from Rutherford to Lake County is being graded by 125 Chinamen, presently working in Sage Canyon.	Star
1886		wheat gone, first trainload of fruit shipped east	Fact Field
1886	17-Sep	Height of harvest, roads lined with grape wagons. Difficult to get enough white men and Chinese to work. "Chinese are insolent and are asking \$1.25/day. They must be treated with respect, or they quit."	Star
1886		Chinese are 88% of farm laborers	Census-Fact
1886	24-Dec	Logan & Sciaroni, owners of Chinatown, defend their actions and attempt to move Chinese residents to another piece of property, tenants owe 6 mos rent, hired a lawyer, case in US District Court.	Star
1887	7-Jan	Marshal Spurr & deputies raid Chinatown lottery game, capture 3 celestials with lottery box & tickets, Chinese deny charges.	Star
1887	7-Jan	Ah Joey is in the county jail for stealing and tried to hang himself with his queue. Henry Lange opened the Napa Valley Laundry. Ad proclaims "No Chinese Employed"	Star
1887	14-Jan	Chinese arrested last week plead guilty, pay fines, released	Star
1887	1-Jul	Fire at Dr. Dawson's started when a boy threw a firecracker on the roof. His Chinese servant put it out	Cem records
1887	2-Sep	Chinese hop pickers demand \$1.25/day and strike. Editor urges white boys and girls to apply for work.	Star
1887	23-Sep	great scarcity of vineyard labor. Whites pd \$2/day, Chin \$1.25, some demand \$1.50	Star
1887	30-Sep	Chinese grape pickers strike in Rutherford-want \$1.50/day	Star
1888	1-Jun	Chinatown landlords still in court in procedural issue. W.T. Simmons may drop the case, collect rents until leases expire. Grape crop is very large, but still a scarcity of farm labor threatens. Editor urges vineyardists to provide proper housing for workers. Chinese are hired only as last resort. Fresno reports success with importing "colored labor" from the south.	Star
1888	29-Jul	Yung Hong Sing died at Josephine Tychson's of burns	Star
1888		Northern Italians from Genoa, Lombardy, Turin begin arriving to work	
1889		Grapes harvested by "small army of Chinamen, garbed in their many shirted costume"	Wines & Vines by Wait
1889	8-Mar	Editor of newspaper says gambling unchecked in Chinatown	Star
1889	2-Aug	Editor supports excluding Chinese from USA: "debasement to labor and an outrage on American working men"	Star
1889	9-Aug	Boys attacked a Chinese man on Pope Street. He pressed charges. Judge let them off with a warning.	Star

1890	24-Jan	Deputy Constable Frank Sciaroni (part owner of Chinatown) requests residents not to light firecrackers at night, waking people up. Can light all they want in the daytime. At 2am they do it anyway. Town govment passes new law.	Star
1890	6-Jun	Fight in Chinatown results in Ot See being shot in the leg. Four are arrested and jailed. Quong Wing charged with assault.	Star
1891	13-Feb	Chinese New Year celebrated with fire crackers, boys treated to candies and nuts, adults with cigars "strong enough to knock a mule down at a hundred yards."	Star
1891	1-Oct	remains of 3 Chinese removed from SH Cem to China	Cem records
1891	2-Oct	The new Chinese temple is dedicated at the rear of Chinatown. A band from Napa played. Building cost almost \$5000. Chinese Free Masons organized the event.	Star
1893		"Panic of 1893" Depressed economic conditions	
1893	23-Jul	Tong Sing died at Josephine Tychson's of burns-body sent to China	Cem records
1893	17-Aug	White laborers union formed, fight C. workers in prune orchards	Fact Field
1893	25-Aug	Chinese man working for Capt. McEachran was assaulted by white men, who beat him with a bucket. Capt. defends his worker against charges brought by the men. White Labor Union formed in Calistoga to start hiring hall and prevent Japanese, Chinese or "other outside labor" from being used in the harvest. Economic depression caused high unemployment.	Star
1893	Aug	Trainloads of Chinese laborers arrive by train from SF, while white laborers flock to NV looking for work, giving rise to racist violence	Napa Wine p112
1893	8-Sep	Employment of white hop pickers in Sonoma County helps local merchants. Chinese buy only from Chinese merchants, who send profits out of the country.	Star
1894	11-Jan	Lee Han died at Niebaum Winery when a tree fell on him. His elaborate funeral is described in the Star, with over 100 Chinese attending the Masonic service.	Cem records & Star
1894	15-Jun	George Newman struck a Chinaman with his whip, chased another with his horse until a citizen stopped the assault. Newman arrested, pleaded guilty, banished.	Star
1894	25-Sep	Lee Jim, employed by the Hitchcocks, found dead of natural causes. He was 57.	Star
1894	12-Oct	Paul Kramer arrested for assault on a Chinaman, accusing him of stealing \$8. Kramer beat the man with a rock	Star
1896	7-Jan	Won You died in Rutherford of rheumatism at 70	Cem records
1896	1-May	Mr. Adamson has a a gang of Chinamen pulling frosted buds off the vines in hopes of saving half the grape crop. He is pleased with their work.	Star
1897	5-Mar	Two Den, employed by Capt. Niebaum at Inglenook, committed suicide by running in front of the train.	Star
1897	12-Mar	Sam Kee was denied a permit to open a laundry on Pope Street near the railroad tracks. New city ordinance. Aetna Mine report describes Chinese laborers drilling holes for dynamite.	Star
1897	30-Apr	Leong Quong committed suicide by taking an overdose of opium. He had a wife and children in China and was 46 years old.	Star
1897		45,625 Italians in Calif operate 2,726 farms	Fact Field
1898	22-Jul	Large fire in Chinatown destroyed half of it. Eight buildings destroyed, merchants lost inventory and cash. Fire caused by an un-attended cooking fire. Residents angry at Wong Gin.	Star
1899	17-Feb	Doo On arrested for stealing James Dowdell's chickens. The small, aged infirm man pleaded not guilty through an interpreter.	Star
1899	24-Jan	A Chinaman at the Aetna Mine found a rich specimen of gold	Star
1899		Chinese are now doing small percentage of vineyard work. Increase in Japanese laborers brings on racism.	Napa Wine 161
1899	17-Dec	Qung Sing Lung General Store & Laundry sold to Wah Chung, who will not honor debts of seller Ginger, who departed for China.	Star

1901	Dec	Hong Yuck & Company ad in the newspaper, new general store, employment agency open.	Star
1909	22-Jan	Old Chinaman found cowering in Pope St basement, homeless and alone. Taken to Napa for psychological evaluation	Star
1909	2-Nov	The population has decreased by 123, mostly due to fewer Chinese residents than in the 1900 census.	Star
1911	20-Oct	What remained of Chinatown destroyed by a laundryman's fire. Eight buildings destroyed, \$7000 loss. Landlords are F. Salmina, J.I. Logan, Mrs Sciaroni, who bought it in 1886 with intent of removing the residents.	Star
1913	2-Jun	remains of 20 Chinese removed from SH Cem to China	Cem records
1918	11-Oct	Truck drivers steal rice from Chinese store in Rutherford, owner defends self, fights with robbers, shootout, both parties released on bond.	Star
1920		50% of farm labor is Mexican	Fact Field
1921		Portugese operate 8000 farms in Cal	Fact Field
1922	6-Jan	Jung Ten (aka Charlie Gluyas), cook for the Gluyas family for 37 years, later for Chabot and Everett families. He departs for China, where he wants to buried with his ancestors. Editor wishes him a pleasant voyage and happy years ahead.	Star
1930		Many prominent families have Chinese employees living with them, as seen in the Census. Examples: Wheeler, Lyman, Carpy, Noble.	US Census 1930
1939	21-Jan	Ah Joe last on list of Chinese burials, died at 89 in SH of heart ailment	Cem records
1945	31-Aug	Newspaper reports the Silverado Cooperative Dryer has been built on the site of Chinatown and is now opened. Dryer is for prunes and apricots, handles 90-100 tons per day.	Star