

CHINESE BUREAU, AUGUST 21, 1903.

NO. 35, YEE JOCK LEONG.

INSPECTOR, W. E. THOMPSON.

CLASS, NATIVE AND MERCHANT'S SON.

INTERPRETER, C. RICKARDS.

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Q What is your name?

A Yee Ging Wo.

Q What is your business?

A I am in the general merchandise business.

Q At what number?

A 840 Clay St., firm of Kow Kee Jan & Co.

Q How long have you been a member of that firm?

A 3 years.

Q When did you first come to the United States?

A In K. S. 2nd year.

Q Were you a merchant at the time of registration?

A Yes, I have been a merchant ever since I have been here.

Q Who did you come here to testify about to-day?

A Yee Jock Leong, my son.

Q Whose photograph is that?

A That is my son, Yee Jock Leong.

Q Is that your photograph?

A Yes.

Q You are sure that is your boy, are you?

A Yes.

Q How old is that boy?

A He is 20 years old.

Q Can you give me the exact date of his birth?

A He was born in K. S. 10th year, 1st month, 15th day.

Q Where was he born?

A 741 Sacramento St.

Q On what floor of that building was he born?

A On the 2nd floor.

Q How many times have you been married?

A Only once.

Q What is your wife's name?

A Wong Shee.

Q Is she living now?

A Yes.

Q Where?

A She is living in China in the Sun Ning District, Lee Yin Village.

Q Is she a bound or natural foot woman?

A She is natural footed.

Q Is she a heavy, stout woman or a slim woman?

A She is neither stout nor slim.

Q Neither stout nor slim?

A No, she is about like I am.

Q Has she any scars or physical peculiarities about her face that you remember?

A No.

Q When your son was born here at 741 Sacramento St. did you have a shaving celebration?

A Yes.

Q Where did you hold that celebration?

A In the Hom Fa Lau restaurant.

Q Do you know any white people in this town that know that your son was born here?

A There are no white persons who know it.

Q How many times have you been to China?

A Twice.

- Q When did you first go to China?  
A In K. S. 12th year.  
Q Do you know what month and day and what steamer you went on?  
A The 9th month on the "Gaelic."  
Q When did you return from that trip?  
A In K. S. 13th year in the 9th month on the "Gaelic."  
Q When you went to China in K. S. 12th did you take your son with you?  
A Yes, I took my wife and son.  
Q How old was your son then?  
A 3 years old.  
Q How many children have you?  
A I have two sons and one daughter.  
Q What is your younger boy's name?  
A He is 12 years of age.  
Q What is his name?  
A Yee Suey Leong.  
Q What is your daughter's name and how old is she?  
A Yee Yah Yit is her name; she is ten years old.  
Q Is she a bound or natural foot girl?  
A She is a natural footed girl.  
Q When you went to China on your second trip give me the exact date that you left this country, on what vessel and under what name?  
A I left here K. S. 16th year, 10th month, 26th day on the "Gaelic," under the name of Yee Ging Wo.  
Q You are sure of that statement, are you?  
A Yes.  
Q When did you return from that trip?  
A K. S. 21st year.  
Q What month and day did you land in this country and from what steamer?  
A I returned from that trip in K. S. 21st year, the latter part of the 4th month on the "China."  
Q Who does your elder son live with in China?  
A He lived in China with his mother, sister and his brother.  
Q What village?  
A Lee Yin Village.  
Q Is there any one else lives in that house with your immediate family?  
A Only my family.  
Q What alley is that house situated on?  
A It is on the second alley.  
Q You are sure of that statement, are you?  
A Yes, it is the second alley.  
Q How many houses from the corner is that house?  
A It is the third house from the corner.  
Q How many rooms in that house?  
A 5 rooms.  
Q What are they?  
A 2 bedrooms, 2 kitchens and a sitting room!  
Q Is there a river near that village?  
A There is a small river near there.  
Q Is the river in front or rear of the village?  
A It is in front of the village.  
Q Are there any hills near that village?  
A Yes.  
Q Are they in the front or rear of the village?  
A They are in the rear of the village.  
Q Who lives in the next house to your house on the right as you come out?  
A Soo Ho Shee, a woman.

- Q How long has she lived in that house?  
A She has lived there about as long as I have.  
Q Is she married?  
A Her husband has been dead a long time.  
Q What was his name, do you know?  
A, Yee Foon; Yee Jung Toong is his marriage name.  
Q Who lives on the other side of your house?  
A There was no house there when I was in China.  
Q Is there a market place in that village?  
A No.  
Q What is the nearest market place and how far is it?  
A Gong Mei market place, about two blocks.  
Q What is the name of the other witness in this case?  
A Ow Yung You.  
Q Did you ever see your boy in China?  
A Yes.  
Q When he went to China did you send anything to your boy or wife by this man?  
A No.  
Q Did you ever send anything by anybody else?  
A Yee Me Jung took some money for me to them.  
Q Have you understood all questions asked you by Mr. Rickards, the Interpreter?  
A Yes.  
Q What do you base your son's right to come in this country on, being a Merchant's Son or a Native?  
A On the grounds of his being a Native.  
Q Isn't he a Merchant's Son also?  
A Yes; I intend to have him come here to study English and learn to transact business.  
Q What interest have you in that store of Kow Kee Jan & Co. at 840 Clay St.?  
A \$1,000.00 interest.  
Q Is your name on the partnership list of that firm?  
A Yes.  
Q What position do you occupy in that store?  
A I am buyer and salesman.  
Q Who is the manager of the store?  
A Yim Kew.

(Foregoing read back to witness.)

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(Signed by witness in Chinese characters.)  
(Signed) C. Rickards, Interpreter.  
(Signed) Ward E. Thompson, Inspector.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the evidence given before Chinese Inspector Ward E. Thompson through Interpreter C. Rickards, and that it was read back to and acknowledged by witness.

*A. J. Burbank.*  
OFFICIAL STENOGRAPHER.