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APPLICATION OF ALLEGED AMERICAN-BORN CHINESE FOR PREINVESTIGATION OF STATUS

TRIPLICATE

Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

Office of CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE,

Port of CHICAGO,

CHICAGO, ILL., 19

To) L. T. Plummer,

Chinese and Immigrant Inspector,



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 San Francisco Cal., 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,

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Signature in Chinese 簽唐字名

Signature in English 簽番字名

Address 具稟人之住址

Ching Wong

5751 Wentworth

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Port of San Francisco, Cal.

Nov. 8, 1909., 19

Respectfully returned to

L. T. Plummer,

Chinese and Immigrant Inspector,

CHICAGO, ILL.

With the information that I am **not** prepared, on the basis of the evidence submitted with the original of this application, to approve said application.

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Officer in Charge.

No. 790.

November 12th, 1909.

Ching Wong,

5751 Wentworth Ave.,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

The Commissioner of Immigration at San Francisco, California is not satisfied that you were born in the United States and will not endorse your application.

This, however, does not affect your right to depart from the United States and apply for admission upon your return with the privilege of an appeal to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, should your application be denied.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Inspector in Charge.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

No. 8495-C.

Nov. 8, 1909.

Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 8th, and November 2d, No. 790, regarding the case of Ching Wong, an alleged native departing, you are advised that a thorough investigation has been conducted at Oroville, Cal., the applicant's alleged birth place, and as a result thereof the application has been denied.

This decision is not final, however, and this person may, if he so desires, depart from the country, relying upon his ability to produce further and more satisfactory evidence on his return. The triplicate application is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

W. W. Smith

Commissioner.

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Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

No. 790.

November 2nd, 1909.

Commissioner of Immigration,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of September 14th, 1909, No. 8495-C in reply to my letter of September 8th, No. 790, in the case of CHING WONG, applicant for pre-investigation of status under Rule 39, I would ask if if you have made an investigation or if you have decided whether or not the privilege requested should be granted.

This Chinaman's friends have called asking what action has been taken in the case, and I am writing to inquire.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. F. Plummer.

Inspector in Charge.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

No. 8495-C

Sept. 14, 1909.

Chinese Inspector in Charge,
115 E. Adams St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant,
No. 790, enclosing papers in the case of Ching Wong, an alleged
native departing. A further investigation will be made by this
office in this case before a decision is rendered.

Respectfully,

H. H. Smith

Commissioner.

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Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

No. 390.

Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
CHICAGO, ILL.

SUBJECT:

September 8th, 1909.

Commissioner of Immigration,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith the papers of CHING WONG, who has applied at this office to have his status as an American born Chinese determined under Rule 39.

The testimony of applicant, Ching Wong, of his uncle, Leong Mow Dock, and of his witness, Leo Ying Ho, has been taken and a transcript of the same is hereto attached. Applicant claims that he was born in Orville, Cal. He states, "Born in K.S. 7th year, I think", and that he is now about twenty-eight years of age. Leong Mow Dock, his uncle, says that the boy was born about the 4th or 5th year, K. S. His affidavit filed in the case states positively that the boy was born in K.S. 7. The uncle also states, that applicant's parents died when the latter was a child six years old, and that he brought applicant to Chicago when about six or seven years old where the latter has remained ever since, having never been out of the country. The uncle claims to have been with applicant practically all the time since infancy up to the present time.

Leo Ying Ho states that he came to this country K.S. 7, landing at Portland, Ore.; that he then went to Orville, Cal.; that he remained there about two weeks, stopping with applicant's parents,

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and that he saw this applicant, an infant, then. He states that he did not see applicant again until the boy was about fifteen or sixteen years old, when Leong Mow Dock told him who the boy was.

There seems to be from the testimony, some discrepancies as to the exact time the boy was born. The boy bases his information as to the time of his birth virtually upon what the alleged uncle has told him. The uncle in his affidavit states positively that the boy was born in the 7th year K.S. In his testimony, he qualifies it by saying, "About the fourth or fifth year". There are no material discrepancies except those above mentioned.

All the testimony in the case is submitted for your decision.

Respectfully,

E. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector, Acting in Charge.

522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO

August 28th, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.
CHING WONG, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Native departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, CHING WONG, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Ching Wong.
Q How many names have you? A. One.
Q Are you married? A. No.
Q How old are you? A. Twenty-eight.
Q What is your occupation? A. Laundryman.
Q Give me your address? A. 5751 Wentworth Ave.
Q Do you own a laundry or are you employed in one? A. It is my laundry.
Q What is the name of that laundry? A. "Charley Sam".
Q Are you registered? A. No.
Q Were you born in China? A. I was born in the United States.
Q Where were you born? A. Orville, Cal.
Q When were you born? A. My father was there.
Q What year were you born? A. I do not know what year.
Q How do you know how old you are? A. My uncle on my mother's side told me.
Q What is your uncle's name? A. Leung Kow Duck.
Q Where is he? A. In the other room.
Q What was your father's name? A. Jung Sing.
Q What was your mother's name? A. Leung She.
Q Was she a sister to this man in the next room? A. Yes.
Q What kind of feet did your mother have, little feet or big feet? A. Natural feet.
Q What did your father do at Orville? A. Chinese grocery.
Q Do you know the name of his store? A. Jim Gee.
Q Where is your father now? A. Died long ago.
Q Where did he die? A. Died at Orville.
Q Do you know when he died? A. I was six or seven years old when he died.
Q Where is your mother now? A. Died the same year.
Q Where did she die? A. The same place.
Q Were they both buried at Orville? A. Yes.
Q About how many years ago is that? A. I forget.
Q You say you were only about six years? A. Twenty-one or twenty-two years ago.
Q How old are you now? A. Twenty-eight.
Q You say you were about six years old when your parents died in Orville? A. My uncle brought me here to Chicago.
Q When did he bring you here? A. The Bubonic plague turned up out there and he took me here.
Q How old were you? A. Six or seven years old.
Q You were a little boy when your uncle brought you here to Chicago? A. Yes.
Q Have you been in Chicago all this time? A. Yes.
Q You have been in Chicago twenty years or more? A. Yes.
Q Have you always been with this uncle you speak of? A. Yes.
Q Have you ever lived in any place else but Orville and Chicago? A. No other place. My uncle went some other place.
Q When your uncle was gone what did you do? A. Washed windows and swept floors and got one or two cents for it.
Q So you worked for yourself, did you? A. Yes, and uncle some times gave me money to buy candy.
Q How long have you been in the laundry business? A. I worked in this place five or six years.
Q Do you own part of this laundry? A. Yes.
Q Do you work in this laundry? A. Yes.
Q Who is your partner? A. Jung Dick.

Case of CHIN WONG.

Testimony of applicant, CHING WONG, continued:

Q What is his full name? A. That is all the name that I know him by.

Q Had your father any brothers? A. Only myself.

Q How many brothers has your mother? A. At the time she told me, she told me that she was a sister to the man out there. (Indicating to where witness is waiting in other room)

Q Is that the only uncles you know about? A. Yes.

Q Have you ever seen any other uncle? A. No.

Q Does he know where you were born? A. He was in business at that place together with my father.

Q And you have been with your uncle ever since? A. I have lived with him ever since I came here.

Q Have you any brothers? A. No.

Q Have you any sisters? A. No.

Q Did you ever have a brother? A. No.

Q Did you ever have a sister? A. No.

Q You say your father and mother died the same year at Orville, Cal.? A. Yes, the same year.

Q Don't you know what year that was? A. I forget I was little.

Q Don't you know what year you were born? A. I can't fix it. K.S. 7, I think.

Q Is there any one else around this country that knows you were born in Orville? A. Yes.

Q Who? A. Layoo Ying Ho.

Q Where does he live? A. 468 Sixty-third St.

Q Have you talked to him about your birth in Orville? A. No.

Q Have you talked to your uncle about it? A. He might have talked to my uncle about it.

Q Have you talked to your uncle about it? A. I stayed with him before, until we got into Chicago.

Q You are getting ready to go to China as a native, have you talked to your uncle at all about it? A. Yes.

Q Did you uncle tell you what year you were born? A. Yes.

Q I want to know if you have been with your uncle off and on ever since your parents died? A. Yes.

Q You came from Orville with your uncle to Chicago? A. Yes.

Q And you have been in Chicago ever since, haven't you?

A: Yes.

Q Haven't you been out of this country at all? A. No sir.

Q Is there anyone else that you can name? A. No, other people I do not know.

Q Does Leo Ying Ho come to your laundry to visit with you?

A. Sometimes.

Q And do you visit his place? A. Yes.

Q How old is he? A. Fifty-six I think.

Q How old is your uncle? A. Either fifty-six or fifty-eight.

Q How old is your uncle? A. Sixty four or sixty-six.

Q Did you ever make application like this before? A. No.

Q Do you remember anything about Orville? What kind of a town it was? A. I can't describe it.

Q Have you gone to English school? A. No.

Q Have you attended Chinese school? A. I have not been to Chinese school.

Q Where did you learn to write and read? A. I can only write my name.

Q Can you read and write Chinese? A. Just a little bit. It don't amount to anything.

Q Which way do you want to go out? A. I do not know which is best.

Q It does not make any difference to this office? A. I think I will go by way of Peking.

Applicant signed in English and Chinese.

(Signed) Ching Wong, Applicant

Case of CHING WONG.

Witness, LEONG MOW DUCK, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Leong Mow Duck.
Q How old are you? A. Sixty-five.
Q How many names have you? A. Two.
Q What is your other name? A. Ah Jim.
Q Are you married? A. Yes.
Q What is your marriage name? A. Leong Mow Duck.
Q Where is your wife? A. In China.
Q Have you any children? A. Yes.
Q How many? A. One.
Q Boy or girl? A. Boy.
Q How old? A. About thirty years old.
Q Where is he? A. Went to Australia.
Q Where was he born? A. In China.
Q What is your occupation? A. Laborer, any kind of work.
Q Are you registered? A. Yes. (Produces certificate No. 8023 issued to MOW DUCK at Chicago, Ill. April 25th, 1894. Ht. 5 ft. 2 in., age 49 years. Small marks on right side of forehead. Residence at that time 478 So. State St.)
Q When did you come to the United States? A. It has been so long I nearly forget it. It is over thirty years.
Q Where did you live when you first came to the United States?
A. San Francisco a few months.
Q Then where did you go? A. To Orville, Cal.
Q What year were you residing in Orville, Cal.? A. K.S. 1.
Q How long did you live there? A. About eleven years.
Q Where did you go from there? A. Came here.
Q What did you do there? A. Selling vegetables, and kept a store to furnish meats to miners.
Q What is the name of the store? A. Jim Kee.
Q Did you have any partners? A. Yes.
Q What were the names of the partners? A. This boy's father, Ching Shing, and myself.
Q Did you know this boy's father in Orville? A. Yes.
Q Were you related to this boy's father? A. Yes, my sister married him.
Q Where did they get married? A. In China.
Q Did they come here together? A. Yes.
Q When did you come? Before or after they did? A. I came here first.
Q Did this boy's father and mother live at Orville? A. Yes.
Q What kind of a town is Orville? A. American part of the town is a little ways apart. Chinatown is one street.
Q Is it a large place or a small place? A. It is not very big.
Q What is the industry there? A. Mining and farming.
Q Do they raise any fruit there? A. Yes.
Q When you left Orville where did you go? A. Came to Chicago.
Q Have you been to China since you came to the United States?
A. No.
Q What are you doing now? A. I am not doing anything now.
Q What is your address? A. 92 Custom Place.
Q That is where you are rooming is it? A. Yes.
Q I will show you a photograph on this certificate, and will ask you who that picture represents? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A. Ching Wong. (Pronounces it like Jung Wong)
Q Do you know of your own knowledge where he was born? A. Yes, I saw it.
Q Were you living at Orville at the time the birth took place? A. Yes.
Q What kind of a house was he born in? A. Frame house, built up by Chinese people.

Case of CHING WONG.

Testimony of LEONG NOW DUCK, continued:

Q Was he born on the first floor or the second floor?

A. There was just one floor.

Q Was the store in the same building where the boy was born?

A. Just a partition between.

Q Where did the family live in the front or in the rear?

A. It was a joint house with the store. There was a door through the partition.

Q Did you live in the same building with this family and mess together? A. Yes.

Q What year was the boy born? A. K.S. 4 or 5.

Q How old is he now? A. Twenty-eight.

Q Don't you know just what year he was born? A. It has been over twenty years. It is so long I forget it.

Q Haven't you any record of it, any memorandum? A. No.

Q Are you certain he was born there? A. Yes.

Q You couldn't forget that, could you? A. I remember that.

Q But you don't remember the exact year? A. I forget what year.

Q How do you fix his age at twenty-seven years old? A. I came here with him and was with him all the time.

Q How do you fix his age at twenty-seven years? A. Because I am his uncle.

Q You must have some way of fixing it? A. The boy told me.

Q You and the boy have talked about this case, have you? A. Yes.

Q And the boy always has been with you, has he? A. Yes.

Q And you claim to be his uncle? A. Yes.

Q His mother was your sister? A. Yes.

Q What kind of feet did she have? A. Natural feet.

Q How old is she now? A. If she were living she would be fifty-five or fifty-six.

Q Is she dead? A. Yes.

Q How old is the boy's father? A. Sixty-three.

Q Where is he? A. Died before his wife did.

Q Where did he die? A. Oriville.

Q Where did the wife die? A. At the same place, the same year.

Q Do you know what year that was? A. K.S. 5.

Q Are you sure he died in K.S. 5? A. 4 or 5 I am sure of that.

Q Do you know what time of the year it was? A. In the first or second month.

Q What time of the year, did the wife die? A. Died in the same year.

Q What month? A. About the 6th month.

Q Where were they buried? At Oriville? A. Yes.

Q Were you there at that time? A. Yes.

Q When did you leave Oriville? A. From there I came here.

Q When was that? A. I have been here twenty-two or twenty-three years.

Q Don't you know what year you left Oriville? A. K.S. over ten, before I left there.

Q Then what became of the boy? A. He came with me to Chicago.

Q You brought the boy to Chicago, did you? A. Yes.

Q How old was the boy when you brought him to Chicago? Six or seven years.

Q Have you lived with the boy ever since? A. Lived together three or four years. Then went to work in a laundry.

Q Has he lived in Chicago from that time? A. Yes.

Q Have you lived here all the time? A. Yes.

Q Would you see the boy off and on from that time up to the present time? A. Yes.

Case of CHING WONG.

Testimony of witness, LEONG MOW DOCK, continued:

- Q Where is the boy working now? A. 5751 Wentworth Ave.
 Q Did this boy's father have any brothers in this country?
 A. No.
 Q How many sisters, did you have? A. Two.
 Q Where is the other sister? A. In China.
 Q Was she ever here? A. No.
 Q Have you any brothers? A. Four brothers.
 Q Where are your other three brothers? A. Went to Singapore.
 Q Were they ever in this country? A. No.
 Q Has this boy ever been out of the United States? A. No.
 Q Do you swear to that? A. Yes.
 Q You want me to believe that this boy was born in Orville.
 Do you know of your own knowledge that he has never been out of this country? A. Yes, I told you that.
 Q Remember you are under oath to tell the truth. Are you telling the truth? A. Yes.
 Q Is there anybody else that knows where this boy was born?
 A. I knew a number of them, but they were not here.
 Q Do you know that man out there, witness in this case?
 (Referring to Leo Ying Ho, witness, waiting in other room) A. Yes, he lives near my village.
 Q You mean your village in China? A. Yes.
 Q Did he ever live at Orville? A. Yes.
 Q Was he living at Orville at the time this boy was born?
 A. Quite a while after he was born.
 Q Did he see this boy in Orville when he was there? A. Yes.
 Q You know that yourself that this man saw this boy when he was a child in Orville? A. Yes.
 Q Does Leo Ying Ho know your sister, the mother of this boy?
 A. He saw the boy, he must have seen her.
 Q Did he know the boy's father? A. Yes.
 Q Were the boy's father and mother living at the time Leo Ying Ho was there? A. Yes.
 Q What was he doing in Orville? A. Mining.
 Q Did he come to the store that you and this boy's father had?
 A. Yes.
 Q Did he buy his supplies from these people? A. Yes.
 Q When did he come to Chicago? A. I do not know when he came.
 Q When did you first know him here? A. About three or four years ago.
 Q He knows that this applicant was born in Orville, Cal.?
 A. Yes.
 Q Have you all talked this matter over? A. No.
 Q Haven't you talked any at all to him? A. No.
 Q Said nothing about being a witness for the boy? A. Haven't told him.
 Q You came up here together? A. Yes.
 Q On your way up you discussed this boy's birth, didn't you?
 A. Yes.
 Q Did he ever tell you where this boy was born? A. Yes.
 Q Did he ever tell you about it before? A. Yes. We talked about it.
 Q Do you visit one another and are friends? A. This fellow works for Ching Wong.
 Q Were you ever a witness in a case like this before? A. No.
 Q Have you been back to China? A. No.
 Witness signed in Chinese.



(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

Case of CHING WONG.

Witness, LEO YING HO, sworn by Inspector Tiptott, testified:

- Q What is your name? A. Leo Ying Ho.
- Q How many names have you? A. Leo Yin is my boyhood name.
- Q What is your marriage name? A. Leo Ying Ho.
- Q How many children have you? A. Three.
- Q Boys or girls? A. Two boys and one girl.
- Q Were they all born in China? A. Born in China.
- Q Are they all in China now? A. In China now.
- Q Give their names and ages. A. Leo Hi Gen, (boy) 30 years old; Leo Hen Toy, (boy) 20 years old; and Leo Ah Gee, (girl), 22 years old.
- Q When did you come to the United States? A. K.S. 7.
- Q What is your occupation? A. Laundryman.
- Q Are you registered? A. Yes. (Witness produces certificate of residence No. 16653 issued to YEN HO at Helena, Mont., April 12, 1894. Ht. 5 ft. 4-1/2 in. Age 41 years. No marks. Residence Hope Idaho.)
- Q What is your address? A. 468 Sixty-third St.
- Q Where did you land? A. Portland.
- Q How long did you live in Portland? A. A few days.
- Q Then where did you go? A. Went to Orville.
- Q What year did you go there? A. K.S. 7.
- Q What did you do there? A. I was there looking for business. I stayed there two weeks and then came back to Portland.
- Q Then did you ever go back there any more after that?
- A. No.
- Q Weren't you mining around Orville while you were there?
- A. Just stayed there two weeks.
- Q Was that the only time you were in Orville? A. Yes, that is all.
- Q When did you come to Chicago? A. Twelve years ago.
- Q Do you know Leung Mow Dock, the man out there? A. Yes.
- Q Where did you first know him? A. In Orville.
- Q Did you ever know him in China? A. Yes.
- Q You saw him there in Orville, did you? A. Yes.
- Q Did Leung Mow Dock have any sisters? A. Yes.
- Q Did you ever see his sister? A. Yes.
- Q Where did you see her? A. Came into the store.
- Q Where? A. At Orville.
- Q Was she married? A. Yes.
- Q What was her husband's name? A. Ching Toy, Ching Shing. (Pronounces it like Jung Toy and Jung Shing.)
- Q What did Ching Sing do in Orville? A. Kept a grocery store.
- Q Do you know the name of the store? A. Jim Lee.
- Q Did you ever trade with him? A. Two weeks in trade.
- Q Where did you live while you were in Orville? A. I stayed at the store while I was there, two weeks.
- Q What kind of a house did they have? A. Frame house.
- Q Was the store in the same building where they lived?
- A. All the same building. The store was partitioned off.
- Q Did you live there while you were there and mess with them?
- A. Yes.
- Q Did they have any children? A. They had a boy when I was there.
- Q How old was he? A. Just newly born.
- Q Do you know what year he was born? A. About a week old.
- Q Are you sure of that? A. Yes.
- Q Did you ever see the boy after that? A. After that I went to Portland and then from Portland to Montana.
- Q Did you ever see the boy any more? A. I saw him when I was here.
- Q How old was he when you first saw him in Chicago? A. About fifteen or sixteen years old.

Case of CHING WONG.

Testimony of witness, LEO YING HO, continued:

Q How did you know it was the same boy that you saw in Oriville? A. Leong How Dock told me.

Q Is that his uncle? A. Yes.

Q I will show you a photograph on this certificate, and will ask you what that represents? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A. Ching Wong.

Q Is that the boy that you say was born in Oriville, Cal.?
A. Yes.

Q Are you willing to swear that this is the boy that you saw in Oriville? A. Yes.

Q You couldn't be mistaken? A. No.

Q Have you talked with Ching Wong? A. I have talked with the boy off and on ever since the boy arrived in the city.

Q Did he talk about where he was born? A. He told me he was born in Oriville.

Q Do you believe that he was the same boy that you saw there when an infant? A. Yes.

Q Do you know what year he was born? A. K.S. 7.

Q This boy was born in K.S. 7? A. Yes.

Q How old is he now? A. Twenty-eight or twenty-nine.

Q Where is this boy's father and mother, do you know?
A. They died a long time ago.

Q How do you know that? A. Some friend of mine told me when I saw him in Montana.

Q Are they any relation to you? A. They used to live in our neighborhood.

Q What kind of a town is Oriville? Describe it and what industry keeps it up. A. Chinese people live in frame houses and are mostly miners. Some American people live in brick buildings.

Q You say there is mining around Oriville? A. Yes.

Q Any farming? A. Yes.

Q Was you ever a witness in a case like this before? A. No.

Witness signed his name in Chinese.

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(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.