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Mamie Tape (1876-1972)

b. San Francisco, California

Tape v. Hurley (1885)

Do You Know? Mamie Tape was the eldest of four siblings and eight years old when her case went to court.

What: Tape's parents sued the principal and the SF Board of Education because she was denied admission to Spring Valley Primary School due to her Chinese ancestry.

Decision: The court ruled that denying public education to a child of Chinese descent born in the United States was a violation of State law and the Constitution of the United States.

Today: Every child has a right to an education regardless of ethnicity, class, gender, or citizenship.