CHINESE MARKET GARDENS IN LAUNCESTON – 1870 TO 1920



James Chung Gon and family 1899

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The first significant movement of Chinese into Australia was in 1848, when 120 indentured Chinese labourers arrived in Melbourne. The Victorian gold rush of the 1850s greatly accelerated that emigration and the movement extended to Tasmania from 1870 when gold was discovered and increased with the discovery of rich tin deposits in the north east from 1874.

The term “sojourners” was used for these imported miners, as most were supporting families back in China and aimed to return home after making their fortune.

For a variety of reasons however, many stayed and settled in Tasmania, most of them turning to market gardening, following the lead of their countrymen in Victoria.

The 1891 census shows 859 Chinese males in the state, with 122 of them market gardeners.

The 1901 Census shows 463 Chinese males in the state, 146 of whom were market gardeners.

The increase in market gardening, despite the Chinese population decreasing by almost half is explained by the decline of tin mining. Chinese involved in alluvial tin mining dropped from 695 to 238 over that decade, and many had returned to China.

The number of Chinese market gardeners in Launceston had grown from 21 in 1891 to 33 in 1901.

Most of the evidence for Chinese market gardens in Launceston comes either from the newspapers of the time or from the Government Assessment Rolls.

Sadly, most of the newspaper reports refer to attacks or other mistreatment of the Chinese in Launceston, or to court proceedings often stemming from the Chinese proclivity for gambling.

The Assessment Rolls have serious limitations as a reliable source of evidence.

- In many cases, when Chinese were listed as occupiers of a property, the entry simply reads “Chinamen”
- Spelling of the Chinese names is unreliable – for example, Invermay market gardener Ah Wong is variously listed as Ah Wing and Ah Woon. Very few Chinese could spell their names in English so they were usually spelt phonetically by whichever public official was compiling the roll, leading to frequent variations.
- The Assessment Roll entry does not specify market garden – simply garden, or hut and garden or house and garden. It does seem likely however that the description “garden” refers to a commercial rather than a domestic garden – most suburban entries are simply

"house and land". From 1915 the term "garden" was dropped from the Assessment Rolls and the description is purely "house and land" or "hut and land".

- A further complication is that most gardens were occupied by several Chinese and the Assessment Rolls probably only reflect the names of whoever was present at the time of the visit.

In 1915, the Secretary of the Local Authority conducted an inspection of Chinese dwellings in Launceston and this report includes the street address and occupation of occupants, so provides a snapshot of Chinese gardeners at that time. These addresses are shown under the key LAR in the accompanying table.

The first mention of Chinese market gardeners in Tasmania comes in a report from a Hobart correspondent published in The Examiner in October, 1868:

> *John Chinaman has put in an appearance here as a cultivator of the soil, and he will be sure to succeed, Two or three of these Celestials have some ground, and by hard work, for the men are very industrious, and paying proper attention to irrigation, which is John's peculiar forte, a very fine collection of healthy vegetables is brought to our doors by these Mongolian swains. As you may be aware, John almost monopolises the suburbs of Melbourne and other parts of Victoria, as a retailer of fruit and vegetables. Whatever may be said in way of objection to a Chinese population, there is no doubt as to Industry and successful culture of the garden, John is no mean example to our race.*[1]

The first record of Chinese market gardens in Launceston was in January, 1871:

> *The two Chinese who rent a piece of ground on the George Town Road from Mrs. Watson, for the purpose of establishing a market garden, have recently met with a serious drawback. When they first arrived the water in the river was quite fresh, but now that the summer has set in the water is becoming salt, and is unfit for the purposes of irrigation. Mr. James Peters, on behalf of the Chinese, has petitioned the Council to extend the water to the premises occupied by them.*[2]

The Commission agreed to extend the water if the market gardeners paid half the expense, but the venture was ultimately unsuccessful. In the following year two Chinese arrived from Victoria to establish gardens:

> *CHINESE GARDENERS.-On Friday by the Tamar arrived two Chinamen who have come over here from Victoria for the purpose of trying their luck at market gardening. It will be remembered that some time ago a venture of this character was commenced by two celestials on a piece of land off the George Town road, but owing to the bad quality of the ground they were unsuccessful, though they were most persevering in their endeavours. The two who arrived on*

1 Launceston Examiner October 8, 1868

2 Launceston Examiner January 21, 1871, p.4

Friday have chosen a piece of good land in Frankland-street, and it is probable they will succeed better than the others.[3]

In the late 1800s, Invermay (or Inveresk or The Swamp) was the main centre for Chinese market gardens and more than 30 sites and operators are mentioned in newspapers and Assessment Rolls of the time.

It was the practice of these Chinese market gardeners to sell their products door to door, often using barrows or horse and cart, therefore bypassing the Launceston market where they would have been obliged to pay commission on their sales. In 1886 there was an attempt to stop this practice but the Telegraph, obviously with a poor opinion of the Launceston market, did not support it.

We have reverted to this subject just now, in consequence of an attempt which is being made to induce the Municipal authorities to put a stop to the practice of Chinamen and other market gardeners hawking their produce from house to house — a system which is doubtless very convenient to the inhabitants — but we believe that it is in fact illegal to do so without first taking the produce down to that venerable establishment called in bitter irony the Launceston Market, and there paying a certain tax for permission to sell. If the itinerant vendors of garden produce are prohibited from selling, the town will be worse off now than it was before, and the necessity for an established market system will be all the more urgent [4]

These Chinese market gardens were not always welcomed by residents – in 1895 an Examiner correspondent writes:

PESTILENTIAL INVERMAY

Diseases are here as thick as the blackberry bushes in the neighbourhood. Nor is it anything to wonder at, seeing that we are surrounded by Chinamen's gardens, where the refuse is allowed to lie on the ground, making the air unfit to breathe. This, with the bad drainage (that is a misnomer, for there is no drainage), breeds flies by the million, and they infest the houses to such an extent that your food and everything you touch is black with their excreta; and as to getting meals in comfort, it is an impossibility, for the flies swarm on and into everything you eat or drink. It stands to reason, when such is the case, disease must follow, as the flies bring it from the foul matter allowed to remain outside. Could not the Chinese gardeners be compelled to have a pit whereinto throw their offal and cover it over, and if properly deodorised would make good manure. If something is not done to remedy this existing evil

3 Launceston Examiner October 1, 1872, p.4

4 Telegraph 20 February 1886

there had better be a barrier erected, the same as in small-pox districts, and Invermay declared a pestilent, infected district.[5]

But at the same time there was general admiration for the industry of the Chinese. In the same year, we read in the Daily Telegraph:

What can be done on a small piece of land is being demonstrated right under our eyes by the Chinese gardeners. Barren blocks are converted into gardens with prolific productiveness, and it is quite common to see six or eight Chinese, not only making what is to them a good living out of a small field, but actually saving sufficient money to enable them to return in a few years to China with a sum of gold which in that country is a competency for the possessor and his family for life. Our own gardeners, even where they own the land and have boys to assist them, possessing a far greater area, with horses, cattle, and fowls, cannot compete with the Chinese, and the result is that the latter practically possess a monopoly of the vegetable trade in Launceston.[6]

In April, 1901, Dr. Holmes, Chief Health Officer for the region, inspected the Chinese gardens in Invermay and was very critical of the drainage and sanitation, ordering immediate improvements. The Examiner chimed in with an editorial raising the spectre of bubonic plague and other serious diseases "relating to the Chinese as a people". A repeat inspection was conducted in May where Dr Holmes reported that "for most part his instructions had been carried out to the letter", the chief improvement being the installation of raised troughs with drainage for washing the vegetables rather than the sunken pits previously in use.

The Daily Telegraph however, was unimpressed:

The fact still remains, however, that there, is no proper outlet for the drainage of these gardens, and odorous and germ-laden liquid is allowed to run a little way to, or beyond the boundary fences, and then stagnate. The dwellings too, are the veriest hovels, without light or ventilation. Better buildings about the city have been condemned as unfit for habitation; but the Chinese, with their inferior knowledge of the rules of cleanliness, are permitted to dwell in badly constructed, floorless kennels, which are a menace to the health of the community.

The Chinese were only occupiers of these gardens, and never owners. It was not until 1926 that some Chinese (notably Chung Gon) acquired ownership of garden properties.

5 Launceston Examiner 15 March 1895

6 Telegraph 19 March 1896

The peak of the industry seems to have been in the 20 year period between 1890 and 1910, and for most of that time there would have been in excess of 20 Chinese market gardens in the Launceston suburbs.

In 1925 the Examiner made a prediction:

> *CHINESE GARDENS PASSING.*
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> *"Cabbagee, lettucee, celeree," reels off John Chinaman with a speed born of years of constant practice when he calls the housewife on to the back porch, but in a few years he and his garbled string of words may be but a memory. This is the opinion of Superintendent Gunner, who said yesterday that from what he had observed he believed that Chinese market gardeners would soon be men of the past, so far as Launceston was concerned at least. Quite a large number of old Chinese gardeners had died recently, he added, and the gardens were carried on by Chinamen who were well up in years. No young Chinamen were coming to the state to replace the older men, and it only required the passing of a few years to see the elimination of the Chinese vegetable seller and his replacement by the European.*[7]

This prediction seems accurate and by the mid 20s only a few larger gardens survived, notably Mulgrave St, Glen Dhu St in Sandhill and Herbert St., Invermay.

7 Examiner 2 June 1925

Appendix 1

PROMINENT CHINESE MARKET GARDENS IN LAUNCESTON 1870 TO 1920

Mulgrave Street

There were two major market gardens in Mulgrave Street- a 10 acre block on the corner of Mulgrave & Howick Sts (White's Estate) and 6.5 acres at 50 Mulgrave St where Coronation Park now stands (Bryan's Estate).

The Howick St property was advertised for sale as Mulgrave St vegetable gardens (10 acres) in 1871, and to let as: 10-acre paddock, Howick Street, known as Gabriel's Market Garden in 1873.

It was recorded as occupied by Chinamen in 1900 and by Maa Yooey in 1915. In 1871 it was offering Potatoes, Pig Potatoes, Carrots, Parsnips, Beetroot, Cucumbers, Onions, &c.. It appears to have been on the Eastern side of Mulgrave St, where the John L Grove Rehabilitation Centre now stands, as in one report it is described as bounded by Mulgrave and Hampden Sts. In 1891 Chung Gon & Co. is recorded as occupying a house and land at 13 Mulgrave, which would have been on this site. In 1906 Sing On and Ah Foo were two of the occupiers of the garden on the corner of Mulgrave and Howick. In 1915 the Local Authority report lists Ah Youey as occupying a two room paling hut on the site. There was another two room hut empty. In 1918 "Maa Youey" is mentioned in court proceedings as a market gardener at the same address.

The property at 50 Mulgrave St., between Eardley and Garfield Sts., was originally known as Bryan's Estate. It was recorded as 6.5 acres, occupied by Chinamen in 1893 (41 Mulgrave), by Lee Dow in 1898, Lew Nem in 1900, Lee Ack in 1907, Hew (Henry?) Sing in 1915, Chung Gon after 1915 and Hew (Henry?) Sing in 1920. When his Mulgrave St market garden was compulsorily acquired by the Council as a recreation area (Coronation Park) Chung Gon purchased 6 acres on the other side of Mulgrave St (Chung Gon Crescent) to continue gardening, selling produce from his Elizabeth St store.

There was also a house and land (and probably a garden) occupied by Sing On et al on the corner of Mulgrave and Melbourne Sts. in 1907. This was occupied by Henry Quon from 1923 to 1926.

Henry Quon also owned and occupied house and land at 65 Mulgrave in 1923 and 1926.

From 1923 to 1926 Henry Sing occupied a house and land owned by Chung Gon at 61/63 Mulgrave, between Pedder and Melbourne Sts

York St

There was a significant market garden in York St between Bathurst and Margaret Sts. This was first recorded in 1881 as occupied by Chung Tong (Gon?) & Ah How (Chow?), and by Ah Chow in 1885. From 1889 to 1900 William Chung occupied 256 York St with a hut and garden, with Lee Moon Harb operating a garden from 218-230 York St (cr York & Bathurst) in 1889. Ah Loy occupied the garden in 1910, followed by Ah Gee in 1915. The Local Authority report of 1915 describes a "dilapidated four room weatherboard cottage. Three bedrooms, floor on the ground." Ah Gee was the sole resident. In 1916 it was advertised To Let— Late Chinese Market Garden - 258 York-street.

Glen Dhu

There were probably two market garden in the Glen Dhu/Sandhill area. One is listed in the Assessment Rolls as occupied by Chinamen in 1900 at 7 Glen Dhu St., and from 1910 to 1920 at 1-19 Glen Dhu St, near Thistle St., occupied by Chung Ah Loon (Long). The second appears to have been between Rose Lane and Westbury Road, occupied in 1923 by Ah Yick and Wong Hon. Part of this property was purchased in 1924 to enlarge Glen Dhu school grounds.

In 1900 Chinamen were occupying a garden at 7 Glen Dhu St and in 1910 there was a garden at 1-19 Glen Dhu St, occupied by Chung, Ah Loon. In 1926, Ah Chung has 16 acres at 4 Glen Dhu St and Chinamen have a garden at 7 Glen Dhu St. Jacqueline Alcock in her History of the Chinese Community in Launceston, states that Chung Gon was involved in a Glen Dhu market garden, and Chung Gong (sic) is listed as occupying house and land in Glen Dhu St in 1923.

Invermay

There were a large number of Chinese market gardens through Invermay and this seems to have been the main centre of activity for some 40 years. Gardens were recorded at different times in Invermay Road (George Town Road), Mayne St., Herbert St., Henty St., Frank St., Scott St., South St., Burn St., Green St., Lytton St. and Gaunt St.. In 1894, 10 Chinese market gardeners in Invermay petitioned the Council for a reduction in water rates. By 1923 nearly all the Invermay gardens seem to have gone – the only one recorded in the 1923 Assessment Rolls is the garden at 76 Herbert St (bt. Burns & Henty Sts) occupied by Ah Wing.

The gardens with greatest longevity seem to have been:

76 Herbert Street

In 1891 Ah Lam and Ah Wong both had gardens in Herbert St. From 1895 the garden between Henty and Taylor Sts. was occupied by Ah Wing until at least 1926. The Local Authority report of 1915 describes Ah Wing as occupying a good paling hut of two rooms in Herbert St with two other men. A second dilapidated hut was occupied by Ah Kim.

Mayne St

13 Mayne St (near Invermay Road)

Chung Gon is listed as occupying a market garden in Mayne St from 1891 to 1905. The 1891 Roll is the only one to list a street number – 13 Mayne Street, which is close to Invermay Road. The property was 1.5 acres.

Ah Ock occupied a garden of just under three acres in Mayne St from 1900 to 1907.

Ah Gawn occupied a garden of just under one acre in Mayne St from 1900 to 1904.

Ah Guie occupied a garden in Mayne St from 1907 to 1910.

There was a garden on the corner of Gunn (now Holbrook) and Mayne Sts occupied by Ah Yen in 1910 and by Chinamen in 1915.

Other names associated with gardens in Mayne St include Lee Siung & Lip Young (1885), Lee Hine (1907), Mi Lee (1910), Ah Yen (1910) and Ah Lip, Chung Sin & Ki Tick (1910)

Scott St

There was a 2 acre garden in Scott St with various occupants from 1891 to 1910

Henty St

There were at least two gardens in Henty St, one on the corner of Herbert St.

South Launceston (originally Galvin Town or Lawrence's Paddock))

There were several Chinese market gardens in South Launceston. Apart from the gardens in Mulgrave St. listed above, there were gardens at various times in Howick St., Collins St., Galvin St., Melbourne St. and Leslie St..

In 1894, 5 Chinese market gardeners in South Launceston petitioned the Council for a reduction in water rates.

East Launceston

The 1900 Assessment Roll lists two Chinese gardens in Erina St, at no 2 (near Elphin Rd) and No. 19 (cr Clear Place). The garden at 19 Erina St appears to have been quite long lived. A market in Erina St is mentioned in court reports in 1893, occupied by Fee Gong. In 1900 Chinamen occupied the garden at 19 Erina St, on the corner of Clear Place. It was occupied by Ah Louey in 1910. The Local Authority report mentions Kee Shing , a gardener living in a two-roomed paling hut in Erina St (Clear's Estate) in 1915 and this is almost certainly the same garden.

There was also a substantial market garden in Abbott St, between Arthur and Mary Sts, in production from 1900 to 1920. It was occupied by Ah Quon in 1900, Lew Chung and Lew You in 1910 and Ki Yick in 1920. In 1903 it was described in the Examiner as a "large market garden".

Appendix 2:

PROMINENT CHINESE MARKET GARDENERS IN LAUNCESTON 1870 – 1920

James Chung Gon

1881-4 cr. York and Bathurst Sts market garden (Chung Tong)

1885 6 or 7 years as a market gardener (James W Chung Gon)

1891-5 50 Mulgrave St (Bryan's Estate)(bt Eardley & Garfield) house and 6 ½ acres (Chung Gon)

1891-5 13 Mulgrave St – house and land – (Chung Gon & Co.)

1891-5 Mayne St, Invermay hut & land (Chung Gon)

1900-1902 Mayne St, Invermay garden (Chung Gon)

1896-1905 Mayne St Invermay - hut & land (Chung Gon)

1907-10 104 Elizabeth St – house, shop & land (James Chung Gon)

James Chung Gon was probably associated with the market garden on the corner of York and Bathurst Sts in the early 1880s (spelt Chung Tong). An article in the Examiner in 1885 states that he had been active as a market gardener "for six or seven years", so probably started in the late 70s. He visited China in 1885. In 1890 he entered a range of vegetables in the Launceston Horticultural Show. The Colonists' correspondent noted that "the vegetables as shown by Chung Gon were a first-class lot, and commanded considerable attention." He had a 1.5 acre market garden in Mayne St Invermay from 1891 to 1905 and is listed occupying a house and land at 13 Mulgrave St. in 1895. He was associated with the 6 acre market garden at 50 Mulgrave St from 1915 and in 1910 was listed as occupying a shop, house and land at 104 Elizabeth St. When his Mulgrave St market garden was compulsorily acquired by the Council as a recreation area (Coronation Park) Chung Gon purchased 6 acres on the other side of Mulgrave St (Chung Gon Crescent) to continue gardening, selling produce from his Elizabeth St store. He later developed a market garden at Relbia, where Jingler's Creek Vineyard now stands.

(Margaret Tassell, in her Rural Launceston Heritage Study, dates the Relbia market garden as "probably before 1920").

Ah Hung (Hong)

1885-9 Invermay Rd house & garden

1905-10 Scott St Invermay cottage & garden

Occupied a hut and garden in Scott St from 1905 to 1910 and later (1915) a garden in Lytton St. There is also an Ah Chung listed with a garden in Scott St from 1907 to 1910 – possibly the same person. In 1894 he appeared in court, described as a market gardener from Invermay, with a complaint against a woman who was stealing vegetables from his cart in York St. and, when confronted, struck him with a bunch of celery.

Ah Sing (Chung Sing?)

1885/9 - Invermay House & garden (Chung Sing)

1891/5 ? - market garden (Ah Sing)

1900/02 - 166 York St house & garden (Wong Sing?)

1907/10 - 109 Elizabeth St house and land (Whong Sing?)

1907/10 - Mayne St Invermay house & land (Ah Lip, Chung Sing & Ki Tick)

1915 - 55 Mulgrave St Iron hut – house & land (1920) (Hew Sing?)

Ah Sing is described as a market gardener in several records but seems not to be Henry Thom Sing the prominent Launceston businessman and court interpreter, as, in court records he is noted as speaking through an interpreter, and Henry Thom Sing was proficient in English. It seems likely that Ah Sing was Chung Sing who had a market garden in Mayne St for many years. He was also one of a large group of Chinese who appeared in court charged with gambling in 1902.

Ah Chow

1885/9 - York St market garden

1905/10 - Burn St Invermay, garden

1907/10 - Gaunt St Invermay land (with Henry Sing)

Matthew Ah Kin

1891/5 - Mayne St Invermay land (Ah Kin)

1891/5 - 77/79 Bathurst St (bet. Frederick & Elizabeth Sts) garden (Ah Kin)

1891-1910 - South St Invermay house & land (Matthew Ah Kin)

1891/5 - 69 Bathurst St land (Ah Kin)

Ah Wing

1891-1910 - Herbert St Invermay hut & garden

1891-1905 - Henty St Invermay garden etc

1891-1905- Invermay garden (C.H. Wing & Co)

1900/02 -105 St John St shop & store (Sun Quon Wing & Co.?)

1900/03 - Henty St Invermay

1907/10 - Green St Invermay hut & garden

1907/20 - 76 Herbert St (cr Burns St) Invermay hut & garden (with Ah Kim – Ah Kin?).

Known as Charlie Wing, he ran the garden at 76 Herbert St (cr. Burns St) for some 30 years. There were two fires reported on his property in 1909, one in May which destroyed a shed and one in September which destroyed the house.

In 1912 he was fined for leaving a horse and cart unattended. The Assessment Rolls also report him as the occupier of a garden in Henty St from 1891 to 1903 and a hut and garden in Green St Invermay in 1910. It seems likely that he was also listed as C.H Wing & Co. and may have been involved in Sun Quon Wing & Co., which had a shop and store at 105 St John St in 1900. The Local

Authority report of 1915 describes him living in a good weatherboard hut of two rooms in Herbert St with two other men.

Ah Wong (Wing?)

1891/1903 - Scott St Invermay cottage & garden

1903 - Scott St Invermay garden

Ah Yin

1891/6 - Scott St Invermay hut & garden

1896 - Herbert St Invermay garden

Ah Fook & Co.

1896/1905 - George Town Road garden

1896/1902 - Scott St Invermay hut & garden

1896/1905 - Herbert St Invermay land

1900/1902 - Henty St Invermay garden etc

Lee Ah Fook was born in 1860 and arrived in Tasmania in 1878 and operated a market garden near Gladstone selling to the miners. Probably the same Ah Fook operating market gardens in Launceston from 1896

Ah Gee

1900-1903 Scott St Invermay hut & garden

The Local Authority report describes Ah Gee as living alone in a dilapidated four room weatherboard cottage with dirt floors.

Lew Nem

1900-02 50 Mulgrave St house & land (6.5 acres)

1911 Mentioned as market gardener

1915 Newstead Market gardener

The Local Authority report of 1915 describes Lew Nem as occupying a comparatively new four room weatherboard hut in David St with four other men.

The Mulgrave St property occupied by Lew Nem in 1900 (and later occupied by Chung Gon) had been a market garden for some time. It was advertised "to let as the well-known Market Garden in Mulgrave Street, lately occupied by Chinamen, containing 6 acres", in 1896. He then worked a market garden in Newstead (1915) until the post war expansion of Launceston forced a move to Ravenswood. He adopted a son, Lew Sing, from China in 1948, who continued to run the Ravenswood garden after Lew Nem returned to China in 1950. (Alcock).

Ah Ock

Ah Ock ran a market garden (just under 3 acres) in Mayne St Invermay from 1900 to 1910.

Ah Chow

Ah Chow had a market garden in Burns St Invermay from 1905 to 1910.

Lee Hine

1889-1895 Mayne St Invermay hut & garden

1889-1901 George Town Road Invermay garden

Ah Goon

1895 Invermay

1900- 1905 Sandhill hut & garden (probably Glen Dhu St)

Ah Goon is first mentioned as a Launceston market gardener in an 1894 court report. Another court report in 1895 cites Ah Guun as an Invermay market gardener. Probably the same man.

Ah Yon

An Ah Yin was one of a group arrested for gaming in a 1902 court report. He is listed as occupying gardens in Scott St and Herbert St in 1895/6.

Chung Ah Loon

1910-1920 1-19 Glen Dhu St (near Thistle St). House and garden.

In the 1920 Assessment Roll he is listed as Chung Long.

The Local Authority report describes Chung Ah Loon as occupying an old dilapidated brick house with floors on the ground. Two bedrooms occupied by four men.

Mi Lee

Occupied a three acre garden in George Town Rd from 1900 to 1905 and in Mayne St from 1906/8.

Ki Yick

Ah Yick is listed as occupying gardens in Scott St in 1905 and on the corner of Henty and Herbert Sts from 1906 to 1910. He later had a garden in Abbott St East Launceston from 1910 to 1920. In 1923 he is associated with the garden In Westbury Road.

Appendix 3:
CHINESE MARKET GARDENS IN LAUNCESTON 1871 - 1920

Evidence from Trove (T), Assessment Rolls (AR) and Local Authority Report (LA)

			1871/2	1881/4	1885/9	1891/5	1896	1900/2	1903	1905	1907/10	1915	1920
2 Chinamen	The Swamp	Market garden	T										
2 Chinese	George Town Rd (owned by Mrs Watson)	Market garden	T										
2 Chinamen	Frankland St	Market garden	T										
Lee Siung & Lip Young	Invermay Rd	House & garden			AR								
Lee Siung & Lip Young	Mayne St	garden			AR								
Chung Tong (Gon?) & Ah How	Cr. York & Bathurst Sts.	Market garden		T									
James W Chung Gon	6 or 7 years engaged in Launceston as a market gardener (1885)	Market garden			T								
Ah Hung	Invermay Rd	House & garden			AR								
Ah Sam	Frank St	Cottage & land			AR								
Chung Sing	Invermay	House * garden			AR								
Ah Chow	York St	Market garden			T								
Ah Hab	65/7 York St					AR							
Ah Wenn	George Town Rd	Garden				AR							
Ah Wong	Scott St Invermay	Cottage & garden				AR		AR	AR				
Ah Wong	Scott St	Garden							AR				
Ah Moy	George Town Rd	Hut & garden				AR							
Ah Wing (Wong)	Herbert St Invermay (bt Taylor & Henty Sts)	Hut & garden				AR	AR	AR		AR	AR		T
Ah Kin	Mayne St Invermay	Land				AR							
Ah Kin	77/9 Bathurst St.	Garden											
Matthew Ah Kin	South St Invermay	House & land				AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR		
Lee Hine	George Town Rd Invermay	Garden				AR	AR						

			1871/2	1881/4	1885/9	1891/5	1896	1900/2	1903	1905	1907/10	1915	1920
Lee Hine	Mayne St Invermay	Hut & garden				AR	AR						
Ah Lam	Herbert St Invermay	House & garden				AR							
Lee Wong	Burn St Invermay	House & garden				AR							
Thom Sing	50 St John St	House & stores				AR							
James Ah Catt	55 St John St	House, store & tobacco manufactory				AR							
James Ah Katt	56 St John St	Shop and house				AR							
Thom Sing	125 St John St	Shed				AR		AR					
James Ah Katt	57 Charles St	Shop & shaving saloon				AR							
Chin Kit	78 Wellington St	House & shop				AR							
Ah Kin	69 Bathurst St	land				AR							
Chung Gon & Co	13 Mulgrave St	House & land				AR							
Chung Gong	50 Mulgrave St (Bryan's Estate)(bt Eardley & Garfield)	Hut and garden House & land (6 ½ acres										LA	AR
Chinamen	22 Howick St	garden				AR							
Chinamen	31 Howick St	garden				AR							
Chinamen	41 Mulgrave St	House & land				AR							
William Chung	256 York St	Shed & garden				AR							
Lee Moon Harb	214-30 York St	House (214/6), garden (218/30)				AR							
Lee You	Invermay	garden				AR							
Ah Woon (Wong)(Wing)	Henty St	Garden etc.				AR			(AR)	(AR)			
Chung Gon	Mayne St	Hut & land, garden				AR		AR					
C.H. Wing & Co	In vermay	Garden				AR							
Lee Ah Mow	Invermay	Market garden				T							
Chungitue (?)	Galvin Town (South Launceston)	Market garden				T							
Fee Gong	Erina St	Market garden				T							

			1871/2	1881/4	1885/9	1891/5	1896	1900/2	1903	1905	1907/10	1915	1920
Ah Gan	Invermay	Market garden				T							
Ah Sing	?	Market garden				T							
5 Chinese	South Launceston & Hampden	Market gardens (petitioning for water)				T							
2 Chinese	York St	Market gardens (petitioning for water)				T							
10 Chinese	Invermay	Market gardens (petitioning for water)				T							
Ah Chong	Invermay	Market garden				T							
Ah Goon	Sandhill	Market garden				T		AR	AR	AR			
Ah Guun	Invermay	Market garden				T							
Chinamen	Cr Howick & Margaret Sts (6 acres)	Market garden											
Ah Yon (Won)(Yin)	Scott St Invermay	Hut & garden				AR	AR						
Ah Yon	Herbert St Invermay	Garden					AR						
Chinamen	Lawrence's Paddock (Sth Launceston) Collins St	Land & shed				AR							
Ah Fook & Co	George Town Rd	Garden					AR	AR	AR	AR			
Ah Fook & Co	Scott St Invermay	Hut and garden					AR	AR					
Ah Fook & Co	Herbert St Invermay	land					AR	AR	AR	AR			
Chung Gon	Mayne St Invermay	Hut & land					AR	AR	AR	AR			
Lee Gon	George Town Rd	Hut & garden					AR						
Chinamen	2 Erina St	House & garden						AR					
Chinamen	19 Erina St	House & garden						AR					
Ah Louey (Looey)	19 Erina St	Hut & land									AR		
Ah Looey & Wong Hon	Westbury Rd (west side)	2 huts										LA	
Chinamen	22 Earl St	House & garden						AR					
Wong Sing	166 York St	House & garden						AR					

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William Chung	256 York St	Shed & garden						AR					
George Sing	160 Elizabeth St	House						AR					
Matilda Chin Kitt	74 Galvin St	Land						AR					
Sun Quon Wing & Co	105 St John St	Shop & store						AR					
Sun Hung Ack Co	137/9 St John St	House & shop						AR					
James Ah Katt	151 Charles St	shop						AR					
Chin Kit	181 Wellington St	house						AR					
Chinamen	5 Wellington Rd	House & land						AR					
H. George Chin Kit	74 Galvin St	house						AR					
Ah Quon	1-9 Melbourne St	land						AR					
Chinamen	6 Mulgrave St	House & land						AR					
Lew Nem	50 Mulgrave St (6.5 acres)	House & land						AR					
Lew Nem	Newstead 1913	Market garden									T		
Chinamen	7 Glen Dhu St	House & garden						AR					
Chinamen	31 Howick St	Land, garden & stable						AR					
Chinamen	29 Mary St	land						AR					
Ah Fook & Co	Henty St	Garden etc						AR					
Ah Quon	52 Abbott St (described as a “large market garden”) 1903	land						AR					
Chinamen	Mayne St	Hut & land						AR					
Chinamen	Scott St Invermay	House & garden						AR					
Chinamen	Invermay Rd	Garden						AR					
Chinamen	Invermay Rd	garden						AR					
Ah Gee	Scott St	Hut & garden						AR	AR				
Ah Gee	244 York St	cottage										LA	
Ah Kan, Chung	Herbert St	garden						AR	AR				
Ah Wing	Henty St	garden						AR	AR				
Ah Ock	Mayne St	garden						AR	AR	AR	AR AR		
Ah Gawn	Mayne St	garden						AR	AR				
Mi Lee	George Town Rd	Hut & garden						AR	AR	AR	AR		

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Chung Lung 1901		Market gardener						T					
Charlie Ah Tit		Market garden & general store						ad					
Mi Lee	Mayne St	Hut & garden									AR		
Ah Loot	Herbert St	Hut & garden							AR	AR			
Ah Hung (Hong)	Scott St	Hut & land, cottage & garden								AR	AR AR		
Ah Yick & Co	Scott St	Cottage & garden, land								AR			
Ah Yick	Cr Henty & Herbert Sts	land									AR AR AR		
Ah Gawn	Henty St	land								AR	AR AR		
Ah Chow	Burn St Invermay	Garden								AR	AR AR		
Gong Hon		Market gardener								T			
Sing On & Ah Foo	Bt Mulgrave & Hampden Sts	Market garden								T			
Ah Ping	York St	Market gardener								T			
Ah Guie	Mayne St	Hut & garden									AR AR		
Ah Chung	Scott St	Garden									AR AR		
Chinamen	225 Brisbane St	Land									AR		
Ah Loy	244 York St	Shed & land									AR		
James Chung Gon	104 Elizabeth St	House, shop & land									AR		
Wah Kee	122 Elizabeth St	House, shop & land									AR		
Whong Sing	109 Elizabeth St	House & land									AR		
Lue Kee	104 Lower George St	House & land									AR		
Henry Thom Sing	127 St John St	House, shop & land									AR		
Sing Lee	123 St John St	House, shop & land									AR		
Chin Ah Kaw	135 St John St	House, shop & land									AR		
Sun Hung Ack	137 St John St	House, shop & land									AR		
Wong Hee	186 Charles St (Jas. Ah Katt estate)										AR		
Henry George Chin Kitt	28 Percy St	House & land									AR		

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Chinamen	113 Wellington Rd	land									AR		
Charles Ah Quon	8 Melbourne St	House & land									AR		
Charles Ah Quon	32 Melbourne St	House & land									AR		
Charles Ah Quon	16 Leslie St	House & land											AR
Sing On et al.	Cr Mulgrave & Melbourne Sts	House & land									AR		
Lee Ack	50 Mulgrave St	House & land									AR		
Chung, Ah Loon (Chung Long)	1-19 Glen Dhu St (near Thistle St.)	House & land									AR	LA	AR
Lee Dow	23 Howick St	House & land									AR		
Lee Dow 1898	Mulgrave St	Market gardener						T					
Lew Chung & Lew You	54 Abbott St	Huts & land									AR		
Yet Loy	61 Invermay Rd	House & shop									AR		
Ah Wing	Green St Invermay	Hut & land									AR		
Ah Wing & Ah Kim	76 Herbert St Invermay (cr Burn St)	Hut & garden										LA	LA
Ah Yick	Green St Invermay	Land									AR		
Ah Chow & Henry Sing	Gaunt St Invermay	land									AR		
Ah Yen	Cr Gunn & Mayne Sts	House & land									AR		
Ah Lip, Chung Sing & Ki Tick	Mayne St	House & land									AR		
Ah Chung & Ah Hong	Scott St	House & land									AR		
Kwong Sing 1907		Market gardener									T		
Chas. Sing 1913		Market gardener									T		
Charles Ah Ping (Pong) 1913		Market gardener									T		
Jim Ah Hick	Melbourne St West	Paling hut										LA	
Hew Sing (Henry Sing)	55 Mulgrave St	Iron hut – house & land (1920)										LA	
Loong Akn	Lytton St	cottage										LA	

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Kee Shing	Erina St	Paling hut										LA	
Chinamen	20/30 Henty St	land											AR
Chinamen	70 Herbert St (bt Burn & Taylor)	land											AR
Ki Yick	62 Abbott St (bt Arthur & Mary Sts) 1914	Land & huts											AR T
Lew Nem, You Lee & Kay Yick	Newstead	Market gardeners										T	
Ah You	Mulgrave St 1917	Market gardener										T	
Maa Yooey Youey)	Cr Howick & Mulgrave Sts 1918	Market gardener										T	
Chung Yon & Ah Sun 1919		Market gardeners											T

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