

Soo Hoo Lem Kong's Interview to Enter the United States

Characters: Soo Hoo Lem Kong, Chairman, Interviewer #1, Interviewer #2, Interviewer #3

Chairman: State all your names?

Soo: Soo Hoo Lem Kong, boyhood name: no other name.

Interviewer #1: When and where were you born?

Soo: I was born on CR-11-12-1 (Jan. 17, 1923); in the Sheung On Lay-Sin Lau village, HPD, China.

Interviewer #2: How old are you at the present time, Chinese reckoning?

Soo: 10

Interviewer #3: Of what country are you a subject or citizen?

Soo: China.

Chairman: Under what status do you seek admission to the U.S.?

Soo: I don't know.

Interviewer #1: Have you answered truthfully all questions shown opposite your name on this manifest Form 500 B?

Soo: Yes.

Interviewer #2: You have the right to have present with you during this hearing, a relative or friend, under certain conditions to be stipulated by this board; do you desire to avail yourself of this right?

Soo: No.

Interviewer #3: What witnesses will be here to testify on your behalf?

Soo: I don't know.

Chairman: Is this your signature and photo?

Soo: Yes.

Chairman: Whose photos appear on this document?

Soo: My father, Soo Hoo Gwing, and my own.

Interviewer #1: What are your father's names, his age, date and place of birth, occupation, and present whereabouts?

Soo: Soo Hoo Gwing, boyhood name; Soo Hoo You Gwing marriage name; do not know his age; don't know his place of birth; is now doing business in the Wing Wah Lung Co., Oxnard City, U.S.

Interviewer #2: Name and describe your father's parents?

Soo: My paternal grandfather Soo Hoo Sing Toon, died long ago, I have never seen him; my paternal grandmother Dea Shee, is very old and I don't know her age; bound feet, now living in our home village.

Interviewer #3: Did your father ever have any brothers or sisters?

Soo: I don't know.

Chairman: Name and describe your mother?

Soo: Fong Shee, do not know her age, natural feet, now living in home village.

Interviewer #1: Name and describe your mother's parents?

Soo: My maternal grandfather Fong Dip Moon; now living in his home village, name of which I don't know; my maternal grandmother's name I don't know, she is living with my maternal grandfather.

Interviewer #2: Did your mother ever have any brothers or sisters?

Soo: I don't know.

Interviewer #3: Do you know how many times your father has been married?

Soo: Twice.

Chairman: What was the name of his first wife?

Soo: Woo Shee

Interviewer #1: When and where did Woo Shee die?

Soo: I don't know; I have never seen her.

Interviewer #2: What is the name of your father's second wife?

Soo: Fong Shee

Interviewer #3: Do you know when and where he married Fong Shee?

Soo: No.

Chairman: Did your father have any children by his first wife, Woo Shee?

Soo: Yes, one boy and one girl

(1) Soo Hoo Wah Gong, he is 20 yrs. old, don't know date of his birth; born in our village; single; now here with me.

(2) Soo Hoo Fung Jin; age 18 yrs.; born in home village; where she is now residing, single.

Interviewer #1: What children has your father had by his wife Fong Shee?

Soo: Two boys, no girls:

(1) myself

(2) Soo Hoo Lem Sheck, is 3 yrs. old, do not know date of birth; born in home village; now living at home, with my mother.

Interviewer #2: Have you ever had any brothers or sisters, who died?

Soo: I don't know.

Interviewer #3: Have you any recollection of your father?

Soo: Yes, I remember him.

Chairman: Do you think you would recognize him if you saw him now?

Soo: Yes.

Interviewer #1: When and where did you last see your father?

Soo: I looked down to the wharf from the boat when I arrived here.

Interviewer #2: Did your father talk to you after you came off the boat?

Soo: No.

Interviewer #3: Who told you that was your father standing on the dock?

Soo: No, I recognize him.

Chairman: Who was with your father when he was standing on the dock when you arrived at this port?

Soo: I don't know.

Interviewer #1: Did your father talk to you after you came off the boat?

Soo: No.

Interviewer #2: Did your brother talk to your father when you arrived on the boat?

Soo: No.

Interviewer #3: Who came with you on the boat from China?

Soo: My brother, Soo Hoo Wah Gong.

Chairman: Anybody else come with you and your brother?

Soo: Nobody else.

Interviewer #1: When and where did you last see your father in China?

Soo: I don't remember.

Interviewer #2: Then you have no recollection of your father in China?

Soo: Yes, I saw my father at home; I do not remember when it was.

Interviewer #3: What happened when on the occasion you last saw your father in China, did he leave your home at that time, or did you leave?

Soo: He was leaving for the U.S.