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In conversation recently with alumna Nellie Walker, I learned some new details about Boxer which I will share with you. Her uncle gave Boxer to Pacific and I suppose she knows as much as anyone about its early history.

She says --

He is not an idol but was probably used as an incense burner in idol worship. The Chinese family which had him, regarded him as a trademark for the family business.

A member of this family (or several members) became Christians and wanted to pay their debts. They sold Boxer quite reasonably to get money to clear their debts.

When the speaker from the East Coast in the Pacific Chapel, started to tell his story about the school that had and fought over its mascot, etc., the president (was it McClelland or Ferrin?) tried to pull the coat tails of the speaker as a signal that the story need not be told. But, he couldn't reach the speaker. The story was completed. Pacific listened well. Boxer soon disappeared from the Chapel and that tradition, associated with him, started.