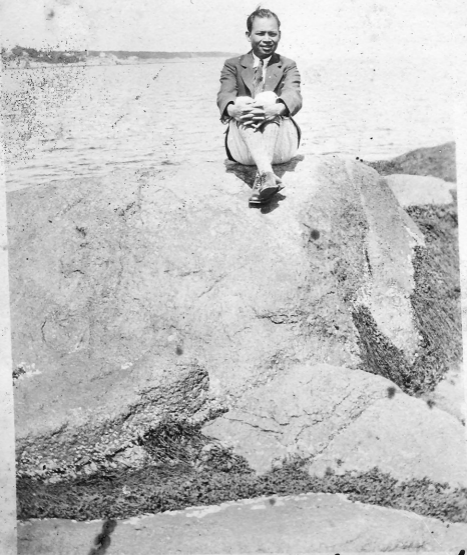






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A little man on the big Rock







1931 - 1937 They settled in Canton, started his career teaching and practicing his skills. In six short years his clientelle read like the Who's Who of the city. Here he is, a happy man in his courtyard studio, complete with fruit trees and free running chickens. They started a family, then disaster struck: a sudden Japanese invasion left Canton in flames and the family found themselves refugees in British Hong Kong with little more than the clothes on their backs.



























Governor of Hong Kong

British Hong Kong provided a safe haven and overnight success professionally - only to be shattered again four and a half years later when WWII spread to the Pacific. His fame worked against him when he had to flee under darkness because the conquering Japanese wanted him to make a monument to the emperor - which would have been regarded as collaboration.

Dad spent the war years in remote Kwangchewan. The stress and privations of those years had taken a huge toll on his health, yet he gamely picked up the pieces and returned to work in 1945. The ensuing six years proved to be his most productive, with numerous paintings and commissioned sculptures. A massive stroke ended his struggle in the summer of 1951.





Our last family picture. His children were his "three pots of gold" Elisa has a career in music, I became a vascular surgeon and my little brother is a well established kidney specialist. Sadly he did not live to see the fruits of his labours. We sincerely hope that dad's work earns a small place in Boston where he spent a happy youth. 1950



Chan Shek-kwan
1893 - 1951

He always had an aura of authority and pride when flanked by his art - his raison-d'être. Here I used deep shadows for gravity and to emphasize those hands which have created so much truth and beauty in 15 short years.



HERE LIES THE REMAINS
OF
MY DEAR & BELLOVED HUSBAND
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