

The National Archives at Kansas City



What is the National Archives?



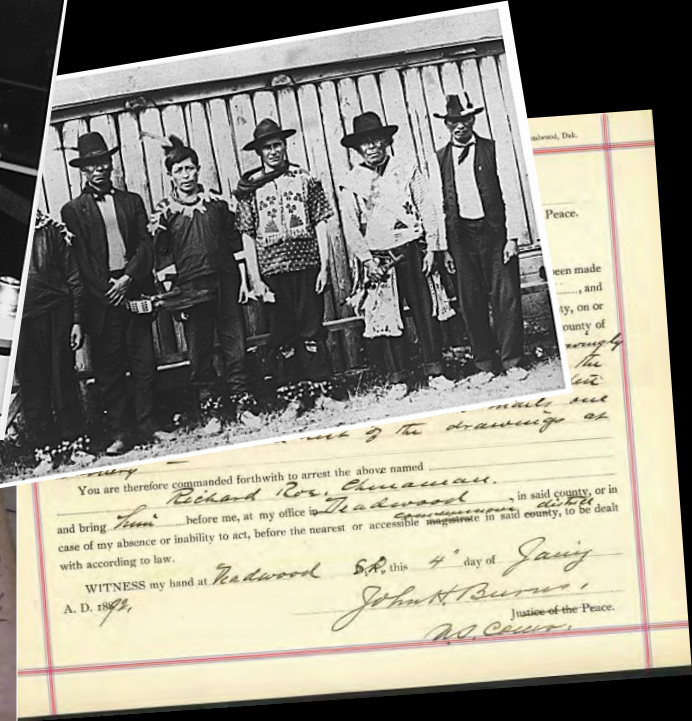
- The Archives preserves the permanent records of the Federal Government for the people of the United States.
- The National Archives at Kansas City is one of 13 regional branches of the National Archives.

The Archives at KC

- We hold records created by field offices of agencies in our region.

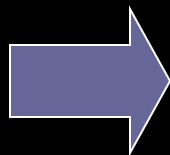


THE PARKER SHOWS
JUNE CELEBRATION BURLINGTON.
ONE WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 24



The Life Cycle of Federal Records

Records are created



Stored and used



Old permanent records are sent to the National Archives



Old temporary records are destroyed



In the Stacks

*Over 60,000 cubic feet of original records
from over 90 Federal agencies*

- Iowa
- Kansas
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- North Dakota
- South Dakota



What Is There To Do at the Archives?

- Explore our exhibit galleries
- Watch *Democracy Starts Here* (11 min film)
- Research your family history
- Attend a genealogy workshop, author lecture, or film series

Events

- Contact us to set up a tour or arrange to hold a meeting at our facility



Children's Programs

- Tours and activities available on request



Our Research Rooms



- Genealogists
- Teachers
- Students
- Authors
- Historians
- Attorneys
- Film Makers

A Few of Our Treasures . . .



- Leavenworth Penitentiary inmate files and mugshots
- Naturalization records
- Federal court records
- Federal land records
- Bureau of Indian Affairs records

Leavenworth Penitentiary

- About 70,000 prisoners from all over the United States arrived at Leavenworth Penitentiary between 1895 and 1952
- Name index, 1895-1931, on our website
- Most files contain mugshot, information on sentence, background of prisoner, medical records, record of letters sent and received, work record, etc.

One of four men sentenced to life for robbing a mail train in Richardson County, Nebraska in 1909, Frank Grigware escaped and fled to Canada. Identified 24 years later, he was never extradited.

\$100 REWARD \$100

FRANK GRIGWARE, No. 6768
Aliases James Gordon, E. E. Hollingshead
Escaped from the United States Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas, April 21, 1910.



DESCRIPTION: White, age 23 (in 1909), height 5 feet 5½ inches in bare feet, weight 161 pounds, fair complexion, light brown hair, blue eyes, light brown beard. Scar ¼ inch oblique inner at 3d phalanx left 3d finger front. Small scar of ¼ inch vertical at 2d phalanx right thumb rear. Pit scar at ½ inch below right eye; 2d and 3d toes of each foot web.

RECEIVED November 19, 1909, from Omaha, Nebraska, under sentence of life for robbing U. S. mail train. Occupation, carpenter. Residence, Spokane, Washington.

BERTILLON	174.8, 182.0, 93.5, 19.7, 16.4, 14.0, 6.4, 25.7, 11.5, 9.3, 47.8.
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Finger print classification:

25	10	14
9	00	

\$100.00 Reward will be paid for his delivery, after identification has been made, to an authorized officer of this Penitentiary.

Arrest and wire:
A. V. ANDERSON, Warden

Naturalization Records

- No central index exists
- Records of naturalizations in Federal Courts are at the National Archives
- Many indexes are posted on our website

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION No. 67
(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

United States of America In the United States District Court
District of Nebraska, at North Platte, Nebraska
North Platte Division of Nebraska, North Platte, Nebr

Chin Wing Sew (Ping Chin)
501 Dewey St., North Platte, Lincoln Co., Nebr. My occupation is Cook

(1) My name is **Chin Wing Sew (Ping Chin)**
(2) My present place of residence is **501 Dewey St., North Platte, Lincoln Co., Nebr.** My occupation is **Cook**
(3) I am **32** years old. (4) I was born on **January 25, 1913** in **Wong Tsung, Canton China**
(5) My personal description is as follows: Sex **Male** Race **Chinese** Color of eyes **Yellow** Color of hair **Brown**
Height **5** feet **2** inches, weight **115** pounds, visible **right eyebrow** line scar above
color of hair **Brown** present nationality **Chinese** race **oriental**

(6) I am **not** married; the name of my wife **xxxxx Yee Yonn Gin** to whom I was married on **4/1932**
at **Wong Tsung, China** she was born at **Toi Shan, Canton China**
do not know (date of marriage) and entered the United States at **X**
(7) I have **X** children; and by name, sex, date and place of birth, and present place of residence of each of said children who is living, are as follows:
Chin, Fee Gunn (female) about 1933- Toi Shan, Canton China
lives at Wong Tsung, China

(8) My last place of foreign residence was **Wong Tsung, Canton, China** (10) I emigrated to the United States from
Mong Kong, China (11) My lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was
at **San Francisco, California** under the name of **Chin Wing Sew**
on **April 16, 1924** as **SS President Wilson**

(12) Since my lawful entry for permanent residence I have **not** been absent from the United States, for a period or periods of 6 months or longer, as follows:

DEPARTED FROM THE UNITED STATES			RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES		
PORT	DATE (Month, day, year)	VESSEL OR OTHER MEANS OF CONVEYANCE	PORT	DATE (Month, day, year)	VESSEL OR OTHER MEANS OF CONVEYANCE
San Francisco Cal.	3/11/32	Fres: Hoover	Hong Kong China	3/7/33	Fres: Jackson

(13) I have **not** heretofore made declaration of intention: No. _____ on _____ at _____ in the _____ of _____

(14) It is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States and to reside permanently therein. (15) I will, before being admitted to citizenship, renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which at the time of admission to citizenship I may be a subject or citizen. (16) I am not an anarchist nor a believer in the unlawful damage, injury, or destruction of property, or sabotage; nor a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government; nor a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disturbance in or opposition to organized government. (17) I certify that the photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of me and was signed by me. I do declare (affirm) that the statements I have made and the intentions I have expressed in this declaration of intention subscribed by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Chin Wing Sew
Subscribed and sworn to before me in the form of oath shown above in the office of the Clerk of said Court, at **North Platte, Nebraska** this **4th** day of **December**, anno Domini **1945** I hereby certify that the Commission of Immigration and Naturalization, showing the lawful entry for permanent residence of the declarant above named on the date stated in this declaration of intention, has been received by me, and that the photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of the declarant.

MARY A. MULLEN
Clerk of the U.S. District Court.
By **Edith Ritner** Deputy Clerk.

Form N-315
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
(Edition of 1-13-41)

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Bureau of Indian Affairs

- Records vary widely in date range and content
- Name indexes do not exist for most series
- Extensive finding aids have been created by staff to assist researchers

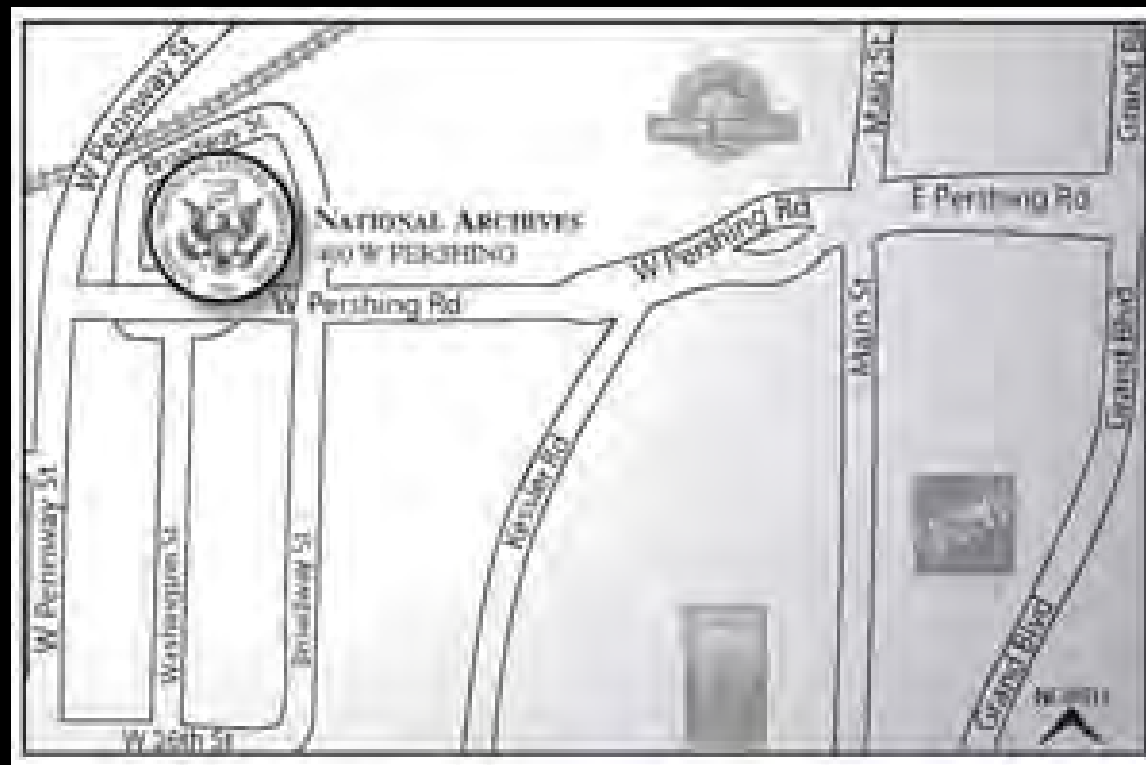
Letter from James McLaughlin directing the arrest of Sitting Bull.

430 P. M.,
United States Indian Service,
Standing Rock Agency,
December 14, 1890.
Lieut. Bull Head or Shave Head,
Grand River,
From report brought by Scout
"Hawk Indian" I believe that the time
has arrived for the arrest of Sitting
Bull and that it can be made
by the Indian Police without much
risk. — I therefore want you to
make the arrest before day light
tomorrow morning, and try and
get back to the Sitting Bull road
crossing of Oak Creek by daylight
tomorrow morning as soon
after as possible. The Cavalry
will leave here tonight and
will reach the Sitting Bull crossing
on Oak Creek before daylight
tomorrow (Monday) morning, where
they will remain until they

A Final Note on Research--What You Won't Find at the National Archives

- Birth, marriage, and death records
- Wills & probate records
- Newspapers
- Family histories
- County court records
- Church records

Where Is the Archives?



Questions?

- Main tel. 816-268-8000
- Email: kansascity.archives@nara.gov
- Research Rooms: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesday thru Saturday; Exhibits: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tuesday thru Saturday
- We are closed on Mondays and all Federal holidays