

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
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No. 332

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

14-204

Application for RETURN CERTIFICATE--Chinese Laborer. Under Sec. 7,  
Act of Sept. 13, 1888; Treasury Decisions 21446 (1899) & 23660 (1902).  
23707

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT.  
Port of Chicago.

I, --JIN LEE, --a Chinese Laborer of the City of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois, do hereby apply to the Treasury Department of the United States for a Return Certificate, pursuant to the act of Congress approved September 13, 1888, and the Regulations thereunder.

In support of the foregoing application, I do solemnly swear that on March 15, 1894, under the act of November 3, 1893, I was lawfully registered as a Chinese Laborer of the City, County and State of New York, by the Collector of Internal Revenue there, as shown by the accompanying Certificate of Residence, numbered 13,042, then and there issued to me by the said Collector; that I am the identical person named and described in the said certificate of residence; that I am about to go abroad temporarily; that I intend to depart from the United States at the port of San Francisco on or about the 23d day of July, 1902, and to re-enter the United States at the said port of San Francisco within one year thereafter.

Furthermore, I do solemnly swear that I have property, and debts owing to me, in the United States, the same being reasonably and actually worth upwards of one thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00); to-wit,

A Restaurant & Boarding-House at Hawthorne Race Track, near the City of Chicago aforesaid, managed by, and in the name of, one Wah Jim;

A Restaurant & Boarding-House at Harlem Race Track, near the City of Chicago aforesaid, managed by me, and in my name, personally:

Together with all the business of the said two Restaurants & Boarding-Houses, and all the furniture, fixtures, tools, utensils, cash invested and in use, accounts current, and all other of the assets in and about the said business; further details whereof are more fully set forth in my affidavit, marked "A", annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

My Description is as follows:--Name, Jin Lee; Age, 42 Years; Height, 5 Feet, 4 & 1/2 Inches; Local Residence, No. 309 South Clark street, in Chicago, Illinois; Occupation, Restaurateur; Color of Eyes, Dark Brown; Complexion, Light; Distinguishing Marks: Thick Lips. *weight 165 lbs.*

And, as a further means of identification, I have annexed hereto a true photographic likeness of myself. *Jin Lee*

Subscribed and sworn to, by the said Jin Lee, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, A. D., 1902, before me.

*John Hitt*  
Special Deputy Collector





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United States of America. )  
Northern District of Illinois.) Sct:  
Northern Division. )

JIN LEE, 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 have resided in the United States for the past twenty-nine (29) years. At different times, and at different places where race-courses are maintained, on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, I have been proprietor of Restaurants and Boarding-Houses, similar to those which I now carry on in Illinois. Therefore, I have a wide acquaintance amongst horsemen, jockeys, book-makers, bettors, and others who follow the races; and I conduct my said business accordingly.

Every Summer since 1894, that is to say, for the last Eight (8) years, I have owned and carried on a Restaurant & Boarding-House at "Harlem Race Track", near the said City of Chicago, and a similar Restaurant & Boarding-House at the "Hawthorne Race Track", near the said City of Chicago. It is commonly and well known that I am the owner and proprietor of both.

The "Harlem Race Track" is closed at present; and therefore both of my said places of business are at the "Hawthorne Race Track", more than a block apart, temporarily.

The said Restaurant & Boarding-House permanently located at the "Hawthorne Race Track" is managed by one Wah Jim; the other, managed by me personally in the past, will be managed by one Lee Ping, wherever located, during my absence.

As near as I can conveniently estimate the cost, it cost about Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to fit up each of said places of business, without stock. I can feed one hundred and fifty people per day; and it is probable that I do feed on an average, actually, sixty or seventy people per day. The cost of my provisions and supplies is at least Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per week. I buy goods in large quantities, that is to say, several barrels of flour, several hundred pounds of coffee, several cases of canned-goods, sugar by the barrel, and so forth, at one time, in order to get the advantage of better prices. My prices to my boarders are made by the week, and many of them run open accounts with me for their board. In fact, one boarder, who lately paid me a portion of his account, still owes me more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Several of them owe me on such open accounts several hundred dollars each. And I have many smaller accounts. The aggregate of said open accounts is upwards of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$6,800.00)

The said open accounts have not been settled, and cannot be settled for years: As stated above, I have known my customers for years, and know their circumstances. When I need money, I know to whom I can go and collect on account, at any time; and I do so. There are others who cannot pay anything on their accounts, and yet I know their accounts to be good. When one of them "wins a race", he comes to me or I go to him, and his account, or a part of it, is paid. And thus in course of time, and from time to time, as circumstances determine, by giving the business my personal attention, and the benefit of my personal acquaintance and knowledge, I expect to collect said open accounts without much, if any, loss.

Subscribed and sworn to, by the above-named  
Jin Lee, this twenty-third day of June, A.D.,  
1902, before me. *Mark A. Rote*  
U. S. Commissioner, N. D. Ill.

*Jin Lee*