

Early Hong Kong Members of Lincoln's Inn

Wu Ting-fang 1842-1922

Also known as Ng Achoy and Ng Choy, Wu Ting-fang was the first Chinese to be called to the English bar and to be admitted to practise in Hong Kong.

Records

Letter to the Bench re permission to dispense with preliminary examination 24th April 1874: Black Book A1a33, ff.392-3.

Admitted 27th April 1874, "Ng Achoy of Hong Kong (31), third son of Ng Asheung of Hong Kong, China": Admissions Register B1a26, f.88; printed *Admissions Register* Volume II, p.365:

Called 26th January 1877: Bar Book B2a6, f.191; printed *Black Books* Volume 5, p.416.

Diplomat and Politician

1880-2 appointed as Hong Kong's first Chinese legislative councillor.

1882 joined the Chinese service as a legal advisor.

1896-1910 Minister of Imperial China to the United States, Spain, Cuba, Mexico, Peru and Japan.

1910 appointed Minister of Law Reform in Imperial China.

1912-22 prominent posts held in the government of the Republic of China, notably Minister of Justice and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Ho Kai 1859-1914

Ho Kai was one of the main supporters of Sun Yat-sen, first president of the Republic of China.

Records

Admitted 29th April 1879, "of Hong Kong, China (M.B.C.M., Aberdeen), (21), fourth son of Ho Tsin of Hong Kong, missionary":

Admissions Register B1a26, f.236; printed *Admissions Register* Volume II, p.390.

Called 26th January 1882: Bar Book B2a7, f.52; printed *Black Books* Volume 5, p.420.

Ho Kai was also a qualified physician. His sister, Ho Miu-ling, was the wife of Wu Ting-fang.

1890-1914 member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong, Ho Kai played a key role in the relationship between the Hong Kong community and the British colonial government.

1912 knighted.

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Wu Chao Chu (Ng Chiu She) 1887-1934

Son of Wu Ting-fang.

Admitted 14th October 1908, "of London University and of Canton, China (21), son of Wu Ting-fang of Canton aforesaid, barrister at law":

Admissions Register B1a29, f.148; printed *Admissions Register* Volume III, p.82.

Called 27th June 1911 : Bar Book B2a9, f.131; printed *Black Books* Volume 5, p.438.

Diplomat and Politician

1918-23 Republic of China Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs.

1923-7 Foreign Affairs Minister and Foreign Minister.

1928-31 Minister of the Republic of China to the United States.

1929-30 Representative to the League of Nations.

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