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No. 32 Lafayette St., Newark, N.J.,
July 7, 1908:

In the matter of LEE ME BO, alleged merchant and member of the firm of Quong Lee Yuen & Co., No. 32 Lafayette St., Newark, N. J., who wishes to have his status as merchant determined prior to an intended visit to China.

A. B. Wiley, Inspector.
Warren Wong, Interpreter.
F. J. Masterson, Stenographer.

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- Q What is your name?
- A LEE ME BO. (SWORN)
- Q How old are you?
- A 35.
- Q Where were you born?
- A Hin Loo Village, Sun Woey District, China.
- Q When did you first come to the United States?
- A 23rd year of K. S.
- Q through what port did you enter at that time?
- A San Francisco.
- Q Was that the first time you ever come to the United States?
- A Yes.
- Q You had never been in the United States prior to that date?
- A No, sir.
- Q What were you doing in China before you came to the United States?
- A Working.
- Q At what kind of work? Fanning?
- A In a grocery store.
- Q Where was the grocery store located?
- A In Hen Boo Street, in Go Mun.
- Q What kind of papers did you come to the United States on in the 23rd year of K. S.?
- A Merchant papers.
- Q As a member of what firm?
- A I didn't have any papers when I came.
- Q How did you get into the United States?
- A Smuggled from Montreal.
- Q Who smuggled you in?
- A The firm Yee Wo Lung & Co.; they have failed now.
- Q How much did you have to pay?
- A \$250.00.
- Q You weren't arrested at all, were you?
- A No, sir.
- Q Did you come right through from Montreal to New York?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Did you come by the way of Buffalo?
- A Through Malone.
- Q How do you know you came through Malone? Did you stop off the train at Malone?
- A Yes.
- Q You have got no kind of papers, have you, entitling you to be and remain in the United States?
- A No, sir.
- Q You never had any kind of papers?
- A No, sir.
- Q What did you do after you came to the United States in the 23rd year of K. S.?
- A Worked in the store of Quong Yuen Shing.