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Wong Kim Ark (1873-?)

b. San Francisco, California

United States v. Wong Kim Ark (1898)

Do You Know? Wong Kim Ark was twenty-one years old when he went to China to visit his parents.

What: Wong challenged the government when he was denied re-entry into the United States on the ground that he was not a US citizen.

Decision: Born in San Francisco, California, Wong was automatically a US citizen.

Today: The 14th Amendment guarantees all people born in the United States have birthright citizenship regardless of their family's immigrant status.