

Case of Yee Ging, arrested at El Paso May 16, 1907. Statement made to Inspector F. W. McFarland May 15, at the detention station, U. S. Immigration Office, H. K. Faung, Interpreter. Notes by Insp'r McFarland.

Witness given the usual warning that what he might say would be used for or against him if he was afterwards arrested.

- Q What is your name? A Yee Ging.
- Q How old are you? A 20.
- Q When did you leave Hongkong? A I do not know.
- Q Did you get this memorandum in Hongkong (referring to mem. found on witness's person, giving dates and amounts in the matter of steamer passage from Hongkong)? A Yes.
- Q What does it show? A A bill for money.
- Q Does that show that you paid a certain sum of money for your passage from China to Mexico? A No.
- Q Does n't that show that you drew \$200 for steamship transportation? A Yes.
- Q What steamer did you sail on? A I did not go to Mexico.
- Q Where did you go? A I went to San Francisco.
- Q When did you land at San Francisco? A It was last year. I do not remember when.
- Q When did you leave China? A I do not know when.
- Q How soon after this memorandum was made did you leave China (referring to exhibit A)? A It was sent to me after I left China.
- Q Did you leave China last year? A I do not know when now.
- Q Were you ever in San Francisco? A I just came through there.
- Q What vessel did you come on to San Francisco? A I do not remember until now.
- Q Were you landed by the officers or were you smuggled ashore?
- A I do not know whether I was landed by the proper officers or otherwise. All I know is that I got in.
- Q And you know that you got in at San Francisco? A Yes.
- Q Did you come from San Francisco here direct? A Yes, I wandered here.
- Q Did you come afoot from San Francisco? A I walked, and rode whenever I saw any train.
- Q Did you walk or ride out of San Francisco? A I walked out.
- Q When did you leave San Francisco on your way here?
- A It was last year, but I do not know when.
- Q What did you tell the officers in San Francisco in order to get them to land you? A I never said anything.
- Q Where were you born? A As to that I do not remember.
- Q Were you ever out of China before last year? A Yes.
- Q When did you go away from China first time? A I do not know when.
- Q How long did you stay in San Francisco after you went ashore?
- A Not very long, because I wandered this way soon after.
- Q Is there anything the matter with your mind? A I do not know whether there is or not.
- Q Where were you intending to go when you were apprehended last night? A Nowhere, I just wandered there.
- Q Who is there at the Golden Eagle restaurant that you know?
- A I do not know anyone there.
- Q Did n't you write a note today to your uncle at the Golden Eagle restaurant? A Yes.
- Q What is your uncle's name? A Yee Kay.
- Q Did you see your uncle yesterday? A No.
- Q Have you seen him since you came to El Paso? A No, I never saw him since I came. I only heard that he was in this restaurant.
- Q What Chinese in El Paso have you seen since you came? A I never saw any because I do not know any.
- Q When did you cross the river on your way from San Francisco here?
- A There is no river crossing from San Francisco.
- Q Were you in San Francisco at the time of the earthquake last year?
- A No.

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- Q Were you there after the earthquake? A No.
- Q Were you ever considered by your friends as weakminded?
- A I do not know.
- Q Where is your father? A I do not know in what city he is now.
- Q Is your father in the United States now? A I do not know whether he is now in the United States or not, because I have never written to him.
- Q Where did you get this memorandum giving the English translation for certain Chinese words? A I picked it up at a friend's place.
- Q What is the name of the friend? A I do not know his name.
- Q Where is that friend? A He is out West somewhere.
- Q What right have you in the United States? A I do not know.
- Q You wrote to your uncle that if he thought he could not get you out without much trouble it would not pay to go to any great expense for you, did n't you? A Yes, I wrote to him in this matter on the ground that my native paper had been lost, and if it could not be found it would be useless to spend anything for me.
- Q What were you doing here yesterday? A Nothing, I just wandered down here.
- Q Would you like to go back to China without any expense to yourself? A When would you send me back?
- Q Would you be willing to go back to China if the government paid all your expenses on the trip? A I can not say now, but I wish you would allow me to investigate the loss of my native paper.
- Q Where did you get that paper? A It was prepared in San Francisco.
- Q How long ago? A I do not know.
- Q Did you ever see it? A No.
- Q Was it to be sent to you? A I do not know. I would have to find out whether it is still in San Francisco.
- Q Who was to prepare this paper for you? A I do not know.
- Q How do you know that there has been one prepared for you? A I know it.
- Q Did your uncle Yee Kay tell you about it? A No.
- Q Where did you eat yesterday? A I did not eat at all yesterday. Whenever you are ready to send me I am willing to go back.

(Signed in Chinese characters)

Sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 1907, at El Paso, Texas.

*J. H. [Signature]*  
Immigrant Inspector,

Note:--This Chinese was seen hanging around the Immigration building at the bridge the 14th instant, but it was supposed he had some kind of papers he relied upon, and was not molested. Next day or later the same day he was seen by Inspector Bryan around the Union Station tracks, and when questioned would give no satisfactory replies. This Chinese understands some English and is not believed to be as ignorant as he would like to have it appear. It is suspected that he has had a quarrel with his relatives and that he really wishes to go to China or wants them to think he does.

F. W. McP.