

## Chinese New Zealanders: An Inventory of Records Held by Archives New Zealand

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### Background

This inventory was created in response to an exciting discovery of records of early Chinese migrants to New Zealand. Records of a poll tax imposed on Chinese migrants arriving at Wellington were already held by Archives New Zealand (ANZ), Wellington Head Office. However, poll tax records of Chinese arriving in Auckland were believed to have been destroyed in a fire in the Hope Gibbons Building, Wellington in 1952.

In 2012 ANZ Wellington's Description & Discovery team, while accessioning unprocessed archives, discovered several boxes of Auckland poll tax records covering the period 1882 to 1928.<sup>2</sup> The records were listed, repackaged and sent to ANZ Auckland Regional Office where they are being digitised to provide access via *Archway*, ANZ's online archives finding aids system ([www.archway.archives.govt.nz](http://www.archway.archives.govt.nz)).<sup>3</sup>

As a substantial amount of records relating to Chinese New Zealanders is held by Archives New Zealand's four offices, it was felt that an inventory would be a useful resource for genealogists and other researchers. The majority of records date from 1865 to the 1950s and they reflect the New Zealand government's activities and policies towards Chinese migrants and provide evidence of the systemic discrimination experienced by them.

Many of the records pertain to immigration matters, including the poll tax, and also to the alien status of Chinese immigrants. Other records relate to naturalisation, employment and miscellaneous subjects.



**Photograph of Suey Ching taken before his temporary departure from New Zealand, 1914  
(Archives New Zealand: BBAO 5575 A234/1e, R14850250)**

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<sup>2</sup> Archives reference: AANK 24728 W3164/7-6. The circumstances of their transfer are not yet known but research has provided a transfer date of 18 September 1987.

<sup>3</sup> This work is underway at time of writing in June 2013.

### The Poll Tax

Chinese migration to New Zealand began in 1865 with the arrival of labourers to rework the southern gold fields at the invitation of the Otago provincial government. From the outset the presence of Chinese migrants in New Zealand provoked protest from European miners and other settlers. By 1881 public demand for restrictions on Chinese immigration resulted in the introduction of a poll tax under the *Chinese Immigrants Act 1881*:

- The Act levied a £10 entry or poll (head) tax on Chinese newcomers and decreed ships were to carry no more than one Chinese for each 10 tons of the ship's weight. The Customs Department issued exemption certificates and poll tax receipts.
- Poll tax payment allowed Chinese to land and gain permanent residency, but they remained aliens, except for the few who were naturalised before 1908. The latter often spoke English before arrival.

Further acts restricted Chinese immigration to New Zealand:

- The poll tax was raised to £100 in 1896.
- From 1907 Chinese migrants were required to pass an English language test.
- From 1908 Chinese New Zealanders temporarily leaving New Zealand had to provide thumb prints to allow their re-entry to New Zealand.
- The ability of Chinese to become British citizens in New Zealand through naturalisation was prevented in 1908.
- From 1926 permanent residency was denied to Chinese.
- Until 1936 Chinese were denied the old-age pension.

There were three other periods when Chinese were allowed into New Zealand in significant numbers: after World War I (1918–1920), at the beginning of World War II (1939–1940) as refugees, and for a few years after World War II (1948–1951), but otherwise restrictions remained. Many of those who came were “students” or relatives of Chinese already living in New Zealand.

The poll tax was abolished in 1944 and in 1951 the government permitted the naturalisation of Chinese in New Zealand again.

On 12 February 2002 (Chinese New Year) Prime Minister Helen Clark formally apologised to the Chinese community for being forced to pay a poll tax. The text of her speech can be read here: <http://www.stevenyoung.co.nz/the-chinese-in-new-zealand/Poll-Tax/Helen-Clark.html>.

### Sources and Useful Publications

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- *New Zealand Now – Asian New Zealanders* (Wellington: Statistics New Zealand, July 1995).
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- Records relating to Chinese New Zealanders in the Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand – search at <http://natlib.govt.nz/collections/a-z/alexander-turnbull-library-collections>.

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**Certificate of Registration under the Immigration Restriction Acts.**


Part of Dunedin New Zealand, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 1930.

This is to certify that Kum Poy Sew Hoy residing in New Zealand at Dunedin, being desirous of leaving New Zealand with the intention of returning thereto, has registered with me the following particulars concerning himself/herself:

**PARTICULARS.**

Full name: Kum Poy Sew Hoy  
Sex: male Nationality: Chinese  
Place of birth: Canton China Date of birth: 27<sup>th</sup> May 1869  
Height: 5 ft. 4 in. Build: Medium  
Scars or birthmarks (if any):  
Other particulars to aid identification:  
Whether or not can speak English: Yes.  
Date and port of first arrival in New Zealand and vessel by which arrived: June 1884, Wellington, Samboin.  
Number, date, and port of issue of certificate (if any) under section 33 of the Immigration Restriction Act, 1908: Cannot be found.  
Signature: [Signature]  
In English characters (if possible): Kum Poy Sew Hoy  
In any other characters: 何培理用

Photograph of person to whom this certificate is granted.



If he/she returns to New Zealand within four years from the date hereof, and is identified to the satisfaction of the Collector of Customs as being the person to whom this certificate was issued, he/she will, on presentation of this certificate, be permitted to enter New Zealand.

[Signature]  
Collector of Customs.

[Signature]  
SEE OVER.

Kum Poy Sew Hoy's Certificate of Registration under the Immigration Restriction Acts, 1930  
(Archives New Zealand: DADF 19064 D429/30a 111)

## Inventory of Records Held by Archives New Zealand

### Notes:

- The following list of records is comprehensive but not exhaustive.<sup>4</sup>
- Only the most important series of alien records have been included in the records listed below. Other records concerning aliens can be found by searching [www.archway.archives.govt.nz](http://www.archway.archives.govt.nz) using the keyword “alien” or “aliens”.
- Many general records of interest to family historians – such as twentieth-century immigration records, notices of intention to marry, probates and coroners reports – will also provide information on individual Chinese New Zealanders.
- Some records are restricted to protect personal privacy.
- An online exhibition of Archives NZ Auckland Regional Office Chinese immigration records can be viewed at <http://gallery.archives.govt.nz/v/auckland/chinese+portraits/>.
- An online exhibition of Archives NZ Dunedin Regional Office Otago gold mining records, which include records concerning Chinese miners, can be viewed at <http://archives.govt.nz/gallery/v/Online+Regional+Exhibitions/Archives+New+Zealand+Dunedin+Regional+Office+Gallery/Gold/>.

### Records Relating to Immigration

<b>IMMIGRATION</b> <b>Creating agency and records series</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates of extant records</b>	<b>Archives reference</b>	<b>Archives NZ office</b>
Customs, Auckland: Inwards correspondence	Inwards letters include letters relating to Chinese people and proof of identification, exemption, payment of or refund of poll tax. The letters are listed by individuals' names and subject matter; many include “Chinese” in the title. Outwards replies to these replies can be found in BBAO 5546 (see below).	1865–1915	BBAO 5544	Auckland
Customs, Auckland: Indexes to registers of inwards letters	These indexes provide access to the inwards letters in BBAO 5544	1903–1915	BBAO 5545	Auckland
Customs, Auckland: Registers of inwards letters	These registers control the inwards correspondence in BBAO 5544	1875–?1950	BBAO 5543	Auckland

<sup>4</sup> It comprises records described at item level on ANZ's online finding aids system *Archway* as at June 2013. The inwards correspondence of the Justice [J1], Internal Affairs [IA1] and Police [P1] Departments are not yet on *Archway* at item level but this work is underway.

<b>IMMIGRATION</b> <b>Creating agency and records series</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates of extant records</b>	<b>Archives reference</b>	<b>Archives NZ office</b>
Customs, Auckland: Outwards letter books	Customs outwards letters include information on individual Chinese, the poll tax etc. These letters are the outwards replies to the inwards letters in BBAO 5544 (see above)	1872–1915	BBAO 5546	Auckland
Customs, Auckland: Immigration Restriction Act 1908 and poll tax registrations	Certificates of registration were issued by the Collector of Customs, and allowed Chinese and other alien residents to re-enter New Zealand, if leaving temporarily. The certificates include photographs and fingerprints of Chinese immigrants. [See digitised records on <a href="http://www.archway.archives.govt.nz">www.archway.archives.govt.nz</a> .] [Note: These certificates are the same record series as those described below under ACGV 8840, which are held in Wellington.]	1882–1917	BBAO 5575/1-24	Auckland
Department of Labour: Certificates of entry butts (poll tax) for Chinese immigrants arriving at Auckland	The certificates in each volume have been listed individually by name and include age, place of birth, vessel arrived on, and date certificate was issued. <sup>5</sup>	1882–1928	AANK 24728 W3164/5-6 1-30	Auckland
Department of Labour: Index of Chinese who paid poll tax at Auckland from about 1882	Alphabetical index stating name, age, certificate number and date [Note: This index controls the poll tax certificate butts in AANK 24728 W3164 above]	1882–c.1925	AANK 24806 W3164/6	Auckland
Customs, Gisborne: Multiple number subject files	22/– Chinese restricted immigration files	1915–1930	BCAG 5555	Auckland
Department of Labour: Auckland Labour subject files	Immigration – Adoption of Chinese children from Hong Kong	1962–1962	BBAI 4121 A251/60b 22/1/86	Auckland
Grey Lynn Adoption Unit: Administration files	Adoptions Chinese orphans – July 1962 – Child Welfare Division, Department of Education, Auckland Office	1962–1965	BBID 5823/1076 4/4/8	Auckland

<sup>5</sup> These records are being digitised and will soon be available on *Archway*.

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Office of the Race Relations Conciliator, Auckland: Alpha numeric subject files, Race relations	Asian immigrants: Report from Auckland Chinese Community	1994–1996	BBAR 15499 A1513/42e ED191	Auckland
Customs, Head Office: Circulars	Circulars were sent to Customs Officers to inform them of customs decisions and new rulings. The circulars include information about the administration of the poll tax and relevant policy directives	1860–1955	ACIF 16480 C6	Wellington
Customs, Head Office: Annual single number files	Inwards letters include correspondence concerning individual Chinese, proof of identification, exemption, payment of or refund of poll tax etc. Outwards replies to these replies can be found in ACIF 16478 C4 (see below)	1865–1913	ACIF 16475 C1	Wellington
Customs, Head Office: Indexes to registers of inwards letters	These indexes provide access to the inwards letters in ACIF 16475 C1	1864–1913	ACIF 16477 C3	Wellington
Customs, Head Office: Registers of inwards letters	These register control the inwards letters in ACIF 16475 C1	1859–1913	ACIF 16476 C2	Wellington
Customs, Head Office: Outwards letter books	Customs outwards letters include information on individual Chinese, the poll tax etc. These letters are the outwards replies to the inwards letters in ACIF 16477 C1 (see above)	?1859–?1913	ACIF 16478 C4	Wellington
Agent for the General Government, Hawkes Bay: General inwards correspondence	6 February 1872 – William Fox [Premier] states that he does not feel Chinese labour should be introduced or encouraged. Minutes by W. Gisborne and J. Knowles convey this information to J.D. Ormond [Superintendent of Hawkes Bay Province]	1872–1872	ACFK 8163 AGG-HB1/4 4	Wellington

<b>IMMIGRATION</b> <b>Creating agency and records series</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates of extant records</b>	<b>Archives reference</b>	<b>Archives NZ office</b>
Legislative Department: Papers brought before Parliament and records of Select Committees	Several "Accounts and papers" records concerning Chinese immigration. "Committees – Petitions" records may also include information.	1887–1931	AEBE 18507 LE1	Wellington
Department of Labour: Certificates of entry butts (poll tax) for Chinese immigrants arriving at Wellington	The certificate butts have been listed at individual level and give the following information: Name; where born; apparent age; former place of residence; ship arrived by and where from; fingerprints (on certain volumes from 1904 onwards); photographs (for most people) from 1921 onwards [See digitised photographs from 1921 on <a href="http://www.archway.archives.govt.nz">www.archway.archives.govt.nz</a> .]	1888–1930	ACGV 8836 L24/1-35	Wellington
Department of Labour: Index of Chinese poll tax certificates	The index is comprised of 10 volumes covering arrivals to Auckland and Wellington ports	1896–1945	AANK 24672	Wellington
Department of Labour: Alien re-entry certificate registers	There are 12 registers in this series. Volumes 1–8 document certificates issued at Auckland (1930–55) and volumes 9–12 certificates issued at Wellington (1900–1955) The registers control the certificates in series 8840: – Item 9 includes a register of Chinese leaving the Port of Wellington (1917–20) at the front of the book and a record of Chinese returning to New Zealand at Wellington (1903–12). – Item 10 includes a register of Chinese identified at the Port of Wellington (1913–17) at the back of the volume. – Item 11 includes naturalised Chinese returning to New Zealand, for whom photographs only have been produced (1916–38), and a register of Indians and others issued with re-entry certificates (1911–20) at the back of the volume.	1900–1955	ACGV 8841 L29/1-12	Wellington

<b>IMMIGRATION</b> Creating agency and records series	Description	Dates of extant records	Archives reference	Archives NZ office
Department of Labour: Alien re-entry certificates – Auckland	The certificates in this series were issued by the Collector of Customs in Auckland and cover the years 1906–30, 1932–34 and 1939. [Note: These certificates are the same record series as those described above under BBAO 5575, but are held in Wellington]	1906–1939	ACGV 8840 L28/1-46	Wellington
Department of Labour: Alien re-entry certificate index books	These indexes were used by the Collector of Customs in Auckland. They provide access to the re-entry certificates in BBAO 5575 and ACGV 8840	1911–1956	ACGV 8842 L30/1-5	Wellington
Department of Labour: Alien re-entry record books	Record book of Chinese arrivals at Wellington	1917–1930	ACGV 8843 L31/3	Wellington
Customs, Wellington: Miscellaneous papers	Education tests for Chinese immigrants	1919–1920	ADGX 16553 C-W 16/4	Wellington
Department of Internal Affairs: Multiple number subject files	Visas for Chinese entering British dominions	1922–1951	ACGO 8333 IA1 W2271/3 15/7/90	Wellington
Customs, Head Office: Multiple number subject files	Chinese Immigration in the Samoan Administration	1929–1929	ACIF 16475 C1/84 29/53/5	Wellington
Police, Fingerprint Branch: Annual single number files	Photographs of Chinese who have overstayed temporary permits to land in NZ, copy of circulars sent to districts and detailed photograph pages.	1930	AAAJ 6813 W5029/14 CR 30/221	Wellington
Department of Justice: Inwards letters and registered files	Births in New Zealand to Chinese women in Dominion on temporary permits	1941–1941	ACGS 16211 J1 W1190/1097 1941/29/4	Wellington
Justice, Aliens Registration Branch (later Internal Affairs): Aliens arrivals and departures 1954–72, “Visitors aliens”, registered files and miscellaneous records	Records include a letter to the Minister of Immigration (17/2/50) from the Controller of Customs, titled “Entry into New Zealand – Wives and Children of Chinese Residents” (box 54) and Chinese Aliens 1957 Addresses (box 42)	c.1950–c.1972	AAAC W3211	Wellington



<b>IMMIGRATION</b> Creating agency and records series	Description	Dates of extant records	Archives reference	Archives NZ office
Sir Robert Muldoon: Political papers – Press clippings and statements	Immigration – Chinese	c. 1970s	AAXO 22138 W2956/15	Wellington
Customs, Greymouth	Chinese immigration	1925–1952	CAHT CH61/8/15c 22/01/2001	Christchurch
Customs, Invercargill: Annual single number files; Multiple number subject files (subseries 22/– Immigration Restriction Act) and unregistered records	Includes inwards letters and outwards letter books (1881–1916), files concerning prohibited or restricted immigrants including Chinese students, records concerning the possession of opium and a “List of Chinese immigrants and attached papers” (1879–1909).	c.1881–c.1943	DADG D186	Dunedin
Customs, Dunedin: Multiple number subject files	Subseries 22/– (Immigration) includes files on Chinese immigration and immigrants including applications for permanent residency (1934–1949), records of Chinese refused entry, files concerning the poll tax etc	1887–1961	DADF 19039 D430	Dunedin
Customs, Dunedin: Certificates of Registration under the Immigration Restriction Acts	Certificates of registration were issued by the Collector of Customs, and allowed Chinese and other alien residents to re-enter New Zealand, if leaving temporarily	c1904–1956	DADF 19064 D429	Dunedin

*Alien Registration Records*

<b>ALIEN REGISTRATION</b> Creating agency and records series	Description	Dates of extant records	Archives reference	Archives NZ office
Police Department: Alien registration files (1939–49 system)	Includes alien registration files for Chinese residents  [Note: These files are the same record series as those described below under AAAC 489, which are held in Wellington]	1914–1979	BADW 489 A1687	Auckland

<b>ALIEN REGISTRATION Creating agency and records series</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates of extant records</b>	<b>Archives reference</b>	<b>Archives NZ office</b>
Police Department: Alien registration files (1949–77 system)	Includes alien registration files for Chinese residents  [Note: these files are the same record series as those described below under AAAC 504, which are held in Wellington]	1941–1978	BADW 504 A1687	Auckland
Department of Internal Affairs: Aliens and citizenship papers	Miscellaneous records which may include information about Chinese aliens.	1834–1977	AAAC W3794	Wellington
Census and Statistics Department: Registered subject files	Registration of Aliens – List of Chinese unregistered or without registration of aliens certificates in Wellington at 1921 Census	1921–1921	ADTO 18998 STATS1/33 24/1/52	Wellington
Police Department: Alien registration files (1939–49 system)	Includes alien registration files for Chinese residents  [Note: These files are the same record series as those described above (under BADW 489) which are held in Auckland]	1914–1979	AAAC 489	Wellington
Police Department: Alien registration files (1949–77 system)	Includes alien registration files for Chinese residents  [Note: these files are the same record series as those described above (under BADW 504) which are held in Auckland]	1941–1978	AAAC 504	Wellington
Police Department: Index to alien registrations (1949–77 system) – Registrations no longer current in 1977	These indexes control the files in AAAC 504	1939–1977	AAAC 960	Wellington
Police Department: Index to alien registrations (1949–77 system) – Registrations current in 1977	These registers control the files in AAAC 504	1939–1977	AAAC 961	Wellington

<b>ALIEN REGISTRATION Creating agency and records series</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates of extant records</b>	<b>Archives reference</b>	<b>Archives NZ office</b>
Justice, Aliens Registration Branch: Annual/multiple number subject files	[File 1] Regarding the position of Chinese under the Aliens Emergency Regulations;  [File 2] Aliens Land Purchase Emergency Regulations 1942: Complaints regarding purchase of land by Chinese	c.1942	AAAR 493/108 1942/50/329 [file 1] and 493/113 1942/50/462 [file 2]	Wellington
Prime Minister's Department: Joint Service Organisation (JSO) files	Aliens – Control of aliens in New Zealand – Chinese	1950–1951	ABFK 19754/97 52/2/2 pt 1	Wellington
Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Multiple number subject files	War affairs – Enemy, prisoners of war, aliens, internees – Aliens – Chinese in New Zealand	1950–1961	ABHS 950 W5242/78 89/2/25/1 pt 1	Wellington
Police Department/Christchurch Magistrate's Court: Indexes to registers of aliens	Includes alien registration information for Chinese residents  The indexes provide access to registers which documented aliens registered in the Christchurch district [See series 18307 below].	1949–1957	CAHS 18306 CH982	Christchurch
Police Department/Christchurch Magistrate's Court: Registers of aliens	Includes alien registration information for Chinese residents  Two of the registers include notification of change of abode, occupation, place of employment, name [See series 18306 above for controlling indexes]	1939–1966	CAHS 18307 CH982 and CAHX 18307 CH132	Christchurch
Ashburton Magistrate's Court: Index of applications under the Aliens Act 1948	The index provides access to registers which documented aliens registered in the Ashburton district.	1962–1966	CBBI 24372 CH1026/164	Christchurch
Department of Internal Affairs, Wellington	Alien registration book [this is an estray record]	1966–1977	AAYQ W3759/1	Wellington

*Naturalisation Records*

<b>NATURALISATION</b> Creating agency and records series	Description	Dates of extant records	Archives reference	Archives NZ office
Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Multiple number subject files	Commonwealth affairs – Legislation and constitutional affairs – Nationality – Naturalisation of Chinese	1946–1960	ABHS 950 W4627/3752 159/2/12 pt 1	Wellington
Department of Justice: Inwards letters and registered files	Chinese Naturalisation – Taking of Oaths, etc	1952–1952	ACGS 16211 J1/1620	Wellington
Department of Internal Affairs: Multiple number subject files	Naturalisation – Chinese – General question of naturalisation	?1958–?	ACGO 8333 IA1 116/7 (3 file parts)	Wellington
Department of Internal Affairs: Multiple number subject files	Naturalisation – Chinese – Chinese citizens naturalised in New Zealand – Lists of	No dates	ACGO 8333 IA1/2821 (4 file parts)	Wellington

*Records Relating to Employment*

<b>EMPLOYMENT</b> Creating agency and records series	Description	Dates of extant records	Archives reference	Archives NZ office
Pensions Department: Registered files	Qualifications of Asiatics	1904–1936	ADBO 16143 SSW1844/1 A2	Wellington
Army Department: Inwards letters and registered files	Recruitment – Asiatics in armed force – Treatment, privileges	No date	AAYS 8638 AD1/1293 312/1/11	Wellington
Army Department: Inwards letters and registered files	AD1/791 25/57 Transport – Chinese crews on transports	1914–1914	AAYS 8638 AD1	Wellington
Marine Department: Inwards letters and registered files	Various files about Chinese crews. E.g. M1/1038 15/3/872 Chinese crews – Conditions on employment, 1944–1949	1915–1949	ADOE 16612 M1	Wellington
Department of Labour: Registered files	Several files on Chinese businesses. E.g. L1/25 2/4/739 Shops and Office, General – Competition by Asiatic storekeepers (fruiterers etc) – Registration by Chinese and Hindus [sic], 1926–1943	1921–1943	ACGV 8814 L1	Wellington

<b>EMPLOYMENT</b> Creating agency and records series	Description	Dates of extant records	Archives reference	Archives NZ office
Maori Affairs Department: Inwards letters and registered files	Received: 31st July 1929. – From: The Native Minister, Wellington. – Subject: As to appointment of a Committee of Departmental Officers (representing Labour, Health and Native Departments) to enquire into the question of the employment of Maoris by Asiatics in Market Gardens.	1929–1933	ACIH 16036 MA1/1491 and 1492 1929/356 parts 1-3	Wellington
External Affairs Department: Registered files	Maori Race – General – Employment of Maori by Asiatics in market gardening	1930–1930	ACIE 8798 EAW2619/2 30/1/2 pt 1	Wellington
Bureau of Social Science Research: Bulletins, statistics, yearbooks, scientific reports and research	The standard of living among Chinese workers; L.K. Tao; Chinese Institute of Pacific Relations, 1931	1931–1931	AAVW W3432/24 14/50	Wellington
Department of Justice: Inwards letters and registered files	Bankruptcy Act – Cong Shee bankrupt – That steps be taken to compel Chinese traders to register name of owner of business	1934–1934	ACGS 16211 J1 W1190/1035 1934/36/21	Wellington
Department of Industries & Commerce: Registered subject files	49/– “Chinese laundry prices” files	1937–1953	AEFN 19098 IC4/247	Wellington
Department of Maori Affairs: Office papers of Minister	Maori employment in Chinese market gardens	No date	ACIH 16064 MA31/18/35	Wellington
Second World War archives: Unit records	Chinese servicemen in NZ armed forces	No date	ADQZ 18886 WAI/307 DA420/17	
Department of External Affairs: Registered subject files	New Zealand Forces – Navy – Employment of Chinese Stewards	1956–1956	ACIE 8798 EAW2619/27 87/2/21 pt 1	Wellington

<b>EMPLOYMENT</b> Creating agency and records series	Description	Dates of extant records	Archives reference	Archives NZ office
Defence Headquarters: Naval Staff – Central filing system	W4010/77 66/8/4 pt 1 Personnel – Engagements – Chinese Stewards on Far East Station, 1956–1969 W4831/91 66/10/92 pt 1 Personnel – Manning – Unofficial Chinese Employed in HMNZ Ships, 1973–1985 W4831/147 66/10/92 pt 2 Personnel – Manning – Unofficial Chinese Employed in HMNZ Ships, 1984–1986	1956–1986	ABFK 7395	Wellington
Inwards correspondence to the [Canterbury] Provincial Secretary	PWD [Public Works Department] Auckland to Superintendent – proposed Chinese labour for railway work. Filed 160(1), 160(2)	1872–1872	CAAR 19936 CH287 CP 125 ICPS 160/1872	Christchurch
Otago Provincial Council papers	Petitions from Chinese residents seeking justice for Chinese gold miners	1872–73	AAAC 701 D500	Dunedin

*Chinese Overseas*

<b>CHINESE OVERSEAS</b> Creating agency and records series	Description	Dates of extant records	Archives reference	Archives NZ office
Governor: Inwards despatches from the British Resident, Cook Islands	G11/1 39: "...re immigration into Cook Islands of labourers from Japan, to cultivate the large amounts of fertile waste land. Cook Islanders object to Chinese immigrants." (1891)  G11/4 66 "...complaint from solicitor representing two Chinese that Gudgeon ante-dated the Asiatic Restriction Act 1898, in order to force them to pay the poll tax required by that Act." (1899)	1891–1899	ACHK 16567 G11	Wellington
British Military Occupation, Samoa: High Court case files and administrative records	Various files including "Jurisdiction concerning coloured people and Chinese" (1903–1911) and "Proceedings against Coolies [Unskilled Chinese Labourers]" (1914–1920)	1900–1920	ACGM 18976 SAMOA-BMO	Wellington

<b>CHINESE OVERSEAS Creating agency and records series</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates of extant records</b>	<b>Archives reference</b>	<b>Archives NZ office</b>
Rt. Hon. Richard John Seddon: Miscellaneous papers and correspondence	South African War – Papers re protest at introduction of Chinese labour into the Transvaal	1904–1904	ACHW 8634 SEDDON2/5 17	Wellington
Island Territories Department: Registered correspondence	Various files concerning Chinese immigration to Samoa as imported labour	c.1919–1959	ACGA 8280 IT1	Wellington
Customs, Head Office: Inwards letters and registered files	Chinese Immigration in the Samoan Administration	1929–1929	ACIF 16475 C1/84 29/53/5	Wellington
Dr Barrie McDonald: Research files – British Phosphate Commissioners and related subjects	Three files concerning Chinese labour at Nauru	1948–c.1952	AANF 897/4/c, 897/4/d and 897/7b	Wellington
Sir Walter Nash: Subject files 1945–68	Memorandum: Petition – Deportation of Chinese husbands of Australian citizens	1949–1949	AEFZ 22618/223 238/0254-0260	Wellington

*Miscellaneous Records*

<b>MISCELLANEOUS Creating agency and records series</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates of extant records</b>	<b>Archives reference</b>	<b>Archives NZ office</b>
Customs, Auckland: Inwards correspondence	Correspondence re. the sinking of the SS Ventnor, with 499 Chinese coffins and 5 Chinese attendants [See also Railways correspondence below]	1902–1903	BBAO 5544/211a 1902/948; 5544/212a 1902/991 and 1902/1147; 5544/75a 1903/28	Auckland
Health Department, Auckland: Registered files	Maori Health – Maoris and Asiatics	1931–1941	BAAK 19860 A358/88/c 14/1/2 pt 1	Auckland
Police Department: Registered files	Correspondence re Kyeburn murder of Mary Young by Ah Lee – Murder poster 17 Aug 1880 – Translation in Chinese	1880–1880	ACIS 17627 P1/401/83 1881/2014 [SEP No. 83]	Wellington

<b>MISCELLANEOUS Creating agency and records series</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates of extant records</b>	<b>Archives reference</b>	<b>Archives NZ office</b>
Railways Department: General Manager's Office registered files	Carriage of Chinese corpses [See also Customs correspondence above]	1888–1902	ADQD 17447 R4/131 1899/2736	Wellington
Census and Statistics Department: Registered subject files	Various files re. Chinese population, census and vital statistics. E.g. STATS1/17 13/14/14 Population and Vital Statistics – Statistics of births and marriages of Maoris with Hindus and Chinese, 1929–1929	1911–1937	ADTO 18998 STATS1 12/– and 13/– files	Wellington
Justice Department: Prisons Branch inwards letters and correspondence	Police Jailer, Greymouth – Re. assistance for 18 Chinese prisoners	1912–1912	ACGS 16225 J40/154 1912/13/2	Wellington
Justice, Aliens Registration Branch: Personal and subject files relating to aliens	Item 478/2e: Chinese Consul 1914–15	1914–1915	AAAB 478	Wellington
Marine Department: Registered files	NZSS "Hinemoa" (ship) protests against vegetables from Chinamen [sic]	1913–1919	ADOE 16612 M1/1135 25/105	Wellington
Army Department: Inwards letters and registered files	AD1/791 25/57 Wireless apparatus – unauthorised – at residence of Chinese consul, Wellington, 1914  AD1/1004 51/652 Publication, instructions etc. – Newspaper – Chinese – Permission to publish	1914–1917	AAYS 8638 AD1	Wellington
Treasury: Inwards letters and registered files	Chinese in New Zealand alleged to be hoarding copper coins	1915–1920	ADRK 17391 T1/200 23/23/14	Wellington
Audit Department: Registered files	Chinese Relief Fund	1929	ADAV 16028 A5/162 23/153	Wellington
Department of Education, Child Welfare Division: Registered files	Systems – Maoris consorting with Chinese and other Asiatic	1939–1939	ACGB 8300 CW W1043/19 40/1/73	Wellington



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Department of External Affairs: Registered subject files	18 files including: EA1/452 83/3/3 pt 1 Manpower – Liability to Military Service – Chinese, 1940–50	various	ACIE 8798 EA1	Wellington
Department of Health: Registered files	Social Security – Eligibility to receive benefits – Chinese	1940–1948	ABDZ 16163 H1/1273 206/17/2	Wellington
Police Department: Registered files	Identification of Chinese Names (Handbook)	1963–1963	ACIS 17627 P1W2791/9 1/1/209	Wellington
Tourist and Publicity Department: Colour transparencies	Arrowtown Chinese Camp, mining sign	No date	ABKB 8032 W5234/3/3 5842 & 5843	Wellington
Inwards correspondence to the Provincial Secretary	G.S. Sale to Provincial Secretary – forwards petition against Chinese on Goldfields. Filed 796(1) 27/05/1867 [See digitised record at <a href="http://www.archway.archives.govt.nz/ViewFullItem.do?code=22198066&amp;digital=yes">http://www.archway.archives.govt.nz/ViewFullItem.do?code=22198066&amp;digital=yes</a> ]	1867	CAAR 19936 CH287/CP 89 ICPS 796/1867	Christchurch
Otago Wardens Courts records: the records of the Warden of each gold field may include information about the Chinese gold miners	Examples of relevant records can be found at: <a href="http://archives.govt.nz/gallery/v/Online+Regional+Exhibitions/Archives+New+Zealand+Dunedin+Regional+Office+Gallery/Gold/">http://archives.govt.nz/gallery/v/Online+Regional+Exhibitions/Archives+New+Zealand+Dunedin+Regional+Office+Gallery/Gold/</a>	various	various	Dunedin