

## Historic Building Appraisal

### No. 67 Fung Yuen, Tai Po, N.T.

It is believed that the village house at No.67 Fung Yuen was built by Wong Chap-sham (黃集森) around 1934. The Wongs (黃) are Hakkas (客家) who came from Tai Mei Tuk Tsuen (大尾督村) in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. They had been in Tai Mei Tuk for more than 200 years. Tai Mei Tuk Tsuen is a Hakka village of the Wongs in Tai Mei Tuk (大尾督), Plover Cove (船灣). It is said that the founding ancestor Jo-bun (祖斌) moved from Huizhou (惠州) of Guangdong (廣東) province to the Lantau Island in the late Ming (明, 1368-1644) dynasty. His wife moved with his son Wing-choi (榮彩) to Tai Mei Tuk in the Kangxi reign (康熙, 1662-1722) of the Qing (清) dynasty.

**Historical  
Interest**

The two-storey residential building with a three-bay layout has an open forecourt surrounded by a low wall in front of it. The building is constructed of grey bricks and concrete with its walls to support its pitched roof of timber rafters, purlins and clay tiles. The front facade of the middle bay is recessed with a balcony on the upper floor. A parapet is at the roof edge with a pediment in the middle. The parapet is with moulded petal and interlocking geometric patterns and short posts for decoration. The pediment is in triangle shape flanked with a moulded water pattern. The door frame, lower courses of the front facade, and window frames are of granite. An iron *tanglung* (趟籠) is installed at the entrance. The side and back external walls are rendered.

**Architectural  
Merit**

It is a residential building to witness the settlement of the Wongs in the village.

**Rarity**

It has some built heritage value. A side entrance is added at the right bay front facade with ceramic-tiled doorframe. This would slightly diminish the authenticity of the building.

**Built Heritage  
Value  
Authenticity**

The Wongs of the house are of the only Wong family in Fung Yuen. The Maks (麥) were the majority in Fung Yuen who set up their own village Mak Uk and have their own ancestral hall. This village house is still owned by Wong Chap Sham Tso (黃集森祖). The Wongs would make their ancestral worship at the Wong Ancestral Hall (黃氏宗祠) in Tai Mei Tuk Tsuen at Chung Yeung (重陽節) and Ching Ming (清明節) Festivals.

**Social Value,  
& Local  
Interest**

This village house is the only surviving historic building in Fung Yuen.

**Group Value**