Opening Doors
Discover how some immigration policies offered new opportunities for immigrants and learn from their stories and accomplishments.

Immigrant Voices
Scan the QR code to watch Tyrus Wong discuss his path from Chinese “paper son” to an artist on Walt Disney’s Bambi.

In the Shadows
Learn about the divisive immigration laws that led many people to experience exclusion, detention, and restricted access to the United States.

Immigrant Voices
Scan the QR code to watch Eliseo Felipe, a Filipino immigrant, who went from being a U.S. national to “enemy alien” in 1934.

Under the Microscope
Explore the sometimes conflicting roles of compassion, control, and safety in public health policies from the 19th century to today.

About AIIM
Angel Island represents the complex history of American immigration. Many immigrants came during periods of exclusion. Others came when reforms led to greater opportunities. All arrived with dreams of a better life.

The Angel Island Immigration Museum (AIIM) invites you to discover the stories, hopes, and struggles of Pacific Coast immigrants, as well as the policies that impacted them.

History of the Hospital
The U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) provided medical inspections and care at the immigration station from 1910 to 1940.

Immigrants who were found to have a treatable condition like trachoma or hookworm would be sent to the USIS hospital to receive medical treatment at their own expense.

These immigrants made up the overwhelming majority of the 1,000 or so patients who were admitted to the USIS hospital each year.

Historic Preservation
Inscriptions and drawings were removed from the walls of the Japanese Men’s Ward and preserved off-site.

The room is now marked Special Exhibit on the map.

Among the drawings were a pencil sketch of a bird and rooster carving.

Future of AIIM
The opening of AIIM completes stage one of the hospital’s restoration project. If you would like to contribute to the future of AIIM, you can make a tax-deductible gift at www.aiisf.org/donate.

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Welcome to AIIM!

We invite you to start in the Entry Room on the first floor. The museum's exhibits can be found on the second floor.