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Hiss, Chane A. and Enoch.

Chane A. Hiss, Russian, 25; accompanied by his child Enoch 11 months; never in U.S. before; prepaid by husband Moiseh Hiss, (care of his brother J. Sandle, 223 Fairmount Ave, Phila., Pa.), who last wrote per about 11 weeks ago, when he sent her the ticket. Immigrant states she notified her above husband of her intended coming on this ship; states above child born in Russia; states her husband in U.S. 1-12 years, that he is a teacher of Hebrew; states that she has $5.00. Above immigrant speaks German.

Mr. U.S. Surgeon certifies this date as follows:

"I hereby certify, that Ch. A. Harris, age 23 years, native of Russia, who arrived this day, per S.S. Pennland has trachoma, a dangerous contagious disease. (Rejection)"

Above husband Moiseh Hiss appears, acknowledges the above first-named immigrant as his wife; states will be in U.S. 2 years next March. States above child is 2 years old. States he is 23 years old; that he lives at 223 Fairmount Avenue Phila, Pa.; that he is assistant teacher in a Hebrew school, earns $6.00 per week. Name of the school is "Romer's School, 808 So. 6th St., Phila. Pa." States he sent tickets to his wife to come to U.S. He speaks English slightly. States he knew that his wife was as above afflicted, & was so from before he married her. States he never took out any citizenship papers. States he has $55.00 saved.

Messrs. Robbins, Ehrlich, Riebel, Broderick vote to deny above 2 immigrants, the first as having a dangerous contagious disease and the second as being likely to become a charge upon the county.

James P. Robbins
Joseph Ehrlich
Wm Riebel
Jas. J. Broderick
} Board of Special Inquiry

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Rabinowitz, Chajka.

Chajka Rabinowitz, Russ, 16, dressmaker; never in U.S. before; bound to cousin Barney Rubin (whose street address she has lost), Phila, Pa., and from whom she last heard about 4 weeks ago, at which time he sent her her ticket and told her to come on this ship to him, and she thinks notified him she was coming.

Pauline Rubin, 328 Lombard St, Phila. Pa., appears; she states that above-referred-to Barney is her brother, that he cannot come until 1:00 o'clock on account of working. She and the above immigrant recognize each other.

Messrs. Robbins, Ehrlich, Riebel, Broderick vote "land".

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Wm Riebel
James P. Robbins
Jas. J. Broderick
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November 14 1899 –
The following received in the above case:

223 Fairmount Ave;
Philadelphia, Pa, Nov. 14, 1899.

To the, Commissioner General of Immigration,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

My wife and child (Chane E. and Enoch Hills) arrived at this port on S.S. Cymland on 9th inst. and have been detained upon landing, and ordered returned to Europe by the U.S. Commissioner of Immigration at this port, based on the report to him of Dr. White, the Marine Hospital Assistant Surgeon here, that my wife was suffering from Trachoma.

As I am certain that my wife has no such disease, at my own expense I secured the services of a prominent physician, Frank Fisher M.D., who graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1875, and is now one of the attending physicians at the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, and was for many years assistant to Dr. Otto Keyser, one of the most prominent oculists in the country, whose report in this case I enclose herewith and to which report Dr. Fisher will attach his affidavit, if necessary.

I would, therefore, appeal from the decision of Dr. White, who, I am informed, has made a number of diagnoses in the case of immigrants which have been contradicted by prominent physicians on special examination of the cases; and would ask you to have two specialists in eye diseases appointed to re-examine my wife, at my expense, with a view to establishing the fact as to whether she has trachoma or not; and in the event of her being pronounced free from this disease that she be landed.

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Awaiting your early reply, I remain,
Yours respectfully,
Morris Harris.

enclosure.

The following is a copy of the enclosure received with the above letter:

1832 Arch St., Philadelphia.
November 13th, 1899.

On Saturday November 11th 1899 at No. 37 Washington Avenue I examined the eyes of a woman, Harris, Russian by birth, apparently 30 years of age.

Found, Right eye, palpebral conjunctiva somewhat cicatricial, little contraction slight curving of cartilage inward but no inversion of lashes. Cornea a little opaque above and somewhat conical. Free from pannus. Bulbar conjunctiva clean and free from congestion.

Left eye palpebral conjunctiva less less cicatricial, perceptible curving of cartilage, no inversion of lashes. Cornea clear and normal as to shape, no pannus, bulbar conjunctiva uncongested. Conjunctival condition probably due to former granular inflammation of which the cicatrices are the only evidence; the conjunctiva of each eye being perfectly smooth, free from roughness, free from follicular or papillary extrusions and showing no discharge whatever.

No inflammatory process whatever present, and saw no indication of recent inflammation. A baby in arms, possibly ten months of age had sound eyes showing no evidence of ever having been inflamed.

Frank Fisher M.D.
Jefferson Med. Coll. 1875.
Attending Surgeon
Wills Hospital.

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The above appeal and its accompanying enclosure, was transmitted to the Bureau, together with a copy of the prior record, and a copy of the M. H. S. Surgeon's certification. (See Department Letter Book No. 20, pp. 40-41.)

Nov. 18 1899 —

Following received from the Bureau, (Nov. 16 1899,) being "No. 20,207":

"The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of 12th instant, transmitting papers on appeal in the case of the immigrants Chane E. Hiss, aged 28, and child Enoch, aged 11 months, natives of Austria, who arrived at your port per s/s "Pennland", November 10, 1899, and were excluded upon the ground that the mother is afflicted with a dangerous contagious disease.

"In view of the certificate of the Marine Hospital Surgeon, copy of which is enclosed, with your communication, to the effect that the woman has trachoma, the appeal is dismissed and you are hereby directed to deport the said Chane Hiss and child Enoch to the country whence they came, in conformity with law."