

The Legacy of the Tucson Chinese Owned Grocery Stores Book

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The Chinese settlers arrived in Tucson in the mid-1870's about two decades before Arizona became a state in 1912. The Tucson Chinese population grew from 159 in 1880 to 3,619 in 2010. The grocery stores had significantly impacted on the financial well-being of both the Chinese and Tucson communities. In 1881, there were two Chinese goods stores in Tucson. The 10-year period between 1950 and 1960 had the highest numbers of Chinese grocery stores averaging more than 100 per year.

The book tells stories about the Chinese grocers and their families. The book will help to preserve the legacy of the Chinese grocery stores. If you have a story you want to share and to be included in the book, this is the last opportunity to submit your story. The final deadline to submit your written story is Friday, July 31, 2020.

The stories are about 250 words that address one of the four story themes: (1) the Chinese grocery trucks, (2) Chinese grocery stores told by owners, (3) growing up in a Chinese grocery store, or (4) the benefits of growing up in a Chinese grocery store. The information requested is summarized below. If you will be submitting a story, email Dr. Howard J. Eng at hjeng@email.arizona.edu before July 25th to request the specific story form(s), submission format, and example(s) to be emailed to you and to reserve a place in the book for your story.

Grocery Trucks	Grocery Store Owner	Growing Up in Store	Benefit of Store
Truck Picture	Store Picture	Store Picture	Store Picture
Owner(s): Years of Operation: Geographic locations of where the grocery were sold: Told by: Name	Store Name: Address: Owner(s): Years of Operation: Told by: Name	Store Name: Address: Owner(s): Years of Operation: Told by: 1. Name 2. Relationship 3. Occupation/Position/ Education	Store Name: Address: Owner(s): Years of Operation: Told by: 1. Name 2. Relationship 3. Occupation/Position/ Education
The story (250 words):	The story (250 words): Why did you open a grocery store? Challenges Benefits	The story (250 words):	The story (250 words):



Do you have a story to tell.

