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Sym Choon family - CEDT [certificate of exemption from dictation test]

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

File No. S.A. 56/1 9039

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION—SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Part No. ....

SUBJECT

SYM CHOON FAMILY  
L. E. R. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION

No.

Sym bhoon family -  
A.S.I.

Previously customs file 25711129

(No previous general info),

A. Rest. / Make a record in the "blue Imm. Register" then file.  
Some of these people are still alive.

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cmc  
7/17/56

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

25/11/29

Customs and Excise Office,  
FLINDERS STREET,

Melbourne. C. 1., 25th October, 1929.

CH/A

Central—9620, 9621, 9622, 9623.

IN REPLY  
PLEASE QUOTE  
THESE NUMBERS. } C&E'29/18003

MEMORANDUM:

29 OCT 1929

The Collector will find herewith Australian Passport No. A.3655 and Form 32 in favour of Miss DOROTHY SYM CHOON, an Australian-born Chinese who, after being satisfactorily identified, was permitted to land at this port from the s.s. "Changte" on the 13th September, 1929.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

*R. E. Kennedy*

A/g Collector of Customs,  
Victoria

*receipt acknowledged  
compared by Mr Burford  
vide C&E 25/11/28*

The Collector of Customs  
for South Australia,

PORT ADELAIDE.

A 3655

PASSPORT



COMMONWEALTH OF  
AUSTRALIA

*Miss D. Lynn Choon*

I, the Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia, request in the name of His Britannic Majesty, all those whom it may concern, to allow

Miss Dorothy Lynn Choon

to pass freely without let or hindrance, and to afford her every assistance and protection of which she may stand in need.

Given at Government House Melbourne in the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, this 1st day of February One thousand nine hundred and twenty three



Forsyth

Governor General.

For Sale PASSAGE TICKET No. 8137

I

This passport contains 32 pages.

Ce passeport contient 32 pages.

PASSPORT.  
PASSEPORT.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

COMMONWEALTH D'AUSTRALIE.

No. of PASSPORT } A 3655  
No. du PASSEPORT }

NAME OF BEARER } Miss Dorothy  
NOM DU TITULAIRE } Lynn Choon

ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE  
(Maiden name)  
ACCOMPAGNÉ DE SA FEMME  
(Née)

{ and by } children  
{ et de } enfants

NATIONAL STATUS }  
NATIONALITE }

British born

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DESCRIPTION  
SIGNALEMENT

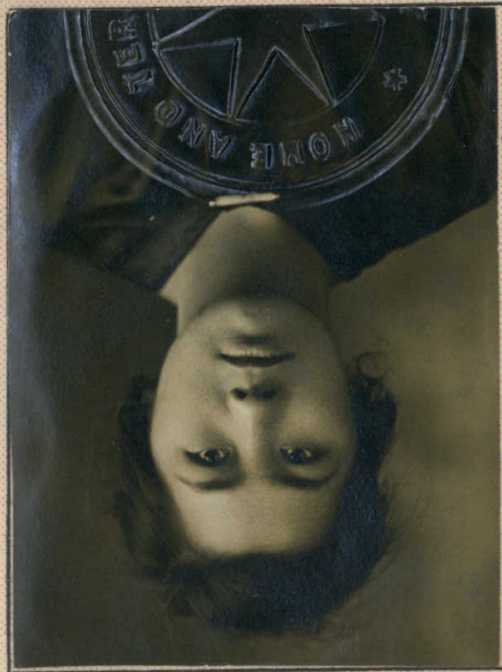
Wife - Femme

Profession } *Prop. Assistant*  
 Profession }  
 Place and date } *Amley*  
 of birth } *Waverley*  
 Lieu et date } *8 January 1904*  
 de naissance }  
 Domicile } *Australia*  
 Domicile }  
 Height } *5* ft. *2* in. ft. in.  
 Taille }  
 Colour of eyes } *Dark brown*  
 Couleur des yeux }  
 Colour of hair } *Black*  
 Couleur des cheveux }  
 Special peculiarities }  
 Signes particuliers }

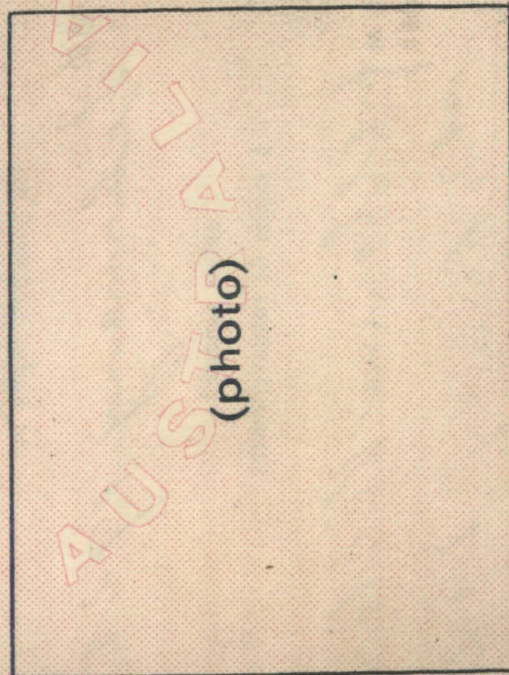
CHILDREN - ENFANTS

Name Age Sex  
 Nom Age Sexe

PHOTOGRAPH OF BEARER



WIFE FEMME



(photo)

*Dorothy Ann Thoon*  
 SIGNATURE OF BEARER SIGNATURE DU TITULAIRE

Et de sa Femme SIGNATURE OF WIFE

COUNTRIES FOR WHICH THIS PASSPORT IS VALID  
PAYS POUR LESQUELS CE PASSEPORT EST VALABLE

*British Empire (see notes 2 and 3)  
China*



The validity of this passport expires :

Ce passeport expire le :

*1st February 1928*

unless renewed.

à moins de renouvellement.

Issued at *Melbourne Victoria*  
delivered at

date } *1st February 1928*  
date }

RENEWALS

This Passport is hereby renewed; valid  
until *1st February 1928*

*M. J. ...*

Sub-Collector of Customs, Adelaide.  
For Secretary, Home and Territories Department,  
Melbourne, Australia.

*16/12/1926*

This Passport is hereby renewed; valid  
until *1st February 1930*

*M. J. ...*

Sub-Collector of Customs, Adelaide.  
For Secretary, Home and Territories Department,  
Canberra, Australia.

*22/1/1929*



OBSERVATIONS.





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VISAS

駐澳大利亞總領事館  
 驗記  
 魏子床  
 中華民國二十二年二月六日



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VISAS



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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VISAS

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
 駐英利豐銀行  
 驗記  
 魏子康  
 大中華民國十一年八月十一日



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VISAS

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
 THE EXCHANGING OFFICE  
 (Faint circular stamp)

II  
VISAS

駐澳英領事館

驗記

總領事館

中華民國二十九年九月九日

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## VISAS

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## NOTES.

1. This passport is not valid beyond two years from the date of issue. It may be renewed for four further periods of two years each, after which, or if at any time there be no further space for visas, a fresh passport must be obtained. The fee for each renewal is two shillings, and the fee for a fresh Australian passport is ten shillings.

2. This passport is only available for travel to the countries named on page 4, but it may be endorsed for additional countries. The possession of a passport so endorsed does not, however, exempt the holder from compliance with any immigration regulations in force in British or foreign countries or from the necessity of obtaining a visa when required.

3. Passports endorsed as valid for the British Empire are also available for travelling to territory under British protection or mandate, not, however, including Palestine, Mesopotamia, or Egypt, for which countries the passport must be specially endorsed.

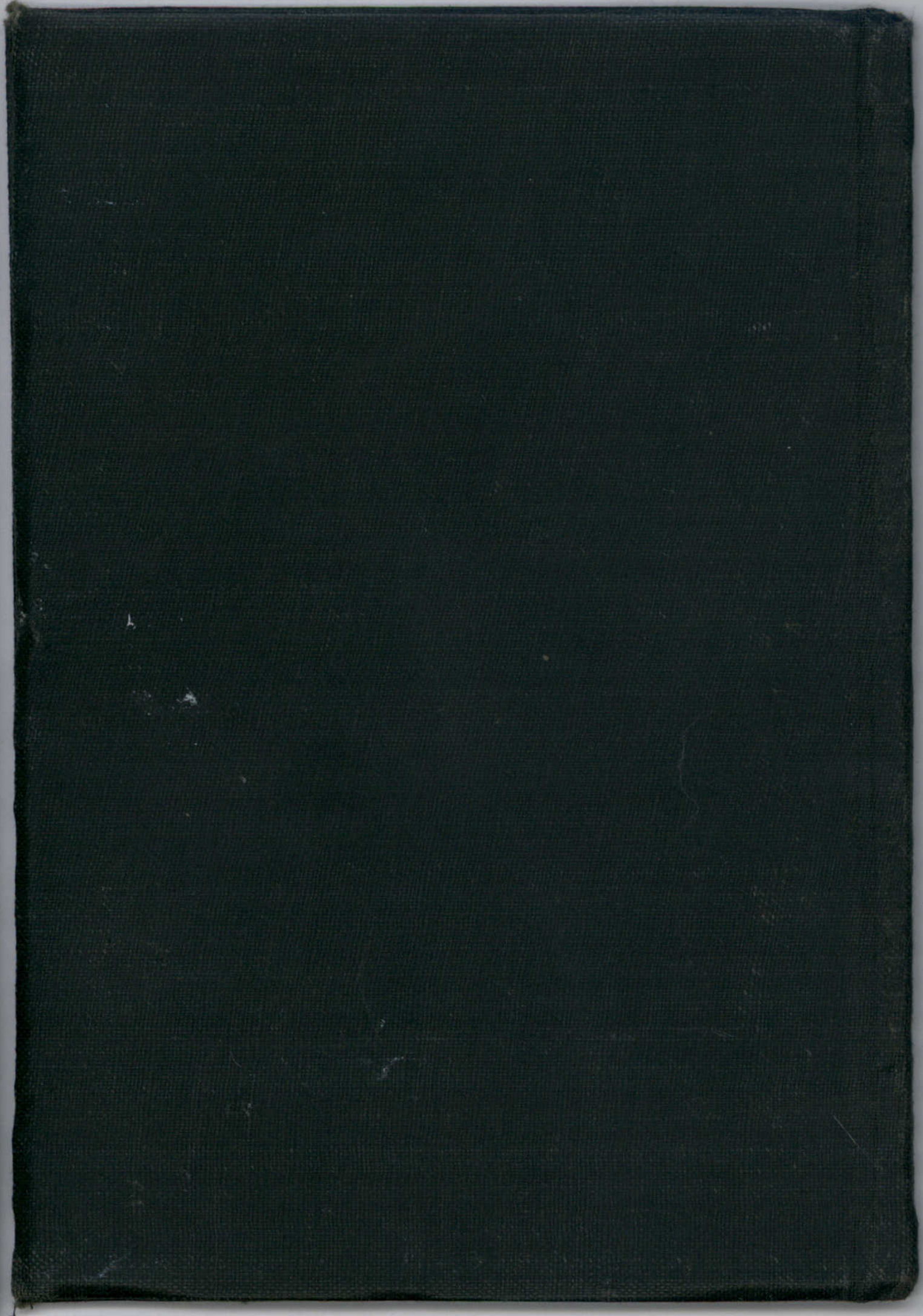
4. The holder of this passport, if making his or her home, or staying for a prolonged period, in a foreign country, should be registered at the nearest British Consulate.

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**CAUTION.**

Being a valuable document this Passport should not be allowed to pass into the possession of any unauthorized person. If lost or destroyed, the fact should be immediately reported to the nearest Customs Office in Australia, or (if the holder is abroad) to the nearest British Consulate or British Passport Office.

[98] 0400 SA 1936/9039



ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

Passport of Choorn.  
Lorothy by 12.9.29.  
change  
B.B. 29/18003

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

*If not delivered within 7 days return to*

CUSTOMS HOUSE,

MELBOURNE, / / 192



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IMMIGRATION ACT 1901-1925.

We certify that we have this day examined Miss Dorothy Lynn Choo  
of Bangkok Chinese nationality, ex Changki  
Australian <sup>for</sup> and have permitted ~~him~~ to land for the reason that he has satisfied us:—

1. That he is the person named in Certificate exempting from the Dictation Test, No. \_\_\_\_\_ issued at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

2. That he is a naturalized citizen of Australia, and is the bona fide holder of Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ presented by him and indorsed by us.

3. That she was born in Australia in the State of South Australia (at Adelaide) on 8 January 1904

4. That he is the bona fide holder of Exemption Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

5. That she is the bona fide holder of Passport No. A 9655 <sup>Aust</sup> duly <sup>extended</sup> ~~visa~~ by Sub Collector of Customs Adelaide 22.1.29

6. \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE.—Strike out all reasons except that on which landing allowed.

The thumb prints of As per card with are shown below.

M. W. O.  
J. Gibson Sec Insp

Customs and Excise Office,

Place Melbourne

Date 13. 9. 29

THUMB PRINTS.

LEFT.

RIGHT.



SUBJECT: So Sym Choons.

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Note.

Gladys Sym Choon returned to Australia by "CHANGTE" on 9/9/26 but did not hand up C.E.D.T. She was in possession of Passport No. A.41291 and was identified and permitted to land. In C.&.E. 25/11128, she was asked to deliver up C.E.D.T. which she stated was at home somewhere, but she was unable to locate it.

It is understood that Passports have been issued as under to Sym Choons -

Dorothy	1/2/23	Issued, Melbourne.
Gladys	19/1/26	" "
Robert Gordon,	1928	" Adelaide.
Thomas, Geo.	1926	" "

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(Sgd). F. G.



L/ALB

25/11129

25/11128

16th January, 1926.

MEMORANDUM

The Collector of Customs,  
VICTORIA.

See telegram on 25/11/28  
Grantees departing from  
Sydney. JH 19/1/26

Mrs. So Sym Choon. Miss Gladys Sym Choon.

Forwarded herewith are South Australian  
Cs. E.D.T. No. 1 of 1926 (Book 325 No.092) and No. 2  
of 1926 (Book 325 No.093) issued at Port Adelaide on  
18th January 1926 in favor of the above-named Chinese.

The grantees propose joining the s.s. "TAIPING"  
due to leave Melbourne about 12.2.26, and it is desired  
that the certificates be handed to them prior to the  
vessel's departure.

The prescribed fees have been paid at this  
port - Warrant 2256 of 14.1.26.

JH

Collector of Customs, S.A.

Commonwealth Audit Office for  
noting and return.

*J. Musgrave*  
Collector of Customs, S. A.

25/1119. JH Per JH

Cert. 7/1926 detached &  
filed in Show Room  
JH

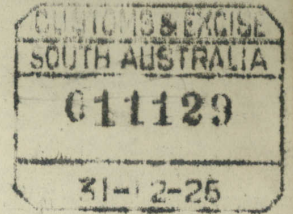
JH 17/3/26

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICE.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

MINUTE PAPER.



7M-11,24 2771

Subject:

*Immigration Act.*

*C.E.D.T. application Gladys Lynn Choon*

*The Detective Inspector*

*For necessary report please*

*W. Loughlin  
per 29*

*4/1/26*

*Fee for C.E.D.T. paid w/b 2256,  
14.1.26.*

*Approval for issue of C.E.D.T. via 25/11/28  
a.m.  
14.1.26.*

N<sup>o</sup> 1141

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

TAXATION DEPARTMENT.

FLINDERS STREET, ADELAIDE,

<sup>1925.</sup>  
FEDERAL INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT ACT, 1922-1924.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Miss Gladys Aym Cheon

has satisfied the requirements of this Department, and there is no objection to the issue of a Passport within fourteen (14) days from the date hereon.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 1926.

E. H. H. Rogers  
Deputy Federal Commissioner.

From Act.

Gladys Sym Choon.

C# 825/1129

book 325 Cent 2/1926

left



right



(COPY)

ADELAIDE, 22nd December, 1925.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Mrs. Sym Choon, Importer, of Rundle Street, Adelaide, and her daughter Miss Gladys Sym Choon, are both well-known to us.

For many years we have acted as their Customs, Shipping and Carrying Agents. We know them privately and in business, and must place on record their honesty and straight-forwardness.

We understand they are applying for a passport permitting them to go to China and return, and we hope that the Department will see its way clear to grant this application.

We can upon their return, if needed, identify both these people.

(Sgd.) GAMBLINGS



**O. H. M. S.**

60M-6.23

Gladys Sym Choan

CS.



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This is to certify  
that this photo of you  
was taken by me.

Geo. A. Rogers  
84. Runcle St.

18/12/25



This is to his  
certify that this  
Photograph was taken

by me.  
Geo. A. Rogers  
& L. R. R. & Co.

18/12/25-

(COPY)

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED,

238a Rundle Street Branch  
Adelaide

24th December, 1925.

To the Secretary,  
Immigration Department,  
Commonwealth Government,  
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

I understand Mrs. S. Sym Choon and her daughter, Miss Gladys Sym Choon, are applying for a passport to make a holiday and business trip to China,

The family has been known to me for about 15 years and are very well regarded, carry on a large importing business at 235 Rundle St., Adelaide, appear to be of very good character and good citizens of the Commonwealth. Mrs. Sym Choon has made her home in this State since 1899, and her family are local born.

I would regard both as suitable persons to receive passports.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) W.M.PADDOCK

Manager.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

IMMIGRATION ACT 1901-1920.

235 Rundle St

Adelaide

SIR,

I beg to apply for a Certificate under the *Immigration Act* 1901-1920, Section 4 (B), and Regulations, and I forward herewith a Statutory Declaration in support of my application.

I wish to visit China for 12 months.

I attach two Certificates of my character, and six unmounted photographs\* of myself (three full face and three profile).

\*NOTE.—The six photographs should be unmounted and not retouched; taken with hat off; size, about 3 1/4 in. x 2 1/4 in.; and the "profile" copies should be distinctly side face, not three-quarter.

I undertake and intend not to bring with me or to introduce into the Commonwealth on my return to the Commonwealth any relative who is not possessed of an unexpired or unrevoked certificate excepting him or her from the provisions of paragraph (a) of section 3 of the above Act, and I also undertake and intend not to be directly or indirectly privy to the bringing to or introduction into the Commonwealth of any such relative.

If my application is granted, please intimate the fact to me at the above address.

Yours faithfully,

Gladys Sym Choon

THE COLLECTOR H.M. CUSTOMS,

Adelaide

NOTE.—The Statutory Declaration should set out the length of residence in Australia, and should verify all documents accompanying the application, and should be in the form required by the "Statutory Declarations Act 1911."



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Report by Police or Customs Officer on within Application.

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Lined writing area for the report.

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

(1) Name of declarant. I, Gladys Sym Choon  
 now residing at 235 Rundle St Adelaide  
 do solemnly and sincerely declare that the answers to the following questions  
 are true:—

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Of what nationality are you? ...   | 1. <u>Australian of Chinese parentage.</u>                              |
| 2. Where were you born, and when? ...   | 2. <u>Wiley 18/12/1905</u>  |
| 3. When did you <u>first</u> come to Australia? ...   | 3. <u>Born here</u>   |
| 4. Where have you lived since you came to Australia?<br><small>(State places and period of residence in each.)</small>  | 4. <u>Wiley &amp; Adelaide</u><br><u>2 yrs 17 yrs</u>                   |
| 5. Have you ever been absent from Australia since your original arrival? If so, state—(a) on how many occasions; (b) for what period on each occasion, giving date of departure and return. | 5. <u>(A) Once</u><br><u>(B) 2 months</u><br><u>March to June 1921.</u> |
| 6. What is your present occupation? ...   | 6. <u>Shop Assistant</u>  |
| 7. What other occupations (if any) have you carried on since you came to Australia?   | 7. <u>None</u>  |

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1911* conscientiously believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

(2) Signature of declarant.

Gladys Sym Choon

Declared at Adelaide the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1925.

Before me

(3) Person before whom declaration is made.

W. J. P. ...

(4) Title of person before whom declaration is made (a).

Bank Manager

(a) This Declaration may be made before a Police, Special, or Stipendiary Magistrate; a Justice of the Peace; a Commissioner for Affidavits; or a Commissioner for Declarations.

NOTE.—Any person who wilfully makes a false statement in a Statutory Declaration is guilty of an indictable offence, and is liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for four years.

C&E.23/390.

12th November, 1923.

MEMORANDUM.

The Collector of Customs,  
Victoria.

The receipt is acknowledged of the Collector's memorandum No.23/20700 of 2/11/23 enclosing C.E.D.T. (original and duplicate) and Form 32 relating to an Australian born Chinese Girl, named Dorothy Sym Choon who landed at ~~his~~ Port ex s.s. "St. Albans" on 31/8/23.

A. C. SHEELFALL  
per J.L.

Acting Collector of Customs, S.A.

Commonwealth Audit Office for  
noting and return

Ref. A.C. Sheelfall  
Collector of Customs, S. A.  
13/11/23. Per 107R



*(Handwritten signature in red ink)*

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

23/390  
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICE  
FLINDERS STREET.

WC/EW

Telephone Central—9620, 9621, 9622, 9623.

Customs and Excise Office,  
FLINDERS STREET.

IN REPLY  
PLEASE QUOTE  
THESE NUMBERS

C&E '23/20700

Melbourne, 2nd November, 1923.

MEMORANDUM:

In connexion with his memorandum No. 23/390 of 31st August, 1923, the Collector will find herewith duplicate and original of S.A. C.E.D.T. Book 325 No. 25 (S.A. 5/1923) and Form 32 relating to an Australian born Chinese girl named Dorothy Sym Choon who was examined and permitted to land at this Port. ex s/s "St. Albans" on 31/8/1923.

2. Please acknowledge receipt of the documents.

*Handwritten initials*

*Handwritten signature: C. A. Green*

Acting Collector of Customs,  
Victoria.

*Recorded in Imm: Register  
C.E.D.T. (Original & duplicate) Form 32  
detached & filed in Chang Room.*

The Collector of Customs  
for South Australia,  
PORT ADELAIDE.

*Handwritten initials and date: JHR 7/11/23*

Name (in  
Nationality  
'23/390  
Birthplace.

R/ALB

11th October, 1923.

MEMORANDUM

The Collector of Customs,  
VICTORIA.

DOROTHY SYM CHOON - C.E.D.T.

In connection with my memorandum No. '23/390 of 31.8.23, bearing on the above subject, will the Collector please advise whether the above-mentioned passenger landed ex s.s. "ST. ALBANS" at his port, and if so, return the certificates to this office in the usual way?

A. C. THIRUPALI  
per J.L.

Acting Collector of Customs, S.A.

2/10  
3074

WC/CG

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICE, MELBOURNE: 23/16555.

23/390

TELEGRAM.

COLLECTOR CUSTOMS  
PORTADELAIDE.

PLEASE

FORWARD

CERTIFICATE

32525

DOROTHY

SYM

CHOOM

ARRIVING

STALBANS

TODAY

GREEN.

31/8/1923.

CONFIRMATION.

A Telegram in the above terms was forwarded to you to-day.

C. H. GREEN,

*[Signature]*

Per

Acting Collector of Customs, Victoria.  
31/8/1923.

3 SEP 1923

R/ALB

23/390

31st August, 1923.

MEMORANDUM

The Collector of Customs,  
VICTORIA.

In response to the Collector's telegram of  
the 31st August 1923, forwarded herewith is duplicate  
--- S.A. Certificate of Exemption from the Dictation Test  
relating to Dorothy Sym Choon who is a passenger for  
Melbourne by the s.s. "ST. ALBANS".

A. C. Threlfall.

Acting Collector of Customs, S.A.

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E.T. No. 2.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA—POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 10  
Office Date Stamp

# TELEGRAM.

*This message has been received subject to the Post and Telegraph Act and Regulations.  
All complaints to be addressed in writing to the Deputy Postmaster-General.*

NOTE.—THE FIGURES AT BOTTOM OF MESSAGE REPRESENT THE TIME RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE.



Station from.	No. of Words.	Check.	Time Lodged.	Date Lodged.	Remarks.
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Market Street Melbourne	14	1/4d	10-5am	31st	
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Collector Customs  
Port Adelaide

Please forward certificate 32525 Dorothy Sym Cheon arriving St-Albans today

Green

31 AUG 1923

10.35 am

10-23am rus

*Today's mail please.*  
*[Signature]*  
31/8



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

"Aliens Registration Act 1920."

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION.

[For Alien Resident in Commonwealth.]

This form is to be filled up (except as to signature and thumb-print) in triplicate, and the Alien is to attend in person, with the triplicate forms, before the member of the Police Force in charge of the Police Station nearest to his usual place of abode, and in his presence sign the application and allow an impression of his thumb-print to be taken, if required.

Name (in full) ..... (Surname to be underlined).

Nationality ..... Sex .....

Birthplace ..... Date of birth .....

Place of abode .....

Place of business (if any) .....

Occupation ..... Married } Single } Strike out the term that does not apply.

Date of entry to Commonwealth ..... Name of ship .....

Port of debarkation .....

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.

Height ..... ft. .... in. Colour of eyes .....

Colour of hair ..... Build .....

Notable marks .....

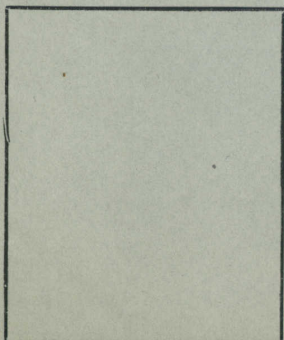
Remarks— .....

Date of Application .....

Usual Signature of Alien ..... (To be signed in presence of Aliens Registration Officer.)

(This Space for Office Use only.)

Left thumb-print (impression to be made, if required, in presence of Aliens Registration Officer).



Certificate issued—No. ....

Date .....

Remarks— .....

Signature of Aliens } Registration Officer }

Police Station .....

W/ALB

23/390

Dorothy Sym Choon  
C.C.D.I.

23/391

14th February, 1923.

MEMORANDUM

The Collector of Customs,  
VICTORIA.

Forwarded herewith are South Australian Certificates  
--- of Exemption from the Dictation Test Nos. 4 and 5 of 1923  
issued at Port Adelaide on 9.2.23 in favor of Mrs. So Sym  
Choon and her Australian-born daughter, Dorothy Sym Choon.

These persons propose joining the s.s. "ST. ALBANS"  
at Melbourne on the 1st March and they have been instructed  
to call at the Customs House for the documents prior to the  
vessel's departure.

As Miss Sym Choon objected to having her thumb  
prints taken this requirement was not insisted upon - vide  
I.A.I. No. 117.

The prescribed fees have been paid - receipts  
88661/2 of 8.2.23.

Ernest Hall

Collector of Customs, S.A.

Departure recorded, duplicate  
certificate detached & filed in  
Strong Room.

W&R  
12/3/23

23/391

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICE.  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

MINUTE PAPER.

7M-3.22 9093

Subject:

Immigration Act 1901-1920.  
Application for C.E.D.T.  
Mrs. So Sym Choon (Chinese) and her daughter Dorothy Sym Choon -  
Australian born Chinese.

The Collector,

Herewith C.E.D.Ts for signature.

2. Mrs. So Sym Choon and Miss Dorothy Sym Choon intend leaving Adelaide by train about 24th February 1923 and proceeding overland to embark on the S.S. "ST. ALBANS" at Melbourne for China 1/3/23.

3. They have been instructed to call on the Collector of Customs, Customs House, Melbourne, for their certificates. Fees paid Receipt No. 88661/2 of 8/2/23.

4. Miss Dorothy Sym Choon was informed that it would be advisable to have her left and right thumb impressions on the C.E.D.T. to save her any trouble should she require to land at any other port in the Commonwealth, but she stated that she certainly objected to having ~~the~~ her thumb prints taken and did not anticipate any trouble whatever as she was well known in Sydney and Melbourne.

5. Taxation certificate attached.

9/2/23.

*W. W. Ecclestone*

Senior Boarding Inspector.

J. B. S.  
11.7

Adelaide 53/390

16-1-23

To those whom it may concern

I have pleasure in testifying to the fact that I have known Miss Dorothy Sym Choon for about 10 years. She is working in the business with her mother & father. I have always found her very industrious honest & lady like.

Faithfully yours  
J N Brown J.P.

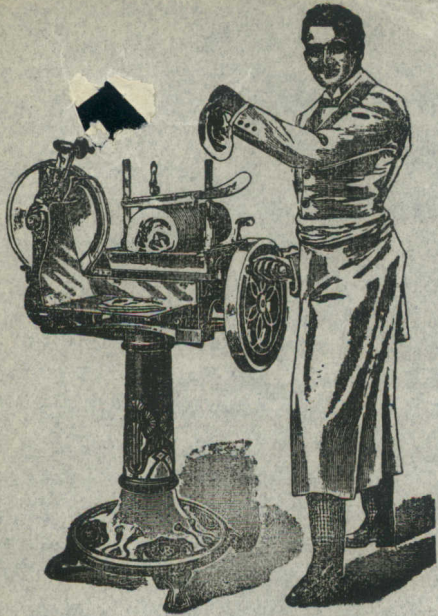
UNLEY ROAD, UNLEY CITY.

ESTABLISHED 1899.

Rundle Street,

16th January, 1923.

23/390



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Memo.  
from

**H. H. MANSFIELD,**

'PHONE  
1611.

Z-B1876.



**DRAPER, GROCER,  
AND IRONMONGER.**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

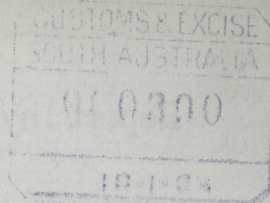
This is to certify that I have known Miss Dorothy Sym Choon for many years.

She has for sometime attended to the clerical work for her Mother's business, and because of this has become in direct touch with us and we are able to speak for her.

She is honest, straight-forward and a trustworthy person.

Yours faithfully,

*H. H. Mansfield.*



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

IMMIGRATION ACT 1901-1912.

235 Rundle Street,  
Adelaide

16/1/23.

SIR,

I beg to apply for a Certificate under the *Immigration Act* 1901-1912, Section 4 (B), and Regulations, and I forward herewith a Statutory Declaration in support of my application.

I wish to visit China  
for about six months.

I attach two Certificates of my character, and six unmounted photographs of myself (three full face and three profile).

I undertake and intend not to bring with me or to introduce into the Commonwealth on my return to the Commonwealth any relative who is not possessed of an unexpired or unrevoked certificate excepting him or her from the provisions of paragraph (a) of section 3 of the above Act, and I also undertake and intend not to be directly or indirectly privy to the bringing to or introduction into the Commonwealth of any such relative.

If my application is granted, please intimate the fact to me at the above address.

Yours faithfully,

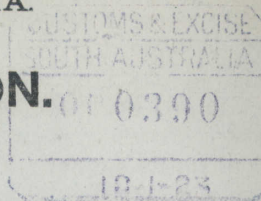
*Dorothy Sym Choow*

THE COLLECTOR H.M. CUSTOMS,

NOTE.—The Statutory Declaration should set out the length of residence in Australia, and should verify all documents accompanying the application, and should be in the form required by the "Statutory Declarations Act 1911."



## STATUTORY DECLARATION.



(1) Name of declarant.

I, <sup>(1)</sup> Dorothy Sym Choonnow residing at 235 Rundle Street, Adelaide

do solemnly and sincerely declare that the answers to the following questions are true:—

1. Of what nationality are you? ...

1. Chinese

2. Where were you born, and when? ...

2. Arthur St., Unley, S<sup>th</sup> Aus. 8/1/19043. When did you first come to Australia? ...3. Born here

4. Where have you lived since you came to Australia?

(State places and period of residence in each.)

4. Arthur St., Unley235 Rundle St. Adelaide

5. Have you ever been absent from Australia since your original arrival? If so, state —(a) on how many occasions; (b) for what period on each occasion, giving date of departure and return.

5. Yes. (a) Once (b) about Six Months  
Left Melbourne 6<sup>th</sup> March 1922.  
returned 30<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1922.

6. What is your present occupation? ...

6. Shop Assistant.

7. What other occupations (if any) have you carried on since you came to Australia?

7. No

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1911* conscientiously believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

(2) Signature of declarant.

(2)

Dorothy Sym ChoonDeclared at Adelaide

the

16day of July19 23

Before me

(3)

Mr. Brooker

(3) Person before whom declaration is made.

(4)

Justice of the Peace

(4) Title of person before whom declaration is made (a).

(a) This Declaration may be made before a Police, Special, or Stipendiary Magistrate; a Justice of the Peace; a Commissioner for Affidavits; or a Commissioner for Declarations.

**NOTE.**—Any person who wilfully makes a false statement in a Statutory Declaration is guilty of an indictable offence, and is liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for four years.



21/7947

9th October, 1922.

21/6099  
MEMORANDUM -

The Secretary,  
Home and Territories Department,  
MELBOURNE.

The Secretary is informed that information has been received that the Chinese referred to in the under-mentioned Certificates of Exemption from the Dictation Test under the Immigration Act have died in China -

Chung Kow - Book 255 No. 86 issued at Port Adelaide on 14.6.21 .

Ah Kow - Book 255 No. 96 issued at Port Adelaide on 19.9.21.

Sym Choon - Book 255 No. 99 issued at Port Adelaide on 19.12.21.

Dorothy Sym Choon, the Australian born daughter of the late Sym Choon, who accompanied her father to China and recently returned, states that she thought she brought Sym Choon's C.E.D.T. back with her but on making a search of her belongings she could not find it.

*WMB*

Ernest Hall

Collector of Customs, S.A.

*Noted in Immigration Register  
and duplicate copy of C.E.D.T.*

*10/10/22*

Commonwealth Audit Office for  
noting and return.

*Ernest Hall*  
Collector of Customs, S.A.

10/10/1922, Per



21/7947

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICE.  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

MINUTE PAPER.

7M-3.22 9093

Subject:

Immigration Act, 1901-1920.

Dorothy Sym Choon - C.E.D.T.

The Detective Inspector.

Please ascertain from Dorothy Sym Choon what became of the Certificate of Exemption issued at Port Adelaide on the 19th December 1921 in favor of her late father.

Ernest Hall

2.10.22.

Collector.

The Sub-Collector,

I have to report having interviewed Miss Dorothy Sym Choon in regard to the C.E.D.T. issued in favor of her late father.

She informed me that she thought she had brought it back with her to Australia but on making a search of her belongings she could not find it. If she should find it she will advise this office to that effect.

6/10/22.

*J. Burford*  
Detective Inspector.

*The Collector*  
*12th*  
*6/10/22*

7/1981/602473

CUST S & EXCISE  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

21/7947

Telephone Central—9620, 9621, 9622, 9623.

WC/CG

Customs and Excise Office,  
FLINDERS STREET.

IN REPLY  
PLEASE QUOTE  
THESE NUMBERS

C&E' 22/13653.

Melbourne, 23rd September, 1922.

SEP 27 1922

MEMORANDUM: -

Herewith is forwarded C.E.D.T. Book 255 No. 100 (S.A. 28/1921) - duplicate and original - and Form 32 relating to an Australian born Chinese named Dorothy Sym Choon, who arrived at this Port per the s.s. "St. Albans" on the 30th August, 1922, and after being satisfactorily identified, was permitted to land.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

*AGS*

*— Ack'd  
29/9*

*C. H. Green*

Acting Collector of Customs,  
Victoria.

*Thumb prints checked in terms  
S.A. N. 35  
29.9.22*

*Return recorded.  
Book copies of CEDT (duly  
endorsed accordingly and  
punched "USED") detached  
and filed in Strong Room  
together with Form 32.*

The Collector of Customs,  
for South Australia,  
PORT ADELAIDE.

*29/9/22*

*S. W. W. [Signature]*

21/7947

22nd August, 1922.

MEMORANDUM for

The Collector of Customs  
for Victoria,  
Melbourne.

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In response to a telegram received from the Sub-Collector of Customs, Cairns, I am forwarding herewith duplicate South Australian C.E.D.T. No.28/1921 relating to an Australian born Chinese girl - Dorothy Sym Choon - who is a passenger for Melbourne by the "St.Albans".

This girl left Australia in March, 1922, in company with her father - Sym Choon - and Mrs Sym Choon of Adelaide has since received a cablegram from China notifying the death of her husband. This probably accounts for the daughters early return to the Commonwealth - I.A.I. No.123.

Ernest Hall

Collector of Customs, S.A.

Detective Inspector,  
*[Signature]*  
22.8.22

The Sub-Collector.

I have ascertained from George Sym Choon (son of the late Sym Choon) fruiterer, Rundle Street, Adelaide, that he received a cablegram from his sister Dorothy Sym Choon in Hong Kong about a month ago informing him that his father died in China on 11.7.22 and that she was leaving Hong Kong on 3.8.22 per s.s. "ST. ALBANS" on her way back to Australia. The son has no further particulars re this matter to date.

*[Signature: J. Burford]*

Detective Inspector

22.8.22.

*The Collector*

*[Signature]*  
22/8/22

3079

*11.7.22 Dept. of  
to advised of Sym  
Choon's death when  
further particulars available.  
Please refer these papers to  
Detective Insp. *[Signature]*  
22/8.*

MEMORANDUM for

The Collector of Customs  
for Victoria,  
Melbourne.

Sub-Collector responds to a telegram received from the

*Patrols papers for  
The Hon.*

*Patrols*

E.T. No. 2.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

# TELEGRAM.

*This Message has been received subject to the Post and Telegraph Act and Regulations.  
All complaints to be addressed in writing to the Deputy Postmaster-General.*

**NOTE.**—The figures at bottom of message represent the time received at this Office.

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Office Date Stamp.



21/1981

W/ALB

Dorothy Sym Choon.

21/1981

23rd December, 1921.

C.E.D.T.

MEMORANDUM

The Collector of Customs,  
VICTORIA.

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Forwarded herewith are South Australian  
Certificates of Exemption from the Dictation Test  
(Nos. 27 and 28) issued at Port Adelaide on 19.12.21,  
in favor of a Chinese named Sym Choon and his daughter  
Dorothy Sym Choon.

vide 21/1981

These persons propose joining the s.s.  
"EASTERN" at Melbourne at an early date and it is  
desired that the documents be handed to them prior to  
the vessel's departure.

The prescribed fees have been paid at this  
port, warrant ~~XXXXXX~~ of 15.12.21.  
1288

Ernest Hall

Collector of Customs, S.A.

Departure per s.s. "St Albans" from Melbue.  
on 9/3/22 recorded (vide 28/21/1981).

Duplicate C. E. D. T. 28 detached  
from file and lodged in Strong Room.

JH  
27/3/22

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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICE.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

MINUTE PAPER.

7M-0.21 5064

Subject:-

Immigration Act, 1901-1920 - Application for C.E.D.T. Dorothy  
Sym Choon.

The Collector,

Herewith is forwarded for the Collector's signature  
Certificate of Exemption from Dictation Test 28/1921 in favor  
of Dorothy Sym Choon.

2. Fee paid receipt No. 785552 of 15/12/21.

3. Dorothy Sym Choon intends leaving Adelaide for  
Melbourne with her father to embark on the s.s. "EASTERN" for  
China.

4. This person will call on the Collector of Customs,  
Melbourne, Victoria, for her certificate.

*M. Wadlow*

Senior Boarding Inspector.

19/12/21.

*Low 11857*

*Had for further  
info re Sym Choon.  
Call re this man  
in Adelaide 21/12/21.  
MM  
20/12/21.*



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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

M.B.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICE.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

MINUTE PAPER.

7M-9.21 5064

Subject:—

DOROTHY SYM CHOON.

Certificate - Immigration Act.

The Detective Inspector, for report.

16.12.21

The Sub-Collector,

1. The applicant in this case is Dorothy Sym Choon, the daughter of Sym Choon, 235 Rundle Street, Adelaide.

2. She was born in Arthur Street, Unley, South Australia, on January 8th, 1904, and was a pupil at the Flinders Street School for about 9 years, as shown in attached certificate from the Headmaster of that School. She is desirous of visiting China with her father, Sym Choon.

3. There is no existing doubts regarding the bona fides of this applicant. Photos endorsed per instructions. Negative No. 31097.

Detective Inspector.

17.12.21.

The Collector  
Alluse  
17/12/21

Issue of certificate  
approved  
gjh  
Collector.  
19.12.21

O.H.M.S.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

IF NOT DELIVERED WITHIN 7 DAYS, RETURN TO  
DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION,  
BOX 1783N, G.P.O., ADELAIDE, S.A.

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I certify  
these photos were  
taken at the Louisiana  
stairs 2 Dec 1921 J Martin

Mrs D. Lynn Choon  
(31097)



I certify  
these photos were  
taken at the Edmund  
Studios 2 Dec 1921  
L. Martini

Mrs D. Syme & Co  
31094



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

IMMIGRATION ACT 1901-1912.

Adelaide (235 Rundle Street)

15 Dec 1921

SIR,

I beg to apply for a Certificate under the Immigration Act 1901-1912, Section 4 (B), and Regulations, and I forward herewith a Statutory Declaration in support of my application.

I wish to visit China for six months.

I attach two Certificates of my character, and six unmounted photographs of myself (three full face and three profile).

I undertake and intend not to bring with me or to introduce into the Commonwealth on my return to the Commonwealth any relative who is not possessed of an unexpired or unrevoked certificate excepting him or her from the provisions of paragraph (a) of section 3 of the above Act, and I also undertake and intend not to be directly or indirectly privy to the bringing to or introduction into the Commonwealth of any such relative.

If my application is granted, please intimate the fact to me at the above address.

Yours faithfully,

Dorothy Sym Choon

THE COLLECTOR H.M. CUSTOMS,

NOTE.—The Statutory Declaration should set out the length of residence in Australia, and should verify all documents accompanying the application, and should be in the form required by the "Statutory Declarations Act 1911."

Report by Police or Customs Officer on within Application.

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Lined area for reporting details.



CUSTOMS & EXCISE  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
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6-12-21

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

STATUTORY DECLARATION

(1) Name of declarant.

I, <sup>(1)</sup> Dorothy Lynn Choon

now residing at 235 Rundle Street Adelaide

do solemnly and sincerely declare that the answers to the following questions are true:—

1. Of what nationality are you? ...

1. Australian born

2. Where were you born, and when? ...

2. Arthur Street, Unley, S.A., 8 Jan'y 1904

3. When did you first come to Australia? ...

3. —

4. Where have you lived since you came to Australia?

(State places and period of residence in each.)

4. Arthur Street, Unley &  
235 Rundle Street Adelaide

5. Have you ever been absent from Australia since your original arrival? If so, state —(a) on how many occasions; (b) for what period on each occasion, giving date of departure and return.

5. No

6. What is your present occupation? ...

6. Shop Assistant

7. What other occupations (if any) have you carried on since you came to Australia?

7. No other occupation

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1911* conscientiously believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

(2) Signature of declarant.

(2) Dorothy Lynn Choon

Declared at Adelaide the

Fifteenth day of December 1921

Before me,

(3) Mr Curwin

(3) Person before whom declaration is made.

(4) Commissioner for Declarations

(4) Title of person before whom declaration is made (a).

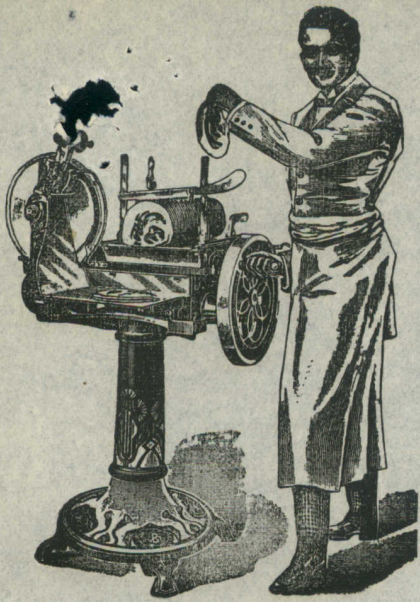
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NOTE.—Any person who wilfully makes a false statement in a Statutory Declaration is guilty of an indictable offence, and is liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for four years.

I hereby certify that  
Miss Dorothy Lynn Choon  
was a pupil at the Henders  
Street School for about  
9 years. She proved  
herself to be as honest,  
reliable, trustworthy. of  
good character. and  
possessing more than  
average ability.

Thos. Bosch  
Head Master

RUNDLE STREET, ADELAIDE.  
~~UNLEY ROAD, UNLEY CITY~~  
ESTABLISHED 1899.



14 th Dec., 1921.

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Memo. from **H. H. MANSFIELD,**

'PHONE  
1611.  
Z-B1876.

**DRAPER, GROCER,  
AND IRONMONGER.**

To Whom It May Concern,

This is to certify that I have known Miss Dorothy Sym Cheon for a considerable number of years. She is of good character and trustworthy, honest and also reliable.

Yours faithfully,

*H. H. Mansfield.*

*Fees paid Receipt N° 485551/2*

*H. Cheon*

CASHIER,  
15 DEC 1921

5/1981

5/1981  
E.M.C.

TEL. B 6351  
(6 LINES)

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY--

CUSTOMS HOUSE, SYDNEY

"COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS  
BOX 8 G.P.O. SYDNEY."

21st March, 1922.

AND QUOTE C. & E.

W 22/1108

23. MAR. 1922

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MEMORANDUM: -

In reply to the Collector's telegram of the 6/3/22, with reference to a Chinaman named SYM CHOON, who, with his (wife), is supposed to be taking 300 sovereigns by S.S. "ST ALBANS" to China, I desire to inform you that the baggage of the above-mentioned Chinese and their cabin were searched, special attention being paid to their clothing, but that no trace of gold was found.

It is noted that these Chinese embarked at Melbourne on the S.S. "ST ALBANS", and would therefore have had ample time, if in possession of gold, to conceal the same on board the vessel.

*Seemed to be daughter Dorothy Sym Choon vice Col. 20/9/27*

||

*W. H. Barkley*  
COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS, N.S.W.

THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS  
FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA,  
PORT ADELAIDE.

*Seen [Signature]*

*Departure recorded.  
Duplicate C. & E. Ts. 27 & 28  
detached from file and  
lodged in Strong Rev.*

*[Signature]*  
25/3/22

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Aliens Registration Act 1920.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION.

[For Aliens entering Commonwealth in Oversea Vessel.]

Three copies of this Form are to be filled up (except as to signature and thumb-print), and the alien is to attend in person, immediately after the arrival of the vessel at the first port of call in the Commonwealth, before an Aliens Registration Officer on board the vessel, with the following documents:—

- (a) The three copies of this Form; and
- (b) His Certificate of Registration [if he has been registered under the War Precautions (Aliens Registration) Regulations 1916 or the Aliens Registration Act 1920 during a previous visit to the Commonwealth, and if his Certificate was not taken from him on his departure from the Commonwealth]; and
- (c) His passport (if he be a passenger or a member of a crew not signed on in Australia but due for discharge in a Commonwealth port).

Name (in full) .....  
(Surname to be underlined)

Nationality ..... Sex .....

Birthplace ..... Date of birth .....

Name of vessel ..... Port at which alien embarked .....

Place of abode (abroad) .....

(In case of passengers) Place of business (if any) .....

(In case of passengers) State if temporary or permanent residence in Australia proposed; if temporary, add purpose of visit .....

(In case of passengers) Intended place of abode (if any) in Commonwealth (address to be stated as fully as possible) .....

Occupation ..... Married } Strike out the term which does not apply.  
Single }

Particulars of passport (if any)—No. .... Date ..... Place of issue .....

If previously registered and in possession of certificate } No. of certificate ..... Date ..... Place of issue .....

Personal Description.

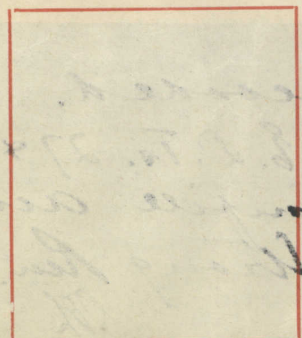
Height ..... ft. .... in. Colour of eyes .....

Colour of hair ..... Build .....

Notable marks .....

Remarks: .....

Left thumb print if required (impression to be made in presence of Aliens Registration Officer).



Signature of Alien .....

(This space for Office Use Only.)

Certificate issued No. .... Date .....

Remarks: .....

Signature of Aliens Registration Officer .....

Police Station .....

DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
21/1981

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

WC/CG

Telephone Central—9620, 9621, 9622, 9623.

Customs and Excise Office,  
FLINDERS STREET,

IN REPLY  
PLEASE QUOTE  
THESE NUMBERS

C&E' 21/23575.

Melbourne, 11th March, 1922.

MEMORANDUM: -

In connection with his memoranda, 21/1981, of the 23rd December, 1921, and the 22nd February, 1922, the Collector is informed that Sym Choon and his daughter, Dorothy Sym Choon, left this Port for China per the s.s. "St. Albans" on 9/3/1922.

2. C's.E.D.T. issued in their favor at Port Adelaide were handed to them on board the vessel named immediately prior to its departure.

*C. H. Green*

Acting Collector of Customs,  
Victoria.

The Collector of Customs  
for South Australia,  
PORT ADELAIDE.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Aliens Registration Act 1920.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION.

[For Aliens entering Commonwealth in Oversea Vessel.]

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- (c) His passport (if he be a passenger or a member of a crew not signed on in Australia but due for discharge in a Commonwealth port).

Name (in full) .....  
(Surname to be underlined)

Nationality ..... Sex .....

Birthplace ..... Date of birth .....

Name of vessel ..... Port at which alien embarked .....

Place of abode (abroad) .....

(In case of passengers) Place of business (if any) .....

(In case of passengers) State if temporary or permanent residence in Australia proposed; if temporary, add purpose of visit .....

(In case of passengers) Intended place of abode (if any) in Commonwealth (address to be stated as fully as possible) .....

Occupation ..... Married } Strike out the term which does not apply.  
Single }

Particulars of passport (if any)—No. .... Date ..... Place of issue .....

If previously registered }  
and in possession of } No. of certificate ..... Date ..... Place of issue .....  
certificate }

Personal Description.

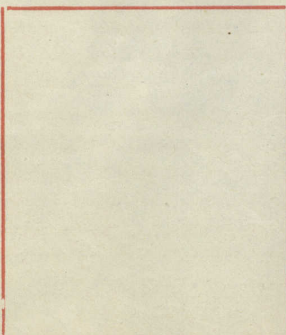
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Colour of hair ..... Build .....

Notable marks .....

Remarks: .....

Left thumb print if required (impression to be made in presence of Aliens Registration Officer).



Signature of Alien .....

(This space for Office Use Only.)

Certificate issued No. .... Date .....

Remarks: .....

Signature of Aliens Registration Officer .....

Police Station .....

21/1981

TELEGRAM.

Collector Customs,  
Sydney.

6/3/22.

Anonymous advice received Sym Choon taking St Albans  
China 300 sovereigns sewn clothes and bags - stop  
Presume Collector Victoria sent you certificates  
issued here Sym Choon and Daughter.

(Sgd) Hall.



Anonymous letter received in the Federal  
Taxation office, Adelaide on 6/3/22.

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I want tell you Sym Choon, Chinaman,  
going China on Saturday 4th March and take 300  
sovereigns sewn up in clothes and bags. I  
know. Daughter tell me. He buy lot.

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The daughter of Sym Choon left Adelaide  
by the Melbourne express on Saturday the 4th.  
Sym Choon was at the Railway Station on the  
departure of that train but it is not known  
if he then left Adelaide by it.

Letter Sym Choon  
also left Adelaide  
on 4/3/22

R/ALB

21/1981

22nd February, 1922.

MEMORANDUM

The Collector of Customs,

VICTORIA.

With reference to the Collector's memorandum No. 21/23575 of the 17th February, 1922, he is advised that Sym Choon has now informed this office that he intends sailing per s.s. "ST. ALBANS" from Sydney on 18th March, 1922.

Ernest Hall

Collector of Customs, S.A.

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CUSTOMS & EXCISE  
21/1981.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Telephone Central—9620, 9621, 9622, 9623.

WC/CG

Customs and Excise Office,  
FLINDERS STREET.

IN REPLY  
PLEASE QUOTE  
THESE NUMBERS

C&E' 21/23575.

Melbourne, 17th February, 1922.

FEB 21 1922

MEMORANDUM: -

With reference to his memorandum, C&E' 21/1981, of the 23rd December, 1921, the Collector is informed that Sym Choon and his daughter, Dorothy Sym Choon, did not leave this Port per the s.s. "Eastern" on 12/1/1922 or subsequent steamers.

2. South Australian C's.E.D.T. in favor of these Chinese, will be retained in this Office pending further advice.

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten signature: C. Green]*

Acting Collector of Customs,  
Victoria.

The Collector of Customs  
for South Australia,  
PORT ADELAIDE.

*Sym Choon states he intends sailing per ss. "St Albans" from Sydney on 18th March, 1922.*

*22/2/22*

*4857  
Phone Sym Choon as to when he is likely to leave p/c.*

*Please advise Melt accord*



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Sym Choon  
C.C.D.J.

23rd December, 1921.

MEMORANDUM

The Collector of Customs,  
VICTORIA.

Forwarded herewith are South Australian  
Certificates of Exemption from the Dictation Test  
(Nos. 27 and 28) issued at Port Adelaide on 19.12.21,  
in favor of a Chinese named Sym Choon and his daughter  
Dorothy Sym Choon.

Vide 21/1981

These persons propose joining the s.s.  
"EASTERN" at Melbourne at an early date and it is  
desired that the documents be handed to them prior to  
the vessel's departure.

The prescribed fees have been paid at this  
port, warrant ~~numbered~~ <sup>1288</sup> of 15.12.21.

Ernest Hall  
Collector of Customs, S.A.

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M.B.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

21/1981.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICE.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

MINUTE PAPER.

7M-0.21 5064

Subject:—

Immigration Act, 1901-1920. - Application for C.E.D.T.

Sym Choon.

The Collector,

Herewith is forwarded for the Collector's signature Certificate of Exemption from the Dictation Test 27/1921 in favor of Sym Choon.

2. Fees paid receipt No. 785551 of 15/12/21.
3. Sym Choon intends leaving Adelaide for Melbourne about 5/1/22 to embark on the s.s. "EASTERN" for China.
4. He has been advised to call on the Collector of Customs, Melbourne (Victoria) for his certificate.

*J. Wadlow*

19/12/21.

Senior Boarding Inspector.

*Hold for decision  
Collector  
M  
Sym Choon called on  
Collector Adelaide 27/12/21*

O.H.M.S.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

IF NOT DELIVERED WITHIN 7 DAYS, RETURN TO  
DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION,  
BOX 1783N, G.P.O., ADELAIDE, S.A.



*J. M. S.* 19/12/20

I certify  
these photos  
were taken at the  
Lincoln studios 2 Dec 1921  
L. Watkins

M. D. L. Linton  
31098





9 certifies  
these photos were  
taken at the Diamond  
Studio 2 Dec 1921  
L. Martin

M. Dym Lhoon  
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICE.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

MINUTE PAPER.


7M-9.21 5064

Subject:—

SYM CHOON

Certificate - Immigration Act.

The Detective Inspector for report,

  
16/12/21

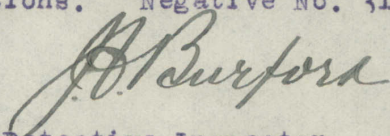
The Sub-Collector,

1. The applicant in this case is a well-known Adelaide business man, and of good repute.

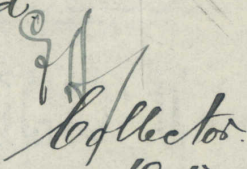
2. He last returned from China in August, 1921, and is again desirous of visiting China with his daughter Dorothy Sym Choon, who was born in South Australia on 8th January, 1904.

3. The usual certificates of character attached and photos endorsed as per instructions. Negative No. 31098.

17.12.21.

  
Detective Inspector.

Issue of certificate approved

  
Collector.  
19.12.21.

The English Scottish & Australian Bank Limited.

Rundle Street, ADELAIDE.

7th December, 1921.

The Collector of Customs,

ADELAIDE.

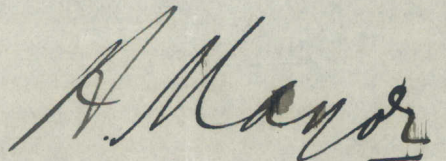
Dear Sir,

SYM CHOON.

I have pleasure in stating that we have known Mr Sym Choon, General Merchant and Importer, of Rundle Street, Adelaide: for a number of years.

He has been a customer of this Branch since 1902. We have always found him reliable and straightforward in his business dealings, and he bears a good name in the City.

Yours faithfully,



MANAGER.

City Telephones 4800 and 4801

Port " 2036 (2 Lines)

# Gambling & McDonald

**CARRIERS.**

**Customs and Shipping Agents**

**FREE & BONDED  
STORES**

**HEAD OFFICE: PIRIE STREET EAST**

WJF/EP

Adelaide, 12th December, 1921.

AGENCIES IN ALL THE STATES AND CONTINENTAL PORTS. wo79548

**Port Adelaide Office: TODD STREET**

The Collector,  
H. M. Customs,  
PORT ADELAIDE, S. A.

Dear Sir /

We have pleasure in advising that Mr. Sym Choon of Rundle Street Adelaide has been known to us for a considerable number of years. He is one of our esteemed Customers, and we have always found him straight-forward and honest in our business dealings with him. As far as we know he bears a good name.

Yours faithfully,

*Gambling & McDonald*

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

IMMIGRATION ACT 1901-1912.

Adelaide (235 Rundle Street)

13<sup>th</sup> December 1921

SIR,

I beg to apply for a Certificate under the *Immigration Act* 1901-1912, Section 4 (B), and Regulations, and I forward herewith a Statutory Declaration in support of my application.

I wish to visit China  
for Six months.

I attach two (2) Certificates of my character, and six unmounted photographs of myself (three full face and three profile).

I undertake and intend not to bring with me or to introduce into the Commonwealth on my return to the Commonwealth any relative who is not possessed of an unexpired or unrevoked certificate excepting him or her from the provisions of paragraph (a) of section 3 of the above Act, and I also undertake and intend not to be directly or indirectly privy to the bringing to or introduction into the Commonwealth of any such relative.

If my application is granted, please intimate the fact to me at the above address.

Yours faithfully,

THE COLLECTOR H.M. CUSTOMS,

Port Adelaide

NOTE.—The Statutory Declaration should set out the length of residence in Australia, and should verify all documents accompanying the application, and should be in the form required by the "Statutory Declarations Act 1911."



Report by Police or Customs Officer on within Application.

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Lined area for writing the report.

**STATUTORY DECLARATION.**

(1) Name of declarant. I, <sup>(1)</sup> Sym Choon  
 now residing at 235 Rundle Street Adelaide  
 do solemnly and sincerely declare that the answers to the following questions  
 are true:—

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1. Of what nationality are you? ...  | 1. <u>Chinese.</u>   |
| 2. Where were you born, and when? ...  | 2. <u>Hongkong 29 Feb 1870</u>   |
| 3. When did you <u>first</u> come to Australia? ...  | 3. <u>15 Oct 1891</u>  |
| 4. Where have you lived since you came to Australia?<br><small>(State places and period of residence in each.)</small>   | 4. <u>Arthur + Thomas Street, Mile 7 1/2</u><br><u>Rundle Street Adelaide 23</u>   |
| 5. Have you ever been absent from Australia since your original arrival? If so, state —(a) on how many occasions; (b) for what period on each occasion, giving date of departure and return. | 5. <u>Yes (a) once (b) About 5 months</u><br><u>Dep. March 1921, Ret. Aug 1921</u> |
| 6. What is your present occupation? ...  | 6. <u>Out of business</u>  |
| 7. What other occupations (if any) have you carried on since you came to Australia?  | 7. <u>Greengrocer + General Storekeeper</u>  |

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Statutory Declarations Act* 1911 conscientiously believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

(2) Signature of declarant.

(2) Sym Choon

Declared at Adelaide the  
13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1921.

Before me,

(3) M. Curran

(3) Person before whom declaration is made.

(4) Commissioner for Declarations

(4) Title of person before whom declaration is made (a).

(a) This Declaration may be made before a Police, Special, or Stipendiary Magistrate; a Justice of the Peace; a Commissioner for Affidavits; or a Commissioner for Declarations.

**NOTE.**—Any person who wilfully makes a false statement in a Statutory Declaration is guilty of an indictable offence, and is liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for four years.



CUSTOMS & EXCISE  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
21/1981

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Telephone Central—9620, 9621, 9622, 9623.

WC/CG

Customs and Excise Office,  
FLINDERS STREET.

IN REPLY  
PLEASE QUOTE  
THESE NUMBERS

C&E' 21/11541.

Melbourne, 5th November, 1921,

NOV 9 - 1921

MEMORANDUM:-

Will the Collector please advise whether the documents, relating to Robert Kitchener General Gordon Gum Foy Sym Choon and Gladys Sym Choon, which were forwarded under cover of memorandum C&E' 21/11541 of the 16th August, 1921, from this Office, have been received by him?

*Rgn*

*C. Green*

Acting Collector of Customs,  
Victoria.

*BB*

The Collector of Customs  
for South Australia,  
PORT ADELAIDE.



21/1981.

25th August, 1921.

MEMORANDUM.

The Collector of Customs,

VICTORIA.

Receipt is acknowledged of the Collector's memorandum No. 21/13641 of the 20th August, 1921, forwarding duplicate and original copies of C.E.D.T. (S.A. No.8 of 1921) in favour of a Chinese named Sym Choon, together with relative papers.

A. C. Ingham

Acting Collector of Customs. S.A.

CUSTOMS & EXCISE  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

21/1981

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Telephone Central—9620, 9621, 9622, 9623.

WC/CG

Customs and Excise Office,  
FLINDERS STREET.

IN REPLY  
PLEASE QUOTE } C&E' 21/13641.  
THESE NUMBERS

Melbourne, 20th August, 1921.

Sym Choon.

MEMORANDUM: -

The Collector of Customs  
for South Australia,  
PORT ADELAIDE.

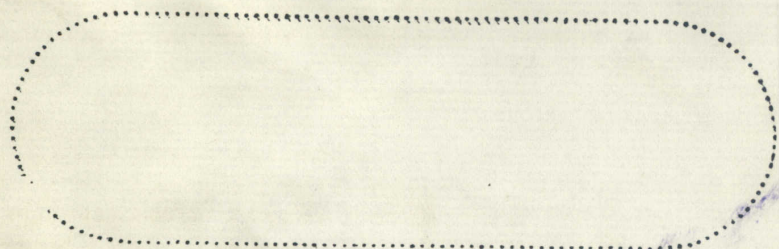
Returned herewith is South Australian  
file C&E' 21/1981 together with S.A. Customs letter  
21/1981 of 19th April, 1921, C.E.D.T. Book 255 No.  
80 (duplicate and original) and Form 32 relating to  
a Chinese named Sym Cheong, who, after being satisfac-  
torily identified, was permitted to land at this port  
ex s.s. "Tango Maru" on 17/7/1921.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

*L. H. Green*

For Acting Collector of Customs  
Victoria. *W.B.B.*

*23. Aug. Recd*



Return recorded. Both copies  
C.E.D.T. endorsed accordingly,  
detached, punched "USED"  
and filed in Strong Room,  
together with Form 32.

23/8/21

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE  
24 AUG 1921  
*Noted*

Commonwealth Audit Office for  
noting and return.

*A.C. Shrelfath*  
Acting Collector of Customs, S. A.  
23/8/1921. Per *R*

*Subject:*— Detective Inspector Gleeson,

Vict.C&E' 21 13591.1 <sup>13641</sup>

Sym Choon, South Australian  
C.E.D.T. Book 255 No. 80  
(8/1921) arrived per s.s.  
"Gango Maru" 17/7/1921.

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WG/CG

The Collector,

Sym Choon referred to herein arrived at this Port from China per the s.s. "Tango Maru" yesterday and after being satisfactorily identified was permitted to land.

2. Sym Choon gave reason for his early return to Australia in that he did not like China and as soon as his business in that country was completed he was anxious to return to his wife and family in Adelaide.

*J. Gleeson*  
Detective Inspector.  
18/9/1921.



Please address reply—  
The Collector of Customs,  
P.O. Box 50,  
Port Adelaide.

Telephone Number—  
Port Adelaide 2014  
(3 lines).

Confine each letter to one  
subject and in reply quote  
the following number—

# Commonwealth of Australia.

Customs and Excise Office,

Port Adelaide, 19th April, 1921.

5000—6.8.20 5720

121/1981.

Memorandum for -

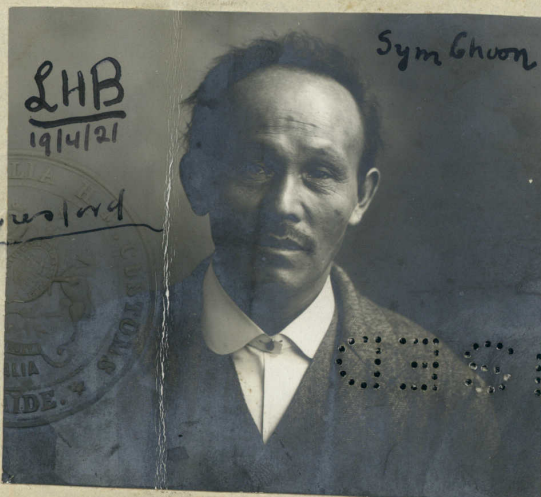
Sym Choon,  
C/- Chartered Bank of India,  
Australia & China Ltd.,  
HONG KONG.

With reference to your application of  
17th March, 1921, for a certificate exempting from the  
dictation test under the Immigration Act, which  
certificate was not available at the time of your  
departure for China per s.s. "Kanowna" from Sydney on  
24/3/21, I have to inform you that you will be per-  
mitted to re-enter the Commonwealth provided you  
satisfy the Customs Officer at the port of landing  
as to your identity and former residence in Australia.

A copy of the photograph submitted with  
your application is affixed hereto.

This letter will be sufficient authority  
for the shipping company to issue a passage to Australia  
in your favor.

Acting Collector of Customs,  
South Australia.



LHB  
19/4/21  
LHB 2014

W/ A.B.

21/1981

11th November, 1921.

MEMORANDUM

The Collector of Customs,  
VICTORIA.

The Collector is advised that the documents referred to in his memorandum C&E 21/11541 of 16.8.21 relating to Robert and Gladys Sym Choon were duly received at this office.

Ernest Hall

Collector of Customs, S.A.

File  
A.L.

11th November, 1911

11/11/11

The Collector of Customs,  
VICTORIA

The Collector is advised that the above  
cases referred to in his memorandum of 21/10/11  
of 10.8.11 referred to before and during the course  
of which were duly received at this office.

Yours faithfully,  
Collector of Customs, S.A.

Records,  
Put with main  
(on B/H's) please  
M.H.U.)



CUSTOMS & EXCISE  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

*addendum*  
*21/1981*

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Telephone Central—9620, 9621, 9622, 9623.

WC/CG

Customs and Excise Office,  
FLINDERS STREET.

IN REPLY  
PLEASE QUOTE  
THESE NUMBERS

C&E' 21/11541.

Melbourne, 16th August, 1921.

MEMORANDUM:-

The Collector will find herewith the undermentioned documents relating to two Chinese, who after being satisfactorily identified were permitted to land at this Port ex the s.s.

"St. Albans" on 28th June, 1921:-

Robert Kitchener General Gordon Gum Foy  
Sym Choon - C.E.D.T. Book 255 No.81  
(South Aust. 9/1921) - Duplicate and original and Form 32.

Gladys Sym Choon - C.E.D.T. Book 255 No. 82 (South Aust. 10/1921) - duplicate and original and Form 32.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

*Geo. L. Hudson,*  
*WLB*

Acting Collector of Customs,  
Victoria.

18. AUG. Recd

The Collector of Customs  
for South Australia,  
PORT ADELAIDE.

*Main file  
not yet returned  
Court Sydney*

*Return recorded. C&E.D.T. detached, punched "USED" and filed in strong room together with forms B&C.*

*R 19/8/21*

Commonwealth Audit Office for  
noting and return.

*A.C. Melfall*  
Actg. Collector of Customs, S. A.  
1918/11921, Per R



*[Handwritten signature]*

TELEGRAM.

2/2/81

Add 21/1981

Collector Customs  
Sydney

Forward	Melbourne	SA	C E D T	8
of	1921	Sym	<u>Choon</u>	passenger
Tango	Maru	forwarded	Sydney	19th
April	1921			

R

Threlfall

31/8

Add. 21/1981.

13th July, 1921.

MEMORANDUM.

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Herewith are forwarded papers relative to the issue of C.E.D.T. in favour of a Chinese named Sym Choon, together with duplicate copy of the Certificate (S.A. No.8 of 1921). This man left Australia without his Certificate, and it is understood that he is now returning by the s.s. "Tango Maru".

The Collector, N.S.W., has been requested to forward to Melbourne the original copy of C.E.D.T. which was sent him on 19/4/21.

R

A. C. Threlfall.

Acting Collector of Customs, S. A.

The Collector of Customs,

VICTORIA.

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16th June, 1921.

Add. 21/1981.

16th June, 1921.

MEMORANDUM.

In response to a telegram from the Sub-Collector, Thursday Island, reading -

" Forward certificates 255/81 Robert Kitchener General Gordon Gum Foy Sym Choon 255/82 Gladys Sym Choon Customs Melbourne passengers St. Albans "

herewith are forwarded duplicate copies of S.A. C's.E.D.T. Nos. 9 and 10 of 1921 in favour of the above-named Chinese.

A. C. Threlfall.

Acting Collector of Customs, S. A.

The Collector of Customs,

VICTORIA.

Add to main  
File

CUSTOMS & EXCISE  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
addendum  
21/1981.

# TELEGRAM.

Charges to Pay—

Message

Porterage



21/1981 adden  
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Postmaster-General's Department,

E.T. No 2.  
B.10247° 19.—C.18843.

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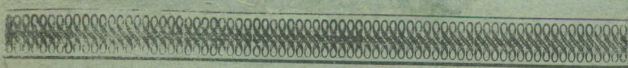
Subcollector  
Customs  
*[Signature]*

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This message has been received  
subject to the Post and Telegraph  
Act and Regulations.

All complaints to be addressed  
in writing to the Deputy Post-  
master-General.

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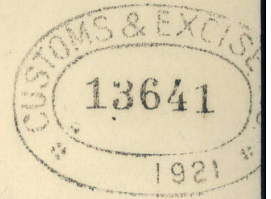
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choon Customs melbourne passengers  
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*[Signature]* 7.45 P *[Signature]*

10 JUN. TIME RECEIVED.

21/1981



The Collector, New South Wales.

Sym Choon, whose C.E.D.T. was not available at the time of his departure from Sydney per s.s. "Kanowna" on 24/3/21, (vide C&E (NSW) C'21/2454), intends returning to Sydney per s.s. "Kanowna", if possible, about ~~next~~ May, 1921.

He has been notified, vide copy of letter herein, that he will be permitted to re-enter the Commonwealth provided his identity can be established (I.A.I. 120).

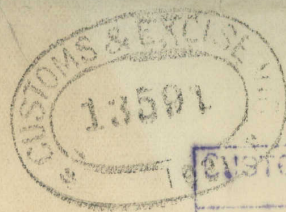
Papers and South Australian C.E.D.T. No.8 of 1921 (Book No.255, No.080) are attached to facilitate identification of Sym Choon on his arrival at Sydney.

19/4/21.

(Sgd) A.C. Threlfall

Actg. Collector, S.A.

*This does not file  
to be filed in  
Strong Am.  
with duplicate  
C.E.D.T.*



CUSTOMS & EXCISE N.S.W.
C. 03534
22 AP-21

'21/1981.

19th April, 1921.

Memorandum for -

Sym Choon,  
C/- Chartered Bank of India,  
Australia & China Ltd.,  
HONG KONG.

With reference to your application of 17th March, 1921, for a certificate exempting from the dictation test under the Immigration Act, which certificate was not available at the time of your departure for China per s.s. "Kanowna" from Sydney on 24/3/21, I have to inform you that you will be permitted to re-enter the Commonwealth provided you satisfy the Customs Officer at the port of landing as to your identity and former residence in Australia.

A copy of the photograph submitted with your application is affixed hereto.

This letter will be sufficient authority for the shipping company to issue a passage to Australia in your favor.

Acting Collector of Customs,  
South Australia.



PHOTOS ONLY FROM "THE BABY KING."

THE  
**FRANK A. McNEILL**

PHOTO STUDIOS,

**GAWLER PLACE, ADELAIDE,**

AND

**St. Vincent Street, Port.**









PHOTOS ONLY FROM "THE BABY KING."

THE

**FRANK A. MCNEILL**

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**GAWLER PLACE**

**ADELAIDE.**

*44969*

*Sym  
Adelaide*



~~Hong Kong~~

25/80

17/1/21

Chartered Bank of India

Australia & China

Limited. Hong Kong

Mr. Sym Choon

~~Choon~~

Intends to return to  
Australia (Sydney)  
by the S. S. Kanowa  
if possible. about

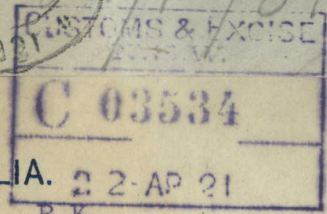
1~~st~~ May 1921

Paris





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Tel. B 6351  
(6 Lines)

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. 22-AP-21  
R.K.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY—  
"COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS  
BOX 8 G.P.O. SYDNEY."  
AND QUOTE C. & E. C'21/2454

CUSTOMS HOUSE, SYDNEY  
31st March, 1921.

MEMORANDUM

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With reference to  
the Collector's memorandum (No. 21/1981)  
of 21st March forwarding South Australian  
C.E.D.T. No. 8 of 1921 (Book No. 255, No.  
080) issued at Port Adelaide on 21/3/1921  
in favour of a Chinaman named Sym Choon,  
----- I return the Certificate herewith as it  
was received too late for delivery to  
Sym Choon on board the s.s. "Kanowna",  
by which he sailed for China at 11 a.m.  
on 24/3/1921.

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*Geo. E. Hudson*

Acting Collector of Customs,  
New South Wales.

*Geo. E. Hudson*

5. APR. 1921

The Collector of Customs,  
for South Australia,  
PORT ADELAIDE.

*Departure recorded  
Original & duplicate C.E.D.T. detached from file  
and lodged in Strong Room. 11/28/21*

CUSTOMS HOUSE  
21/1981.

Tel. B 6351  
(6 Lines)

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY— **K.M.**  
"COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS  
BOX 8 G.P.O. SYDNEY,"  
AND QUOTE C. & E. **C'21/2378**

CUSTOMS HOUSE, SYDNEY  
1st April, 1921

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MEMORANDUM

Referring to his memorandum of the  
19/3/21, the Collector is informed that South  
Aust. C.E.D.T. No. 255/82 was handed to  
Gladys Sym Choon on board the s.s. "Kanowna"  
prior to departure for China on the 24/3/21.

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*G. E. Hudson*

ACTING COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS, N.S.W.

5. APR Recd

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The Collector of Customs,  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

*Departure recorded.  
Duplicate C.E.D.T. detached  
from file and placed  
in Strong Room*

Commonwealth Audit Office for  
noting and return

*Acty. H. Shulfall*  
Collector of Customs, S.A.  
8/4/1921, Per *R*

COMMONWEALTH AUDIT OFFICE  
8 - APR 1921  
\* ADL ADE \*

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24/1981.

A.G.

19th. March, 1921

MEMORANDUM.

The Collector of Customs  
for New South Wales,  
SYDNEY.

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Forwarded herewith is South Australian  
C.E.D.T. No. 10 of 1921, (Book 255, 082) issued at  
Port Adelaide on 19.3.21 in favor of a Chinese girl  
named Gladys Sym Choon.

This girl is leaving for Sydney where  
she will take ship for China, and it is desired that  
the certificate be handed to her prior to the vessel's  
departure.

The prescribed fee (£1.) has been  
paid at this port - Wt. No. 1591 of 19.3.21

A. C. Threlfall.  
*[Signature]*

Acting Collector of Customs, S.A.

Commonwealth Audit Office  
for noting and return.

A. C. Threlfall  
Acting Collector of Customs, S.A.

211 3/19 21 Per *[Signature]*



A.G.

19th. March, 1921

MEMORANDUM.

The Collector of Customs  
for New South Wales,  
SYDNEY.

--- Forwarded herewith is South Australian C.B.D.T. No. 9 of 1921 (Book No. 255, 081) issued at Port Adelaide on 19.3.20 in favor of a Chinese boy named Robert Kitchener General Gordon Gum Foy Sym Choon.

This boy is leaving for Sydney, where he will take ship for China, and it is desired that the certificate be handed to him prior to the vessel's departure.

4 The prescribed fee (£1.) has been paid at this port, - Wt. No. <sup>1591</sup> of 19/3/21.

A. C. Threlfall.

Acting Collector of Customs, S.A.

A.G.

21/1981

21st. March, 1921

MEMORANDUM.

The Collector of Customs  
for New South Wales,  
SYDNEY.

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Forwarded herewith is South Australian  
C.B.D.T. No. 8 of 1921 (Book No. 255, No. 080)  
issued at Port Adelaide on 21.3.21 in favor of  
a Chinaman named Sym Choon.

This man is leaving for Sydney, where  
he will take ship for China, and it is desired  
that the certificate be handed to him prior to the  
vessel's departure.

The prescribed fee (.21) has been paid  
at this port - Wt. No. 1344 of 17.3.21.

A. C. Threlfall.

Acting Collector of Customs, S.A.

**CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICE.**

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A. G.

**MINUTE PAPER.**

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Subject:—

Immigration Act.

Sym Choon (Chinese) Application for C.E.D.T.

The Detective Inspector,

I have to report having interviewed the applicant and compared attached photos with the original and am satisfied they are those of the applicant.

2. Attached photos and references have been shown to the respective writers and verified.

3. I have personally known applicant for the past twelve years in business at Rundle Street, and believe him to be of good character.

4. He has two children he is desirous of taking home to China with him, namely -

Gladys Sym Choon, born Arthur Street, Unley,  
Dec. 18, 1905

Robert Kitchner General Gordon Gum Foy Sym Choon  
born September 24th. 1910 at Rundle Street,  
Adelaide.

Birth Certificates and references attached.

*Howney*

19.3.21

Watchman.

*The Incept. Submitted application be approved*

*P. Burford*

*D. Joseph*  
19/3/21

*Approved*  
*OUT*

Acting Collector  
of Customs, S. A.

19 MAR 1921

*Fees £2 - paid*  
*warrant no 1591.*

*A. Wall*  
*Acty Cashier*  
19/3/21

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

IMMIGRATION ACT 1901-1912.

*Sym Choon*

SIR,

I beg to apply for a Certificate under the *Immigration Act* 1901-1912, Section 4 (B), and Regulations, and I forward herewith a Statutory Declaration in support of my application.

I wish to visit *China with my son*  
for *12* months. *Gordon*

I attach \_\_\_\_\_ Certificates of my character, and six unmounted photographs of myself (three full face and three profile).

I undertake and intend not to bring with me or to introduce into the Commonwealth on my return to the Commonwealth any relative who is not possessed of an unexpired or unrevoked certificate excepting him or her from the provisions of paragraph (a) of section 3 of the above Act, and I also undertake and intend not to be directly or indirectly privy to the bringing to or introduction into the Commonwealth of any such relative.

If my application is granted, please intimate the fact to me at the above address.

Yours faithfully,

*Sym Choon*

THE COLLECTOR H.M. CUSTOMS,

NOTE.—The Statutory Declaration should set out the length of residence in Australia, and should verify all documents accompanying the application, and should be in the form required by the "Statutory Declarations Act 1911."

Report by Police or Customs Officer on within Application.

COMMUNIST PARTY OF AMERICA

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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**STATUTORY DECLARATION.**

(1) Name of declarant. I, Sym Choon  
 now residing at Rundle St - Adelaide  
 do solemnly and sincerely declare that the answers to the following questions  
 are true:—

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|---|--|
| 1. Of what nationality are you? ...   | 1. <u>Chinese</u>  |
| 2. Where were you born, and when? ...   | 2. <u>Rundle St - 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 1910</u><br><u>Adelaide</u> |
| 3. When did you <u>first</u> come to Australia? ...   | 3. <u>Born in Adelaide.</u>  |
| 4. Where have you lived since you came to Australia?<br><small>(State places and period of residence in each.)</small>  | 4. <u>Adelaide.</u>  |
| 5. Have you ever been absent from Australia since your original arrival? If so, state—(a) on how many occasions; (b) for what period on each occasion, giving date of departure and return. | 5. <u>No</u>   |
| 6. What is your present occupation? ...   | 6. <u>School</u>   |
| 7. What other occupations (if any) have you carried on since you came to Australia?   | 7. <u>Wife of a ...</u>  |

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1911* conscientiously believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

(2) Signature of declarant.

Sym Choon  
Adelaide

Declared at 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1921.

Before me,

(3) Person before whom declaration is made.

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(4) Title of person before whom declaration is made (a).

(4) Justice of Peace

(a) This Declaration may be made before a Police, Special, or Stipendiary Magistrate; a Justice of the Peace; a Commissioner for Affidavits; or a Commissioner for Declarations.

**NOTE.**—Any person who wilfully makes a false statement in a Statutory Declaration is guilty of an indictable offence, and is liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for four years.

Gordon Sym Choon has been  
at the school for five years.  
He is an intelligent, bright  
honest lad, possesses more  
than average ability and  
is thoroughly trustworthy  
and obedient.

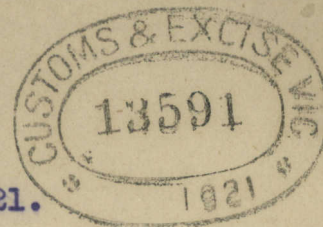
Thos. Bosch  
Master of Method  
Flinders Street  
Practising School

18/3/21.

58, Palmerston Road,

North Unley,

18th March, 1921.



To Whom It May Concern,

I have known Mr. Sym Cheon for about fifteen years, as a keen business man and a desirable citizen.

During the last two years his daughter, Gladys, has been a member of the Commercial Classes under my charge at the Adelaide High School. She is an extremely bright student, much above the average in intelligence, and her progress has <sup>been</sup> most creditable. She passed the Junior Commercial Examination of the Adelaide University with honours last year, and is now studying for the Senior Commercial Examination.

Her personal character is excellent.

*Ed. W. Passack*

UNLEY ROAD, UNLEY CITY.

ESTABLISHED 1899.



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M. To Whom it may Concern

Memo. from **H. H. MANSFIELD,**

'PHONE  
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DRAPER, GROCER,  
AND IRONMONGER.

This serves to certify that Master  
Synn Cheon is well known to the  
undersigned & can vouch for him  
being a bright honest & intelligent lad  
& have pleasure in recommending him  
as such

Yours Truly  
H H Mansfield

Adelaide High School,

18th March, 1921.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This is to certify that Gladys Sym Cheen has been a student of the Adelaide High School from January 1919 to March 1921.

She has been regular in attendance and very punctual, and shows a keen interest in her studies. Her progress has been most satisfactory.

I can commend her to your notice as a thoroughly reliable and trustworthy lady.

*R. A. West.*

PRINCIPAL.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

IMMIGRATION ACT 1901-1912.

*Sym Choon*

SIR,

I beg to apply for a Certificate under the *Immigration Act* 1901-1912, Section 4 (B), and Regulations, and I forward herewith a Statutory Declaration in support of my application.

I wish to visit \_\_\_\_\_  
for 13 months.

*China with my Daughters  
Steady*

I attach \_\_\_\_\_ Certificates of my character, and six unmounted photographs of myself (three full face and three profile).

I undertake and intend not to bring with me or to introduce into the Commonwealth on my return to the Commonwealth any relative who is not possessed of an unexpired or unrevoked certificate excepting him or her from the provisions of paragraph (a) of section 3 of the above Act, and I also undertake and intend not to be directly or indirectly privy to the bringing to or introduction into the Commonwealth of any such relative.

If my application is granted, please intimate the fact to me at the above address.

Yours faithfully,

*Sym Choon*

THE COLLECTOR H.M. CUSTOMS,

NOTE.—The Statutory Declaration should set out the length of residence in Australia, and should verify all documents accompanying the application, and should be in the form required by the "Statutory Declarations Act 1911."



STATUTORY DECLARATION.

Gladys

(1) Name of declarant.

I, <sup>(1)</sup> Sym Choon

now residing at Bundo St Adelaide  
do solemnly and sincerely declare that the answers to the following questions are true:—

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|---|---|
| 1. Of what nationality are you? ...   | 1. <u>Chinese</u>   |
| 2. Where were you born, and when? ...   | 2. <u>Arthur St Uny</u><br><u>14<sup>th</sup> December 1905</u> |
| 3. When did you <u>first</u> come to Australia? ...   | 3. <u>Born in Adelaide</u>                                      |
| 4. Where have you lived since you came to Australia?<br><small>(State places and period of residence in each.)</small>  | 4. <u>Adelaide</u>  |
| 5. Have you ever been absent from Australia since your original arrival? If so, state—(a) on how many occasions; (b) for what period on each occasion, giving date of departure and return. | 5. <u>No</u>  |
| 6. What is your present occupation? ...   | 6. <u>School</u>  |
| 7. What other occupations (if any) have you carried on since you came to Australia?   | 7. <u>For any</u>   |

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1911* conscientiously believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

(2) Signature of declarant.

Sym Choon

Declared at Adelaide the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1921.

(3) Person before whom declaration is made.

Before me, EB Cop J.P.

(4) Title of person before whom declaration is made (a).

Justice of Peace

(a) This Declaration may be made before a Police, Special, or Stipendiary Magistrate; a Justice of the Peace; a Commissioner for Affidavits; or a Commissioner for Declarations.

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No. \_\_\_\_\_

The English Scottish & Australian Bank Limited.

Eastern Branch,  
Adelaide.

17th March 1921,

The Collector of Customs,  
A D E L A I D E.

Dear Sir,

*Hll* *Rundell* This is to certify that Sym Choon, Produce Merchant, Adelaide, has been a customer of this Branch for a number of years and is of Good character and reliable man of business.

*I have known him personally for the last 12. yrs.*  
Yours faithfully,

*Herby Mayor*

Manager.

*Det. Inspector*  
*21/3/21*

21/ 1981

ADELAIDE TELEPHONES—4840 - 4841.

BRANCHES ALSO AT BRISBANE AND MELBOURNE

PORT ADELAIDE TELEPHONE - 2835.

CABLE ADDRESS—  
"MACGLEW."

*McGlew & Coy.*

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Flour, Grain and General Merchants

17 WAYMOUTH STREET

INDENTORS  
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AND SHIPPING AGENTS.

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*Adelaide,* 17th March/21. 19

AND AT QUEEN'S WHARF, PORT ADELAIDE.

To the

Collector of Customs,

ADELAIDE.

Dear Sir,

This is to certify that we have had several transactions with Sym Choon, Produce Merchant, Rundle Street, Adelaide, and have known him for some considerable time, He carried out his obligations in their entirety and we found all the transactions with him were dealt with in a satisfactory manner.

Yours faithfully,

*McGlew & Coy*

*We have known Sym Choon since September 1919*

*McGlew & Coy*

*I see L.P. paid*

*warrant no 1344*

*L.P. paid*

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*17/3/21*



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

IMMIGRATION ACT 1901-1912.

Adelaide

March 17<sup>th</sup> 1921

SIR,

I beg to apply for a Certificate under the *Immigration Act* 1901-1912, Section 4 (B), and Regulations, and I forward herewith a Statutory Declaration in support of my application.

I wish to visit Hong Kong, China for twelve months.

I attach two Certificates of my character, and six unmounted photographs of myself (three full face and three profile).

I undertake and intend not to bring with me or to introduce into the Commonwealth on my return to the Commonwealth any relative who is not possessed of an unexpired or unrevoked certificate excepting him or her from the provisions of paragraph (a) of section 3 of the above Act, and I also undertake and intend not to be directly or indirectly privy to the bringing to or introduction into the Commonwealth of any such relative.

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THE COLLECTOR H.M. CUSTOMS,

at Port Adelaide, S. Aus.

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**Report by Police or Customs Officer on within Application.**

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Lined writing area for the report.

## STATUTORY DECLARATION.

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(1) Name of declarant.

I, <sup>(1)</sup> *Sym Choon*now residing at *237 Rundle St East*

do solemnly and sincerely declare that the answers to the following questions are true:—

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| 1. Of what nationality are you? ...   | 1. <i>China</i>  |
| 2. Where were you born, and when? ...   | 2. <i>Hong Kong</i>  |
| 3. When did you <u>first</u> come to Australia? ...   | 3. <i>about 28 years ago</i>   |
| 4. Where have you lived since you came to Australia?<br><small>(State places and period of residence in each.)</small>  | 4. <i>Wiley and Adelaide</i><br><i>9 or 10 years at Wiley</i><br><i>rest of time since at Adelaide</i> |
| 5. Have you ever been absent from Australia since your original arrival? If so, state—(a) on how many occasions; (b) for what period on each occasion, giving date of departure and return. | 5. <i>No</i>   |
| 6. What is your present occupation? ...   | 6. <i>Green grocer and Supplier of Chinese goods</i>   |
| 7. What other occupations (if any) have you carried on since you came to Australia?   | 7. <i>and importing &amp; selling Groceries</i>  |

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1911* conscientiously believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

(2) Signature of declarant.

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Declared at *Adelaide* the*Seventeenth* day of *March* 19*21*.

Before me,

(3) Person before whom declaration is made.

(3)

*William Charles*

(4) Title of person before whom declaration is made (a).

(4)

*Justice of the Peace*

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