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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.