

Partial Census figures and other vital data for Chinese living in Wyoming from 1869-1890

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Special Census of Wyoming Territory for 1869

County	House Number	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Length of Residence in U.S.	Length of Residence in Territory	Intends to become resident
Carter	553	Hop See Lu	25	M	Washer	10 years May	4 weeks	D
Carter	554	Hop See Healy	18	F	Washer	10 years May	4 weeks	D
Carter	587	Ching John	23	M	Washer	6 years May	4 weeks	D
Carter	588	Ching H	25	M	Washer	6 years May	4 weeks	D
Carter	589	Chung John	28	M	Washer	10 years May	4 weeks	D
Carter	590	Hing K	22	M	Washer	10 years June	2 weeks	D
Carter	591	Hing J	32	M	Washer	11 years June	2 weeks	D
							Chinese bone tooth brush from Evanston Chinatown	



Table 2. Chinese living in Sweetwater and Uinta Counties in 1870

(9th Census of the U.S.)*

County	Place	Male	Female	Total	Occupation
Sweetwater	Washakie Section Camp	13	0	13	Laborers
Sweetwater	Red Desert Section Camp	12	0	12	Laborers
Sweetwater	Table Rock Section Camp	8	0	8	Laborers
Sweetwater	Granger Section Camp	13	0	13	Laborers
Uinta	Church Buttes Section Camp	11	0	11	Laborers

Uinta	Bridger Station	6	0	6	Laborers
Sweetwater	Black Buttes Section Camp	6	0	6	Laborers
Sweetwater	Bitter Creek	13	0	13	Laborers
Sweetwater	Creston	14	0	14	Laborers
	TOTALS	96	0	96	

* The 1870 Census does not list any Chinese living in Rock Springs. The total population for Uinta County in 1870 was 856. Sweetwater counties total population was 1,923. Both counties were from border to border (i.e. Utah/Colorado to Montana) in 1870. The figure of 1,923 was a total of numbers listed within the census summary for 1870 (9th Census of the U.S.).

Table 3. Chinese living in Sweetwater County in 1880 by select households. Note: This does not include all the Chinese in Sweetwater County.

(10th Census of the U.S. 1880)

Place	Male	Female	Total	Occupation
Miner's Delight	3	0	3	Gold Miner
Atlantic City	6	0	6	Gold Miner
Red Canyon	1	0	1	Gold Miner
Fort Washakie	1	0	1	Servant
Rock Springs	57	0	57	Coal Miner
Rock Springs	8	1	9	Cooks
Rock Springs	4	0	4	Laborers
Rock Springs	1	0	1	Gambler
Rock Springs	1	0	1	Priest
Rock Springs	1	0	1	Barber

Green River	11	0	11	Laborers
Green River	5	2	7	Servants
Green River	3	0	3	Cooks
Green River	2	0	2	Wash house
Green River	1	0	1	Waiter
Green River	1	0	1	Doctor
Laurence	4	0	4	Laborers
Bryan	4	0	4	Laborers
Marston Station	5	0	5	Laborers
Granger	8	0	8	Laborers
Baxter Station	4	0	4	Laborers
Salt Wells Station	4	0	4	Laborers
Thayer	3	0	3	Laborers
Point of Rocks Station	3	0	3	Laborers
Hallville Station	3	0	3	Laborers
Black Buttes Station	3	0	3	Laborers
Bitter Creek Station	2	0	2	Laborers
Bitter Creek Station	1	0	1	Cook
Table Rock Station	4	0	4	Laborers
Red Desert Station	4	0	4	Laborers
Washakie Station	7	0	7	Laborers

Fillmore Station	25	0	25	Laborers
TOTALS	190	3	193	

* The total population for Sweetwater County in 1880 was 2561. In some section camps, such as Table Rock, there were 6 residents in 1880; four were Chinese.

Table 4. Uinta County Assessor Assessment Roll, 1890

(from Wyoming State Historic Archives, Cheyenne).

Names Amounts Forwarded	Address Post Office	Description of Section
Hong Ah Koon	Evanston	No Data
Ling Lee	Evanston	House Nos. 125, 205, 203, 120
Kim Ling	Evanston	House No. 150
Hong Sling	Pocatello, Idaho	House No. 199
Wong Que	Salt Lake City, Utah	House No. 129
Chui Mow	Evanston	House No. 137
Sing Lee	Park City	House No. 124
Yik Tah	Evanston	House No. 127
Mark Gee	Evanston	House No. 201
China Free Masons	Evanston	House No. 202
Ah Fook	Evanston	House No. 134
Hock Shay	Evanston	House No. 200
Ah Ou	Evanston	House No. 128
Hong King Tong	Evanston	House No. 131
Tru Ying	Evanston	House Nos. 130, 123
Hong Sling	Evanston	House No. 138
Ching Foo	Evanston	Garden and Shanty
Ah Say	Evanston	House no number*
Mark Low	Evanston	"
Hong Luing	Evanston	"

Mark Ling	Evanston	"
Mark Hong	Evanston	"
Louie Gee	Evanston	"
Yee Lung	Evanston	"
Ah Ching	Evanston	"
Ah Tong	Evanston	"
Dip Yee	Evanston	"
Ah Charley	Evanston	"
Jim Lit	Evanston	"

*These house were owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company and were located in Chinatown.

Table 5. Chinese listed on the Cheyenne 1875 Census

(from Wyoming State Historic Archives, Cheyenne)

Name	Age	Sex	Race	Cannot Read*	Cannot Write
Ah Lee	18	F	Chinese	X	X
Linn	30	M	Chinese	X	X
Heopp Lee	44	M	Chinese	X	X
Heopp Quann	42	M	Chinese	X	X
Shi Sun	24	M	Chinese	X	X
Hong Wang	50	M	Chinese	X	X
Mark Song	42	M	Chinese	X	X
Jimm Wang	26	M	Chinese	X	X

* It is hard to determine if this is a valid response since the Chinese immigrants may have been able to read Chinese, but not English.

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