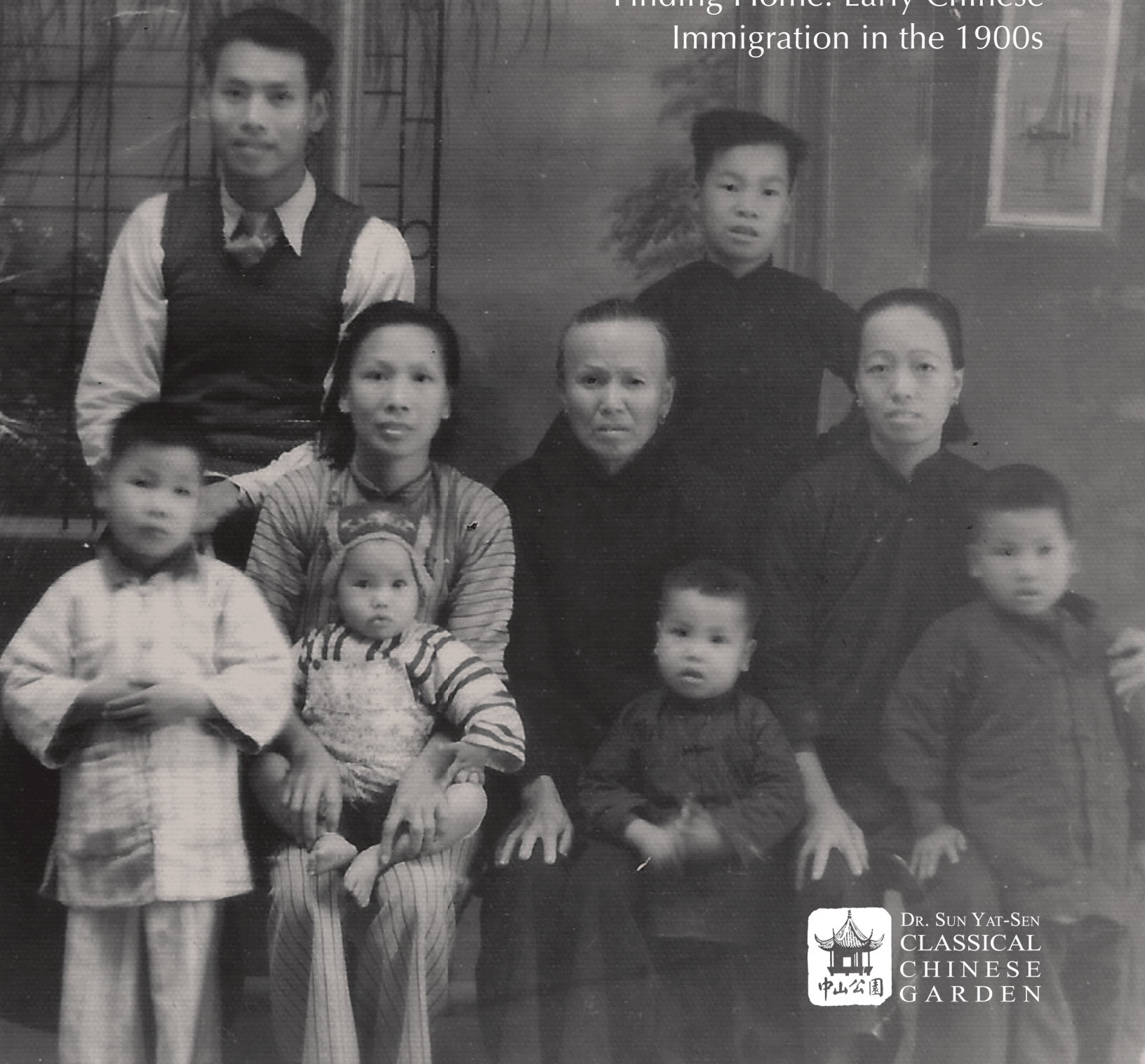


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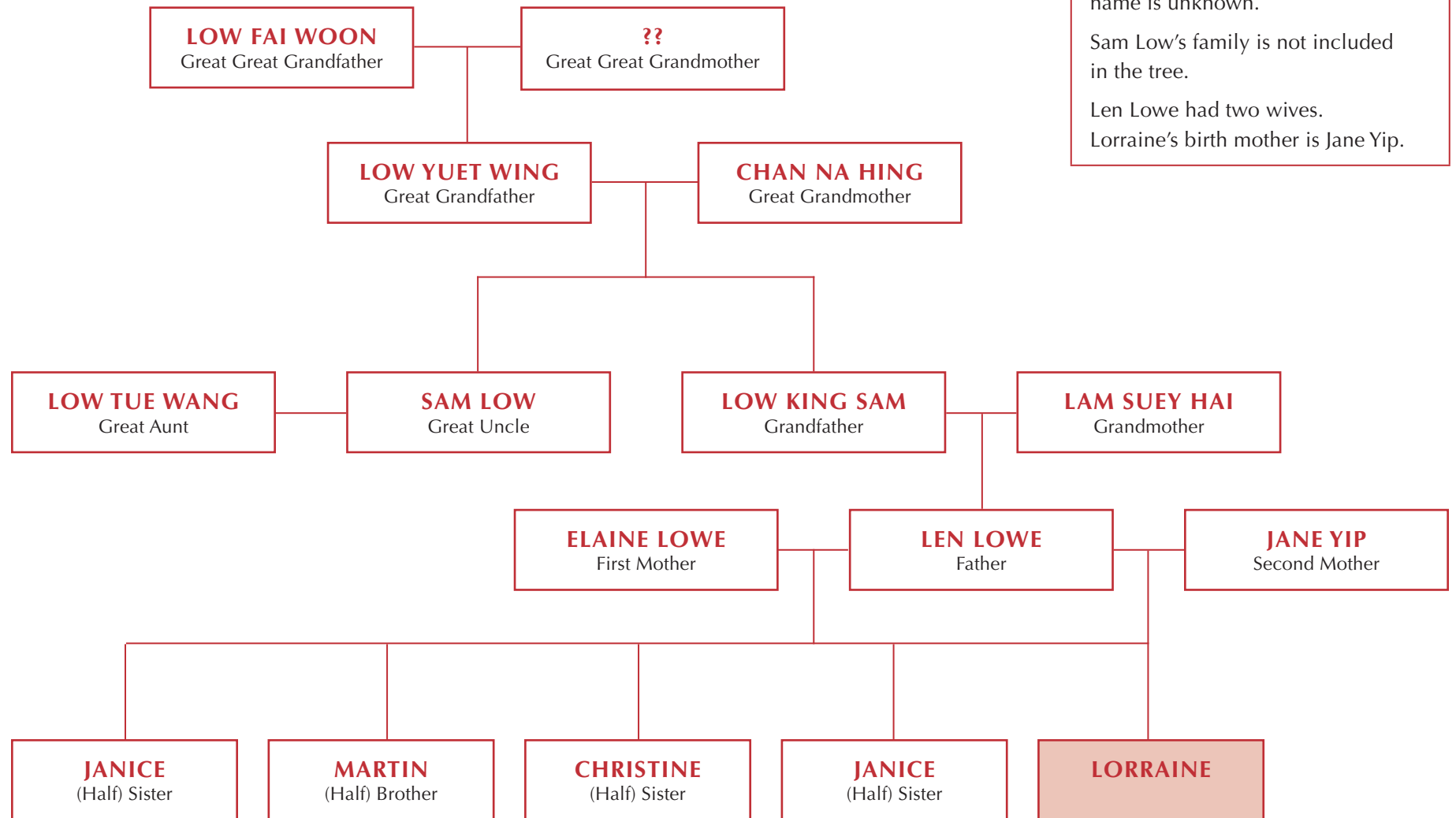
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LOWE FAMILY TREE



Notes

Lorraine's great great grandmother's name is unknown.

Sam Low's family is not included in the tree.

Len Lowe had two wives.

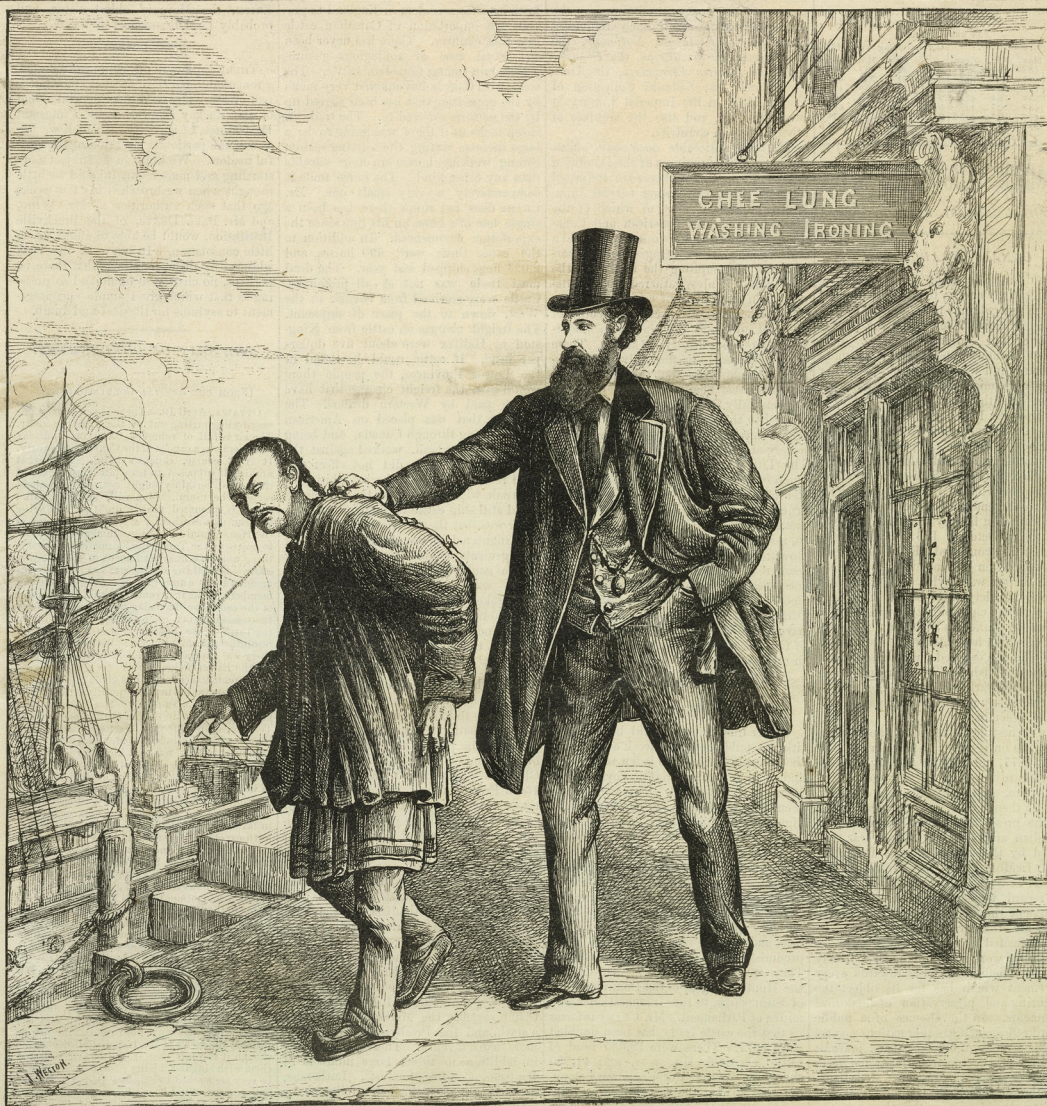
Lorraine's birth mother is Jane Yip.

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THE HEATHEN CHINEE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

AMOR DE COSMOS, i.e. :—The Love of the World or the Lover of Mankind.—HEATHEN CHINEE :—Why you sendee me office ?

A. D. C. :—Because you can't or won't 'assimilate' with us.—HEATHEN CHINEE :—What is datee !—A. D. C. :—You won't drink whiskey, and talk politics and vote like us.



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**East
and west
united**

BELIEVED TO BE the first wedding with Chinese principals, solemnized in Penetang, this scene was taken during the exchange of vows between Fred Lowe and Leung Mee Ping shown kneeling before Rev. L. J. Delaney at All Saints' Church. The attendants are Julien Lowe and Elizabeth Lowe. Standing immediately behind the newlyweds is former M.P. Julien Ferguson, Collingwood, who gave the bride away. — Staff photo.

Pre-Christmas nuptials

Chinese girl travels from Hong Kong to wed Penetang restaurant owner

Fred Lowe, Chinese restaurant proprietor of Penetang, had his hopes fulfilled when, surrounded by members of his family, he wed his Chinese bride in All Saints' Church, Penetang, Saturday, Dec. 21. Rev. L. J. Delaney of St. Mark's, Midland, officiated.

The little bride, Leung Mee Ping, had arrived in Toronto, from Hong Kong, the previous Sunday.

As with many other Chinese families who emigrated to the Western World, the Lowe family has had many heartaches, intermingled with pleasant moments.

The father of the family, Him Lowe, arrived in Collingwood during the depression years and set himself up in the restaurant business, hoping to make enough

money to bring other members to join him.

It wasn't until the end of World War II that the elder Lowe had saved the \$1,000 necessary to bring his eldest son, Fred, to this country. When he received word that Fred had arrived safely in Los Angeles, he was so overjoyed and excited he suffered a stroke.

Fred finally arrived in Collingwood and began working with his father. The pair quickly gathered together the money to bring the younger son, Julien, to this country. However, the father had overworked himself for too long. About four years ago, he died, leaving his sons to fend for themselves.

At this point, Julien Ferguson, then M.P. for Simcoe North, took the two boys into his home. He and his wife taught the

boys to speak English, by pointing to objects and repeating the names of those objects.

Julien Lowe was sent to school in Collingwood, while Fred, who had graduated from high school before leaving China, continued to work. Eventually Fred bought a restaurant in Penetang.

Shortly after starting up business in Penetang, Fred expressed a wish to have his mother and sister by his side. Again Julien Ferguson came to the aid of the family he had befriended. Following a considerable amount of work through various channels, Mr. Ferguson was successful in having a special act passed in the house permitting the pair to enter Canada.

After arriving here, the mother chose the Christian name of Mary, while the daughter, who still attends Penetang Protestant Separate School, chose Elizabeth for her given name.

Julien Lowe is still living with the Fergusons in Collingwood, while he attends high school. He has his eyes set on a degree either in medicine or engineering.

All Saints' Church had been beautifully decorated for the Christmas season when the wedding was held. Attendants were Julien, best man for his brother, and Elizabeth, bridesmaid for her sister-in-law to be.

The bride was given in marriage by Julien Ferguson, who later said, "This has been one of the proudest days of my life."

Others attending the ceremony included Mrs. Ferguson, and her mother, Mrs. A. Bryson of Toronto; and Raymond Downer, Collingwood.

One of the features of the wedding breakfast was the spoons used for the soup course, which had been brought by the new bride from China. Shaped more like a ladle, the spoons were of china, and beautifully decorated in hand-painted designs.

It was interesting to note that the Lowe family, when speaking to Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, called them godfather and godmother. Mrs. Bryson was addressed as grandmother.

The new bride is able to speak English, having studied it in Hong Kong while waiting to come to Canada. Still very much unused to translating the language into her own Chinese thinking, she appeared somewhat shy.

However, all who attended the ceremony expressed the opinion: "She is one of the loveliest brides we have ever seen."



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