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May 12, 1920.

Inspector in Charge,
U. S. Immigration Service,
Chicago, Ill.

LIM DO SUNG alias LEM JIM and LUM DOCK LUM, has applied at this office for preinvestigation of his status as a native. He claims to have made a trip to China from the firm of Quong Yuen Chong Kee & Co., 321 Clark St. Chicago, leaving Chicago about September 1906 via Vancouver. Readmitted at Portal December 14, 1907 and returned to Chicago.

If your files carry a record of this person it is respectfully requested same be forwarded for use in the investigation to be conducted here.

Joseph O'Dare
Immigrant Inspector.

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OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT INSPECTOR
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July 3, 1920.

Inspector in Charge,
U. S. Immigration Service,
Chicago, Ill.

There is returned herewith your file No. 500. forwarded to this office for use in the case of Lum Do Sung, who filed application form 430 at this office.

Your favor and courtesy in this matter is appreciated.

Joseph O'Dare
Immigrant Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

See letter dated Dec. 18, 07. Portal.
in Lee Wah's file No. 538.

No. 203
(Ed. 5-14-07—1,000,000)

In re.
LIM DO SUNG,
of
QUONG YUEN CHONG KEE & CO.",
MERCHANTS,
321 Clark St.,
Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.



AGE:-Twenty Nine (29) Years.

HEIGHT:-5 Feet, 6 Inches.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.)
Northern District of Illinois.) Sct:
Eastern Division.)

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Citizens of the United States, and residents of the City of Chicago and vicinity, in the Division and District aforesaid, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described LIM DO SUNG for upwards of one year last past, during which time he has been a reputable resident Chinese Merchant of the said City of Chicago, and neither a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said LIM DO SUNG has been a ~~xxxxxx~~ member of the firm of Chinese merchants trading and doing business under the name and style of "QUONG YUEN CHONG KEE & CO.", Importers and Dealers in Chinese, Japanese and American Merchandise, at No. 321 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid; and we do further certify that we have known the said firm, and that it has been established in business in the same vicinity for upwards of Fifteen (15) years.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with the said LIM DO SUNG, he has been engaged in buying and selling merchandise at the said fixed place of business, under the said trade-name and style of the said firm of which he is a member; and that, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said LIM DO SUNG has not been interested or engaged in the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled of any kind, except such as has been necessary in the conduct of his said business as such merchant as aforesaid.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That the foregoing photograph, hereunto annexed, together with the personal description above, is a true and correct likeness and description of him, the said LIM DO SUNG.

WE have been credibly informed and verily believe that said LIM DO SUNG has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in said firm of "Quong Yuen Chong Kee & Co.", and from our frequent visits to the said place of business and general acquaintance with the various members of said concern, we have become well satisfied that he is actively engaged in the business of the firm and exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of the said "Quong Yuen Chong Kee & Co.", and enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof, and as a bona fide partner in, and member of the said firm.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, September 15th, 1906.

A. L. Henson

(Address) 19 Market St

Chicago, Ills.

Edward Edwin Pratt

(Address) Chicago American

Chicago, Ills.

*** 3531 Vernon Av.

The United States of America. }
Northern District of Illinois. } Sct:
Eastern Division. }

Hudson L. Henson, 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 a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the City of Chicago, in said ~~Country~~ division and district, where I follow the occupation of a Saleeman buyer.

I am one of the signers of the foregoing and annexed affidavit certificate; and the statements therein made are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to, at the City of Chicago, in said division and district, this 17th day of September, A.D., 1906, before me.

A. L. Henson

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

The United States of America. }
Northern District of Illinois. } Sct:
Eastern Division. }

Edward Edwin Pratt, 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 a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the City of Chicago, in said division and district, where I follow the occupation of a Bookreader.

I am one of the signers of the foregoing and annexed certificate; and the statements therein made are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to, at the City of Chicago, in said division and district, this 17th day of September, A.D., 1906, before me.)

Edward Edwin Pratt &

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

To

Lorenzo T. Plummer, Esq.,
Chinese Inspector,
Chicago, Ill.,

Sir:

My name is LIM DO SUNG; and I am a native of the United States: I was born of Chinese parents at No. 3 Clay street, San Francisco, California, on or about August 15, 1877. My father, Lip Yuen, was a Merchant and member of the firm of "Kee Sang Tong", of No. 724 Sacramento street, San Francisco; and I lived and worked with him till I was Eighteen (18) years of age. Then he sold out his business, and removed to China with my Mother; and I removed to Oakland, California, where I lived with "Kwong Sang", about Three (3) years, working for that firm part of the time I lived there. Thereupon, in or about the year 1899, I removed to Chicago, Illinois; and have resided here, in Chicago, ever since.

I have never visited China, or been out of the United States.

I was acquainted with the "L.C. Quong Yuen" Company when I came to Chicago; and I invested money, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) therein, and have been a member of said firm ever since.

Said firm of "L.C. Quong Yuen" (Now "Quong Yuen Sung Chung Kee") is a firm of Chinese merchants engaged exclusively in merchandising, and is located at No. 321 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid.

I desire to visit China, and to return upon the completion of my visit, to resume my said residence and business in Chicago. Wherefore, I transmit, herewith, the affidavits of credible witnesses other than Chinese, and pray that the same may be endorsed as provided in the Regulations above cited.

Very respectfully,

Lim Do Sung

No. 321 Clark st.,

Chicago, Illinois.

CHICAGO, July 16, 1907.

Cause of
LIM DO SUNG,
Mer. Ret.

: L.T. Plummer, Examining Inspector,
: A.T. Wilson, Stenographer.

Witness, LIM S. Lett, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified
(in English):

Q What is your name? A Lim S. Lett.

Q You are the manager of Quong Yuen, Chong Kee Co.? A Yes sir.

Q And you have been manager of that company for how long?
A Since April, 1906.

Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)? A Yes, Lim Do Sung.

Q Does he still have the same interest in your firm as at the time of his departure? A Yes sir.

Q What would you say is the value of your business at the present time as compared with the time of his departure? A About \$30,000. now.

Q Is your business in better shape now than it was when he went away? A It is about in the same condition.

Q What interest does he have in your firm? A \$1,000.

Q When he returns to the United States what will he do?
A When he comes back, he will take his old position in the store.

Q Have you sent him any money since he has been in China?
A Not yet.

Q Anything further you care to say? A No.

Q Has there been a change, in any way, in his interest in the store since he went away? A No change.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) Lim S. Lett, Witness,
(Signed) L.T. Plummer, Inspector.

CHICAGO September 25, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
LIM DO SUN, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
Mer. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, LIM DO SUN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Lim Do Sun.
Q What is your business?
A Merchant; member of the firm of Quong Yuen & Co., 321 S.Clark St., Chicago, Ill.
Q How long have you been a member of that firm?
A I first came here to Chicago about six years ago, and I staid in Quong Yuen a few months and went away. Then I returned about four years ago and have been in the firm of Quong Yuen ever since.
Q How much money have you got in Quong Yuen & Co.?
A \$1,000.00.
Q When did you put that money into the firm?
A When I first came here to Chicago six years ago I put that money into the firm and have had that money in there ever since.
Q What other name have you got besides Lim Do Sun?
A Lim Do Sun and Lim Foon.
Q When did you come back to Chicago and go into that firm?
A K.S. 29th.
Q Are you registered?
A No, I have not.
Q Why not?
A (English) Why I was born in this country. I not need to.
Q Where were you born?
A In California.
Q Where?
A San Francisco.
Q Have you any papers or anything to show that you born in San Francisco?
A I staid with my father all the time and he told me that I didn't need to have them, as I was born in this country.
Q Is there any one here in Chicago that knows that you were born in San Francisco?
A Yes.
Q Who?
A Lim Chee knew it and he is dead. Lim Dock Hing knows it.
Q How do they know that you were born in San Francisco?
A Lam Chee saw me in San Francisco while he was on his way to China and when he returned here he told Lam Dock Hing that I was born in San Francisco.
Q Is there any one else here in Chicago that knows that you were born in San Francisco? Anybody who has seen you or your father in San Francisco?
A Toy Suck knows it.
Q Where is he?
A At the store of Quong Yuen. He says that he knew me in San Francisco when I was a little boy.

- Q How long ago since you first knew Lam Dock Hing?
A 15 or 16 years ago.
Q Where were you born?
A No. 3 Clay Ave., San Francisco.
Q When were you born?
A K.S. 4, 8, 15.
Q What was your father's name?
A Lum Lup Yuen.
Q What was your mother's name?
A Wong She.
Q Where are your father and mother now?
A In K.S. 21st year, 4th or 5th month they returned to China.
Q Have you any brothers or sisters?
A I have three brothers and three sisters, and two brothers and all my sisters went to China. One brother is now in the United States. He is now in the South.
Q Is he older or younger than you?
A Younger.
Q What is his name?
A Lim Gong.
Q What was your father's business?
A He had a grocery and drug store.
Q What was the name of the firm?
A Kee Sang Hong.
Q What do you do in the store of Quong Yuen?
A I work in the store and frequently go out and collect money for the firm.
Q Do you get any pay?
A Yes; everybody gets pay.
Q How much pay do you get from the store?
A When I am working in the store I don't get any salary, but when I go outside collecting I get what money I need to spend. None of the men working in the store receive any salary.
Q Who are the men in your firm whose entire time is devoted to its business?
A Lim Bon, Lim Chung, Lim Do Fun, Lim Kay, Lim Hong, Lim S. Lett, and myself Lim Do Sun.
Q When you return from China what do you intend to do?
A I will come back to Quong Yuen & Co's. store and then I will see what I will do next.
Q What were you doing when the other Chinamen got registered?
A I was with my father in the store.
Q How old were you at the time?
A I am 29 years old now, so I was 17 years old then.
Q Was your father's store on Sacramento St. or on Clay St.?
A On Sacramento St.
Q What number?
A 724.
Q How many years were you in your father's store?
A I was with my father until I was 18 years old.
Q What did you do after he went back?
A I was 17 or 18 years old. I went to a store in Oakland and staid there about a year. I was in Oakland two or three years. Some times I worked and some times I didn't.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes, sir.
Applicant signed his testimony in English:
(Signed) LIM DO SUN, Applicant.
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

Witness, LIM S. LETT, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified
(in English):

- Q What is your name?
A Lim S. Lett.
Q What is your business?
A Merchant; manager of the firm of Quong Yuen and Chong Kee Co., 321 S. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.
Q How long have you been manager of that firm?
A About five months now.
Q What was your business before that?
A Member of the firm of Quong Wah Sing Co., 181 Wabash Ave., Chicago. I went to China in September 1903, and returned from China in April 1906, and since my return I have been manager of the firm of Quong Yuen & Co.
Q Who was the manager of the firm of Quong Yuen & Co. before you?
A Lam Chee.
Q Where is he now?
A He died March 15th, Chinese, this year.
Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)?
A Yes, sir; that is Lim Do Sun, member of the firm of Quong Yuen.
Q How long have you known him?
A I think I have known him over five years.
Q What has been his occupation since you have known him?
A I first met him in the firm of Quong Yuen.
Q Was he a member of that firm at that time?
A I asked Lam Chee, the manager, who this man was and he said he was a member of the firm of Quong Yuen.
Q Has this man any other name except Lim Do Sun?
A I don't know; I didn't ask him.
Q Have you re-organized the firm or changed it since you became manager after the death of Lam Chee?
A Yes, I have changed it since I came in.
Q Will you furnish me a list of the members so that I can forward it with this report?
A Yes, sir.
Q What has been the occupation of this man since your return from China?
A He has assisted in the management of the business and the selling of goods &c.
Q Have you paid him any salary?
A No regular salary; whatever expenses he draws.
Q You, of course, don't know what his occupation might have been while you were in China?
A No, sir; I wasn't here and I didn't see what he was doing.
Q Since your return from China has he done any manual labor in laundries or restaurants, except his duties in the firm?
A No, sir; as long as I have known.
Q Who are the members of the firm who are now in the store, all their time devoted to its business?
A Lim Bon, Lim Hong, Lim Chung, Lim Do Sun, Lim Do Fun, Lim Kay, and myself, Lim S. Lett.
Q How much interest has Lim Do Sun in your store?
A He has \$1,000.00.
Q Do any of the members of the firm receive salaries or do they simply receive their expenses?
A They draw out their expenses.

- Q And you take your profits out of the dividends that the firm earns?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you know whether Lim Do Sun is registered?
- A No, I don't ~~know~~ think he is, because he told me he didn't have it.
- Q You don't know, of your own knowledge, where he was born?
- A No, I don't know, but he told me he was born in San Francisco.
- Q Do you know whether he is married in China?
- A No, I don't know.
- Q Is he making this trip on business of the firm or just for pleasure?
- A Both.
- Q Who will come into the firm to take this man's place while he is gone?
- A I don't know yet.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) LIM S. LETT, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

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Witness, LIM BON, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Lim Bon.
Q Are you a member of the firm of Quong Yuen Chung Kee & Co.?
A Yes, sir.
Q How long have you been a member of that firm?
A About ten years.
Q During that ten years have you been in the store all the time engaged in its business?
A Yes, sir.
Q Your brother, Lam Chee, was manager of the firm, wasn't he?
A Yes, sir.
Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)?
A Yes, sir; that is Lam Do Sun.
Q How long have you known him?
A I have known him since K.S. 25.
Q What is his business?
A He is a salesman in our store.
Q How long has he been a member of your firm?
A Since K.S. 25.
Q How many years ~~xx~~ has he been in your firm, all his time devoted to its business, and engaged in no manual labor except such as was necessary to the conduct of its business?
~~A He has been devoting all or his time in the store entirely for almost three years. Before that he was a salesman on the road.~~
Q Was he a salesman for your firm on the road?
A Yes, sir.
Q And during the last two or three years he has been engaged in no manual labor in laundries or restaurants, except such as was necessary to the business of your store?
A Nothing, except such as was necessary to the firm's business.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) LAM BON, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, TOY WING or TOY SUCK SING, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Toy Wing.
Q Have you any other name?
A Toy Suck Sing.
Q What is your business?
A I am a member of the firm of Quong Wah Sing, 181 Wabash Ave.
Q How long have you been in the United States?
A I first came to the United States ~~x~~ exactly thirty years ago in K.S. 2.
Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)?
A That is Lim Do Sun.
Q How long have you known him?
A The first time I knew him was in K.S. 7th year, I was a merchant in San Francisco. The second time I saw him was in K.S. 27th in Chicago.
Q Where did you see him in K.S. 7th?
A In the store of Kee Sang Tong in San Francisco.
Q Tell me the circumstances under which you saw him in San Francisco?
A In K.S. 7th I was a merchant in San Francisco in the firm of Quong Wah Lee & Co., and this man's father had a store on Sacramento St., Kee Sang Tong & Co., and we had ~~xxx~~ considerable business dealings between our firm and his father's firm, and one day I went down to the store and saw his father have a boy in his arms. I asked him what boy it was and he told me it was his son. That is how I happened to know him. I came from San Francisco to Chicago in K.S. 25th and in K.S. 27th I met this man here and he told me that his father's name was Lim Lup Yuen, and then I remembered that I had met him in San Francisco.
Q How old was he when you first met him in San Francisco in K.S. 7?
A Either two or three years old. At the time I was 32 years old and his father, I should judge, was about my age.
Q Did you see him in San Francisco at any ~~xxx~~ other time than the one you speak of?
A No, sir, I did not, as I went to China in K.S. 12 and I did not meet this man again until I met him in Chicago in K.S. 27.
Q How long had you known his father before you met this boy?
A We opened our store in K.S. 7th year, 4th month, and it was in the 5th month of K.S. 7th year that a countryman wanted some medicine and so I went to the drug store to get some medicine and this was the first time I met him and his father.
Q All the way you know that this boy is the same boy you met in San Francisco is by his telling you so, isn't it?
A Yes, sir; that is the only way I can tell. It is impossible for me to say that it was the same boy, as I only saw him once when he was ~~xx~~ two or three years old.
Q What do you know about where he was born?
A I can not swear that he was born in San Francisco. I would only judge so because of his age. In K.S. 6th I had bad luck in a country town on account of a flood and came to San Francisco, and we opened the store in K.S. 7th, 4th, and in the 5th month I went to the store of his father to get medicine and saw him then.

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- Q From your conversation with him are you satisfied that he is the same boy that you saw there in San Francisco?
- A Yes, I am sure it is the same boy I saw in San Francisco.
- Q Have you understood the Interpreter, Wong Aloy?
- A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) TOY WING, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.