

Wu Ting Fang
Lincoln's Inn Factsheet

Also known as Ng Achoy and Ng Choy he was the first person of Chinese origin to be called to the English bar and to be admitted to practise in Hong Kong.

Born: 30 July 1842 in Malacca, Straits Settlements

Studied law at University College, London and in 1877 was first person of Chinese origin to gain a LLD.

Admission: 27 April 1874

“NG ACHOY of Hong Kong (31), third son of Ng Asheung of Hong Kong, China”

Published: *Admissions Register* vol. 2, p. 365

Archives: Admissions Register (B1a26), 1872-1882, f. 88

Successfully petitioned to be admitted as a student without having to pass a preliminary examination.

(Black Book A1a33, f. 392-393)

His petition for call moved by John Peter De Gex, a bencher and noted law reporter.

(Black Book A1a34, f. 183)

Council's order for his call (Black Books A1a34, f.193)

Successful petition for a certificate of call needed for practising at the bar in other countries.

(Black Book A1a34, f. 194)

Bar exams: Trinity term 1876

List of other Lincoln's Inn students who passed at the same time:

Herbert Henry Asquith (later Prime Minister)

George Fisher Russell Barker

William Frederick Barry

Henry Alleyne Bovell

Henry Storr Bowen

Frederick Brunning-Madison

Tredway Sydenham Clarke

William Cassell Maude

Peter O'Kinealy

Walter Scrimgeour

John Francis Waggett

(*Council of Legal Education Calendar* 1901, p 130-132)

Bar: 26 January 1877

Archives: Bar Book, 1870-1879 (B2a6) f. 191

Proposed by: John Peter De Gex (noted law reporter)

Published by the Treasurer: Allan Maclean Skinner

In the presence of the following benchers:

John Hinde Palmer
John Fraser Macqueen
James Dickinson
Charles Grevile Prideaux
Leofric Temple
William John Bovill
John Westlake
George Parker Bidder

Note: benchers are senior barristers and judges who comprise the Inn's governing body.

Published: *Black Books* Vol 5, 1845-1914, p. 416

List of those called to the bar at the same time:

Henry Brettingham Adams
Benjamin Edward Somers
George John Chapman
Thomas Cyprian Williams
Charles Swann Sheild
Urquhart Atwell Forbes
Henry George Willink
George Stuckey Lean jnr
John Mitchel Chapman
Arthur Ryle Harding
Henry Stanton jnr
John Satterfield Sandars
Hubert Winstanley
George Lewis Denman
Henry Storer Bowen
Frederick Lechmere Paton
Richard Booth
Frederick James Norman Pearson
William James Wright Ingham

Legal career:

1880-1882 Appointed and served 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 USA, Spain, Cuba, Mexico, Peru and Japan
1910 Appointed Minister of Law Reform in Imperial China
1912-1922 Held prominent posts in the government of the Republic of China, notably Minister of Justice and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Died: 23 June 1922 at Guangzhou, China

