

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 778 1/2

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Form 430

APPLICATION OF ALLEGED AMERICAN-BORN CHINESE FOR PREINVESTIGATION OF STATUS

DUPLICATE

此專為土生欲離美國由外而返立實憑證之所用

貳號稟

Department of Commerce and Labor  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

Office of CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE,

Port of CHICAGO,

August 10, 1909

To Lorenzo T. Plummer  
Chinese and Immigrant Inspector,  
Chicago Ill

SIR: It being my intention to leave the United States on a temporary visit abroad, departing and returning through the Chinese port of entry of Port of Alaska, I hereby apply, under the provisions of Rule 39 of the Chinese Regulations (Bureau Circular No. 25), for preinvestigation of my claimed status as an American citizen by birth, submitting herewith such documentary proofs (if any) as I possess, and agreeing to appear in your office personally, and to produce therein witnesses, for oral examination regarding the claim made by me.

This application is submitted in triplicate with my photograph attached to each copy, as required by said rule.

Respectfully,

Signature in Chinese

簽唐字名

Wong She or Mrs Louis Keer Park

Signature in English

簽唐字名

Wong

Address

具稟之住址

76 Chestnut House Pl,



相簽詢委亦憑國九而來人遊欲委管  
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並照辦人查有在三該去港由國我入  
附例房到驗之美十埠將華出現口

此稟未落船之先要親到管外理人入口委員辦公辦房換回壹號稟方可落船

The triplicate of this application having been returned to me by the officer in charge at the port of intended departure, with advices that said officer is prepared to approve the original application, this duplicate is delivered to the applicant (with my signature written across the margin of the photograph), who must exchange it at the office of the immigration officer in charge at the port of departure for the original.

THIS DUPLICATE IS OF NO VALUE FURTHER THAN TO IDENTIFY THE HOLDER AS THE PERSON WHOSE STATUS HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED.



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August 17th, 1909.

Mrs. Louie Seer Park,

c/o Sam Lung & Co.,

299 So. Clark St., Chicago.

Madame:-

Inclosed you will find copy of your identification paper. You are advised to present yourself together with this paper to the Inspector in Charge at Portal, North Dakota, before leaving the country, for the purpose of being identified.

Respectfully,

H. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector, Acting in Charge.

Inc.



522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO

August 10th, 1909.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
WONG SHE, :  
Native departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, WONG SHE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Wong She.  
Q What is your full name? A. Wong She.  
Q How long have you been in the United States? A. A long time.  
Q Do you remember what year you came? A. I came when I was small.  
Q How long have you been in Chicago? A. Pretty nearly a year.  
Q Where did you live before you came to Chicago? A. San Francisco.  
Q Where are your father and mother? A. Father and mother are in China.  
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of Louis Seer Park)  
A. Yes, that is my husband.  
Q When were you married to him? A. I have been married four years.  
Q Where? A. San Francisco.  
Q What year were you married? A. M.S. 32, either the 8th or 9th month. I forget.  
Q How were you married out there? American style or Chinese style? A. Chinese style.  
Q You didn't have a minister, did you? A. No.  
Q Have you any children? A. No.  
Q Have you lived with Louie Seer Park ever since you married him? A. Yes.  
Q You came to Chicago the same time that Louie Seer Park came did you? A. Yes came with him. All the time with him.  
Q What have you been doing since you came to Chicago? A. Working at 76 Custom House Place making clothes, just the same as a tailor.  
Q What has Louie Seer Park been doing? A. Working in a laundry.  
Q And you both have been living at 76 Custom House Place?  
A. Yes.  
Q When did you get this paper? (Referring to marriage certificate dated August 9th, 1909 certifying that on that date Louie Seer Park and Wong She were married by George E. Day, M.D., D.D., Baptist minister. Witnesses, H. L. Henson and A. H. Day.) A. I got it yesterday.  
Q You were married American style, yesterday? A. Yes sir.  
Q You want to go to China with Louie Seer Park, your husband?  
A. Yes sir.  
Q You want to come back with him? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are you registered? A. Yes.  
Q Did you bring your certificate with you? A. No.  
Q You understand me do you? A. Yes.

Applicant cannot write Chinese, but wrote in English her father's family name.

(Signed) Wong.

Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer. Inspector.



Case of WONG SHE.

Place: same.

Witness, LOUIE SEER PARK, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A. Louis See Park.  
Q Is that your boyhood name or your marriage name? A. Boyhood name.  
Q What is your marriage name? A. Louie Yuk Hen.  
Q Do you know this woman? (Showing photograph of Wong She)  
A. Yes, my wife.  
Q What was her name before you married her? A. Wong She.  
Q Where did you first marry her? A. K.S. 32, 8th or 9th month.  
Q Where did you get married? A. San Francisco.  
Q Did you get married American style or Chinese style? A. Chinese style.  
Q Did you have a minister? A. No.  
Q Have you lived with this woman all the time since you married her at that time? A. Yes.  
Q You had a wife in China when you got married in San Francisco?  
A. Yes.  
Q Where is your wife in China now? A. My wife died.  
Q When did she die? A. Last year, the 3rd month, K.S. 34.  
Q Where did she die? What village? A. Chuck Hoy, Sun Ning District.  
Q Where did you get this paper? (Referring to marriage certificate of Louie Seer Park and Wong Shee, dated August 9th, 1909)  
A. I got that yesterday down on 31st St.  
Q Did you get married down there yesterday? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you got any children by this wife? A. No children by this wife. I have one child by the wife who lived in China.  
Q Are you going to take this wife to China with you? A. Yes.  
Q Are you going to bring this wife back to the United States with you? A. Yes.

Witness signed in English and Chinese.

(Signed) Louie Seer Park, Witness.

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(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.



No. 778.

August 17th, 1909.

Inspector in Charge,  
Immigration Service,  
Portal, North Dakota.

Sir:-

Your letter No. 2838, dated August 13th, 1909, returning form 430, application of Mrs. Louie Seer Park, is received and your action in the case noted.

You will please find inclosed identification paper of Mrs. Louie Seer Park, wife of Louie Seer Park whose status has been approved by you on form 430, together with a marriage certificate of Louie Seer Park and Miss Wong Shee his wife, also copy of Department's letter No. 52425/20 dated August 6th, 1909 wherein it will be noted that the wife of Louie Seer Park, native, would be entitled to depart from and return to the United States at will upon establishing her identity.

A copy of the identification papers will sent to Mrs. Louie Seer Park with instructions to present herself to you for identification before leaving the United States.

Respectfully,

H. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector, Acting in Charge



Department of Commerce and Labor  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
PORTAL, N. DAK.  
Aug. 13, 1909.

No. 2838.

Mr. L.T. Plummer,  
Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., #773, enclosing therewith all papers in the case of Wong Shee, (Mrs. Louie Seer Pa rk), an applicant for a preinvestigation of her status under Rule 39. It is apparent from applicant's testimony that she does not claim American citizenship by birth, as she states that she came to the United States when she was small.

I am therefore, reluctant to grant her the endorsement provided for under Rule 39, without first obtaining a ruling from the Bureau in this matter, for the reason that under rule 39, paragraph "B", it states:

"Any Chinese person residing in the United States and claiming, that by reason of birth in this country, he is lawfully entitled to so reside in, to depart from, and to return to the United States,----".

In the applications, form 430, it also states that, "for preinvestigation of my claimed status as an American citizen by birth". From the wording of paragraph "B" and form 430, it appears to me that it was the intention of the Department that only those Chinese who claim to have been

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born in this country, should be entitled to the endorsement provided for.

If you have any ruling of the Bureau on this point, I would request that you forward same to this office and if not, I would suggest that you write to the Bureau and obtain such ruling.

Respectfully,

OBH/a

*Ernest A. Abel*  
Inspector in Charge.

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AUG 16 1909  
Chinese Inspector,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.



Department of Commerce and Labor  
BUREAU OF  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION  
Washington

*J.W.*  
IN ANSWERING REFER TO

No. 52,429/20

August 6, 1909.

Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, No. 766, the Bureau has to advise you that if the status of Louie Seer Park as a natural born citizen of the United States is bona fide, he is, under the long established practice of the Department, entitled to have with him in this country his lawful wife and minor children. If his lawful wife is now here with him she would, of course, be entitled to depart from and return to the United States with him at will upon establishing her identity at a designated port of entry for Chinese.

Respectfully,

*Paul J. Keefe*  
Commissioner-General

WJP.

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AUG 9 1909  
Chinese Inspector,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

No. 778.

August 10th, 1909.

Inspector in Charge,  
Immigration Service,  
Portal, North Dakota.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers in the case of WONG SHEE or Mrs. Louie Seer Park, applicant for a pre-investigation of status as an alleged American-born Chinese.

This woman presented at the time of making her application a marriage certificate showing that she was married August 9th, 1909 at Chicago by the Rev. George E. Day, D.D., Baptist minister. On the back of this certificate is an endorsement by Dr. Day that the photograph attached is the photograph of Louie Seer Park and Wong Shee whom he united in marriage, August 9th, 1909. Mr. H. L. Henson one of the witnesses to this ceremony informs me that the photograph is the photograph of the two people who were married at that time.

I have examined applicant and the husband, Louie Seer Park, and inclose a transcript of the notes taken. Louie Seer Park has made an application for a pre-investigation of status as a native, and my favorable report upon his application was forwarded with my letter of August 6th, 1909, No. 766.

Inasmuch as there is no question about this woman being the wife of a native, she is entitled under a long established rule of the Bureau to return to the United States as the wife of a native,



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and as such is entitled to have an investigation of her status under Rule 39. Both she and her husband claim that they were married in San Francisco by a Chinese ceremony in K.S. 32 in the 8th or 9th month, but as at that time the husband had a wife living in China who has since died, this ceremony was performed yesterday in order to make Wong Shee his legal wife.

I would recommend that the privilege asked for be granted.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

Inc.



The United States of America. )  
Northern District of Illinois. ) Set:  
Eastern Division. )

LOUIE SEER PARK, of the City of Chicago, in said division and district, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says as follows, to-wit:-

I am the identical Louie Seer Park now applicant for Certificate under the "Chinese Exclusion Laws and Regulations", so-called, for the purpose of re-admission into the United States after a visit to China which I am about to make. Said application includes a photographic likeness of me.

I am about to make such visit and return, accompanied by my wife, Wong-shee, going and coming, she being now here, domiciled in said City of Chicago with me. We were married in Chicago aforesaid, on August 9, 1909, by George E. Day, MD. DD., Baptist Minister, in the presence of the following witnesses: Hudson L. Henson and A. H. Day; as is evidenced by Duplicate Marriage Certificate presented herewith.

I am a native of the United States; as is evidenced by affidavits presented herewith.

And in order to identify my said wife, Wong-shee, I have affixed hereto a true photographic likeness of her.

Subscribed and sworn  
to, this 16th day of Aug-  
ust, A.D., 1909, before me.)

Louie Seer Park

Mark A. Foote  
U. S. Commissioner, N.D. Ill.



JIAN POND, of Chicago aforesaid, duly sworn, deposes and says as follows, to-wit:-

I am a native and subject of China; 48 years of age; have resided in the United States 30, and in said city of Chicago 11 years. I am a Merchant and member of "Quong Sang Lung", Chinese Merchants, of No. 315 Clark st., Chicago aforesaid.

I am well acquainted with one Wong-shee, the wife of one Louie Seer Park, of No. 76 Custom House Place, Chicago aforesaid; and have known her nearly two years last past, during which time she has been a resident of the said city of Chicago.

And the foregoing photograph, hereto affixed, is a true photographic likeness of the said Wong-shee, the wife of said Louie Seer Park, who is now here, present with me; and who, in my presence, has executed the foregoing affidavit.

Subscribed and sworn to, this  
16th day of August, A.D., 1909, be-  
fore me.)

Jian Pond

Mark A. Foote  
U. S. Commissioner, N. D. Illinois.