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**Ling Sing** (dates unknown)

b. Guangdong Province, China

*People v. Hall* (1854)

**Do You Know?** George W. Hall was a white man who killed Ling Sing, a Chinese immigrant miner in Nevada County. Three Chinese men testified against Hall in court.

**What:** An appeal of the murder case argued that testimonies by people of color were not valid in court.

**Decision:** The California Supreme Court agreed that testimonies from the Chinese community against white individuals should not be accepted.

**Today:** An 1873 California state law invalidated all testimony laws. Every person regardless of ethnicity can testify in court.