

## **Partial List of Available Chinese Exclusion Case Files and Related Court Records**

See also Chinese Immigration and the Chinese in the United States (1996)

<http://www.archives.gov/research/chinese-americans/guide.html>

### **ATLANTA**

Court records only – specific series for southern Florida

### **BOSTON**

Chinese Exclusion Act Case files for:

- Boston, MA, 1911 – 1955 including
  - Springfield, MA
  - Providence, RI
  - Hartford, CT
  - Portland, ME
- Montreal 1900-1952

The NARA created database is available in part through OPA and efforts are being made to get all indexes into and searchable through the on-line catalog

### **CHICAGO**

Chinese Exclusion Act Case files for:

- Chicago, IL 1898-1940
- St. Paul, MN 1906-1942

A name index to these series is available on OPA.

### **DENVER**

Court records only – specific series for New Mexico.

### **FORT WORTH**

Court records only – specific series for Louisiana and Texas.

### **KANSAS CITY**

Court records only – specific series from the Eastern District of Missouri.

### **NEW YORK**

Chinese Exclusion Act Case files for:

- New York, NY 1882-1960

### **PHILADELPHIA**

Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files for:

- Philadelphia, 1895-1952
  - Reproduced in M-1144 from 1895-1920. Digitized and indexed on Ancestry.
- Baltimore, 1904-1940

## **RIVERSIDE**

Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files for:

- Los Angeles, CA 1893-1950, including
  - Bakersfield, CA 1911-1965
  - Calexico 1920-1968
  - Nogales, 1922-1944
  - San Diego, 1911-1976
  - San Pedro, 1935-1965
- Los Angeles Substation for El Paso, 1911-22

Indexes are available

## **SAN FRANCISCO**

Immigration Case Files (including deportation investigations) relating to Chinese Exclusion for:

- San Francisco, CA 1884-1955
- Honolulu, HI 1916 - 1942

These are indexed in part on <http://casefiles.berkeley.edu/>. Additional indexes are available at the facility.

Two series of national interest –

- Immigration "Chinese (Business) Partnership" Investigation Case Files, ca1894-ca1944 (NAID Identifier 296496).
  - This series was maintained by the San Francisco District Office but covers many businesses throughout the United States. We have an Excel spreadsheet index (created by a researcher and given to us) so researchers can search by business name or by city/state.
- Duplicate Certificates of Identity, 1908-1943 (NAID Identifier 1560125)
  - This series was maintained by the INS headquarters in Washington, DC and contains duplicate copies of Certificates of Identity issued by ports throughout the United States. Arranged numerically. NARA-SF only has an index for certificates issued in San Francisco between 1908-1938 but is hoping to have an index to certificates issued between 1938-1943 soon.

## **SEATTLE**

Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files for:

- Seattle, WA, 1892 – ca. 1960, including:
  - Helena, MT ca. 1895- ca. 1941
  - Port Townsend, WA ca. 1895 - ca. 1927
  - Portal, ND ca. 1905 - ca. 1925
  - Sumas, WA ca. 1900-ca. 1920
  - Vancouver, BC ca. 1905 - ca. 1925
- Portland, OR ca. 1891 – ca. 1948

## **NATIONAL ARCHIVES AT WASHINGTON, DC**

- Index to Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files in Helena, Montana ca. 1899- ca. 1933 (NAID# 4076494)
- Index and Register of Chinese Natives Departing from San Francisco, California ca. 1909-ca 1913 (NAID# 3416412)
- Records of the Special Boards of Inquiry in District No. 4 (Philadelphia) 1893-1909 (NAID# 4483061)
- Minutes of the Boards of Special Inquiry at the San Francisco Office 1899-1909 (NAID# 4499531)
- Records of Persons Held for Boards of Special Inquiry at the San Pedro, California, Office 1930-36 (NAID# 4486591)
- Registers of Chinese Laborers Departing from San Francisco, California 1882-1908 (NAID# 2990457)
- Case Files of Chinese Immigrants from District No. 4 (Philadelphia) 1900-1923 (NAID# 4497864)
- Registers of Persons Held for Boards of Special Inquiry at the San Francisco, California, Office 1910-1941 (NAID# 4468084)