Museum in L.A. recalls the pain of Angel Island

HONOR: Jack Ong created an installation at the museum in honor of his mother, Jeung Shee Ong, that includes a suitcase that she carried when she fled Japanese troops in 1939 with five children. After reaching this country, she spent more than a month on Angel Island.

The coaching papers of Tyrus Wong’s brother are on exhibit at the Chinese American Museum, and visitors can listen to a reenactment of his own interrogation.

His sojourn on Angel Island, he said, was a combination of terror and boredom: “I wouldn’t recommend it to anyone. To me, it was just like jail.”

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