
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICAT*
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HENRY PEAN *
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for a preinvestigation of *
his status as an alleged *
native born citizen of *
the United States, under *
RULE 16 (a) *

Buffalo, N. Y.,
April 3, 1930

Examination conducted and reported by Albert P. Zinns, Immigrant Inspector
Interpreter, Harry Chin, duly sworn.

- Q. What is your name?
A. Henry Pean (Chin Heng Lee).
- Q. How old are you?
A. 34 years.
- Q. What is your occupation?
A. Laundryman.
- Q. Where is your place of business?
A. 303 1/2 Park Ave., Mechanicville, N. Y.
- Q. Are you married or single?
A. Married.
- Q. Have you any children?
A. Two; one boy and one girl.
- Q. Give me the names of your wife and children?
A. My wife's name is Jung She; she is 33 years of age. My daughter's name is Leaf Gold Pean, she was born at Albany, N. Y. on March 16, 1919, and my son's name is C. Quen Woo Pean, he was born in Albany, N. Y. on August 16, 1919. I have their birth certificates with me. (presents birth certificates from the Local Registrar, Albany, N. Y., William F. Fullgraff, showing that the children were born in Albany, N. Y. as stated, and that the parents were Chin Heng Pean, father, and Jung She, mother)
- Q. Where was your wife born?
A. She was born in the Village of Ha-Lo, Sun Woo District, China.
- Q. Where were you married?
A. In the village mentioned above in 1911. I went to China to get married. I was born in Alexandria, Va.
- Q. Have you a birth certificate?
A. No, but I have a certificate of identity, which was given me at Vancouver, B. C. July 18, 1913, which shows that I am a citizen. (Presents Certificate of Identity No. 7000, copy of which is attached)
- Q. Did your wife come to the United States with you in 1913?

- A. No sir; she came alone. She arrived at Seattle, Wash., May 19, 1917, on the ss "Princess Alice", and I have here her Certificate of Identity, showing that she was admitted at that port as the wife of a native (Present Certificate of Identity No. 25609, issued at Seattle, Wash., May 25, 1917, by Commissioner Henry M. White, No. 35150/1-9. Copy of certificate attached)
- Q. What were your parents' names?
- A. My father's name was Chu Pean and my mother's name I don't remember.
- Q. Are your parents living?
- A. My father is living now in his village in China. My mother is dead.
- Q. When did your father go back to China?
- A. My father took me with him to China when I was very young and I remained there until I was 20 years of age when I came to the United States in 1908, landing at Vancouver, B. C., and from there I proceeded to New York, crossing the border at Malone, N. Y., and I remained in the United States until I went to China in 1911 to be married.
- Q. Did your mother return to China with your father?
- A. No sir; she died in the United States but I don't remember anything about that because I was too young.
- Q. Did you ever attend school in the United States?
- A. Yes sir; at Mechanicville, N. Y. I attended the public school for a few months.
- Q. Did you have any other papers besides this certificate of identity?
- A. No sir.
- Q. When you came to the United States in 1908 what kind of work did you do?
- A. Laundryman.
- Q. What cities have you lived in and what length of time have you remained in each?
- A. I have only lived in New York, Albany and Mechanicville, N. Y. during the time I have been here, but most of the time I have lived in Mechanicville and Albany.
- Q. Have you ever been arrested?
- A. No sir.
- Q. Where do you wish to go?
- A. Toronto, Ont. I want to visit my cousin Chiu Lay. He lives at 256 Avenue Road.
- Q. How long do you want to stay there?
- A. About two weeks.
- Q. You want to take your wife and children with you?
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. Will they return to the United States the same time you do?
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. Have you any other children besides the two born in Albany, N. Y.?
- A. Yes sir; I have one son, Chiu Jan Vit. He was born in 1912 and he is living

with my father in China."

- Q. Have you made any other trips to China other than the ones you mentioned before. I notice on the back of your certificate of identity a notation re a landing in 1916?
- A. Yes sir; I went back to China in 1915, and on my return I landed at Vancouver, B. C. August 16, 1916 (2039-C)
- Q. Are you going to Toronto for business or pleasure?
- A. I am going to visit my cousin. He is about to go to China and I want to talk over certain matters with him before he leaves.
- Q. Were you registered in the Selective Draft in the United States?
- A. Yes sir; I was registered at Mechanicsville, N. Y., but I was placed in the deferred class.
- Q. Have you got your registration card with you?
- A. No sir; I left Albany on March 31, 1920, intending to visit my cousin in Toronto, Ont. I did not know that I would have to get any papers and on arrival of myself and family at Bridgeburg, Ont. we were sent back by the Canadian Immigration authorities. If I had known it was necessary to have this card I would have had it with me.

Description: Age, 34; height, 5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; small scar outer end left eyebrow, small lump on rim of left ear.


Immigrant Inspector