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### **LISTS OF CHINESE PASSENGERS ARRIVING AT SEATTLE (PORT TOWNSEND), WASHINGTON, 1882-1916**

This microfilm publication reproduces lists of Chinese passengers arriving at Seattle and Port Townsend, WA, from 1882 to 1916. The lists are arranged chronologically by date of arrival, beginning in June 1882. Shipping companies were required to submit these lists under an act of Congress of May 6, 1882 (22 Stat 58), the first of the Chinese Exclusion Acts. This law suspended the immigration of Chinese laborers for a period of 10 years. This exclusion was extended periodically and was made permanent in 1904.

From 1882 to 1904, the Chinese passenger lists provided the name, age, and height of the passenger; a description which included occupation; and a destination in the United States. In 1904, a 7-page Immigration Bureau form was issued to list all Chinese seeking admission to or transit through the United States. The first page of this form, completed by a "Chinese and Immigrant Inspector" rather than the master of a vessel, listed all Chinese passengers and provided name, sex, place and date of birth, port of entry, destination, height, and any physical marks or peculiarities for each individual. Some entries are marked "admitted," or "rejected" if the passenger was not allowed to enter the United States. The remaining pages were designed to supplement this list by providing additional information on the passengers depending on six classifications under the exclusion act: Laborer, Domiciled Merchant, Born in the U.S., Exempts, Transits, and Wives and Minor Children of Merchants.

Students and diplomats were exempt from exclusion. The "Exempts" supplement includes the name and address of the school the student was to attend and the major subject to be studied. "Domiciled Merchants" were required to provide the name and address of their firm and to reveal what percentage of the firm they owned. "Born in the US" supplements provide information on the passenger's parents and names and residences of brothers and sisters residing in the United States. Supplements for "Wives and Minor Children of Merchants" include the date and place of marriage and the names of brothers and sisters. These supplements also include the passenger's signature in Chinese characters.

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