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Our America
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Museum Visit

Museum of Chinese in America

The museum of Chinese in America was founded in 1980 in Manhattan Chinatown, the museum began as New York by a Man by the name of John kuo wei tchen and activist Charles lai. The Chinatown in New York was the second largest Chinatown. It tells the story of the emergence of Chinese Culture in the United States.

In the museum there is a room with a traditional chinese apothecary and the Chinese Exclusion Act. It was the legislation that was made specifically for the Chinese people as a group. The US didn't want to sever economic ties with China which is why it was called the Chinese exclusion act. The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 was the first significant law restricting immigration into the United States. Many Americans on the West Coast attributed declining wages and economic ills to Chinese workers. Although the Chinese composed only 0.002 percent of the nation's population, Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act to placate worker demands and assuage concerns about maintaining white "racial purity." The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 was the first significant law restricting immigration into the United States. Many Americans on the West Coast attributed declining wages. The were only brought here for trading purposes.