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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

August 2, 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 Entry, 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  
Signature in English 簽 番 字 名  
Address 具 稟 之 住 址

雷社柏  
Lauic Shega Park  
279 E. Clark St  
Chicago



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Port of PORTAL, N. D.

AUG 10 1909

Respectfully returned to

L. T. Plummer  
Chinese and Immigrant Inspector,  
Chicago Ill

With the information that I am am prepared, on the basis of the evidence submitted with the original of this application, to approve said application.

John J. Thel  
Officer in Charge.



*Indr*  
No. 766.

August 17th, 1909.

Louie Seer Park,

c/o Sam Lung Co.,

299 So. Clark St., Chicago.

Sir:-

Inclosed you will find ~~the~~ *duplicate* of your application for a pre-investigation of your status as American-born Chinese which you shall present to the Inspector in Charge, Immigration Service at Portal, North Dakota, who will exchange it for the original upon your departure through that port.

Respectfully,

H. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector, acting in Charge.

Inc.



No. 766.

August 6th, 1909.

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

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers in the case of LOUIE SEER PARK, applicant for a pre-investigation of his status as a native under Rule 39.

In making his application, this Chinaman presented the affidavits of Louie Seer Park and Louie Dep made August 6th, 1903 before Thomas S. Burnes, notary public of San Francisco, upon which affidavits is stamped, "Departed San Francisco per S.S. "Athol" August 18th, 1903, J. E. Gardner, Inspector." This paper was forwarded to San Francisco and I inclose herewith his reply dated July 24th, 1909, No. 8203 in which it is stated that Louie Seer Park landed in the United States ex S.S. "Corea" August 20th, 1906.

I have examined applicant and inclose a transcript of the notes taken. Inasmuch as this man's port record shows beyond a doubt that he departed from and returned to the United States as a native via San Francisco, I would recommend that the privilege asked for be granted. I inclose original and triplicate copies of the application.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

Inc.



No. 766.

Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
CHICAGO, ILL.

SUBJECT:

August 2nd, 1909.

Commissioner-General of Immigration,  
Department of Commerce and Labor,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

A Chinaman by the name of LOUIE SEER PARK, who departed from San Francisco August 18th, 1903, ex S.S. "Athol" and was landed on his return August 20th, 1906, ex S.S. "Corea" as a native, has made application for a pre-investigation of his status as an American born Chinese under Rule 39.

This man, whose port record has been verified by San Francisco office, informs me that he wishes to take his wife with him on this trip, and has asked for information as to how she could depart from and return to the United States. Will you please inform me whether by her marriage she has gained a status which would permit her to depart and return as the wife of a native and permit an investigation of her case under Rule 39?

If she would not be allowed to return on this ground, will you please inform me whether she would be allowed a laborer's return certificate upon the ground that she has a husband in this country and whether she would be permitted to return with him? This woman is a Chinese woman, born in China. She was married in San Francisco about six years ago and is registered.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge



Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
LOUIE SEER PARK, :  
Native departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

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

Q What is your name? A. Louie Seer Park.  
Q Is that your boyhood name or your marriage name? A. Boyhood name.  
Q What is your marriage name? A. Louie Look Hen.  
Q How old are you? A. Thirty-three.  
Q How many times have you been in China? A. Once.  
Q When did you go that time? A. K.S. 29.  
Q What port? A. San Francisco.  
Q What month? A. Chinese sixth month.  
Q When did you come back to the United States? A. K.S. 32.  
Q What month? A. Second month.  
Q Do you remember the name of the ship you went back to China on? A. Yes, "Athol".  
Q What ship did you come back to the United States on? A. "Corea".  
Q Is this the paper that you made that trip on? (Referring to paper containing the affidavits of Louie See Park and Louie Dep sworn to August 6th, 1903 before Thomas S. Burnes, Notary Public, San Francisco.) A. Yes.  
Q How many wives have you? A. Two. I got married in China and my wife died last year.  
Q When did you get married in China? A. I do not know. I forget. It is a long time ago. I was young then.  
Q Where were you born? A. Born in San Francisco.  
Q How many times did you go to China? A. One time.  
Q How did you get married in China? A. Go to China one time and get a wife.  
Q Did you get married when you went to China on this one trip? A. Yes.  
Q What is your wife's name? A. Yee Shee.  
Q Now you went back to China K.S. 29. How long were you in China before you got married? A. K.S. 29, the 8th month.  
Q K.S. 29, the 8th month you got married? A. Yes.  
Q How many children have you got? A. One girl.  
Q What is her name? A. Louie Gim Shee.  
Q Where was she born? A. In China.  
Q Where did you live in China? A. Sun Ning Dist. Chuck Hoy village.  
Q So your little girl was born in Chuck Hoy? A. Yes.  
Q What year was she born? A. K.S. 31.  
Q Is she alive now? A. Yes.  
Q Where does she live? A. Lives in Chuck Hoy.  
Q Did your wife live in Chuck Hoy, too? A. Yes.  
Q Is your wife alive now? A. No, last year she died. When I go back to China I will marry another one.  
Q What month did your wife die last year? A. K.S. 34, 3rd month.  
Q Did your wife die in Chuck Hoy village? A. Yes.  
Q One child is all you got? A. Yes. I will go to China and make a boy. Then I will wait until he is big enough to come back with me.  
Q Have you got a wife who you married in San Francisco? A. Yes.  
Q What is her name? A. Wong She. (Wong Suey)  
Q When did you marry her? A. Two months after I got back from China.  
Q That would be K.S. 32? A. Yes, the 9th month.  
Q You got married in San Francisco K.S. 32, the 9th month to Wong Suey? A. Yes.



## Case of LOUIE SEER PARK.

Testimony of applicant, LOUIE SEER PARK, continued:

Q How did you get married Chinese style or American style?  
A. Chinese style.

Q Did you get a marriage certificate? A. No.

Q Where is Wong Suey? A. She lives here in Chicago.

Q Have you lived with Wong Suey since you married her in  
K.S. 32? A. Yes, I have lived with her about three years.

Q She lives in Chicago with you? A. Yes.

Q At what number? A. 76 Custom House Place.

Q Have you got any children you and Wong She? A. No, my wife  
works in a tailor shop.

Q What do you do here in Chicago? A. I keep a laundry.

Q Where? A. "Jim Hing" laundry, between 31st and 32nd Sts.  
on State St.

Q Which side of the street? A. East side.

Q How long did you have that laundry? A. It will be two years  
twenty or twenty-two months.

Q How do you want to go back to China, via Portal and Vancouver  
or via San Francisco? A. Portal.

Q Your father and mother live in China now, do they? A. Yes.

Q Your little girl lives with your father and mother? A. She  
lives with my father. I would like to have my little girl come back  
with me.

Q Have you understood me? A. Yes.

Applicant signed his names in English &amp; Chinese.

(Signed) Louie Sheea Park.

Applicant.

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雷答吳

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.





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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

LOUIE SEER PARK

whose photograph is hereto attached, is a Native Born Citizen of the United States and now desires to visit China, with the intention of returning to the United States.

NOW THEREFORE, in order to facilitate his landing on his return to the United States, from this anticipated visit to China, without unnecessary delay, the undersigned makes the following sworn statement:

That he was born at No.210 Jackson Street, San Francisco, California, about 26 years ago at the family domicile of his father Louie Dep and his mother Toy See, as appears more particularly in his Certificate of Birth on file in the Hall of Records of said city, a certified copy being attached to paper No.1, this being No.2.

And the undersigned is prepared to give the most convincing proofs of the truth of these statements in order to establish his right to freely land upon his return to the United States.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of August, 1903.

THOMAS S. BURNES,

Notary Public in and for the City

(SEAL) and County of San Francisco,  
State of California.

(CHINESE SIGNATURE) LOUIE SEER PARK

State of California.

City and County of San Francisco.) SS.

The undersigned Louie Dep residing at No.323-1/2 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, California, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the father of Louie Seer Park who is referred to in the foregoing Return Certificate and that the facts stated therein are all true, and the photograph hereto attached is a true likeness of said son.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of August, 1903.

THOMAS S. BURNES,

Notary Public in and for the City

(SEAL) and County of San Francisco,  
State of California.

(CHINESE SIGNATURE) LOUIE DEP.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.)

Northern District of Illinois.) Sct:

Eastern Division.)

I, Mark A. Foote, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of a certain original paper this day produced to, and compared by me at my office in the City of Chicago in my said division and district.

I do further certify that the photograph hereto affixed and impressed with my official seal is, while not made from the same photographic plate, a true and good photographic copy of the photograph affixed to the said original paper and impressed with the seal of the Notary named in said original.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, at the City of Chicago aforesaid, this 16th day of July, A.D. nineteen hundred nine.

Mark A. Foote,  
United States Commissioner,  
Northern District of Illinois.





The United States of America. )  
Northern District of Illinois. ) Sct:  
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 person named in the Return Certificate, certified copy whereof is attached. Provided with said Certificate, I visited China, departing from the port of San Francisco August 18, 1903, aboard the steamship "Athol"; that is, on or about the 27th day of the 6th month in the 29th K.S. Returning, I left China on or about the 4th day of the 6th month in the 32d K.S. aboard the steamship "Corea" and landed at the same port of San Francisco on or about the 2d day of the 7th month in the said 32d K.S.

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

Louie Seer Park

Mark A. Dots,

U. S. Commissioner, N. D. Illinois.