



Record Group 85

Immigration and Naturalization Service - Honolulu District

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Administrative Records

COPIES OF LETTERS SENT, 1903-1904

Extent: 1.290 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0009

NAID: 1560896

Accession: 085-86-001

Transfer: 085-86-0002

Boxes: 1-3 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-002-04

Arranged chronologically by date of letter. The letters relate to the establishment of the Immigration Station in Honolulu, including planned construction of a new office/detention center on Navy property, staffing the station, and problems encountered enforcing the Chinese Exclusion Laws.

Passenger Arrival Records

The Newlands Resolution of July 7, 1898 provided for the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States. The resolution did not set up a territorial government. In particular the Act stated that "Until legislation shall be enacted extending the United States customs laws and regulations to the Hawaiian Islands the existing customs relations of the Hawaiian Islands with the United States and other countries shall remain unchanged." Hawaiian Republic's Bureau of Customs continued to function and maintained information – such as passenger lists – as before. Chinese exclusion, however, was immediately extended to the Hawaiian Islands by the section of the act that stated "There shall be no further immigration of Chinese into the Hawaiian Islands, except upon such conditions as are now or may hereafter be allowed by the laws of the United States; and no Chinese, by reason of anything herein contained, shall be allowed to enter the United States from the Hawaiian Islands."

Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) ship departure lists, 1900-1954 (174 rolls of microfilm) and most aircraft passenger lists, circa 1930s to 1950s for the INS-Honolulu District are held by the National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20408-0001. The lists have not yet been designated official National Archives and Records Administration Microfilm Publications.

REGISTERS OF ARRIVALS OF JAPANESE FREE PEOPLE, DECEMBER 4, 1898-JUNE 12, 1900

Extent: 1.514 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0068

NAID: 2848352

Accession: 085-98-001 (Direct)

Boxes: 1-5 (1 LGA-R, 4 BKS-C)

Location: C-026-1-009-09

Arranged in a very rough chronological order. The pages are fragile and have been encapsulated in polyester enclosures for protection. Handle with care.

The entries in these registers consist of the relatively small number of Japanese citizens

arriving in Hawaii who were not contract laborers. The records were created by the Hawaiian Republic's Bureau of Customs (and clearly marked as such) and inherited by the U.S. Customs Service on June 14, 1900 – the effective date of the Organic Act of 1900 (Act of April 30, 1900, chapter 339, section 104, 31 Stat 141). The creating organization for National Archives Catalog purposes is the Hawaiian Republic's Bureau of Customs as the U.S. Customs Service and the U.S. Immigration Service made no entries in these registers after June 12, 1900.

The registers list the Japanese passport number, name, age, destination and amount of money carried in dollars or yen for each person. The registers were in a serious state of decay and fragmentation by the time they were transferred to the National Archives. Some entries may be difficult to read due to blurred ink. Many pages are no longer extant. Some pages exist in tiny fragments only, despite extensive conservation treatment.

Box 1: 12/4/1898-6/17/1899 [LGA-R box]

Box 2: 1/8/1899-1/23/1900 [based on a later note on the cover – there appear to be gaps in the chronology] [BKS-C box]

Box 3: 7/1899-10/30/1899 [BKS-C box]

Box 4: 11/1899-12/1899 [BKS-C box]

Box 5: 1/1900-6/12/1900 [BKS-C box]

REGISTER OF JAPANESE ARRIVALS AND REGISTER OF CHINESE, JAPANESE, AND KOREANS DETAINED FOR BOARDS OF SPECIAL INQUIRY, 6/27/1899-6/20/1905

Extent: 4 lin. in.

HMS: 85-0069

NAID: 2848804

Accession: 085-98-001 (Direct)

Boxes: 1-2 (CUS-M)

Location: C-026-1-009-09

Arranged in chronological order. Some of the pages are fragile and have been encapsulated in polyester enclosures for protection. Handle with care. The register appears to contain the names of both contract-laborer and non-contract-laborer Japanese citizens arriving from June 1899 to May 1900. The records were begun by the Hawaiian Republic's Bureau of Customs and continued by the U.S. Customs Service on June 14, 1900 – the effective date of the Organic Act. The records were subsequently continued by the U.S. Immigration Service.

The register was used by the Hawaiian Republic's Bureau of Customs to record arrivals of Japanese citizens through May 1900. When the Bureau of Customs was transferred to the U.S. Customs Service on June 14, 1900, the register was no longer used to record all Japanese arrivals but was used to record the names of Chinese and Japanese citizens detained for examination. Koreans appear on the detentions lists beginning in 1903. It is not clear if the register records all who were detained. It may have been used haphazardly after May 1900. The register was transferred to the custody of the Department of Commerce and Labor's U.S. Immigration Service (USIS) in 1903. The USIS used the first 140 pages of the register – the pages containing the 1899 to 1900 Japanese arrivals – as a scrapbook for pasting notices of aliens released from detention. The notices and the underlying adhesives were carefully removed during conservation treatment and were placed in polyester sleeves so that the pages could be read.

The most useful part of this "series" is the Japanese arrival register covering the June

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1899 to May 1900 period. This portion lists the Japanese passport number, name, age, sex, last residence, destination, occupation, amount of money carried in dollars or yen, and remarks. These entries appear to be very readable and complete.

REGISTERS OF ARRIVAL AND DISPOSITION OF CHINESE PERSONS, 12/31/1899-12/17/1941

Extent: 11.064 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0008

NAID: 2848842

Accession: 085-98-002 (Direct)

Boxes: 1-14 (1 FLT-E; 2 DFP-B; 11 MIS-J) **Location:** C-016-1-009-05 to -07

Arranged chronologically by date of arrival. There is a gap in the records from April 1915 to June 1917. Many entries are annotated with INS-Honolulu District case file numbers. These registers are very useful if you know the approximate time period of arrival but you are unable to find the name of the immigrant in the immigration case file index. National Archives microfilm publication *A3410 Index to Passengers, Not Including Filipinos, Arriving at Honolulu, Hawaii, ca. 1900-ca. 1952* can be used as a name index to this series for June 14, 1900 and later entries.

The first volume of this series was first used by the Hawaiian Republic's Bureau of Customs and continued by the U.S. Immigration Service. The pages in this volume are not preprinted forms. The second volume in this series (in boxes 2 and 3) consists of preprinted U.S. Customs form 579 ½. The remaining volumes in this series consist of preprinted U.S. Immigration Service form 409.

Box 1: 12/31/1899-12/28/1903

Box 2: 1/10/1904-11/20/1905

Box 3: 12/11/1905-10/16/1908

Box 4: 10/28/1908-5/5/1911

Box 5: 5/19/1911-1/23/1913

Box 6: 1/28/1913-4/5/1915

Box 7: 6/5/1917-5/23/1920

Box 8: 6/16/1920-12/7/1921

Box 9: 12/20/1921-11/22/1922

Box 10: 11/27/1922-12/28/1923

Box 11: 1/4/1924-6/24/1927

Box 12: 7/2/1927-4/27/1933

Box 13: 5/4/1933-6/30/1938

Box 14: 7/6/1938-12/17/1941

REGISTER OF CHINESE CITIZENS AND U.S. CITIZENS OF CHINESE ANCESTRY DEPARTING FROM AND RETURNING TO HONOLULU, 1901-1910

Extent: 0.655 cu. ft.

HMS: HS1-305081558

NAID: 2857303

Accession: 085-98-003 (Direct)

Box: 1 (FLT-E)

Location: C-016-1-009-05

Arranged in two segments: Chinese "laborers" and "exempt" classes (starting on page

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400). Thereunder arranged in rough chronological order by date of arrival/departure.

REGISTER OF VESSEL ARRIVALS, November 1903 – July 31, 1913

Extent: 2 lin. in. **HMS:** 85-0066 **NAID:** 83740172
Accession: 085-98-001 (Direct) **Box:** 1 (LGA-N) **Location:** C-026-1-009-09

Arranged chronologically by date of arrival. No passenger names are listed.

REGISTER OF PASSENGERS DETAINED AT THE QUARANTINE STATION, January 1, 1927 – July 4, 1929

Extent: 1 lin. in. **HMS:** 85-0065 **NAID:** 83740174
Accession: 085-98-001 (Direct) **Box:** 1 (LGA-N) **Location:** C-026-1-009-09

Arranged chronologically by date of arrival. No passenger names are listed.

REGISTER OF PASSENGER MANIFESTS RECEIVED, February 23, 1929 – February 25, 1938

Extent: 2 lin. in. **HMS:** 85-0067 **NAID:** 83740175
Accession: 085-98-001 (Direct) **Box:** 1 (LGA-N) **Location:** C-026-1-009-09

Arranged chronologically by date of arrival. No passenger names are listed.

Case Files for Individuals and Related Records

Case files generally contain a variety of documents used by the INS to establish an individual's identity and right to enter or reside in the United States. Case file may contain one or more of the following documents: photographs, transcripts of interrogations, INS forms, statements of witnesses, birth certificates, death certificates, marriage records, visas, passports, correspondence, certificates of identity, return certificates, steamship tickets, court case papers, and many others. Most files do not contain all of these documents. File contents vary according to the circumstances of each case. Access to portions of some case files may be restricted due to personal privacy concerns for living individuals, law enforcement needs, and/or national security classification.

INDEX TO IMMIGRATION INVESTIGATION CASE FILES, 1903-1944 [indexed in 1985-1986]

Extent: 1.888 cu. ft. **HMS:** 85-0034 **NAID:** 2902860
Accession: 085-86-001 **Transfer:** 085-60-0504
Boxes: 1-16 (IND-D) **Location:** C-021-1-006-06

The index was produced in the 1980s, but it covers inactive immigration investigation case files dating from 1903 to 1944 only. Arranged in two groups (1) alphabetically by surname and thereunder by first name and (2) numerically by case file number. The three by five-inch

cards list only the name of the individual and the case file number. No other identifying information is included. Consequently, the usefulness of this series is somewhat limited. The names and case numbers from many cards have been entered into an electronic database. **Unfortunately the database is incomplete because the information from several thousand index cards was never entered.** The database printout is available in the research room.

This series consists of a name index to the series “Chinese Immigration Case Files (C-Files), 1903-1915” (NAID 594779); the series “Deportation Case Files, 1913-1944” (NAID 628184); the series “Hawaiian Islands Certificate of Citizenship Application Case Files, 1924-1941” (NAID 628294); the series “Application Case Files for Admission as United States Citizens of Non-Chinese Descent, 1924-1941” (NAID 628295); the series “Application Case Files for Admission as Students, Teachers, and Clergy, 1917-1938” (NAID 628297); the series “Return Certificate Application Case Files of Lawfully-Domiciled Chinese Laborers, 1916-1938” (NAID 628298); the series “Chinese Merchant Return Certificate Application Case Files, 1912-1934” (NAID 628299); the series “Application Case Files of American Citizens of Chinese Ancestry for Return Certificates and of Chinese-Born United States Citizens for Admission to Hawaii, 1916-1942” (NAID 628300); the series “Application Case Files for Admission as Wives of Chinese Merchants, Teachers, and Clergy, 1916-1939” (NAID 628301); the series “Application Case Files for Admission as Wives of United States Citizens of Chinese Descent, 1916-1940” (NAID 628303); the series “Application Case Files for Admission as the Children of Chinese Merchants, Teachers, and Clergy, 1913-1938” (NAID 628304) the series “Application Case Files for Admission as Children of Hawaiian-Born United States Citizens of Chinese Descent, 1916-1926” (NAID 628305); the series “Application Case Files for Admission as Chinese Students, Teachers, and Travelers, 1916-1942” (NAID 628306); the series “Visa Application Case Files of Chinese Merchants, Students, Teachers, Travelers, and Clergy Seeking Admission to the Continental United States from Hawaii, 1917-1942” (NAID 628453); the series “Application Case Files for Replacement Certificates of Residence, 1921-1938” (NAID 628454); the series “Application Case Files for Replacement Certificates of Identity, 1920-1942” (NAID 628455); the series “Application Case Files for Admission as Wives and Children of Chinese Americans Naturalized under the Hawaiian Kingdom and Return Certificate Application Case Files of Chinese Americans Naturalized under the Hawaiian Kingdom, 1919-1925” (NAID 628458); the series “Appeal Case Files of Japanese and Korean Aliens Denied Entry by Boards of Special Inquiry, 1917-1940” (NAID 628461); the series “Case Files of Chinese American Applicants for Certificates of Citizenship in the Hawaiian Islands, 1924-1942” (NAID 628463); the series “Case Files of Filipino American Applicants for Certificates of Citizenship in the Hawaiian Islands, 1934-1944” (NAID 628477); and the series Board of Special Inquiry Case Files, 1925-1929 (NAID 2912190).

BOARD OF SPECIAL INQUIRY CASE FILES, 1925-1929

Extent: 0.430 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0063

NAID: 2912190

Accession: 085-92-001 (Direct)

Box: 1 (LGA-R)

Location: C-022-1-009-05

Only two case files are in this Region’s custody: 126 BSI, Tane Kinoshita, September 18, 1925; and 108 BSI, Chiye Kotoshiroda and Shunzo Kotoshiroda, August 12, 1929.

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Boards of Special Inquiry (BSI) were appointed by the Commissioner of Immigration or Inspector in Charge at the various ports of arrival. Each board had three members chosen from immigration officers of the District. The boards had the power to determine whether an alien or claimed citizen should be landed or deported.

As recently as January 21, 1992, two cubic feet of BSI case files were at the INS office in Honolulu. The INS had planned to send the files here to NARA's Pacific Region. The files never arrived. As of October 2007 the records have not definitely been located but are believed to be in the custody of the USCIS Los Angeles office. The missing files are fully indexed by the INDEX TO IMMIGRATION CASE FILES, 1903-1944 described above.

DUPLICATE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CERTIFICATES OF CITIZENSHIP, 1926-1955

Extent: 8.142 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0030

NAID: 1565934

Accession: 085-92-001 (Direct)

Boxes: 1-69 (IND-A)

Location: C-021-1-006-04 to -05

Arranged chronologically in two date span groups, 1926 to 1928 and 1928 to 1955, and thereunder arranged numerically by certificate number.

Certificates of Citizenship were usually issued to residents of Hawaii who wished to depart temporarily from the Territory. Originals were to be retained by the applicant and the duplicates were retained by the District Office for reference. Application case file numbers are listed on the reverse of most certificates. The majority of the certificates were issued to U.S. citizens of Japanese ancestry.

This series consists of duplicate certificates of citizenship listing each holder's name, ethnicity, gender, age, height, occupation, address, physical marks, and application case file number.

There is no direct name index to this series. Applications for the certificates can be found in the series "Hawaiian Islands Certificate of Citizenship Application Case Files," "Application Case Files of American Citizens of Chinese Ancestry for Return Certificates and of Chinese-Born United States Citizens for Admission to Hawaii," "Case Files of Chinese American Applicants for Certificates of Citizenship in the Hawaiian Islands," "Immigration and Deportation Investigation Case Files," and "Case Files of Filipino American Applicants for Certificates of Citizenship in the Hawaiian Islands."

REGISTER OF CHINESE CONFESSION PROGRAM INVESTIGATION CASE FILES, 1957-1968

Extent: 0.380 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0032

NAID: 1565956

Accession: 085-92-001 (Direct)

Box: 1 (LTA-1)

Location: C-021-1-006-05

Arranged chronologically by date of case. **The names and case file numbers of living individuals are restricted due to privacy concerns.**

The register was created to maintain a list of Chinese Confession Program cases. The Immigration and Naturalization Service created the program after a 1955 report suggested that Communist spies from China could use fraudulent citizenship documents to secure U. S. passports. Many Chinese immigrants had entered the United States under false identities when the Chinese Exclusion Act was in force from 1882 to 1943.

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The register lists the date of the confession, the subject's name, the alien registration case file number (A-file) or certificate of derivative citizenship case file number, the type of confession (voluntary or forced), the number of other individuals implicated residing in the United States, the number of other individuals implicated residing abroad, the number of fictitious immigration "slots" closed by the confession, the type of relief granted (if any), and the final disposition of the case.

RECORDS OF THE CHUNG SHIN TONG, LUNG DOO SECTION, ca. 1943-ca. 1951

Extent: 0.430 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0031

NAID: 42942011

Accession: 085-92-001

Box: 1 (LTA-D)

Location: C-021-1-006-05

Arranged by type of record (membership lists, membership receipts, minute books) and thereunder chronologically by year. 3 microfilm rolls.

INDEX TO CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY, 1908-ca. 1912

Extent: 0.430 cu. ft.

HMS: HS1-305173129

NAID: 1560815

Accession: 085-86-001

Transfer: 085-85-0002

Box: 1 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-002-04

Arranged alphabetically by surname. The listing includes information about each applicant under the following headings: name, sex, age, birth status (HB = Hawaiian Born, NC = Naturalized Citizen, WNC = Wife of Naturalized Citizen), place of residence, Certificate of Identity number, and application number. There are notations next to some names citing related case file numbers. There are 5173 names listed. The index cover the Hawaiian portion (green cards) of the Commissioner-General of Immigration's **Duplicate Certificate of Identity, 1908-43**, described above.

CARD INDEX TO CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY, ca. 1908-ca. 1912

Accession: 085-84-001 (2008 accretion)

Reels: 1-2

Location: [Orphan Records Corner]

Arranged alphabetically by surname. This microfilm contains an index to the green Certificates of Identity issued by the Honolulu District Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Index cards list the individual's name, certificate number, age, residence, sex, and status. The microfilm was photographed by the INS in 1957. The original index cards are not known to be extant. The information on these index cards duplicates the contents of the series "Index to Certificates of Identity, 1908-ca. 1912" but contains additional notations about duplicate Certificates issued at a later date.

Reel 1 contains names "ACHIU, Esther" to "WONG, Pui." Reel 2 contains names "WONG, Pun How" to "ZEN, Shu."

CHINESE IMMIGRATION CASE FILES (C-FILE), 1903-1915**Extent:** 32.68 cu. ft.**HMS:** 85-0029**NAID:** 594779**Accession:** 085-92-001 (Direct)**Boxes:** 1-76 (LGA-R)**Location:** C-021-1-005-04 to -08

Arranged numerically by case file number. Prior to 1912, the Hawaii District Office maintained a single set of case files related to enforcement of the Chinese Exclusion Acts. In some cases, records for entire families were kept together in one file under the initial applicant's name.

DEPORTATION CASE FILES (4280), 1913-1944**Extent:** 3.01 cu. ft.**HMS:** 85-0071**NAID:** 628184**Accession:** 085-86-001**Transfer:** 085-86-0002**Boxes:** 1-7 (LGA-R)**Location:** C-029-1-006-07

Alternative Series Title: CASE FILES OF ARREST WARRANTS AND DEPORTATION ORDERS (4280), 1913-1942

Arranged numerically by case file number. The files document investigations of immigrants accused of and/or arrested for various crimes including bigamy, polygamy, opium smuggling, and gambling. Box #1 has screened for FOIA exemptions and is fully open to researchers.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION CASE FILES (4333), 1924-1941**Extent:** 1.72 cu. ft.**HMS:** 85-0014**NAID:** 628294**Accession:** 085-86-001**Transfer:** 085-86-0002**Boxes:** 1-4 (LGA-R)**Location:** C-021-1-002-10

Arranged numerically by case file number. The files document applications of Hawaiian-born ethnic Chinese and Japanese for certification of Hawaiian birth.

APPLICATION CASE FILES FOR ADMISSION AS UNITED STATES CITIZENS OF NON-CHINESE DESCENT (4368), 1924-1941**Extent:** 6.02 cu. ft.**HMS:** 85-0012**NAID:** 628295**Accession:** 085-86-001**Transfer:** 085-86-0002**Boxes:** 1-14 (LGA-R)**Location:** C-021-1-002-10 to -003-01

Alternative Series Title: APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION AS U.S. CITIZENS (OTHER THAN CHINESE) (4368), 1924-41

Arranged numerically by case file number. The files document the investigation of arriving individuals who claim U.S. citizenship. Ethnic Japanese are the main subjects. Most of the applicants are Hawaiian-born minors who are returning from visits to Japan with their non-

citizen mothers. The files generally contain evidence of Hawaiian birth and non-quota visas of alien parents.

APPLICATION CASE FILES FOR ADMISSION AS STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND CLERGY (4379), 1917-1938

Extent: 3.01 cu. ft. **HMS:** 85-0013 **NAID:** 628297
Accession: 085-86-001 **Transfer:** 085-86-0002
Boxes: 1-7 (LGA-R) **Location:** C-021-1-003-01

Arranged numerically by case file number. Students, teachers, and ministers were exempt from some of the exclusionary provisions of immigration laws. The case files contain evidence gathered to establish exempt status: school records, church records, non-quota visas, and the usual transcripts of INS interrogations.

RETURN CERTIFICATE APPLICATION CASE FILES OF LAWFULLY-DOMICILED CHINESE LABORERS (4380), 1916-1938

Extent: 58.05 cu. ft. **HMS:** 85-0027 **NAID:** 628298
Accession: 085-86-001 **Transfer:** 085-86-0003
Boxes: 1-135 (LGA-R) **Location:** C-021-1-003-08 to -004-06

Alternative Series Title: APPLICATION CASE FILES FOR RETURN CERTIFICATES – LAWFULLY DOMICILED CHINESE LABORERS (4380), 1916-38

Arranged numerically by case file number. Chinese laborers residing legally in the U.S. under provisions of the Chinese Exclusion Acts were allowed to visit China and return. These files document the application process needed to obtain a return certificate prior to departure. The files include INS Form 432 Issuance Return Certificate.

CHINESE MERCHANT RETURN CERTIFICATE APPLICATION CASE FILES (4381), 1912-1934

Extent: 8.170 cu. ft. **HMS:** 85-0015 **NAID:** 628299
Accession: 085-86-001 **Transfer:** 085-86-0002
Boxes: 1-19 (LGA-R) **Location:** C-021-1-003-01 to -02

Alternative Series Title: CASE FILES OF CHINESE APPLICANTS FOR FORM 431, MERCHANTS RETURN PERMIT (4381), 1912-34

Arranged numerically by case file number. Merchants were exempt from exclusionary provisions of immigration laws. The case files contain evidence gathered to establish exempt status: business records, business partners' statements, non-quota visas, and the usual transcripts of INS interrogations.

APPLICATION CASE FILES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS OF CHINESE ANCESTRY FOR RETURN CERTIFICATES AND OF CHINESE-BORN UNITED STATES CITIZENS FOR ADMISSION TO HAWAII

(4382), 1916-1942

Extent: 90.3 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0007

NAID: 628300

Accession: 085-86-001 (085-56-0002); 085-98-003 (Direct)

Boxes: 1-210 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-001-01 to -002-04

Alternative Series Title: CASE FILES OF CHINESE APPLICANTS FOR FORM 430 - AMERICAN CITIZENS OF CHINESE RACE FOR PREINVESTIGATION OF STATUS, AND CHINESE APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION AS US CITIZENS (4382), 1916-42

Arranged numerically by case file number. The files generally contain INS Form 430 "Application of Alleged Citizen of the Chinese Race for Pre-Investigation of Status" and related documentation. Most of the files concern U.S. citizens filing Form 430 prior to departure for a trip to China. A copy of an approved Form 430 was generally necessary to facilitate a relatively trouble-free return to the U.S. As usual, the files generally contain transcripts of testimony taken prior to departure and upon return. Some files concern U.S. citizens who were born abroad and were arriving in the U.S. for the first time. Other files concern U.S. citizens who were born in the U.S. but had resided abroad for many years before returning.

APPLICATION CASE FILES FOR ADMISSION AS WIVES OF CHINESE MERCHANTS, TEACHERS, AND CLERGY (4383), 1916-1939

Extent: 4.3 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0016

NAID: 628301

Accession: 085-86-001

Transfer: 085-86-0002

Boxes: 1-10 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-003-02 to -03

Arranged numerically by case file number. Wives of merchants, teachers, and ministers were exempt from some of the exclusionary provisions of immigration laws. The case files contain evidence gathered to establish exempt status: business records, statements of business partners, school records, church records, non-quota visas, and the usual transcripts of INS interrogations.

APPLICATION CASE FILES FOR ADMISSION AS WIVES OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS OF CHINESE DESCENT (4384), 1916-1940

Extent: 2.58 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0017

NAID: 628303

Accession: 085-86-001

Transfer: 085-86-0002

Boxes: 1-6 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-003-03

Alternative Series Title: CASE FILES OF CHINESE APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION AS WIVES OF NATIVE-BORN AMERICAN CITIZENS OF CHINESE RACE (4384), 1916-40

Arranged numerically by case file number.

APPLICATION CASE FILES FOR ADMISSION AS THE CHILDREN OF CHINESE MERCHANTS, TEACHERS, AND CLERGY (4385), 1913-1938

Extent: 3.87 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0018

NAID: 628304

Accession: 085-86-001

Transfer: 085-86-0002

Boxes: 1-9 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-003-03 to -04

Arranged numerically by case file number. Minor children of merchants, teachers, and ministers were exempt from some of the exclusionary provisions of immigration laws. The case files contain evidence gathered to establish exempt status: business records, business partner statements, school records, church records, non-quota visas, and the usual transcripts of INS interrogations.

APPLICATION CASE FILES FOR ADMISSION AS CHILDREN OF HAWAIIAN-BORN UNITED STATES CITIZENS OF CHINESE DESCENT (4386), 1916-1926

Extent: 1.72 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0019

NAID: 628305

Accession: 085-86-001

Transfer: 085-86-0002

Boxes: 1-4 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-003-04

Alternative Series Title: CASE FILES OF CHINESE APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION AS CHILDREN OF NATIVE-BORN AMERICAN CITIZENS OF CHINESE RACE (4386), 1916-26

Arranged numerically by case file number.

APPLICATION CASE FILES FOR ADMISSION AS CHINESE STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND TRAVELERS (4387), 1916-1942

Extent: 6.880 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0020

NAID: 628306

Accession: 085-86-001

Transfer: 085-86-0002

Boxes: 1-16 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-003-04 to -05

Alternative Series Title: VISA CASE FILES OF CHINESE APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION AS SECTION 6 STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND TRAVELERS (4387), 1916-42

Arranged numerically by case file number. The Section 6 referred to in the series title is from the Act of May 6, 1882, as amended and added to by act of July 5, 1884 (22 Stat 58 and 23 Stat 15) - the Chinese Exclusion Acts.

VISA APPLICATION CASE FILES OF CHINESE MERCHANTS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS, TRAVELERS, AND CLERGY SEEKING ADMISSION TO THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES FROM HAWAII (4388), 1917-1942

Extent: 0.86 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0021

NAID: 628453

Accession: 085-86-001

Transfer: 085-86-0002

Boxes: 1-2 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-003-05

Alternative Series Title: VISA CASE FILES OF SECTION 6 CHINESE APPLICANTS TO PROCEED TO THE CONTINENTAL U.S. (4388), 1917-42

Arranged numerically by case file number. The Section 6 referred to in the series title is from the Act of May 6, 1882, as amended and added to by act of July 5, 1884 (22 Stat 58 and 23 Stat 15) - the Chinese Exclusion Acts.

APPLICATION CASE FILES FOR REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCE (4390), 1921-1938

Extent: 0.43 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0022

NAID: 628454

Accession: 085-86-001

Transfer: 085-86-0002

Box: 1 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-003-05

Alternative Series Title: CASE FILES OF APPLICANTS FOR DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES OF RESIDENCE (4390), 1921-38

Arranged numerically by case file number.

APPLICATION CASE FILES FOR REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY (4391), 1920-1942

Extent: 0.43 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0023

NAID: 628455

Accession: 085-86-001

Transfer: 085-86-0002

Box: 1 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-003-05

Alternative Series Title: CASE FILES OF APPLICANTS FOR DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY (4391), 1920-42

Arranged numerically by case file number.

APPLICATION CASE FILES FOR ADMISSION AS WIVES AND CHILDREN OF CHINESE AMERICANS NATURALIZED UNDER THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM AND RETURN CERTIFICATE APPLICATION CASE FILES OF CHINESE AMERICANS NATURALIZED UNDER THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM (4393), 1919-1925

Extent: 2.580 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0024

NAID: 628458

Accession: 085-86-001

Transfer: 085-86-0002

Boxes: 1-6 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-003-06

Alternative Series Title: CASE FILES OF CHINESE APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION AS WIVES AND/OR CHILDREN OF CHINESE NATURALIZED UNDER THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM AND PRE-EXAMINATION OF STATUS OF CHINESE CLAIMING SUCH NATURALIZATION (4393), 1919-25

Arranged numerically by case file number.

APPEAL CASE FILES OF JAPANESE AND KOREAN ALIENS DENIED ENTRY BY BOARDS OF SPECIAL INQUIRY (4395), 1917-1940

Extent: 1.29 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0025

NAID: 628461

Accession: 085-86-001

Transfer: 085-86-0005

Boxes: 1-3 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-003-06

Arranged numerically by case file number.

CASE FILES OF CHINESE AMERICAN APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATES OF CITIZENSHIP-HAWAIIAN ISLANDS (4500), 1924-1942

Extent: 2.580 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0028

NAID: 628463

Accession: 085-86-001

Transfer: 085-86-0005

Boxes: 1-127 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-004-06 to -005-03

Alternative Series Title: CASE FILES OF US CITIZENS OF CHINESE RACE APPLYING FOR CERTIFICATES OF CITIZENSHIP - HAWAIIAN ISLANDS (4500), 1924-42

Arranged numerically by case file number.

CASE FILES OF FILIPINO AMERICAN APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATES OF CITIZENSHIP IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS (4800-A), 1934-1944

Extent: 7.31 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0026

NAID: 628477

Accession: 085-86-001

Transfer: 085-86-0005

Boxes: 1-17 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-003-06 to -07

Arranged numerically by case file number. "4800A Files" is the informal name of this series. Each case file number in this series begins with the four-digit prefix "4800A."

These individual case files were created to assist in the enforcement of immigration laws and to verify the information received from U.S. citizens of Filipino ancestry applying for certificates of United States citizenship prior to temporary visits to the U.S. mainland or to the Philippines.

Files contain forms including applications for certificates of United States citizenship, identification photographs of the Filipino American applicants, and transcripts of interrogations of the applicants and of verifying witnesses. In addition, the files may contain official correspondence relating to the individual cases and correspondence documenting the temporary loan of files.

A card index to these files is available. A comprehensive name index in the form of a database is available in the research room.

TRANSCRIPTS OF BOARD OF SPECIAL INQUIRY HEARINGS FOR CHINESE APPLYING FOR ADMISSION, May 20, 1904 – April 15, 1924

Extent: 36.98 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0010

NAID: 628481

Accession: 085-86-001

Boxes: 1-86 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-002-04 to -09

Arranged chronologically by date of entry.

The records were created to document official hearings that determined the admissibility of Chinese aliens and United States citizens of Chinese ancestry under provisions of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, as amended. This series consists of transcripts of testimony given by applicants for admission and their verifying witnesses.

STATEMENTS OF RETURNING UNITED STATES CITIZENS OF CHINESE ANCESTRY, Oct. 17, 1946-Feb. 28, 1959

Extent: 2.580 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0011

NAID: 1557170

Accession: 085-86-001

Boxes: 1-6 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-002-09 to -10

Arranged chronologically by date of entry.

The records were created to document the marital and parental status of United States citizens of Chinese ancestry returning from visits to China.

This series consists of forms recording the names of returning citizens and the names and birthplaces of their spouses and children. The forms also record the dates of entry.

ALIEN CREW LISTS OF VESSELS ARRIVING AT HONOLULU, 1902-1908

The manifests exist in microfilm format only. The original records no longer exist.

Location: Microfilm cabinets

IMMIGRATION AND DEPORTATION INVESTIGATION CASE FILES [1302 and 1700 files], July 8, 1944 - December 31, 1954

Extent: 60.63 cu. ft.

HMS: 85-0037

NAID: 628483

Accession: 085-86-001

Boxes: 1-77 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-007-01 to -05

Boxes: 1-64 (LGA-R)

Location: C-021-1-006-06 to -10

Arranged in chronological groups: 1944-1949 and 1949-1954. Arranged thereunder numerically by case file number.

INS started a uniform case file numbering system for all Districts in 1944 to eliminate confusion when files were loaned between Districts. File numbers for the "post-Chinese Exclusion" period are composed of the district and office number followed by the individual case number. For example, 1302-4567 is a "District 13" file from the Honolulu sub-office "02". The Honolulu Office was part of the San Francisco District (District 13) from 1944 to 1949, then became the headquarters of District 17 in April 1949.

A list of all the District offices is in the Record Group 85 entry of the *National Archives and Records Administration Guide*.

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