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Applications made in respect of Louis Mitchell's
prospective engagement at Casino de Paris

No.	Name	Oath sworn	Notes	Remarks
80442	Adolph Crawford	23 Apr 1919	1; 3	
80443	Louisa Crawford	23 Apr 1919	1; 3	
80444	Edgar Miller	22 Apr 1919	1	
80445	Jesse Williams	22 Apr 1919	1	Letter filed with Passport # 80444.
80446	DeWitte Joseph Martin	22 Apr 1919	1; 3	
80447	Andrew Aasbruy Copeland	17 Apr 1919	1; 3	
80448	Nathaniel Nunez	7 May 1919	1; 3	
80449	Dan Parrish	7 May 1919	1; 3; 4	
80450	William P. Nehemiah	24 Apr 1919	1; 3	Claim to be in 15th N.Y. Infantry Band queried.
80451	James Shaw	25 Apr 1919	1; 3; 4	
80452	James Parker	25 Apr 1919	1; 3	
80453	Herbert Diemer	25 Apr 1919	1; 3	
80454	Victor H. Greene	22 Apr 1919	1; 3	"Check with Military Intelligence. No file found."
80455	Eugene P. Holland	24 Apr 1919	1; 3	
80456	James W. Wheeler	24 Apr 1919	1; 3	
80457	Elwin Ross	24 Apr 1919	2; 3	
80458	Joe Jordan	14 Apr 1919		See Lattimore passports.
80459	Walter Cooper	22 Apr 1919	2; 3	

80460	Othello Jackson	23 Apr 1919	1; 3	
80461	Charles H. Jackson	22 Apr 1919	1	Letter filed with Passport # 80444.
80462	William Malone	24 Apr 1919	1; 3	
80463	James C. Chandler	25 Apr 1919	1; 3	
80464	Crickett Smith	17 Apr 1919	1; 3; 4	
80465	Edward Hardie	6 May 1919	2; 3	
80466	Joseph Porter	6 May 1919	2; 3	Sailed to Europe with the SSO.
80467	Joseph A. Caulk	6 May 1919	2; 3	Sailed to Europe with the SSO.
80468	Joseph Meyers	5 May 1919	1; 3; 4	
80469	Frank Douglas Withers	25 Apr 1919	2; 3; 4	
80470	Mazie Mullins Withers	25 Apr 1919		See Lattimore passports.
80471	Robert J. Young	6 May 1919	2; 3	Sailed to Europe with the SSO.
80472	Ambrose Smith	6 May 1919	2; 3	Sailed to Europe with the SSO.
80685	Herbert N. Flemming	18 Apr 1919	1; 3	
80997	Earl McKinney	13 May 1919	1; 3	Sailed to Europe with the SSO.
81276	Sidney Bechet	13 May 1919	1; 3	Sailed to Europe with the SSO.

Notes:

1. Accompanied by letter from Louis A. Mitchell reading, "Will you please issue Passport to the bearer of this letter, M_____ to go to Paris France with Mitchell's Jazz Band. The contract is for the Casino de Paris, Paris, France, which I have shown to you and I am sending the people to you, as per conversation, thanking you for past favors."

2. No letter, but passport to be sent to Louis A. Mitchell, 2251 7th Avenue, New York City.

3. States intention to sail from New York City on SS *Espagne* on 6 May 1919.

4. Member of Mitchell's small group which sailed from New York City on 28 May 1919 on SS *Hudson*.

Prospective members of Louis Mitchell's orchestra at Casino de Paris, as listed by Robert Goffin (1948, 77), for whom no passport applications have been located:

Jonathan Thompson

Herbert Dunbar

Gustave Gregh

Albert De Rosa

Pedro Vargas

Sailed to Europe with the SSO.

Probably a citizen of the Dominican Republic.

Alston Hughes

British national from Trinidad.

James Short

George Davis

Peggy Holland
 Bernard Debs
 Harry MacDaniel

1919 applications made on behalf
 of the New York Syncopated Orchestra

No.	Name	Oath sworn	Notes	Remarks
80458	Joe Jordan	14 Apr 1919	1	Did not sail.
80466	Joseph Porter	6 May 1919		"Mitchell passport" but traveled with SSO.
80467	Joseph A. Caulk	6 May 1919		"Mitchell passport" but traveled with SSO.
80469	Frank Douglas Withers	25 Apr 1919	2	Actually traveled with Louis Mitchell. Amended for SSO Paris, 27 Aug 19.
80470	Mazie Mullins Withers	25 Apr 1919	2	Expected to sail about 16 May 19. Presumably traveled with her husband. Amended for SSO Paris 27 Aug 19.
80471	Robert J. Young	6 May 1919		"Mitchell passport" but traveled with SSO.
80472	Ambrose Smith	6 May 1919		"Mitchell passport" but traveled with SSO.
80997	Earl McKinney	13 May 1919		"Mitchell passport" but traveled with SSO.
81276	Sidney Bechet	13 May 1919		"Mitchell passport" but traveled with SSO.

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83894	Marion Cook	17 May 1919		"for concert entertainment England" No letter.
84007	Will Marion Cook	17 May 1919		"for giving of concerts England" No letter.
84008	Edward H. Ransom	9 May 1919	3	Did not sail.
84009	Robert Jones	8 May 1919	3	
84010	Benton E. Peyton	8 May 1919	3	
84011	Mattie E. Gilmore	9 May 1919	3	Returned unused. See 102032 below.

84012	Charles Gilmore	10 May 1919	3	Returned unused. See 102031 below.
84013	Mrs. Jennie Wyer	9 May 1919	3	
84014	Paul Wyer	9 May 1919	3	
84015	James Bartlett Brown	8 May 1919	3	Did not sail.
84016	John Thomas Ricks	7 May 1919	3	Did not sail.
84017	Thomas Fletcher	27 May 1919	3	Did not sail.
84018	Carroll Morgan	7 May 1919	3	
84019	Lawrence Morris	7 May 1919	3	
84020	Henry Saparo	25 Apr 1919	2	
84021	E. O. Excell Harris	25 Apr 1919	2	Did not sail.
84022	George W. Lattimore	7 May 1919	3	
84023	Percy Colston	7 May 1919	3	
84024	John C. Payne	7 May 1919	3	
84025	Milford F. Warren	1 May 1919	1	
84026	Andrew Fletcher Rosemond	25 Apr 1919	2	
84027	Crescent Clinton Rosemond	9 May 1919	3	
84028	Geo. Jones Jr.	10 May 1919	3	
84029	Hattie Beatrice Reavis	8 May 1919	3	
84030	Anthony Rivera	12 May 1919	3	
84031	Angelina Rivera	12 May 1919	3	
84032	Santos Rivera	12 May 1919	3	
84187	John Forrester	27 May 1919	3	Also says to sail from Philadelphia.
85286	Robert D. Williams	3 Jun 1919		For NYSO, dep. New York, Carmania, 5 Jun 19.
88131	William R. Tatten	12 Jun 1919	4	
88132	Nelson Tunstall	12 Jun 1919	5	
88282	Lottie Gee Kyer	9 Jun 1919	4	
89382	Edward Robert Patrick	13 Jun 1919	6	
89567	Joseph C. Hall	16 Jun 1919	5	
89568	Leon Williamson	17 Jun 1919	6	Also says to sail on the Lapland, 21 Jun.
89569	Jacob E. Patrick	17 Jun 1919	5	Also says to sail on the Lapland, 21 Jun.
89570	Wesley Ray	18 Jun 1919	4	Also says to sail on the Lapland, 21 Jun.
100623	William S. Burns	24 Jul 1919	7	To sail on Cedric, 29 Jul.
101803	Frank A. Dennie	25 Jul 1919	7	To sail Aug 19.
102030	Alonzo McDonald Browne	28 Jul 1919	7	To sail Aug 19. Did not sail.
102031	Charles Gilmore	28 Jul 1919	7	To sail Aug 19.
102032	Martha E. Gilmore	28 Jul 1919	7	To sail Aug 19.

102033	William J. Holly	28 Jul 1919	7	To sail Aug 19. Did not sail.
117620	Egbert E. Thompson	12 Sep 1919	8	
121110	William Riley	23 Sep 1919	9	Did not sail.
	Stella Riley	23 Sep 1919	9	Did not sail.
121112	George M. Smith	23 Sep 1919	9	To sail New York, 2 Oct.
122761	Frank C. Tate	23 Sep 1919	9	To sail New York, 2 Oct.
145115	George Hines	28 Nov 1919	10	

Passport details of later SSO recruits in the United States

No.	Name	Oath sworn	Notes	Remarks
158510	Abbie Mitchell	7 Jan 1920		For "professional work, England."
24786	Joseph E. Covington	26 Apr 1920		To be sent c/o Robert P. Lattimore.
180985	Cyril Mickens	4 Mar 1920	10	
149374	Farley Berry Graden	3 Mar 1921		For study and travel.
149425	Elmer Certain	3 Mar 1921		For study
434	Walter Bernard Williams	4 Mar 1921		For study and travel.
30246	Herbert Eugene Parker	2 May 1921		For study and travel.

Notes (all grammar is *sic*):

1. Accompanied by letter from G. W. Lattimore, on New York Syncopated Orchestra letterhead (Will Marion Cook, conductor), 26 Cortlandt Street, New York, reading in part: "This is to certify that _____ applicant for American passport is a member of the above named orchestra, which is contracted to Andre Charlot of London, England, for a series of concerts in Great Britain, covering a period of six months, and due to sail from this country on or about May 10th, 1919. The above named applicant is duly entered in the said contract, copy of which will be presented through the New York Department. P.S. The orchestra is composed of musicians from New York and Chicago."

2. Accompanied by letter from G. W. Lattimore, on New York Syncopated Orchestra letterhead (Will Marion Cook, conductor), 26 Cortlandt Street, New York, reading: "The accompanying applications of _____ for American passports: All are members of the New York Syncopated Orchestra for a series of concerts in London, England, under management of Andre Charlot. These concerts will extend over a period of six (6) months."

3. Accompanied by letter from G. W. Lattimore, on New York Syncopated Orchestra letterhead (Will Marion Cook, conductor), 26 Cortlandt Street. New York, reading in part: "This is to certify that the accompanying application of _____ for American passport is a member of the New York Syncopated Orchestra, which is under contract to give a series of concerts covering a period of not more than six months in London, England, under the management of Andre Charlot, after which time it is the intention of said organization to return to this country. . . . Under the contract, passage, from and returning to the United States is deposited with a local steamship company. Reservation has been secured and the orchestra is booked to sail on the steamer Baltic leaving the port of New York, May, 15th."

4. Accompanied by letter as before, except that "Reservation has been secured and the orchestra is booked to sail on the steamer Northland, leaving the port of Philadelphia, May

31st."

5. Accompanied by letter as before, except that "Reservation has been secured and the orchestra is booked to sail on the steamer Mauretania, leaving the port June 14th."

6. Accompanied by letter as before, except that "Reservation has been secured and the orchestra is booked to sail on the steamer Vestris, leaving the port of New York, June 16th, 1919."

7. Accompanied by letter as before, except that "Reservation has been secured for the above named party, who is to sail on the first steamer, leaving the port of New York for London to join the orchestra, now playing in London."

8. Accompanied by letter as before, except that "Under contract passage from and returning to the United States is guaranteed and reservation has already been secured."

9. Accompanied by letter from G. W. Lattimore, on New York Syncopated Orchestra letterhead (Will Marion Cook, conductor), 26 Cortlandt Street, New York, reading in part: "This is to certify that _____ applicant for American passport is a member of the New York Syncopated Orchestra, which is under contract to furnish an aggregation of musicians forming a band to perform in London, England for a period covering about six months, under the management of George W. Lattimore, after which time it is the intention of the said band to return to this country. . . . Under the contract, he/they is/are to leave as soon as their passports are granted and reservation can be procured."

10. Accompanied by letter from George W. Lattimore, business manager, per Robert P. Lattimore, on New York Syncopated Orchestra Players and Singers letterhead (Management George W. Lattimore; American Tour directed by Edward A Braden) 26 Cortlandt Street, New York, reading in part: "This is to certify that _____ applicant for an American passport has been engaged to play with the New York Syncopated Orchestra, which is now under contract and playing at the Philharmonic Hall, London, England for a period covering about six months, under the management of George W. Lattimore, after which time it is the intention of the said band to return to this country. _____ is to take the place of one of the artists already with the orchestra. As this is his means of livelihood and support and it is absolutely necessary for the orchestra to have him at the earliest possible date, I respectfully urge your favorable and prompt approval of the attached application."

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