

# Voices from Donner Summit and the Bottom of the South China Sea

- Stories of the Chinese Railroad Workers Who Built the US Transcontinental Railroad



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## Saturday, October 14th, 2017

Asian Art Museum, Peterson Room  
200 Larkin St, San Francisco, CA 94102

2:00 - 2:45pm Docent-Led Tour of Asian Art Museum

2:45 - 4:45pm Event, Peterson Room

2:45 - 3:15pm Remarks

4:00 - 4:30pm Film Screening

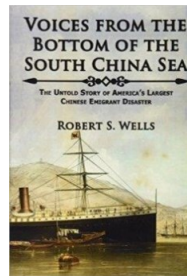
3:15 - 4:00pm Book Presentation

4:30 - 4:45pm Book/DVD sign

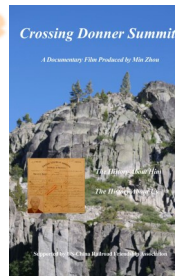
### Book Presentation

-Voices from the Bottom of  
the South China Sea

Author: Robert S. Wells



This book tells the story of the "Titanic of the East", a story of 400 Chinese born -U.S. immigrants and how they helped to build the transcontinental railroad and America West, only to perish, just hours away from their long awaited return to China. The author pieces together the recently recovered documents to tell what really happened; thereby, allowing the lost voices to tell their larger story to the world from the bottom of the South China Sea. (<http://southchinavoices.com>)



### Documentary Film

- Crossing Donner Summit  
Producer: Min (Susan) Zhou

This 20-minute documentary film provides highlights of a two-day train ride from Oakland to Reno in May 2015. This special train ride commemorated the efforts of tens of thousands of Chinese workers that were hired from China by the Central Pacific Railroad to help build the First Transcontinental Railroad. Gene Chan, one of the descendants of the Chinese workers, tells his family story, one of backbreaking work on the railroad, only to be driven out of the Sierra mountains with other Chinese immigrants after the completion of the Central Pacific Railroad. (<https://vimeo.com/demandchineseworkers/172963284>)

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