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Application and Transcript for Immigrant Tang Suey Jin, age 10

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Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service,
San Pedro, California.

Imm. & Nat. Service
San Pedro, Calif.

I hereby apply for a Certificate of Identity covering my admission
at the port of San Pedro, California, as follows:



Tang Lucy Jin

Name Tang Lucy Jin
Age 8 years. Height less than inches
Occupation None
Address Phoenix, Arizona
Admitted as Daughter of Merchant
Ex. SS. "Pres. Pierce" 2/23/37.
Physical marks and peculiarities Rock marked
left & right nostril. Small
scar back of left hand.

After careful comparison of
the above photograph with the
photograph and other descriptive
data in above file I am satisfied
that the above photograph is of the
person admitted as claimed.

E. M. Dolly
Inspector

鄧瑞珍
Applicant

_____, 1937

I hereby acknowledge receipt of Certificate of Identity No. 72874
issued in my name March 6, 1937 鄧瑞珍
Applicant

Witness:
R. M. Dolly
INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

Q. State all your names, age, address and occupation.

A. My name is TANG SUEY JIN, I am 10 years old Chinese reckoning, born on CR 17-5-29 (July 16, 1928) in Lung Chung Village, Hoi Ping District, China, where I have been residing up until I left for the United States. Occupation none.

Q. Describe your parents.

A. My father's names are TANG HEUNG TSUN or TANG GAY TEUNG, Marriage name. I do not know how old he is nor the date and place of his birth. He is now in the United States in Phoenix City. My mother is SOO HOO SHEE, 30 years old, I do not know the date of her birth. She is a native of Ngow Lon Tin Village. I am here with her.

Q. Do you remember your mother's maiden name?

A. SOO HOO JUNG WAH.

Q. Have you any brothers or sisters?

A. No.

Q. Describe your paternal grandparents.

A. I do not know the names of my paternal grandparents. They are dead. I have never seen them.

Q. Do you know where they are buried?

A. I do not know.

Q. Describe your maternal grandparents.

A. I do not know the names of my maternal grandparents. They are living in Ngow Lon Tin Village.

Q. Does your mother have any brothers or sisters?

A. She has one brother. His name is SOO HOO WING GOON. He is living in Ngow Lon Tin Village.

Q. Do you know how old he is?

A. I do not know.

Q. Has your father any brothers or sisters?

A. I have an uncle. His name is TANG MING SAI. He is now home in China.

Q. Is he married?

A. Yes, he has a wife and two sons. The oldest son is GAR YOUNG and the youngest son is GAR SEE. I do not know how old they are, or where they are.

Q. What is your uncle's wife's name?

A. I do not know.

Q. In what village are they now residing?

A. They live in the same house with us, in the same village.

- Q. How does it happen that you do not know your aunt's name?
A. I call her Ah Moo, meaning auntie.
- Q. What have you been doing in China?
A. Year before last I attended school. I did not do anything last year.
- Q. Where did you attend school the year before last?
A. In the Oy Heung School in Gow Mee Village.
- Q. How far is this village from your village?
A. I do not know how far it is. It is just a short distance. It is to the front of our village.
- Q. How large is the Lung Chung Village?
A. There are four dwelling houses.
- Q. How are they arranged?
A. They are arranged in two rows of two houses in each row.
- Q. Is there any other building in the village besides the four dwelling houses?
A. There is a Moon Low or social hall. It is on the right side of the village as you face with the village.
- Q. Where is your house located in the village?
A. It is the second house in our row. It is the first row from the head.
- Q. Which way does the village face?
A. I do not know.
- Q. Describe your home in the village.
A. It is built of bricks, green bricks. There are two bedrooms, two kitchens, a parlor and an open court.
- Q. What kind of floors are there in the house?
A. Tile floors in all the rooms, except the open court which is paved with stone.
- Q. How many windows are there in the house and how are they protected?
A. There is one in each bedroom. It is protected with iron bars and glass.
- Q. Who lives in the other house in your row?
A. That is TANG JEW's house. TANG TON JEW has a wife and two sons CHEW HING and CHEW SEE. I don't know their ages.
- Q. Are they older or younger than you?
A. They are much older.
- Q. Who lives in the first house in the next row?
A. That is TANG YOU MEN's house. He has a wife, a son AH HAY and a daughter AH NGUEY, but nobody is home now. They are living in Hong Kong.

Q. Who lives in the other house in that row?

A. That is TANG FON YICK's house. He has a wife, but no children.

Q. Do just he and his wife live there?

A. FOON YICK is not home. He is away. Only his wife is living there.

Q. Who lives in your house?

A. My aunt is at home, and my uncle. Their boys are away.

Q. What protection has this village?

A. The village is protected at the rear by bamboo. In front there is a fish pond. On the left hand side of the village as you face with the village there is some bamboo and on the right hand side is a vegetable garden.

Q. Is there a stream or body of water anywhere near the village?

A. There is no river or stream near our village. The nearest one is a long ways away.

Q. Where is that stream that is a long ways away?

A. It is at Chuck Hom City.

Q. What market do you trade at?

A. Chuck Hom market.

Q. Have you ever been there?

A. Yes.

Q. How large is it?

A. I don't know.

Q. Did you ever see your father?

A. No.

Q. Do you know what his occupation is?

A. He is in business in the United States. I don't know what kind.

Q. Did you ever see a photograph of your father?

A. Yes.

Q. Who are these people on affidavit No. 1?

A. They are photographs of my father and my mother.

Q. Who are these people on affidavit No. 2?

A. They are photographs of my father and myself.

Q. Are there any other children of your age in the Lung Chung Village?

A. No.

Q. Any further questions by members of the Board?

A. By both members: None.