

**Chan Chow Mow. Chinese Exclusion Act Case File. 30-4353. RG
85. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Seattle District.
National Archives and Record Administration, Pacific Alaska
Region, Seattle.**

now having water April 18, page 3, signed by W.T. Watkins, in which he states that the attached photograph is the property of Charlie E. Snow's wife.

Evidently this photograph should be returned to the rightful owner. Should a photographic copy be made for our files?



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION
AND REFER TO

No. 55625/87
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July 20, 1928.

Commissioner of Immigration,
Seattle, Washington.

Supplementing Bureau letter of the 15th ultimo, regarding the case of CHAN CHOW MOW, alias CHOW E. MOW, alias FRANK C. EMOW, a Chinese of that name having applied at Cincinnati, Ohio, for a return certificate as a citizen, departure to be made through your port, the Bureau now advises that efforts to locate this Chinese in Cincinnati, Cleveland, or in New York City, have been fruitless. There are, therefore, returned the exhibits transmitted with your letter of April 19, last, No. 30/4353, these exhibits being enumerated as follows: 37759/3-10; 32/2383; 30/4353;

The Bureau regrets that the apparent imposter was not apprehended so that effort could be made to effect his deportation. A letter to the Bureau from the District Director of Immigration at Buffalo, New York, dated the 16th instant, No. 1228-D-21, conveyed advises as to the efforts made to locate this Chinese and stated that a copy had been furnished you. It is presumed you were also furnished copies of the reports of officers who endeavored to find this applicant; but if not, the Bureau will furnish such copies upon request.

George J. Morris
George J. Morris,
Assistant Commissioner General.

Incl. 24755

J. H. J. A.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

DISTRICT No. 5

IN ANSWERING REFER TO

No. 2838/9

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

SUBOFFICE: CLEVELAND, OHIO

June 15, 1928.

Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Referring to Cincinnati office letter of June 9th, No. 2838/1, in which request is made that FRANK C. EMOW, a native-born Chinese and former war veteran be located in this city in connection with the attempted impersonation of Emow by a Chinese resident of Cincinnati giving the name of CHAN CHOW MOW, whose applications for native's and laborer's return certificates have been denied by the Seattle office, you are advised that on the 14th instant I made inquiries in the vicinity of 2574 West 7th Street, but was unable to find any trace of the person named. The neighborhood is a Polish and Ukrainian slum district of a very low order and it is unlikely that a Chinese laundry was ever located there, as there would be little or no demand for it. At the address given a foreign woman was interviewed, who stated that she owned the house and had lived there for some years, and had never rented to a Chinese tenant.

Inquiries were also started through the American Legion and the Veterans Bureau, which may lead to some information at a later date, but are as yet unproductive.

Upon receipt today of telegram from the District Director at Cincinnati reading: "Reference letter of 9th instant, look for Chan Chow Mow alias Frank C. Emow at Golden Pheasant Restaurant, Prospect Avenue, Cleveland" -- an immediate interview was had with Henry Kingsy Wong, manager of the Golden Pheasant Restaurant, 944 Prospect Avenue. Mr. Wong does not identify the photograph of "Chan Chow Mow" appearing on the application for laborer's return certificate contained in Seattle file 32/2383, but does state that for a few months up to about September, 1927, he had in his employ as a waiter a Chinese person known as Frank Chan or Chin, whose name corresponded with the first part of the signature on the Form 432 referred to, and who then lived at an address on East 20th Street. Further, that this Frank Chan (Chin) left the Golden Pheasant to go to New York City as headwaiter in a large restaurant newly established there, the name of the restaurant, however, being unknown to Henry Wong or other employees of the Golden Pheasant.

Inasmuch as the information conveyed in the Cincinnati telegram, together with what has been obtained from the manager of the Golden Pheasant, tends to

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the conclusion that one of the two persons using the name of "FRANK G. HUOY" (either the genuine native citizen or the imposter who has applied for return certificates at Cincinnati) may be in New York and that it may be possible to locate him through some of the newer restaurants there, it is respectfully suggested that the files be sent to that city for such action as can be taken.

It appears that the leads connecting the case with Cleveland all seem to refer not so much to the spurious Frank G. Huoy, but to the genuine person of the name, whose citizenship and war record etc., are fully established by the War Department record and the investigations of Inspector Watkins of the Seattle office. Of course, if this person has died, as intimated by his relatives who were interviewed by Inspector Watkins, (it has not been possible to verify such death in Cleveland), and his certificate of identity and other papers have come into the hands of the fraudulent applicant whose correct name is not known, then it seems probable that the person employed at the Golden Pheasant Restaurant, who has since gone to New York, is the one whose arrest is desired by the Bureau. This seems borne out by the statement that the man worked only a few months at the restaurant in Cleveland, although, on the other hand, the manager cannot identify the photograph of the applicant for return certificate.

At present there does not seem to be any further progress which can be made with the case here. From such confidential inquiries as it has been possible to make, it appears that the spurious applicant "Chun Chow Hoy" is not known in this city.

C. G. Winger
Immigrant Inspector.

Respectfully forwarded to District Director of Immigration, Buffalo, N. Y., inclosing Bureau file 55625/87, and three Seattle files as follows: 32/2383 (application for laborer's return certificate); 30/4353 (application of same person for native return certificate); and 37759/3610, relating to one Lum Hing, in which some of Frank Huoy's family were involved; -- with recommendation that the inclosures be forwarded to the New York office for further investigation.

J. Whickey
Inspector in Charge.

Incl. 98547

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Cincinnati. Ohio,

November 17th. 1927

Mr C. L. Palmer
Baker City, Oregon.

Dear Sir:-

Several Months ago I intened going china. But on account China's civil war, my trip was delayed.

Now, I have made a application to U. S. Immigration Bureau at Cincinnati ask for a Passport to Visit China. for instance. The Immigrantion Inspector may come my Native town to inquiry. will you kindly tell them the fact that may help the Inspector and myself to grant that Passport in early possible time.

With earnest regards to you. and best wishes to all my Neighbors.

Yours sincerely.

Frank L. Emall

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Very sincerely yours
Frank L. Emall

Very sincerely yours

Frank L. Emall

Baker City

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June 7, 1928.

Commissioner General of Immigration,
Washington, D.C.

Reference is had to letter from this office, dated April 19, 1928, copy of which is attached, in the case of CHAN CHOW MOW, alias CHOW H. MOW, alias FRANK C. EMOW, applicant for return certificate as a native born citizen.

The District Director at Cincinnati now writes in his letter of May 26th, file No. 2830/1, asking further information in the case, stating that applicant had made inquiry at this office as to what had been done. Reply to the letter of the District Director at Cincinnati is being left to the Bureau.

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Commissioner.

Enclosure No. 90965.

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IMMIGRATION SERVICE
DISTRICT No. 12

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IN ANSWERING REFER TO

No. 2830/1

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR
CINCINNATI, OHIO

May 26, 1928

Commissioner of Immigration,
Seattle, Wash.

Referring to your file 30/4353, in the case of
CHAN CHOW MOW, applicant for Form 430, in which case further
report was sent you by this office on the 20th ultimo, please
advise what action has been taken in this case.

Applicant made inquiry at this office as to what
had been done with his case.

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Thomas J. Thomas
District Director.

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April 24, 1928

Commissioner General of Immigration,
Washington, D.C.

Referring to the Bureau's telegraphic authority of April 6th, No. 55525/87, detailing Inspector W. P. Watkins of this office to Baker, Oregon, in District 26, in connection with investigation of the case of CHAN CHOW MOW, I beg to state that upon finishing the inquiry at that place Inspector Watkins found it necessary to visit Boise, Idaho, a short distance across the boundary from District 26, in order to complete the investigation, as the mother and three brothers in the Chow family, of which the present applicant claims to be a member, were found to have removed to Boise. Because of the apparent fraud in the case it was important that the investigation be completed at Boise promptly, and for this reason and in order to obviate waiting in Baker until telegraphic authority could be secured from the Bureau for travel to Boise, Inspector Watkins proceeded to the latter place immediately following the investigation at Baker. No expense was incurred for transportation to Boise and return, and the extra travel consumed but one day additional time.

It is respectfully requested, in view of the foregoing, and the emergency which existed, that authority be granted for Inspector Watkins' travel to Boise.

W.H.G: AMB

Commissioner

exact copy as signed by
Luther Weedon.

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April 19, 1928

District Director of Immigration,
Portland, Oregon.

There are returned herewith parts 1 and 2 of your file 1017/8 in re Charles Ebow and Fong Yoke, same having served their purpose. The same records were used in a recent investigation at Baker, Oregon, and Boise, Idaho, as well as being considered here, in connection with the case of an applicant at Cincinnati, Ohio, calling himself Frank G. Ebow, who alleged birth in Baker, Oregon, in 1889, and claimed to be a brother of Charlie, Sing and Jessie Ebow who are now living in Boise. It appears that the real Frank Ebow served with the American Expeditionary Forces overseas in the World War, while the applicant states that he did not register for the Draft and has never been out of the United States.

The files of this office will be available in the event any of the Ebow family (who actually belong to the "Chin" clan) should be the subject of investigation in your district.

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Exact copy as signed by
Luther Woodlin.

Commissioner

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April 19, 1928

Commissioner General of Immigration,
Washington, D.C.

Inclosed herewith for special attention of the Bureau is transcript of testimony taken at Baker, Oregon, and Boise, Idaho, in the application of CHAN CHOW NOW alias CHOW E. NOW alias FRANK C. NOW for a return certificate as a native-born citizen. This application was made at Cincinnati, Ohio. Also inclosed is a report by Inspector Watkins to me relating to this case.

The exhibits are Seattle files 30/4353, Chan Chow Now (Chow E. Now), the applicant; 32/2383, Chan Chow Now (Chow E. Now), and San Francisco file 37759/3-10, Lim Ning. An extra copy of the testimony is also inclosed herewith.

From the report of Inspector Watkins, it appears that the alleged Frank C. Now (Chan Chow Now or Chow E. Now) of Cincinnati, Ohio, is doubtless not only impersonating the real Frank C. Now, but that there are witnesses by which this can be proved beyond any doubt.

I believe that the Chinese person at Cincinnati should be arrested and brought before a United States Commissioner looking towards his deportation, and strongly recommend that from this point the case be handled with a view to the institution of criminal proceedings against the man, either under Sec. 79 of the Federal Penal Code and/or for perjury.

It is my judgment that the case affords an opportunity for prosecution that should not be overlooked. It is further my opinion that prompt and exceedingly discreet action may be necessary to effect the Chinaman's apprehension.

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Commissioner

Exhibit 1
April 19, 1928
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

DISTRICT No. 28

IN REPLYING REFER TO

No. 30/4355

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS
U. S. COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION
SEATTLE, WASH.

April 18, 1928

Commissioner of Immigration,
Seattle, Washington.

I hand you herewith record of testimony secured at Baker, formerly Baker City, Oregon, on April 11, 1928, and at Boise, Idaho, on April 12, 1928, in the case of CHAN CHOW NOW, alias CHOW E. NOW (or EMOW), alias FRANK C. EMOW, a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, and applicant for a citizen's return certificate on form 450.

The applicant claims to be one of four brothers born in Baker, Oregon, and alleges that the certificate of residence 127755 and certificate of birth of Frank C. Now signed by numerous white residents of Baker, Oregon, which he has presented are documents which refer to and belong to him. There seems to be no doubt that four sons and one daughter were born to Chin Beck or Chin Now and his wife in Baker, Oregon, and grew to maturity. The daughter, Guie, married O. H. Fong of Baker, and this couple had two sons and two daughters who are now living with their father in Baker. Guie died in Baker in 1920. Transcript of the testimony of O. H. Fong and his older son is inclosed. A number of the white residents of Baker who signed the birth certificate of Frank C. Now are dead, but I succeeded in interviewing G. W. Palmer and J. F. Ferguson, whose signatures appear on said paper. Transcript of Mr. Palmer's statement is attached hereto. I did not take a written statement from Mr. Ferguson, but both he and Mr. Palmer identified their signatures on the certificate as genuine, and stated they had written their recent letters appearing in this case pursuant to requests received by mail from Cincinnati from the person claiming to be Frank C. Now. Neither Mr. Palmer nor Mr. Ferguson could find the letters which they had received, same having evidently been destroyed. Mr. C. L. Palmer, one of the signers of the certificate of birth, was in Baker the day I was there though I could not locate him, but his nephew, G. W. Palmer, informed me that his uncle had received similar letters from Cincinnati from the person claiming to be Frank C. Now, and promised to forward them if they could be located. These letters have not come to hand and I assume they were also discarded. Mr. Ferguson informed me that the letters which he received were typewritten. Neither G. W. Palmer nor J. F. Ferguson could identify the photograph of the present applicant as that of the person whom

they knew as Frank C. Emow. O. H. Fong states that the photograph of the applicant resembles Frank Emow "no more than a jackrabbit."

It will be noted that the present applicant claims to have left Baker at the age of nine or ten years, whereas the various witnesses interviewed by me state that he was from fifteen to eighteen when he left Baker. It will be seen further that O. H. Fong claims Frank Emow worked for him a number of months in Huntington, Oregon, in 1905 and lived there with him. This was when Frank Emow was about sixteen years old and the applicant should remember the occurrence if he is telling the truth about his identity. The applicant in answer to the question as to whether he registered for the draft, stated that he did not know anything about it, and added that he thought he was in Cleveland in 1917. From the testimony secured at Baker and Boise it is shown that the real Frank Emow not only registered for the draft, but joined the American Army and went overseas during the World War, receiving the Croix de Guerre from the French Government for his service.

At Boise, Idaho, I found Charlie, Sing and Jessie Emow, the three brothers of Frank Emow, also their mother, now about seventy years old, and the wife of Charlie Emow, all living together in a small house at 618 South 17th Street. I had to wait until late in the evening before the brothers arrived home, and took a formal statement only from the oldest brother, Charlie, as my time was limited, it being eleven P.M. when I left the house and 8:15 the following morning when I left Boise. It will be noted from Charlie's statement that Frank Emow was about sixteen or seventeen when he left home (Baker, Oregon) and that he last saw Frank in 1911 at Portland, Oregon, when the latter was about twenty-two years old. The applicant should remember this occurrence if he is not an imposter. However, none of the brothers at Boise nor Charlie's wife could identify the applicant's photograph, and Charlie Emow positively stated that the picture is not that of his brother. The applicant's statement that his mother went to China about fifteen years ago and the inference that she is still in China shows his ignorance of the facts, as the mother of the Emow boys is now in Boise, where she has lived since she left Baker about four years ago.

The applicant stated in April 1927 that he heard his sister died "about 15 years ago." This woman died in Baker in 1920, according to the testimony of her husband, or but seven years prior to the date when the applicant stated she died fifteen years ago. The applicant states that he is not married. The real Frank Emow is married, according to the testimony of Charlie Emow, though word of the marriage was received only a few months ago. The genuine Frank Emow has apparently been corresponding with his relatives in Boise, Idaho, whereas it does not appear that the applicant knows where his relatives are now located, or whether or not his brothers are living. The applicant

evidently does not know the Chinese name of his brother, Charley (or Charlie) Emow. The latter is well known among the Chinese as Chin Yet, and it seems this fact should be known to members of his own family. The applicant mentions "Le Sort" and "Upper" streets in Baker. There are no such thoroughfares, but there are "Resort" and "Auburn" streets there, which may be the ones referred to. He places "Upper" next south of "Central" street. There is no Central street in Baker, but Broadway was formerly Centre street. However, Auburn is four blocks south of Broadway, the three intervening streets being Washington, Court and Valley. The necessity of having an interpreter during the applicant's examination, and his "pigeon English" as exemplified in his pronunciation of names of Baker streets, are facts in strong contrast to the ready English spoken by the Emow brothers at Boise.

It would seem that when the applicant secured possession of the certificate of residence and birth certificate which he has presented, he was also furnished information as to conditions in Baker, Oregon, as well as certain history of the Emow family which he has recited. The fact that he is an imposter is clearly shown through the war service of the real Frank C. Emow, and I have to suggest that the military record of the latter, particularly with respect to fingerprints and photograph, be secured through the proper channels with the view to securing deportation of the applicant at Cincinnati who is fraudulently impersonating the man born at Baker, Oregon. This case apparently calls for prompt as well as discreet action, now that the real facts appear to be developed. I was unable while at Boise to secure the present address of Frank C. Emow, his relatives stating that his last known address was 2574 W. 7th street, Cleveland or Cincinnati, Ohio. They added, however, that he may have gone to New York or some other Eastern city. If the military record of Frank Emow can be located his brothers at Boise and various other persons will doubtless be able to identify him as the genuine person of that name. According to the testimony he went overseas as a member of Company C, 361st Regiment, 91st Division. The inclosed photograph, taken from the Emow album at Boise, which is dated 12-10-1918, was delivered to me by Charlie Emow's wife with the understanding that it would be restored to her, and I was informed that it was taken in Pocatello. The person at the wheel of the automobile in the picture represents Frank Emow as he appeared at that time.

Incidentally, it is observed that, though an interpreter was evidently used at Cincinnati on November 17, 1927, his name does not appear in the record and mention of his presence appears only in a casual way. In the two investigations at Cincinnati last year no mention whatever is made of an interpreter, and so far as the record shows the applicant would be presumed to have testified in English. In none of the records is

it shown who questioned the applicant during his three examinations at Cincinnati. Rule 16, subdivision 4, paragraph 1, requires that the original and triplicate of the application and two or more transcripts of the testimony be forwarded to the port. In this case the duplicate copy only of form 430 has been received, and but one copy - a carbon - of the transcript of testimony. In all of these cases the testimony and reports should be forwarded in triplicate, as in the event of an appeal, one copy is necessary for the Bureau, one for the applicant's counsel and one copy for the files of this office.

An instance of fraud attempted in connection with a similar birth certificate in this same family appears in the accompanying Seattle record concerning Lim Hing, who presented a certificate evidently belonging to Jessie Emow. That fraudulent attempt involved Charlie Emow, but as yet I have no reason to believe he is responsible for the present case.

W. F. Watkins
W. F. Watkins
Immigrant Inspector

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Immigration Service
District No. 28

No. 30/4353.

Case of:

CHAN CHOW MCW, alias
CHOW E. HOW (or EMOW), alias
FRANK C. EMOW, Cincinnati, Ohio,
applicant for citizen's return
certificate, form 430, alleging
birth in Baker City, Oregon.

District Headquarters
U. S. Commissioner of Immigration
Seattle, Wash.

Investigation conducted by W. F.
Watkins, Immigrant Inspector.

Witness, O. H. Fong, duly
sworn, testified as follows
in English:

Testimony taken at The Golden Lantern
(Cafe), 1932 Court street, Baker,
Oregon, April 11, 1928.

Q. What is your name? A. O. H. Fong.
Q. What is your Chinese name? A. Fong Jee Gin, boyhood name.
Q. Did you take a marriage name? A. No, I was married in this country.
That is the only name I go by.
Q. How old are you? A. I don't really recall the exact year now, but my
record is all in the life insurance company. I am not quite seventy.
Q. Where were you born? A. Dutch Flat, California.
Q. Have you ever been out of the United States? A. Just for about two
years in school in China; then come back.
Q. Through what port and when did you enter the United States? A. Do you
remember Dennis Kearney, who tried to drive the Chinese out of the
United States? It was about that time that I came back. I came
through San Francisco. I don't remember how old I was. I can not tell
now. I thought things like that would not be important to me any more.
Q. How long have you lived in Baker? A. About 37 or 40 years.
Q. Did you get a certificate of residence - a "check chee"? A. Yes,
my name on it was Oscar Fong. But I don't know where it is now.
I got it in Boise, Idaho.
Q. What is your occupation? A. I was a merchant, but I quit since my
wife died.
Q. When did your wife die? A. In 1920, in Baker.
Q. How many wives have you had? A. Only one.
Q. What was her name? A. Cuie Fong. Before she was married she was
Cuie Emow.
Q. Who were her parents? A. Her father was Chin Emow.

Q. Where was your wife born? A. Right here in Baker.

Q. Did she have any brothers or sisters? A. No sisters, four brothers. Charlie - Sing - Frank - Jessie. That was in the order of their ages.

Q. Where is Charlie Emow now? A. I don't know where he is.

Q. Do you know where Sing is? A. I don't know.

Q. Do you know where Frank is? A. Frank was in the Army, but I think he died in Cleveland.

Q. Do you know where Jessie Emow is? A. No, I don't know.

Q. Was any of these Emow boys ever married? A. Yes, Charlie was married, but I don't know where his wife is. She was a Chinese woman. I suppose she is wherever he is now.

Q. Was Charlie Emow in Boise the last you heard of him? A. Yes.

Q. When did Frank Emow die? A. Last summer sometime, but I don't know the exact date.

Q. Did he go overseas at the time of the World War? A. Yes, oh yes, he fought until the last minute.

Q. Do you know where he enlisted? A. Boise. No, he registered in Boise, but I think he enlisted in Seattle and went to Camp Lewis.

Q. Do you know his Chinese name? A. No.

Q. Have you any photographs of any of these boys? A. No.

Q. How old would Frank Emow be now if living? A. I don't know, but after my wife was born came one sister, and she died and then Frank was born.

Q. How long since Frank Emow left Baker City? A. I don't remember.

Q. Was he ever married so far as you know? A. No, he was not married.

Q. Did any of the Emow boys ever make a trip back to China? A. No, none of them, and my wife has never been to China, either.

Q. Have you seen Frank Emow since the war? A. No, not for eight or nine years before the war.

Q. How many children have you, Mr. Fong? A. Four - Arthur Fong, 26, not married, born in Weiser, Idaho. Edwin Fong, 25, born in Baker, Oregon. Two daughters, Marjorie, 16, and Christine, 14. Both girls born in Baker.

Q. Is your wife's mother still living? A. Yes, at Boise.

Q. Could Frank Emow speak good English? A. Yes, and he wrote a beautiful hand in English.

Q. Where was Frank Emow born? A. Here in Baker.

Q. Were you here in Baker when he was born? A. No.

Q. Is your wife's father living? A. No, he died here in Baker 23 years ago. He is still buried here.

Q. When you first came to Baker how many Chinese were here? A. Not so many in the summertime, but in the winter time they all flocked in from the mining camps. Maybe 500.

Q. When did the Chinese population in Baker drop off? A. Gradually. Of course, there were more here in the winter time. Ten or fifteen years ago there were about fifty. Not so many now.

Q. Was your wife ever known as Chin Gow? A. No, I told you Chin Guie. (Spells name in English) - C-u-i-e.

Q. Do you know Jessie's Chinese name? A. They all called him Jessie.

Q. Do you know anyone named Chin Jo? A. No.

Q. How old was Frank Emow when he left Baker? A. He finished the Sixth Grade in school here, either the fifth or sixth, and then he left Baker. He was about 17 when he left. But then he is dead anyway.

Q. Do you know where he went when he left Baker? A. He went to Seattle. He was also in Portland. He enlisted in Seattle.

Q. Do you remember the Lewis & Clark Fair at Portland in 1905? A. Yes.

Q. Where was Frank Emow then? A. He was working for me in Huntington. I was running a restaurant there at that time and he was working around for me and could wait on table pretty good. I remember the Boxer War, too (1900.) I think Frank Emow was going to school in Baker at the time of the Boxer War.

Q. What year did you marry? A. I was married about 19 months when my first boy was born.

Q. (To Arthur Fong): When were you born? A. April 14, 1900.

Q. (To C. H. Fong): Where was Frank Emow when you married his sister? A. In Baker.

Q. Then you must have married in 1898? A. I think so.

Q. At the time you married was your wife's father still living? A. Yes, he was living here in Baker and gave his consent to the marriage.

Q. How long after your marriage did your wife's father die? A. A little over a year or a year and a half.

Q. At the time you married were all of your wife's brothers living here in Baker with their parents? A. Yes, all of them, Charlie, Sime, Frank and Jessie.

Q. Which of the four Emow boys left Baker first? A. I think Frank.

Q. How long after you were married did he leave? A. Not very long, and then he came back and worked for me about six months up at Huntington. He did not get any pay; just worked there for his board. He lived there in the same house with me and my wife and son, upstairs.

Q. Did you have any children at that time? A. My oldest boy, that's all.

Q. You have never had any communication from Frank since he left Baker? A. They never write to me, nor to their sister, even.

Q. Mr. Fong, do you know the person in that picture? (Indicating photograph attached to certificate of residence No. 127755 in Seattle file 30/4353, which certificate is in the name Chow E. Now.) A. I don't remember when he was little like that.

Q. Can you recognize the person in that photograph (attached to duplicate form 430 dated Cincinnati, Ohio, November 17, 1927, in Seattle file 30/4353)? A. No, sir, I do not.

Q. The person whose picture I have last shown you claims to be Frank Enew and is now living in Cincinnati. A. So far as I know Frank Enew is dead.

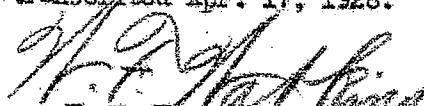
Q. Does the photograph on that form 430 look like Frank Enew as he was when you last saw him? A. No. No more than a jackrabbit.

Q. Where was Frank Enew in training during the war? A. At Camp Lewis, Washington. He took out \$10,000 insurance and I tried to find out through the American Legion when he died if he had kept up his insurance. But I didn't find out.

(Read back to witness before signing, and acknowledged by him to be correct.)

(Signed in English) O. H. Fong.

Certified correct. Four
copies transcribed Apr. 17, 1928.


W. F. Watkins

Immigrant Inspector.

Witness, Arthur Fong,
duly sworn, testified as
follows in English:

Testimony taken at The Golden Lantern
(Cafe), 1952 Court street, Baker,
Oregon, April 11, 1928.

Q. What is your name? A. Arthur Fong.
Q. Have you a Chinese name? A. Not that I know of.
Q. Is this your father, Mr. C. H. Fong? A. Yes.
Q. And is this your brother present, Edwin? A. Yes.
Q. What is your age and where were you born? A. I will be 28 on April
14th; born in Weiser, Idaho.
Q. Have you ever been out of the United States? A. No.
Q. Have you ever been married? A. No.
Q. What is the name of your mother? A. Quie Emow, so far as I know.
Q. Is your mother living? A. Dead. She died about eight years ago in
Baker.
Q. What brothers and sisters, if any, did your mother have?
A. Dad spoke of a sister dead. I didn't know anything about it till
now. Mother had four brothers, that's all.
Q. Can you name those brothers? A. Beginning with the oldest, Charlie -
Sing - Frank - Jessie.
Q. Do you know where those four boys are now? A. No, except one of them
is dead.
Q. Which is the one who is dead? A. Frank.
Q. When and where did he die? A. He died sometime last summer in Cleve-
land, Ohio.
Q. How did you learn of his death? A. We got a notice, I don't know
who it was. Someone who went through his papers and they saw he
lived here at one time. It was a notice sent to a Chinese store over
here.
Q. Do you know how old Frank would be now if living? A. My mother
would be forty-six, and Frank is younger than my mother.
Q. Did Frank enlist during the war and go overseas? A. I think he
enlisted. I don't think he was drafted.
Q. Did he go overseas? A. Yes.
Q. Do you know what company he was in? A. He was in the 91st Division,
the 361st Infantry.
Q. How did you hear about his being in the army?

By Mr. C. H. Fong: The French Government sent him a medal, kind of
bronze. It was to be given by the Governor of Idaho on the 4th of July.
I went up but Frank was there not there. The Governor was disappointed.
He was brave. He fight, all right.

By Arthur Fong: The French Government sent a Croix de Guerre to the
Governor of Idaho to be conferred upon Frank, and the way it was, he was
not even there, I think. There was an article in the local paper here
in Baker at the time the 91st Division came back. Of course, as you will
remember, the 91st Division was recruited from the Northwest, and pretty
nearly everyone had someone in there from this part of the country.

Q. Did Frank Emow ever come back to Oregon after the war? A. So far as I know he never did.

Q. Is your mother's mother still living? A. Yes. So far as I know, at Boise.

Q. Did she ever go back to China? A. Not so far as I know. She went from here to Boise about four years ago, and we have never had word that she is dead. I just presume she is still there. When she first went to Boise she lived with Charlie Emow. He was there four years ago.

Q. Would you be able to identify a photograph of Frank Emow at this time? A. No.

(Statement read back to witness before signing, and acknowledged by him to be correct.)

(Signed in English) Arthur Fong.

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W. F. Fong
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Immigrant Inspector.

Witness, G. W. Palmer,
duly sworn, testified
as follows:

Testimony taken at 1801 Main street,
Baker, Oregon, April 12, 1928.

Q. What is your name? A. G. W. Palmer.
Q. Your business? A. Jewelry.
Q. How long have you lived in Baker? A. Since 1876.
Q. Is this your signature, G. W. Palmer, appearing on "Certificate of Birth of Frank G. Emow", witnessed and sealed by Edwin W. Reynolds, notary public, October 10, 1898? A. Yes, that is mine all right.
Q. Did you know the Emow family here in Baker? A. Yes.
Q. How many children were there? A. There was Charlie, Frank, Cuie and Sing, and then there may have been a younger one.
Q. Was Cuie a girl? A. Yes.
Q. Whom did she marry? A. She married O. H. Fong.
Q. Where is Cuie now? A. She is dead, I think. You know Fong, here, has two boys and two girls. Sometime in the last ten years, I guess she died.
Q. Do you know where Charlie Emow is now? A. No, but I think he is out in Weiser, somewhere up in Idaho. I am not sure.
Q. Do you know where Sing is? A. No.
Q. Do you know where Frank Emow is? A. No.
Q. Where were these Emow children born? A. They were born in Baker. I think all of them were born here.
Q. When did you last see Frank Emow, or how old was he when you last saw him? A. I should judge he was about fifteen or sixteen the last time I saw him. He may have been eighteen when he left here. I would just judge that age by remembering him as he was the last time I saw him.
Q. Is this your letter dated Baker, Oregon, May 16, 1927, addressed "To whom it may concern", and acknowledging your signature on the certificate of birth of Frank G. Emow? A. Yes.
Q. How did you come to write that letter? A. As I remember that, I got a letter requesting a statement of that kind. That he wanted to make a trip. I think he said he wanted to go over to China, you know, and he needed that fixed up that way.
Q. Have you that letter from him? A. No, I don't believe that I could find it. I will look around in my papers here. I will send them to you if I can find them. They might help you some. There are several other fellows here in town got letters from him about that time. I think my uncle Charlie did.
Q. Have you received any later letter about this matter? A. I believe I got a letter within the last three months saying that there would be someone here to investigate this thing, and to help out on it what I could. I think that is the gist of it.

Q. Have you any way of knowing whether or not those letters were written by the genuine Frank Emow? A. No.

Q. Would you know his handwriting if you should see it? A. No.

Q. Were those letters purporting to be from him written in longhand or on the typewriter? A. I don't remember.

Q. Do you know whether or not Frank Emow enlisted during the war? A. I never heard.

Q. Do you know whether the real Frank Emow is still living? A. No, I do not.

Q. All you know is that you signed those papers for a boy who you know was born in Baker? A. Yes, those are all right. No question about that.

Q. But you haven't seen Frank Emow since he was from fifteen to eighteen years old? A. I think not since he was about that age.

Q. Would you know him if you should see him now? A. I believe I would because I knew him very well. I believe I would know his voice today. You know how you know a man's voice lots of times better than you remember him.

Q. Can you identify that photograph (attached to duplicate form 430, dated Cincinnati, November 17, 1927, in Seattle file 30/4353)? A. No, I could not identify that.

Q. Did Frank Emow speak good English? A. Yes.

(Statement read back to witness before signing.)

(Signed) G. W. Palmer.

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W. F. Watkins
Immigrant Inspector.

Witness, Charles Chin Yet Emow,
duly sworn, testified as follows
in English:

Testimony taken at 618 South 17th
street, Boise, Idaho, April 12,
1928.

Q. What is your name? A. My true name is Charles Chin Yet Emow.
Q. How old are you? A. I was born in 1877. I am fifty. Will be
fifty-one this Fall.
Q. Are you married? A. Yes, sir. My wife's name is Lucille Emow,
or Yuen Chi Lin. I married her in Portland, Oregon, October 27,
1906, by Rev. F. L. Young, Methodist preacher. We married in a
rooming house.
Q. Did you ever have any children? A. We had two girls and one boy,
and they all died. They were born in Boise.
Q. Where were you born? A. In Baker City, Oregon.
Q. Have you ever been out of the United States? A. No sir.
Q. Give the names of your brothers and sisters and their whereabouts.
Q. My second brother is Chin Sing Emow, no American name. He is living
in this house with me now. He has never been married. He has
never been out of the United States. Cuie, my sister, was next.
She married G. H. Fong of Baker, Oregon, and she died in Baker in
1920. The next one is Frank or Chin Jew. The last letter I got from
him I heard he was married. He is somewhere in the East.
Q. Has he ever been out of the United States? A. Yes, he has been over
to the World War.
Q. In what Division did he serve? A. In the 91st Division, his
Regiment was the 361st Infantry, Company C.
Q. Was he ever decorated by the French Government? A. Yes, it is in the
paper here. (Refers to newspaper article in scrapbook.)
Q. When did you last hear from Frank? A. About three months ago was the
last letter we had from him. And my wife got a Christmas card from
him last Christmas, 1927. (Christmas card exhibited reads: "From
Frank and Anna.")
Q. Do you know whose picture that is (attached to certificate of
residence 127785)? A. That looks like Frank.
Q. When did you last see your brother Frank? A. When we went down to
the Rose Carnival in 1911 at Portland, Oregon.
Q. Can you identify that picture (attached to duplicate copy of form
430, dated Cincinnati, Ohio, November 17, 1927, in Seattle file 30/
4353)? A. No.
Q. Does that look anything like Frank? A. I don't think so. I would
not call that him. Frank has a broad face.
Q. Did you ever hear that Frank was dead? A. I heard he was, but that
was before we got that letter two or three months ago. Somebody
told us in Baker that somebody killed him or that he died.
Q. You don't believe now that he is dead? A. No, not since we got those
letters two or three months ago.

Q. Who was your next brother after Frank? A. Jessie. They also call him James. His Chinese name is Chin Yow. He lives with us here in this same house, and he is single.

Q. Were all of you children born in Baker, Oregon? A. Yes.

Q. And is this your mother living here with you? A. Yes.

Q. Have any of the children ever been out of the United States except Frank? A. No.

Q. The person whose photograph was last shown you is posing as Frank Emow, and claims to have been born in Baker, Oregon. What have you to say to that about that? A. I say absolutely no, that's all there is to it.

Q. Then that is not your brother? A. No sir.

Q. Do you know Frank's last address? (Produces Christmas card marked 2574 W. 7th st. - presumably Cleveland, Ohio.)

Q. How old was Frank the last time you saw him? A. About twenty-two.

Q. How old was he when he left Baker? A. He was fifteen when he went to Portland, and he went back and forth. I guess he was about sixteen or seventeen when he left home.

(Signed in English) Chas. Chin Yet Emow.

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W. F. Watkins
Immigrant Inspector.

LAW OFFICES OF
AUGUST J. KNAPP
1408 TRACTION BUILDING
PHONE MAIN 592
CINCINNATI, OHIO

March 22, 1928.

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Hon. Thomas Thomas,
U. S. District Director of Immigration,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

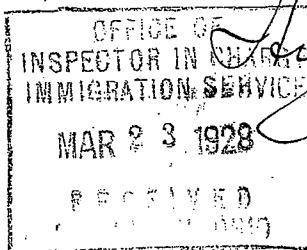
In re: CHIN DU MOW (Frank C. Emow)

I call your attention to the fact that on or about Dec. 3, 1927 examination of Chin Du Mow (Applicant for Form 430) was conducted by your office and the record then forwarded for confirmation of the fact of birth.

In view of the fact that almost four months have elapsed since the examination, will you be kind enough to ascertain for me the cause of delay, and also when we can expect a decision in the matter.

Yours very truly,

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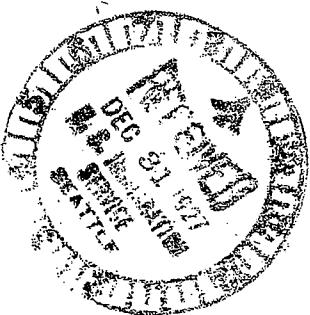
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

DISTRICT No. 29

IN ANSWERING REFER TO

NO.



30/4353
DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR
307 NEW POST OFFICE BUILDING
PORTLAND, OREG.

December 30, 1927.

Commissioner of Immigration,
Seattle, Washington.

Inclosed herewith please find your file No. 30/4353 in re CHAN CHOW MOW (CHOW E. MOW), which was handed me recently in Seattle for use in such investigation as I might be able to make in connection with a recent detail to District No. 26. I had no opportunity for making an investigation of this matter at Baker as there were no other cases requiring my presence there and traveling expense could not be incurred in connection with pre-investigation of citizenship.

A search of the Portland files, however, reveals three cases which I believe will be of interest and assistance in this matter. Portland files No. 1017/5 concerning Charles Emow and Fong Yoke, and No. 5017/52 concerning Lim Hing relate to the birth in Baker City, Oregon, of certain Chinese persons who would be related to the present applicant were he the genuine person he claims to be. I am suggesting to the District Director at this port that he forward you the above files, from which you will note that your records therein are Port Townsend Nos. (2610) and (2394) and Seattle No. (37759/3-10, respectively. It will be seen in the Lim Hing case that he was attempting to establish citizenship and in such attempt was fraudulently using a document originally made out in the name Jessie Y. Emow, which had been altered to show the name of Lim Hing. The memorandum of Inspector Mangels, dated December 9, 1927, has already pointed the disparities existing between the picture of the present applicant and that attached to C.R. 127735, and other adverse circumstances such as failure of the present applicant to register for the World War, his inability to testify in English, etc., etc., are such as to reflect adversely on his claims. It would appear that this is very probably another case of attempted substitution similar to that in the Lim Hing matter. There would appear to be no

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reason to question the genuineness of the birth in Baker City of Frank C. Emow, but it is apparent that the present applicant is falsely claiming to be that person.



W. F. Watkins
Immigrant Inspector.

WFW:MK
Incl.

P. S.

To properly complete the record in this matter I believe there should be an appropriate inquiry made at Baker, Oregon, whenever such action is feasible.

Reference is made in this matter to Seattle records 1272 and 1910/12-13 relating to FONG YOKE, which contain information of value.



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

DISTRICT No. 28

IN REPLYING REFER TO

No.

30/4353, Chan Chow Mow.

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS
U. S. COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION
SEATTLE, WASH.

December 9, 1927.

Memorandum for Mr. Faris.

I am satisfied that CHAN CHOW MOW is attempting a fraud in seeking the issuance of Form 430.

I do not believe that the photographs on Forms 430 and 432 represent the same person whose likeness appears on certificate of residence 127735. The child has a forehead so high that it amounts almost to a deformity. (The fact that the child's head is shaved is not overlooked in the making of this statement.) The man's photographs show a forehead of average height.

The child is shown to have a rather large mouth for one so young (no more than six years old), and his face, for his years, expresses unusual intelligence and strength of character. The man, however, has a small mouth, with thick lips, mouth open, his face expressing no great intelligence nor decision of character. That a child's mouth should develop into a larger, firmer one in manhood is natural and to be expected. In this case, we are asked to believe that the reverse development took place, the mouth becoming smaller and more childlike with advancing age. This is decidedly contrary to general experience.

A close inspection of the ears of the two subjects, infant and adult, particularly the right ear, shows that they differ decidedly. The lobes of the child's ears are much broader, larger and more extended from the head than the man's. The folds of the ears are different in the two persons. The shape of the ears generally is different, both toward the top and in the aural opening.

The nose of a human being from childhood to maturity changes much, it is realized. But allowing for this, I am convinced that a nose of the shape of that of the present applicant has not developed from one like the child's.

The fact that the present applicant cannot speak English sufficiently well to testify without the aid of the interpreter, after a claimed continuous residence in the United States of almost forty years, and requested the interpreter to put the questions in Chinese, and insisted on giving his answers in Chinese, is highly significant, especially when considered in connection with his account as to the whereabouts of his alleged mother, sister and brothers, and his vast ignorance concerning them; the various contradictions between the testimony he gave when

asking a laborer's return certificate, and his testimony now when seeking the issuance of Form 430. The mere fact that he applied in the first instance for Form 432 evidences a consciousness on his part of lack of merit in the present application. A man approximately forty years old, who has never been out of the United States, should be able to speak and understand his mother tongue without the least difficulty. A contrary condition is conceivable, but in such case the most convincing explanation should be forthcoming for the inability to comply with this most reasonable requirement. The trite statement that applicant associated only or mainly with Chinese is not an explanation. That applicant should prefer to speak a foreign tongue, Chinese, and be able to understand and express himself in it better than in English, is conclusive evidence that he has not been in this country all his life. In all likelihood, he has entered this country since the period of the World War. He states that he did not register for service in the war, claiming at one time that he knew nothing about being required to register in the service, and again that though he heard the matter talked of he didn't know what it was about, and again that he didn't think he would be wanted.

How the applicant came into possession of the certificate of residence he has presented is, of course, unknown, though he could have accomplished this in any one of a number of ways.

The San Francisco office may have some record of the Certificate of Residence in question, and the Bureau files may show facts of interest concerning it.

If a child, Frank C. Emow, was born in Baker City, Ore., Feb. 25, 1889, as seems probable from the certificate in evidence dated Oct. 10, 1898, certainly the applicant has not shown that he is ~~that~~ the person therein referred to.

G.H. Mangels

Immigrant Inspector G.H. Mangels.

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