

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Immigration Service

No. 470-C

In the matter of)
))
YEE JOCK LEONG,))
))
an alleged native born))
Chinese citizen of the))
United States, who has))
made formal application))
for pre-investigation))
of his status.))
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Pittsburgh, Penna.,
April 14, 1914.

L. B. Spaun, Examining Inspector.
Moy Gop Jung, Interpreter.

YEE JOCK LEONG (Sworn)

Q What is your name?

A Yee Jock Leong.

Q Have you another name?

A Yee Dung Lai is my married name.

Q How old are you?

A 31 now.

Q Where were you born?

A San Francisco, Cal.

Q What street and number?

A 741 Sacramento Street.

Q What is your occupation?

A I have a laundry at 438 Main Street, Irwin, Penna.

Q You own the laundry?

A Yes.

Q You wish to make a visit to China?

A Yes, I want to go over there for a visit, and bring my boy back with me.

Q What is your boy's name?

A Yee Kee Quon.

Q How old is he?

A He was born in K.S.34-8-15, (September 9, 1908)

Q Where was he born?

A Joe Kee Lee village, SND, China.

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Q What is your wife's name?

A Dong Shee. She was born in China. She is 26 years old now.

Q When were you married?

A K. S. 31-11-28 (December 24, 1905).

Q How many times have you been in China?

A Two times.

Q When did you go the first time?

A I was a little boy just about three years old. I stayed in China 17 years. I was 20 when I came back. I left from San Francisco, Cal., and came back there K. S. 29-6-25 on the SS "American Maru". (August 17, 1903.)

Q Were you admitted as a native born citizen?

A Yes.

Q When did you go to China the second time?

A K.S.31-10-8 or 9. (November 4 or 5, 1905) I sailed from San Francisco on the SS "Siberia" and came back to this country again K.S.34-4-1 I think. (April 29, 1908)

Q Have you ever seen your son?

A No. I came back the first of May and he was born in August, Chinese calendar; September, American calendar.

Q Have you any other children?

A No, just that one.

Q Why do you desire to bring him to this country?

A I want to send him to school so he can get an American education, and learn to speak English.

Q How long do you expect to remain in China?

A About one year I think, but I cannot tell for sure.

Q Have you sold your laundry, at Irwin?

A No, Yee Ah Shung is going to look after it for me.

Q Are your parents living?

A Yes; they are both in China now.

Q Have you any brothers or sisters?

A Yes, one brother and one sister. They were both born in China after my parents went back.

Q What is your brother's name and age?

A Yee Suey Leong, about 21 years old. I think he was married last year but I am not sure.

Q What is your sister's name and age?

A Yee Yick Nuey, about 19 or 20. I think she is married too now.

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Q Have you any brothers or sisters born in this country?

A No, just myself. The other two were born in China. My mother and father took me to China when I was three years old, and then my father came back to this country and stayed until 1906, then he returned to China again and has been there ever since.

Q Have you any documentary evidence to support your statement that you were born in San Francisco, California?

A Yes. (Shows certificate of birth, No. D-29802 (646) dated June 21, 1904, under the hand and seal of the County Recorder, County of San Francisco, City of San Francisco, State of California, showing the birth of one Yee Jock Leong, male, Chinese, January 15, 1884, name of father Yee Kim Wo, name of mother (before marriage) Wong Shee, residence 741 Sacramento Street.)

From my investigation it would appear that the applicant is actually a native born citizen of the United States as claimed, as his papers are indorsed "For China, SS "Siberia" November 4, 1905; from China SS "Korea" Ticket No. 152, arrived S.F., April 29, 1908, landed May 1, 1908". I therefore recommend him to the favorable consideration of the officer in charge at the port of departure.

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L. B. Spahn.
Immigrant Inspector.