

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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No. 422

CASE OF LEE KIM SAND, MERCHANT, RETURNING.

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WITNESS SWORN.

Chicago, May 26th, 1904.

- Q. What is your name?
A. Lee Sue.
Q. What is your business?
A. Manager of the firm of Quong Lee Yuen, Chinese merchandise.
Q. Where is your store located?
A. #333 S. Clark St., at present; but formerly at #293 S. Clark St.
Q. How many members have you?
A. 19.
Q. Are these true lists of your firm that you have given me? One July 27, 1903 and the other May 25, 1904?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you ever give a list of your partners to Inspector Berkshire when he was here?
A. Yes.
Q. That was a true list too, was it not?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of Lee Kim Sand).
A. Yes, it is my partner.
Q. What is his name?
A. Lee Kim Sun.
Q. How much of an interest has hee in your store?
A. \$1000.00.
Q. How long has he had it?
A. About four years; ever since we bought out Hop King Lee.
Q. What has he been doing since he bought an interest in your store?
A. He has always been in the store.
Q. Has he ever done any work as a laundryman?
A. No.
Q. Are you sure of that?
A. Yes; sure.
Q. When did he come to the United States; do you know?
A. No, I forget.
Q. How long have you known him?
A. About six years.
Q. What did he do before he bought into your store?
A. His father was in Fort Wayne, and he used to be in school up there.
Q. What is his father's name?
A. Lee Tung; his laundry name is Georgie Lee.
Q. Has his father any interest in your store?
A. No.
Q. Can Lee Kim Sand talk any English?
A. Not but little.
Q. Did not he used to work in that laundry in Fort Wayne?
A. No, I don't think. He is a boy and was at school.
Q. How old is he?
A. I think about 22.
Q. What did he go back to China for; do you know?
A. To see his Mother.
Q. Has he been in your store four years?
A. Yes.
Q. How does it happen you did not have these papers investigated before he went out?
A. I did not ask it. My partner, Lee Chung, he looked after those papers.
Q. There was no reason he had to go out in a hurry, was there?
A. No.

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- Q. Do you know when he came to this country?
A. No, I have only known him six years.
Q. Do you know whether he was registered or not?
A. No.
Q. Did not this man work in a laundry within six months from the time he went back to China?
A. No; he was in the store for the past four years.
Q. Is there any one in Fort Wayne who owns any interest in your store besides Lee Kim Sand?
A. Yes; Lee Nen has \$1000.00 interest.
Q. Any one else in Fort Wayne?
A. No.
Q. Will you swear that Lee Kim Sand did not own a laundry in Fort Wayne and run it two years ago?
A. No he did not.
Q. Are you sure of that?
A. Sure. He was not a laundryman.
Q. How much money has your firm in its business?
A. \$20000.00.
Q. How is that divided up?
A. Stock on hand, \$7000.00 to \$8000.00; stock coming on road from China, \$3000.00 to \$4000.00; debts, \$7000.00; cash, \$4000.00 to \$5000.00.