

**RECORDS
OF THE
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1842-1902

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INTRODUCTION

The records of the Chinese Bureau of the Department of Foreign Affairs span the years 1842-1902. They consist of financial records, statistical records, record book of business/residences in Honolulu, photo book, a diary of activities, letters, naval commissions, record of issue of permits, passports, permits, registers, applications, extensions of return permits, return permit stubs, naturalization records, tax receipts, indexes and bonds. The limited accession documentation on file in the Archives indicates that the first accession was received from the Secretary of Hawaii on December 14, 1906. This finding aid describes three groups of records: (1) Administrative Records, (2) Permits for Long-term Residence, and (3) Permits for Temporary Residence of Merchants and Travelers. The volume of described records is 57.98 linear feet of paper records and 15 reels of microfilm (6 16-mm reels and 9 35-mm reels). Access to the records is unrestricted.

AGENCY HISTORY

While there is no statutory authorization for the Chinese Bureau of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Department implemented the policy of the Hawaiian Government, through Cabinet Council resolution, adopted on July 13, 1883, to restrict the number of Chinese persons entering the Kingdom. Beginning with regulations issued on March 25, 1884, a system of entry permits was instituted limiting permanent entry to teachers, Christian clergyman, agricultural laborers, domestic servants, and to wives and children of Chinese residing in Hawaii. Temporary permits were issued to travelers and merchants with business affiliations in Hawaii. The Chinese Bureau first appears as a separate entity in the biennial reports of the Department of Foreign Affairs to the Legislature in 1892. Some naturalization records in this collection predate the Chinese Bureau but were used by the agency to conduct its business.

Following the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States, the functions of the Bureau relating to Chinese immigration were effectively terminated on November 24, 1898, when Joshua K. Brown assumed his duties as the United States Inspector of Chinese in Hawaii to enforce the provisions of the United States Chinese exclusion laws. The Bureau continued to enforce the Hawaiian government's six-month residence bonds for merchants and travelers, and to complete the record keeping for outstanding permits until June 14, 1900. The Bureau issued death records of Chinese contract laborers up to 1902. All immigration functions were assumed by the United States government when territorial government was established in 1900.

References: Reports of the Bureau of Immigration, 1886, 1890
Reports of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, 1892, 1899
Session Laws of Hawaii, 1887, 1890, 1898
The Laws and Regulations Restricted Chinese Immigration to the Hawaiian Islands, Chinese Bureau of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Honolulu, 1896.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records document the policy of the Hawaiian Government to restrict Chinese immigration into Hawaii. The records are arranged in three sections: (1) Administrative Records, (2) Permits for Long-term Residence, and (3) Permits for Temporary Residence of Merchants and Travelers.

I. Administrative Records

Administrative records of the Chinese Bureau consist of policies and regulations administered by the agency, types of record keeping instituted to keep track of Chinese immigration, the number of Chinese arrivals and departures, and the amount of fees generated by the regulation of Chinese immigration to Hawaii. The series includes financial records, statistical information about arrivals and departures, a record book of residences/businesses of Chinese in Honolulu, a passport photo book, a diary of activities, letters, Naval commissions, records of issue of permits, and a registry for identification. While the administrative records are incomplete, they provide information about the agency which administered the control of immigration of Chinese to Hawaii from 1887-1899.

II. Permits for Long-Term Residence

The records are organized in series as follows: passports, enter/return permits, special permits for minors, women's permits, special certificates for Hawaii born children, records of naturalization, permits for clergymen/teachers/colporteurs, conditional permits for laborers and domestics, and passport applicant's tax receipts. In 1884, generic passports were issued to all persons immigrating or returning to Hawaii, but the permits became increasingly specialized. The entire permit process from application, through issuance of permits, to surrender and cancellation of permits upon debarkation in Hawaii is generally documented, but various documents may be missing for individual permits.

The strength of the collection is its extensive documentation of a deliberate policy to restrict Chinese persons from entering Hawaii from 1884 to 1900. The process created a wealth of information on family relationships. The documentation also provides a source to identify persons using Chinese characters, a process made difficult by the lack of a standardized transliteration of Chinese names during the immigration period.

While both certificates/permits and the records of issue contain virtually identical information, both sets of records were retained because neither is complete. Selected portions of the records and nearly all of the indexes are on microfilm.

III. Permits for Temporary Residence of Merchants and Travelers

From 1887, Chinese merchants and travelers were allowed to enter and remain in the Kingdom of Hawaii for no more than six months after completing a specialized permitting process. The entire permit process from application, through issuance of permits, to surrender and cancellation of permits upon debarkation in Hawaii is generally documented, but various documents may be missing for individual permits. The records consist of records of issue of certificate for filing bonds, indexes to sureties, registers of special bonds, register of special residence bonds, application to enter, application for special bonds, record of issue of permits, register of permits, record of issue of special residence bond receipts, and special residence bonds.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS

Series No.: 493 **Series Title:** Administrative Records of the Chinese Bureau

Date Range: 1887-1899

Quantity of Records: 7.2 lin. in. in 11 volumes and 2 (35 mm) reels of microfilm

Physical Description: Records are handwritten. The correspondence volume has some torn pages and ink has bled through some pages. Photographs are included in this series.

Contents Description:

Administrative records of the Chinese Bureau show the amount of fees generated by regulation of Chinese immigration to Hawaii, policies and regulations administered by the agency, types of record keeping instituted to keep track of Chinese immigration, and the number of Chinese arrivals and departures. The series consists of financial records, statistical information about arrivals and departures, record book of business/residence locations in Honolulu, a passport photo book, a diary of activities, letters, naval commissions, records of issue of permits, and register of identification.

Account Book of Chinese Bureau, 1892-1897 - is a record of fees collected by the Chinese Bureau, transfers of funds from the Treasury, and expenses paid out which include consul fees and staff salaries.

Account Book of Plantations and Agents, 1895-1897 - is a record of the number of permits issued for each plantation and the amount of fees collected for those permits. An index is included.

Cash Books of Chinese Bureau, 1888-1897, 1896-1899 - are records of the number of permits issued, fees collected, and money expended or deposited into the Treasury by the Bureau.

Chinese Arrivals and Departures, 1893-1898 - contains statistical information about the number of arrivals and departures of Chinese men, women, and children. The information was gathered from the Collector General of Customs and Chinese Bureau records/reports. This record has been microfilmed, see MFL 121.

Chinese Located on Different Streets in Honolulu, n.d. - has two sections: (1) arranged by profession (includes names and street names) and (2) arranged by streets (includes names and profession/shop). This record book has been microfilmed, see MFL 125.

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Chinese Passport Photo Book, 1887 - contains photographs of men. Annotations on the photographs have faded.

Diary of Activities, 1894-1899 - includes number of permits issued and list of plantations, number of arrivals on each ship, names of office visitors, and description of business conducted with the office visitors.

HMS Kaimiloa Naval Commission, 1887/Records of Permits Issued Prior to 1888/Arrivals and Departures, 1893-1897 - includes commissions of naval officers of HMS Kaimiloa, 1887, list of permit holders approved prior to 1888, and statistical information on arrivals and departures of Chinese in Hawaii. These records have been microfilmed, see MFL 121.

Letters, 1891-1898 - letters are generally about issuance of permits, rejection of permit applications, instructions for use of forms, reports from ships, and laws and regulations. Some pages are torn and ink has bled through some pages. Includes an index.

Registry for Identification, n. d. - (men only) contains special permit number, laborer name, clan, height, complexion, remarks, extension of terms of permit, and right thumb print.

Arrangement: The records are arranged alphabetically by title of the volume and chronologically thereunder.

Restriction: Access is unrestricted.

Related Records: For more HMS Kaimiloa records, see Kaimiloa, Military and Navy Department finding aid.

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II. PERMITS FOR LONG-TERM RESIDENCE

Series No.: 270 **Series Title:** Chinese Passports

Date Range: 1884-1888

Quantity of Records: 2.91 lin. ft. of paper records and 3 (1 16-mm and 2 35-mm) reels of microfilm

Physical Characteristics: Records are handwritten. Signatures are in Chinese characters.

Content Description: Records include passports, permits and register. The passports were issued under the Foreign Office regulations of March 25, 1884, limiting the immigration of Chinese in Hawaii. These entry permits were issued by the Foreign Office in Honolulu or the Hawaiian Consul-General in Hong Kong to residents of Hawaii visiting a foreign country or to wives, female relatives or children of Chinese living in Hawaii. The passports were canceled by both the Customs Office and Foreign Office upon entry to Hawaii.

Passports Issued in Hawaii, 1884-1888 - were issued to Chinese residents of Hawaii visiting a foreign country. Each passport contains the name of the traveler in English and in Chinese characters, residence in Hawaii, and may also contain family relationships if more than one party traveled on a permit.

Passports issued in Hong Kong, 1884-1891 - were issued by the Hawaiian Consul General to Chinese residents of Hawaii returning to Hawaii and to wives or children of Hawaii residents. Each passport contains the name in English and Chinese characters and name of ship, and may give family relationships.

Record of Issue of Chinese Passports in Honolulu, 1884-1888 - consists of record copies of passports issued. Each record contains the passport number, name of passenger, residence, and may also contain signature in Chinese characters. The Record of Issue of Chinese Passports in Honolulu has been microfilmed, see MFL 120.

Arrangement: The records are arranged alphabetically and numerically within.

Access: To access individual records of Passports Issued in Honolulu, see microfilm of Chinese Bureau Passport Index, 1884-1888, MFL 119.

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Restriction: Access is unrestricted.

Related Records: Chinese passports were superseded by Chinese Enter and Return Permits (Series 271).

Related records about the procurement of laborers and their assignment to various employers are found in the records of the Interior Department, Bureau of Immigration. Records relating to arrival in Hawaii may be found in the records of the Collector General of Customs, Passenger Manifests (Series 82).

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II. PERMITS FOR LONG-TERM RESIDENCE

Series No.: 271 **Series Title:** Chinese Enter and Return Permits

Date Range: 1888-1899

Quantity of Records: 15.85 lin. ft. of paper records, 4.25 lin. in. in 4 volumes, and 2 (1 16-mm and 1 35-mm) reels of microfilm

Physical Characteristics: Records are handwritten. Signatures are in Chinese characters. Photographs are included with some records.

Content Description: The series consists of application/canceled permits, records of issue of permits, extensions of return permits, return permit stubs, and registers.

The Enter and Return Permits replaced and superseded Chinese Bureau Passports (Series 270) in 1888. The permits are called Enter Permits from 1883-1893 and Return Permits from 1893-1898. The permits were issued under Foreign Office regulations of February 21, 1888, pursuant to Act 28, approved December 28, 1887, to Chinese resident of Hawaii visiting a foreign country to wives, relatives, and children of Chinese residents in Hawaii. Permits contain the name, age, occupation, length and residence in Hawaii, and signature in Chinese characters. Beginning with Permit 983 (December 1894), each permit has a photograph of the traveler. Beginning in 1891 separate permits were issued to minors (Series 272) and in 1893, to women (Series 273).

Application/Canceled Permits, 1888-1898 - applications may include full face and profile photographs, receipt of current year's personal taxes paid, and an affidavit of length of residence. Beginning in October, 1890 (Permit 1100), each application contains the name of the ship on which the holder departed. Beginning with Permit 858 (November, 1894) applications also contain the original date of arrival in Hawaii and name of the ship on which the bearer arrived. Applications may also contain a signature in Chinese characters.

Extension of Return Permit, 1891, 1898 - contains the application number, extension number, permit number, extension date of return, owner, name of attorney or agent, and signature of Chinese Bureau official.

Record of Issue of Permits, 1888-1899 - contains the passport number, permit number, date of issue; name, residence, occupation, and age of permit holder; name and residence of guarantor; return date and signature of Chinese Bureau official.

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Register of Extensions of Permits, Nov. 1896-Oct. 1899 - contains the extension number and date, permit number and date, permit holder, and remarks. This register has been microfilmed, see MFL 121.

Register of Permits and Bonds, 1888-1891 - contains the date canceled, Foreign Office number, Custom House number, name of the permit holder, date of issue, date of expiration, and name of guarantors.

Register of Permits to Enter the Kingdom, July 27, 1891-1898 - contains the Foreign Office number, Custom House number, name of the permit holder, issue date, expiration date, guarantor name, ship's name, and date canceled.

Register of Return Permits, 1884-1891 & Permits Granted at Hong Kong, 1884-1893 - contains the permit number, name of permit holder, cancellation date, and notes. This register has been microfilmed, see MFL 121.

Return Permit Stubs, 1899 - contain the name, ship and dates of arrival and departure of permit holder; and return permit number.

Arrangement: Records are arranged alphabetically. Application/Canceled Permits are arranged in chronological order in the following number sequences: Foreign Office #160-3853 (1888-1893) and Foreign Office #1-2630 (1893-1898). Record of Issue of Permits are arranged in chronological order in the following sequences: Foreign Office #78-3853 (1888-1893) and Foreign Office #1-2620 (1893-1898). Extension of Return Permits are arranged in chronological order in the following number sequences: 1A-49A, 1-50, 101-147 (Jul. 1891, Nov.-May, 1898).

Access: To access individual records, see microfilms of Chinese Return Permits Index, MFL 121, and Chinese Enter and Return Permits, A-Z, 1888-1898, MFL 118.

Restriction: Access is unrestricted.

Related Records: Related records about the procurement of laborers and their assignment to various employers are found in the records of the Interior Department, Bureau of Immigration. Records relating to arrival in Hawaii are found in the records of the Collector General of Customs, Passenger Manifests (Series 82).

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II. PERMITS FOR LONG-TERM RESIDENCE

Series No.: 272 **Series Title:** Special Permits for Chinese Minors to Enter the Kingdom

Date Range: 1891-1898

Quantity of Records: 1.67 lin. ft. of paper records, 0.75 lin. in. in one volume, and 2 (1 16- mm and 1 35-mm) reels of microfilm

Physical Description: Records are handwritten. Signatures are written in Chinese characters.

Contents Description:

The series consists of an index, application/canceled permits, records of issue of permits, and registers of minors. The permits were issued under Foreign Office regulations of February 21, 1888, pursuant to Act 28, approved December 28, 1887, to children under the age of 14 (reduced to 10 in 1893) who were born in China and who had at least one parent residing in Hawaii.

Application/Canceled Permits, 1891-1898 - contain applications submitted by a party in Hawaii on behalf of the minor, affidavits by the Chinese Commercial Agent attesting to the accuracy of the information on an application, and/or permits canceled upon entry of the bearer(s) into Hawaii. Applications and permits contain the names and residence of parents, the name, age and residence of the child, and signature of the father in Chinese characters.

Record of Issue of Permits, 1892-1898 - contains date, Chinese Commercial Agency number, Bureau number, names of the child and parents, and their residence(s).

Register of Minors, 1891-1893 - contains the entry number, passport number, name of minor, parents names, former residence, age, date of application, date of entry, name of guarantor, and remarks. This register has been microfilmed, see MFL 128 under the title "Chinese Minors Index."

Arrangement: Records are arranged alphabetically. The Applications/Canceled Permits are arranged in chronological order in the following number sequences: 1-914 (August 1892-May 1896), 2-348 (May 1896-Oct. 11, 1898) and 4-18 (October 21-November 1898).

Access: To access individual records, see microfilm of Chinese Minors Index, 1891-1898, MFL 118.

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Restriction: Access is unrestricted.

Related Records: For entries prior to 1891, see Passports Issued in Hong Kong (Series 270) and Enter and Return Permits (Series 271).

Records relating to arrival in Hawaii are found in the records of Collector General of Customs, Passenger Manifests (Series 82).

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II. PERMITS FOR LONG-TERM RESIDENCE

Series No.: 273 **Series Title:** Chinese Women's Permits

Date Range: 1891, 1893-1898

Quantity of Records: 10 lin. in. of paper records, 1 lin. in. in 2 volumes, and 1 (16-mm) reel of microfilm

Physical Description: Records are handwritten. Signatures are in Chinese characters. Photographs are included in some records.

Content Description:

The series consists of permits to enter, application/canceled permits, record of issue of permits, photographs and register. Permits were issued to wives and female relatives of Chinese residing in Hawaii under Foreign Office regulation of February 21, 1888, pursuant to Act 28, approved on December 28, 1887.

Application/Canceled Permits, 1893-1898 - contain applications and permits canceled upon entry into Hawaii. The applications contain the signature, residence, and occupation of the applicant (generally the husband) and the name of the woman and any accompanying children, and may also contain the woman's photograph.

Permits to Enter, 1891 - contain the permit holder's name, husband's name, residence, and signature of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Photographs of Women, 1891 - contain passport-type photographs, but are unidentifiable because the ink has faded.

Record of Issue of Permits, 1893-1898 - contains date, Chinese Commercial Agency number, Bureau number, permit holder's name and residence, husband's name and residence, and name and residence of guarantor.

Register of Women, 1893-1898 - provide the Foreign Office number, Chinese Commercial Agency number, date, name and residence, husband's name and residence, and name of guarantor.

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Arrangement: The records are arranged alphabetically.

Access: To access individual records, see microfilm of Chinese Women's Permit Index, MFL 121.

Restriction: Access is unrestricted.

Related Records: For records prior to 1893, see Passports Issued in Hong Kong (Series 270) and Enter and Return Permits (Series 271).

Related records about the procurement of laborers and their assignment to various employers are found in the records of the Interior Department, Bureau of Immigration. Records relating to arrival in Hawaii are found in the records of the Collector General of Customs, Passenger Manifests (Series 82).

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II. PERMITS FOR LONG-TERM RESIDENCE

Series No.: 274 **Series Title:** Special Certificates for Hawaii Born Children of Chinese Parentage

Date Range: 1893-1898

Quantity of Records: 3.33 lin. ft. of paper records, 1.2 lin. in. in 2 volumes, and 2 (1 16-mm and 1 35-mm) reels of microfilm

Physical Description: Records are handwritten.

Contents Description: The series consists of application/canceled certificates, record of issue of certificates, and registers. The certificates were issued pursuant to Foreign Office Regulations, approved by the Executive Council of the Provisional Government on February 7, 1893, to Hawaii born Chinese children who had departed for or resided in China. The certificates were canceled upon return to Hawaii.

Application/Canceled Certificates, 1893-1898 - the applications and certificates contain the name, age, and place of birth of child and names and residence of the parents. The applications were submitted by a party in Hawaii on behalf of the child.

Record of Issue of Permits, 1893-1898 - contain the Foreign Office number, Consular number, permit holder's name, date, residence, and naturalization date.

Registers of Hawaii Born Children of Chinese Parentage, 1893-1898 - contain the Foreign Office and Custom House numbers; date; child's name, age, gender, birthplace and entry date; parents' names; and applicant's name. These registers have been microfilmed, see MFL 128.

Arrangement: Records are arranged alphabetically.

Access: To access records, see microfilm of Chinese, Hawaiian Born Index, A-Z, cataloged as MFL 123.

Restriction: Access is unrestricted.

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Related Records: Records relating to arrival in Hawaii are found in the records of the Collector General of Customs, Passenger Manifests (Series 82).

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II. PERMITS FOR LONG-TERM RESIDENCE

Series No.: 275 **Series Title:** Special Certificates for Naturalized Chinese

Date Range: 1842-1898

Quantity of Records: 6 lin. in. of paper records, 2.25 lin. in. in 4 volumes, and 1 (35-mm) reel of microfilm

Physical Description: Records are handwritten.

Contents Description: The series consists of application/canceled certificates, an index to naturalization, record of naturalization, record of issue of certificates, register of applications, and register of naturalized Chinese leaving for China.

Application/Canceled Certificates, 1893-1898 - contain the name of the naturalized citizen and date of naturalization. The certificates were issued pursuant to Foreign Office Regulations, approved by the Executive Council of the Provisional Government on February 7, 1893, to naturalized Hawaiians of Chinese ancestry. The certificate enabled the holder to register at the Hawaiian Consulate in Hong Kong as a Hawaiian citizen.

Index to Chinese Naturalization, 1842-1892 and Record of Chinese Naturalization, 1844-1892 - provides the application number, date of oath, name, place of birth, residence, occupation, length of stay in Hawaii, age, name of guarantors, name of official who administered the oath, and remarks. The Index and the Record to/of Chinese Naturalization predate the establishment of the Chinese Bureau within the Interior Department and were likely created by the Interior Department as part of its function of naturalizing foreigners.

Record of Issue of Certificates, 1894-1898 - contains the Foreign Office number, Consular number, certificate holder's name, date, residence, and naturalization date.

Register of Applications, 1890-1892 - includes date of application, date of approval, applicant's name, birth place in China, residence in Hawaii, age, length of stay in Hawaii, occupation, guarantors, and remarks.

Register of Naturalized Chinese Leaving for China, 1893 - provides the date of registration, name, date of naturalization, ship name, and remarks. This register has been microfilmed, see MFL 128.

Arrangement: The records are arranged alphabetically.

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Restriction: Access is unrestricted.

Related Records: See also, Naturalization Records (Series 234), Interior Department.

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II. PERMITS FOR LONG-TERM RESIDENCE

Series No.: 276 **Series Title:** Permits for Chinese Clergymen, Teachers and Colporteurs

Date Range: 1897

Quantity of Records: 0.20 lin. in. (6 permits)

Physical Description: Records are handwritten.

Contents Description: The permits were issued pursuant to Act 80, 1892 to Christian ministers, teachers and colporteurs (seller of religious books). The series consists of permits and records of issue of permits. Each permit contains the name of the traveler, residence, age, occupation, and final destination in Hawaii.

Arrangement: Arranged in numerical order.

Restriction: Access is unrestricted.

Related Records: Records relating to arrival in Hawaii are found in the records of the Collector General of Customs, Passenger Manifests (Series 82).

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II. PERMITS FOR LONG-TERM RESIDENCE

Series No.: 277 **Series Title:** Conditional Permits for Chinese Laborers and Domestics

Date Range: 1891, 1893-1902

Quantity of Records: 5.64 lin. ft. of paper records, 2.89 lin. ft. in 39 volumes, and 10 (3 16- mm and 7 35-mm) reels of microfilm

Physical Description: Records are handwritten. Signatures are in Chinese characters. Some records include photographs. Permits have been flattened and housed in flat boxes.

Contents Description: The series consists of application/canceled permits, record of issue of special residence permits, record of issue of permits, register of applications, register of certificates of death/deceased contract laborers, register of deceased and deserted contract laborers, certificates of death, special residence permits, S.S.Pactolus travel bonds and rejected arrivals.

Applications/Canceled Permits, 1893-1897 - contain the name, place of origin, and age of laborer; the name of the employer; and the signature in Chinese characters. Pursuant to Act 80, 1892, conditional permits were issued to agricultural laborers for a limited stay of not more than 5 years.

Certificates of Death, 1898-1902 - the certificates contain the name, sex, marital status, place of birth, place of death, date of death, duration of last illness, cause of death, residency status, and physician's name. In some instances the records are just short certification statements with the name, plantation, date of death, place of burial, and signature of the person certifying the death. The certificates have been microfilmed, see MFL 125

Record of Issue of Permit, 1893-1897 - contain the permit holder's name, place of origin, and age of laborer; the name of the employer; and the signature in Chinese characters. Permits have been microfilmed, see MFL 125.

Record of Issue of Special Residence Permits, 1891 - contains special residence permit number, application number, bond number, date issued date approved, permit holder's name, place of birth, age, employer, bond amount, principal, and surety.

Register of Applications, 1895-1897 - lists permit numbers and names of applicants.

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Register of Certificates of Death, Deceased Contract Laborers, 1898-1902 - includes an index, name, death date, and pictures of the laborers. The register and the certificates of death have been microfilmed, see MFL 125.

Register of Deceased and Deserted Contract Laborers, 1897-1898 - lists the Foreign Office number, Postal Bank book number, name, plantation, date of death, deposits in the savings bank. This register has been microfilmed, see MFL 125.

Special Residence Permits, 1891 - contains name, age, residence, employer, and place of employment.

S.S. Pactolus Travel Bonds and Rejected Chinese Arrivals, n.d. - is an index of Chinese who arrived on the S.S. Pactolus in 1891 and of Chinese who were denied entry to Hawaii.

Arrangement: The records are arranged alphabetically. Special residence permits, record of issue of special residence permits, and application/canceled permits are arranged in numerical order. Record of issue of permits are arranged in numerical order in the following sequences: 61-348 (1893-1894) and 1-7750 (1895-1897). Registers and certificates of death are arranged chronologically.

Access: To access individual records, see microfilms: Index to Chinese Labor Permits, MFL 122; Index to Applications for Conditional Permits, 1893-1897, MFL 121; and Index to Permits (Death), MFL 123.

Restriction: Access is unrestricted.

Related Records: Related records about the procurement of laborers and their assignment to various employers are found in the records of the Interior Department, Bureau of Immigration. Records relating to arrival in Hawaii are found in the records of the Collector General of Customs, Passenger Manifests (Series 82).

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II. PERMITS FOR LONG-TERM RESIDENCE

Series No.: 332 **Series Title:** Passport Applicant's Tax Receipts

Date Range: 1885/86-1887

Quantity of Records: 7.2 lin. in. of paper records

Physical Description: Records are in fragile condition. Information on the pre-printed receipts are handwritten or stamped.

Contents Description: The Act to Regulate Chinese Immigration approved on December 20, 1887 required each Hawaii-resident Chinese entry permit applicant to submit a receipt for current year taxes along with other documents. Some tax receipts were filed with the permit records and the rest can be found in this series.

The tax receipts contain the following information: receipt number, date, name of payee, value and amount of taxes assessed, total taxes paid, signature of the tax collector, Foreign Office number, date of application, and Custom House number.

Arrangement: Arranged in numerical order by passport number: 2448-3709 (1885/85) and 4202-5614 (1887).

Access: Access to receipts is via passport numbers, see microfilm of Chinese Bureau Passport Index, 1884-1888, MFL 119.

Restriction: Access is unrestricted.

Related Records: For other tax related records, see Tax Assessment and Collection Ledgers, Department of Taxation, Series 224.

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III. PERMITS FOR TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF MERCHANTS AND TRAVELERS

Series No.: 494 **Series Title:** Permits for Temporary Residence of Chinese Merchants and Travelers

Date Range: 1890-1898

Quantity of Records: 21.52 lin. ft. of paper records, 9.5 lin. in. in 8 volumes, and 1 (35 mm) reel of microfilm

Physical Description: Records are handwritten. Some names are written in Chinese characters. Photographs of the applicants may be included.

Contents Description: The records consist of the record of issue of certificate for filing bond, index to sureties, index to sureties of special residences, registers of special bonds, register of special residence bonds, application to enter, application for special bonds, record of issue of permits, register of permits, record of issue of special residence bond receipts, and special residence bonds.

Record of Issue of Certificate for Filing Bond, 1893-1898 - includes bureau number, date, name of principal, name of traveler or merchant, residence, surety, assessment, name of attorney or agent, and signature.

Index to Sureties, n.d. - contains information about surety entities and the bonds assigned to them. Sureties are entities that undertake to pay money in the event that his principal (the traveler or merchant) fails to leave the Kingdom of Hawaii within six months.

Indexes to Sureties of Special Residences, n.d. - contain information about surety entities and the bonds assigned to them.

Register of Special Bonds Duly Executed, 1893-1894 - contains date and bond number, principal name, surety name, firm, attorney or agent name, date executed by principal, and cancellation date. This register has been microfilmed, see MFL 128.

Registers of Special Bonds, 1893-1895 - contains bond number and date, principal name, surety name, agent or attorney, date executed by the principal, and cancellation date.

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Application to Enter, 1892-1893 - provides application number, name of applicant, residence in China, name and residence of surety, signature of Foreign Office official, embarkation permit number, date granted and information about stock ownership in Hawaii businesses.

Application for Special Bonds, 1892-1893 - provides bond number, name of principal, residence, date and number of embarkation permit.

Records of Issue of Permits, Hong Kong, 1890-1898 - provides the bond number, embarkation number, permit holder's name, residence, occupation, age, principal, surety, address of surety, name of attorney or agent, date delivered and cancellation date.

Register of Permits, 1893-1894 - provides permit number, principal name, name of surety, name of attorney, date issued, and date canceled. This register has been microfilmed, see MFL 128.

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Special Residence Bonds, 1892-1898 - includes permits, affidavit of witness to departure, application for cancellation of bond, certificate of Collector-General of Customs, and special residence bonds. The bond certifies that the traveler has paid \$500 to the Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and required the traveler to leave within six months of arrival.

Arrangement: The records are arranged in the order by which they were created during the permitting process and chronologically/numerically within each type of record.

Access: Use Registers of Special Bonds (494 vol. 4-6), Register of Special Residence Bonds (494 vol. 7), and Register of Permits (494 vol. 8) to obtain bond and permit numbers.

Restriction: Records are unrestricted.

Related records: Records relating to arrival in Hawaii are found in the records of Collector General of Customs, Passenger Manifests (Series 82).

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494-56-4	6281-6300	
494-56-5	6301-6320	
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494-56-7	6341-6355	
494-56-8	6356-6370	
494-56-9	6371-6385	