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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.