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Look Tin Eli (1870-1919)

b. Mendocino, California

Look Tin Sing, 21 F. 905 (C.C.D. 1884)

Do You Know? Look Tin Eli (aka Look Tin Sing) was born in Mendocino, California, and was sent to China as a boy to learn Chinese.

What: Look challenged the court's decision to deny him re-entry into the United States because he was not considered a citizen.

Decision: In this habeas corpus case, the court ruled in favor of Look and affirmed his US citizenship under the 14th Amendment.

Today: Every person born in the United States is automatically a citizen, regardless if the parents are citizens or not.