

June 13/84

White Ah Ying ¹⁴³

A Chinese woman named Ah Som, got a little white girl to the Home this evening. Ah Som says the child was given her at its birth, by its mother, and that she has had it ever since, caring for it, and loving it as her own. It was reported that a number of white children were in the possession of the Chinese, and that the police were about to take them from them. Ah Som hearing this became alarmed for fear that the child, to whom she seems devotedly attached would be taken from her, and asked that the child might remain in the "Home", till her husband, (now in China) returns to San Francisco. The child Ah Ying, dresses in Chinese costume, speaks only Chinese. She has a very fair complexion, rosy cheeks and very blue eyes, and her light hair has been dyed a dark color.

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White Ah Ying's mother, Ah Som took her from the Home to day, and promises to let her come every day to school.

Feb 10/85

White Ah Ying came to the Home again, to await further developments, and from this time remained, till she had learned to read and speak a little English.

Nov 13/85

I took Ah Ying, to the Ladies Protection and Relief Society, by order of the Board, registering her as "Annie Browning", an orphan.