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EXPLORING THE HISTORY OF CHIDERLEY

By Shannan Evanson

What is now called the Childerley Park, a 12.7 acre land on 506 McHenry Road in Wheeling, once housed a family vital to the establishment and sense of community for the area.

The family that owned this land was Dr. Francis R. Lillie and his wife, Frances Crane Lillie. The land was primarily used for cattle raising, but also included an apple and cherry orchard, school and church. The school was run by Frances' friend Elisabeth (or Elisabeth depending on the records) Port and Elisabeth's mother starting in 1917. The funding came from Crane Company after the passing of Richard Crane, who was the father of Frances Lillie. For the school there was "preference given to widows and families of Crane Co employees," but all people in need from the community were welcome. At most they had 86 children at the school. The school included cottages for the families, a barn, an infirmary and a pool. A statue at Childerley was created in memory of Elisabeth Port and her mother. Photo shown on the right was taken by Celeste Kuta, former Genealogy Librarian. For more first hand accounts of the school and photographs from the time, check out [Wheeling Through The Years](#) and the [WHS webpage on Childerley](#).

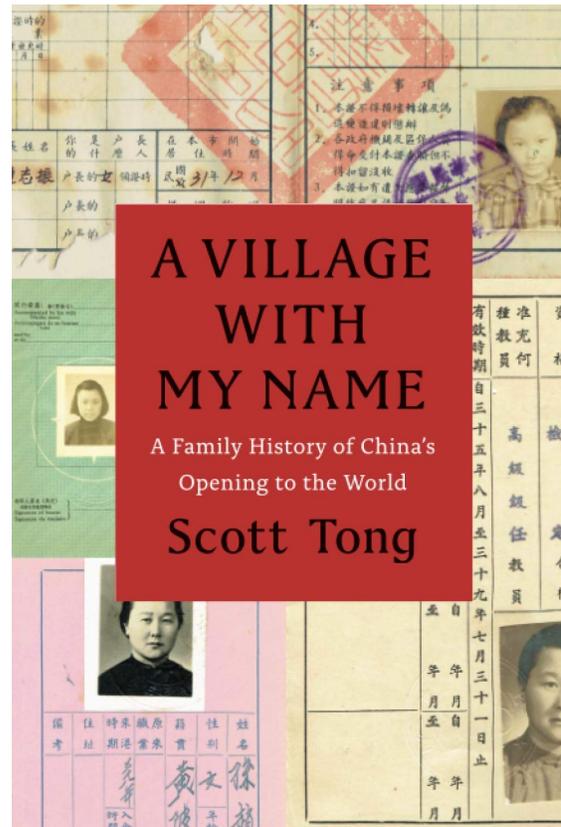


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A VILLAGE WITH MY NAME: A FAMILY HISTORY OF CHINA'S OPENING TO THE WORLD

By Scott Tong

A Village with My Name offers a unique perspective on the transitions in China through the eyes of regular people who have witnessed such epochal events as the toppling of the Qing monarchy, Japan's occupation during World War II, exile of political prisoners to forced labor camps, mass death and famine during the Great Leap Forward, market reforms under Deng Xiaoping, and the dawn of the One Child Policy. Tong's story focuses on five members of his family, who each offer a specific window on a changing country. Through their stories, Tong shows us China anew, visiting former prison labor camps on the Tibetan plateau and rural outposts along the Yangtze, exploring the Shanghai of the 1930s, and touring factories across the mainland. With curiosity and sensitivity, Tong explores the moments that have shaped China and its people, offering a compelling and deeply personal take on how China became what it is today." -- *Amazon description.*



ORAL HISTORY KIT

The Oral History Kit is available at the Adult Services Desk. Included within the kit is a portable digital recorder and the book *The Oral History Workshop: Collect and Celebrate the Life Stories of Your Family and Friends*. It is available for check out for 3 weeks.

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SNAP SHOT OF JANUARY 5, 1961

ITPLD has a digitized collection of select local Wheeling Independent newspapers. One example is the January 5th, 1961 edition, which includes recipes, engagement announcements, articles highlighting interesting events from the past few years, and more. Two snapshots of the newspaper are highlighted below.

For access to these documents, please set up a 1-1 appointment or research request [here](#).

Oatmeal Tart Delicious Dish

Simply fill baked oatmeal tart shells with a mixture of drained canned fruit cocktail and whipped cream-enriched raspberry gelatin. Convenient to use, canned fruit cocktail provides sparkling color and delicious flavor. Keep some on hand to dress ice cream and pudding sauces, to use with other fruits in salads, to send to school in the lunch boxes.

Raspberry Cocktail Tarts

- 1 (1 lb. 14 oz.) can fruit cocktail
- 1 (3-oz.) package raspberry gelatin
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup boiling water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 cup fruit cocktail syrup
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pint whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 drops almond flavoring
- Tart shells

Tart Shells

- 2 cups quick-cooking oatmeal
- 4 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar, packed
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon nutmeg

Drain canned fruit cocktail, reserving 1 cup syrup. Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Add lemon juice and syrup. Chill until thickened. Combine cream, sugar and almond flavoring; whip until stiff. Whip gelatin mixture until fluffy; blend in whipped cream. Fold in drained fruit cocktail and chili until mixture mounds on a spoon. Heap lightly into tart shells and chill until set.

Tart shells: Combine all ingredients well. Press firmly into 8 (3½-inch) tart pans. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 8 to 10 minutes. Cool before filling.

Makes 8 servings.

Ferocious Cat Proves Too Much For Bensons

An undomesticated cat, for some unearthly reason, chose the attic of the Bob Benson home, at 124 E. Dundee Road for his own private abode and his removal caused quite a fervor.

The Bensons had been bothered by weird noises coming from their attic for some time and finally on New Year's Eve Mr. B. was prompted to investigate. The culprit was found after a short search, but finding him and catching him were two quite different matters. After what seemed like hours of prodding, pleading and persuading, the unsuccessful hunters called in an expert from Kay's Animal Shelter.

By the time the cat-catcher arrived, with a cat-trap, Mrs. Benson had enticed the fatuous feline down the collapsible staircase with some food. Kitty hid behind the bookcase in the livingroom this time. The cat-catcher, also named Benson, reached in the kitty's hideout, hoping to grab him. But kitty, living up to his carnivorous reputation, grabbed the cat-catcher instead. After he finally decided to let go, the undaunted cat-catcher tried a second time. This time he was taking no chances; he wrapped his hand in a thick turkish towel so if kitty bit he would get a mouthful of cotton instead of a mouthful of cat-catcher. Success at last. The conquest was made and the wriggling intruder was gingerly placed in a cage.

And you think you've got troubles.

GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP MEETING

**Thursday, January 12, 2023
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Are you looking to get started in creating a family tree? Are you stuck on a particular research conundrum? Join us for a Genealogy Interest Group meeting where you can explore the library's databases, research your genealogy goals, and connect with other genealogy enthusiasts and skilled staff. These sessions are informal and suitable for beginner and experienced researchers alike. Registration required.

BEGINNING STEPS TO FINDING YOUR CHINESE ANCESTORS (HYBRID)

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Kelly Summers, an accredited genealogist and Family History Professor at Brigham Young University, will review the various resources and approaches that can assist you in finding your Chinese Ancestors. Registration required.

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