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Edward Chung Ah Gan (Chinese) Naturalised December 1891 - Departure for China 1917 accompanied by  
Australian wife and children - Application for re-admission to Australia

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VICTORIA.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE  
No. 33/8994.

J.M.V.  
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
CANBERRA, F.C.T.

12th March, 1934.

13 MAR RM

The Collector of Customs,  
MELBOURNE. VIC.

EDWARD CHUNG AH GAN - application re-admission.

With reference to my memorandum of the 3rd November on the abovementioned subject, I desire to inform you that the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong, has now requested ~~the~~ return to him all the documents which accompanied his letter of the 3rd October last addressed to you.

Will you kindly forward the papers for transmission to the Colonial Secretary.

33/2222 4.



for Secretary.

LM. AS

G&E' 33/22224

14th March, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

EDWARD CHUNG AH GAN - Application for  
re-admission - Ref. Int. 33/8994.  
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In response to his memorandum of  
the 12th March, enclosed herewith the Secretary will find  
the following documents;

Letter from Sub-Collector of Customs,  
Launceston, 9-7-1917.

Certificate Chief Secretary's Office,  
Hobart, dated 10-7-1917.

C. E. D. T. Book 205 No. 66 (Vic. 17/231)  
issued at Melbourne 23-7-1917 in  
favour of CHUNG AH GAN. (Edward Ah Gan).

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M. B. Synan

(M. B. Synan)  
Collector of Customs, Victoria.  
*MS*

The Secretary,  
Department of the Interior,  
CANBERRA F. C. T.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

HB

No. 33/8994

C&E-33

22224

VICTORIA.

The Collector of Customs,  
MELBOURNE. VIC.

EDWARD CHUNG AH GAN - Application for re-admission.

Enclosed for your information is copy of the  
reply sent direct to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong, on  
the subject.

Papers which accompanied your memorandum of  
the 3rd November, C&E.33/22224, are returned herewith.

*J. Morgan*

for Secretary.

30/11/33.

1 DEC PM

HB

24th November, 1933.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 3rd October, No. 120/1933, addressed to the Collector of Customs, Melbourne, relative to a Chinese named Edward Chung Ah Gan who wishes to return to Australia, I have the honour, by direction, to inform you that in view of the length of this man's absence from this country, my Minister regrets that he is unable to see his way to grant authority for his re-admission.

In regard to the question as to whether Ah Gan is entitled to the grant of a British passport, it would appear that he was naturalized as a British subject in the State of Tasmania in 1891. Such naturalization, however, is only effective locally and he would be entitled to the grant of a British passport outside of the Commonwealth only as an act of grace.

Yours faithfully,

for Secretary.

The Honourable  
the Colonial Secretary,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
HONG KONG.



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Fredrick

• Luby Elizabeth



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CORRESPONDENCE

ADDRESS ONLY



EDEN STUDIOS, 149 Swanston St., MELBOURNE

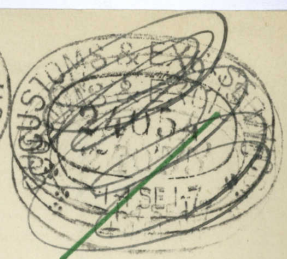
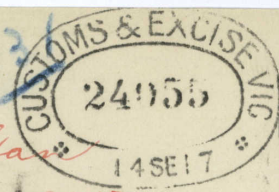




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Subject:— Edward Ah Gan  
Applies for C.E.D.T.

Subcollector,  
Submitted that the application  
be approved.

The applicant is reported to be  
a man of good character & to have  
resided in the Commonwealth on & off  
over 29 years.

Recd. [Signature]

Approved  
[Signature]

9/7/17

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application for  
extension - see  
C.O. 25710589

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Sign'd 3/11/33.  
in = Ah Gan name  
with P. Post. 21229  
23/7/17.

[Signature]

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Book No. 205

Form No. 21.  
DUPLICATE.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
Immigration Act 1901-1912 and Regulations.

No. 066

**CERTIFICATE EXEMPTING FROM DICTATION TEST.**

I, Percy Whitton the Collector of Customs  
for the State of Victoria in the said Commonwealth,  
hereby certify that Edward Ah Gan  
hereinafter described, who is leaving the Commonwealth temporarily, will be exempted  
from the provisions of paragraph (a) of Section 3 of the Act if he returns to the Com-  
monwealth within a period of 3 years from this date.

24/7/17

Date 23/7/17

Permission

Collector of Customs.

**DESCRIPTION.**

Nationality Chinese Birthplace Banton  
Age 46 years Complexion olive  
Height 5ft 3 1/4 ins. Hair black-bald  
Build medium Eyes brown  
Particular marks scar over right eye

(For impression of hand see back of this document.)

**PHOTOGRAPHS.**

Full Face :—

Profile :—



Edward Ah Gan

Edward Ah Gan

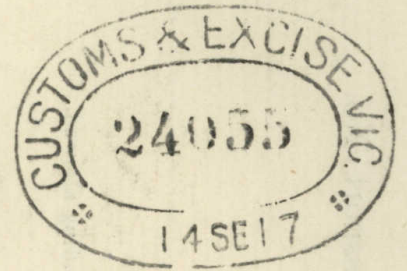
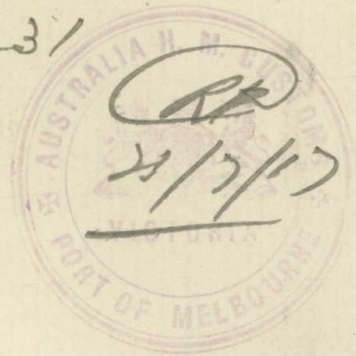
Date of departure 25 JUL 1917  
Ship Liyuan  
Date of return \_\_\_\_\_  
Port \_\_\_\_\_

Port of Embarkation Melbourne  
Destination China  
Ship \_\_\_\_\_

IMPRESSION OF LEFT HAND.



Edward Ah Gan - 17/231



NO. . . . . OF

5. That he is the *bond fide* holder of Passport No. . . . .  
duly *visé* by . . . . .

6. . . . .

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Customs and Excise Office,

Place . . . . .

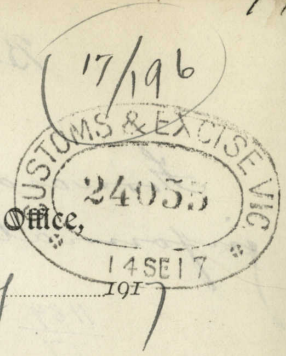
Date . . . . .

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Customs and Excise Office,

Melbourne,

2<sup>nd</sup> July



MEMORANDUM.

To the Officer in Charge of Police,

Brighton

The attached application made by Edward Ah Gan for a certificate exempting from the Dictation Test under the Immigration Act 1901-12, Section 4 (b), and Regulations, is forwarded for favour of an early report.

2. It is desired that the applicant should be seen and the photograph compared with the original.

3. The photograph submitted should be shown by the police officer to the persons giving the certificates of character, and be certified by such persons as that of the applicant, and, further, whenever the applicant is personally unknown to the police, an endeavour should be made to arrange for his presence at the interview between the police and the person giving the certificates, so that there may be no doubt as the identity of the person under discussion. A statement to the effect that the photograph has been shown and certified should accompany every report.

4. The particulars of the business in which the applicant is engaged, and the length of time he has resided in the Commonwealth, should be stated.

5. Is there any reason, known to the police, why the applicant should not be granted an Exemption Certificate?

6. Kindly ask applicant to give correct month & year of last departure for & return from China, the name of the vessel by which he returned & the name he used on that occasion.

7. Did he leave from return to Melbourne?

Phycywhetton  
10/26

Collector of Customs, Victoria.

Brighton  
8/7/17

Forwarded for  
information

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J. Elliott  
Sgt 3243

The Collector  
of Customs }

MEMORANDUM

To the Officer in Charge of Police

Brighton

The attached application made by Edward W. ...

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should not be granted an Exemption Certificate?

6. Is there any other information of a nature which  
is of such importance for the police to know that  
it should be stated in the report of the person giving the  
certificate? If so, please state the nature of the information.

Proprietor

Collector of Customs, Victoria.





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Japan



Hawthorn Road  
Brighton North,  
June 30<sup>th</sup> 1917

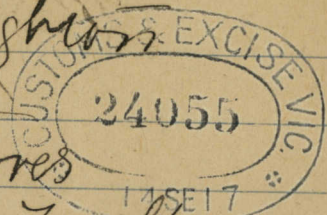
To Whom it may concern,

I have known Teddy Abogan  
? for many years he being a  
neighbour. he is a fruit hawker,  
a married man with four  
children. they are all much  
respected for their cleanliness  
honesty, and industry. I understand  
they intend visiting China and  
I wish them a pleasant trip

Alfred Stone

Heathorn Rd

Brighton



The Collector of Customs  
Custom House Melbourne

Sir I beg to state that I  
have known Jeday Ah Yam  
for over 5 years and he has  
always been a hard working  
honest and industrious and a  
good neighbour and his  
wife and children has always  
conducted themselves in a  
proper manner. I do not  
know that I need say  
any more only that I  
wish him every success  
when he goes home to China

Yours faithfully.

F. W. Smith

Heathorn Rd Brighton

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25.10.16 Brighton  
Edward Chung Gan seen RB  
20/11/16*



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

IMMIGRATION ACT 1901-1912.

Hawthorn Road,  
Brighton

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 36 months.

I attach 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,

*Teddy Chung Gan*

THE COLLECTOR H.M. CUSTOMS,

Victoria

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.

Brighton

5/7/17

I have to report <sup>that</sup> I interviewed Edward Th  
Yan, I compared the attached Photographs  
with the original and they are identical.

I showed the attached Photo-  
graphs to Mr Stone and Smith and they  
certified to them as being those of the  
applicants, the testimonials given by them  
are genuine, I have known Th Yan for  
the past two years.

The applicant is at present following the  
occupation of a greengrocer in Brighton  
and says that he has resided in the Common-  
wealth for 31 yrs.

There is no reason known to the Brighton  
Police why an exemption Certificate should  
not be granted.

Applicant does not know the month and year  
of his last departure for China, but returned  
from there in either May or June about 6 years  
ago on the St Alwin.

He left from and returned to Melbourne.

He used the name of Teddy Th Yan on this  
occasion.

J. A. O'Brien  
Const 5924.

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, (1) Edward Ah Gan  
now residing at Hawthorn Road Brighton  
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. Canton China <sup>1869</sup> when?                          |
| 3. When did you come to Australia? ...  | 3. 30 years <sup>1895</sup>                                    |
| 4. Where have you lived since you came to Australia?<br><small>(State places and period of residence in each.)</small>  | 4. Darman<br>Hobart Melbourne<br>Launceston<br>Sydney Brighton |
| 5. Have you ever been absent from Australia since your original arrival? If so, state<br>—(a) on how many occasions; (b) for what period on each occasion, giving date of departure and return. | 5. 3 Times Visit China   |
| 6. What is your present occupation? ...   | 6. Fruit Dealer <sup>20/7/09</sup>                             |
| 7. What other occupations (if any) have you carried on since you came to Australia?   | 7. Market Gardener <sup>20/6/11</sup>                          |

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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.

Edward Ah Gan

Declared at Brighton North the  
30<sup>th</sup> day of June 1914.

Before me,

(3) Person before whom declaration is made.

Alfred R Stone

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

Justice of the 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.

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Mrs. Chung Ah Gan,

Requests permission for her family to return to Australia.

CH/AH

The Clerk-in-Charge.

Edward Ah Gan and George Ah Gan are the holders of C's.E.D.T., Book 205, Nos. 66 and 70 (Vic 17/231& 235) in respect of which no applications for extension have been received - C&E'17/24055 and 17/24058 herewith.

2. C&E'17/20452 (attached) contains a photograph of portion of this family and handprints of certain of the children.

18/5/1925.

*R.*  
The Secretary,  
Home and Territories Department,  
MELBOURNE.

*Bob*  
Referred for consideration. Relative papers are attached.

*Ag*  
C. H. GIBSON  
Acting Collector of Customs,  
Victoria.  
19/5/1925.



CH/AH.

C&E'25/10257

9th June, 1925.

Madam,

In reply to your letter of the 4th April, 1925, I shall be glad if you will inform me what are the names and ages of your children who were born in Hong Kong, and when you propose to return with your family to Australia.

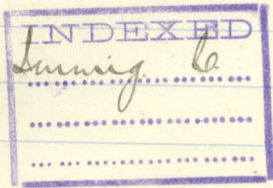
2. It is desired that copies of the birth certificates of those children should be forwarded with your letter.

*Chy*  
Yours faithfully,

C. H. GREEN  
per A.R.R.

Acting Collector of Customs,  
V i c t o r i a.

*P.*  
Mrs Chung Ah Gan,  
110 Kow-Loon City Road,  
Top Floor,  
Kow-Loon,  
HONG KONG.



110 How-Loon City Rd.

Top Floor.

How-Loon.

Hong-Kong

China.

MAY 14 AM.

4. April 25

To collector of customs

Dear Sir

My husband is a Chinese naturalized in Tasmania Hobart, in the year 1911, he wishes to know would it be possible for him to return to Australia, his name is Chung Ah Yan generally known as Teddy Ah Yan, My son George Ah Yan was born at Richmond, he also wishes to return with his father, I have four children born in Australia, I myself was born in Mary, St Richmond, My maiden name was Annie Harris, If I can return with my husband could I bring my family back with me, The Photo of myself, husband and children are at the Customs office, and also the finger prints of my husband in Melbourne taken, a week before we left Australia, we sailed to China, in the ship Taiyeam, Date 25<sup>th</sup> July 1917 I have now seven children, three born in Hong-Kong, and register in Hong-Kong. My last child born was at the Matilda Hospital the Peak Hong-Kong, we got our Pass-port to China three years only and have not renewed them since, Why we have not returned, before my husband has been working at the How-Loon Docks for the past six years, but now the children are getting big he would like to take them all back with him if possible for further inquest If you wish the English Customs of Hong-Kong to see my husband papers and all my children birth papers I shall be only too please to show it to them

Please will you kindly let me know as soon as possible?

I remain

Yours faithfully

M<sup>rs</sup> Chung, Ah, Yan.

My last address I lived in was in Melbourne Hawthorn Rd Brighton near M<sup>rs</sup> Stone's Dairy

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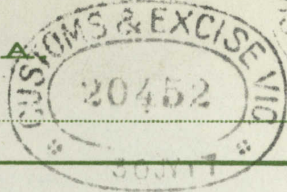
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VICTORIA

Customs and Excise Office, Melbourne, <sup>86</sup>

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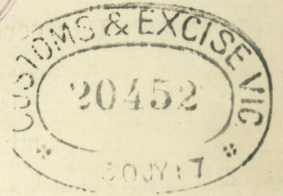
WRITER: Edward Ah Gan

SUBJECT: ~~has~~ photos & handprints of Dorothy Gan,  
Ruby Elizabeth Gan & Frederick Gan.

Subcollector,  
Dorothy Gan Ruby Elizabeth Gan &  
Frederick Gan left for China per "Shiyuan"  
on 25<sup>th</sup> instant ~~in company~~ accompanied by their  
father + mother & eldest brother George.

R Karmel  
20/7/17.

Impression of left hand of Frederick Law, an Australian  
born <sup>back</sup> Chinese boy who is leaving for China by the "<sup>Saipan</sup> ~~Changsha~~"  
on the 25<sup>th</sup> instant. Birth cert. 1131 / 27823 of 25<sup>th</sup> July 1917  
born 19<sup>th</sup> December 1915.



# IMMIGRATION ACT 1901-1912.

We certify that we have this day examined .....  
of ..... nationality, *ex* .....  
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 *boná fide* holder of Certificate No. .... in the State of ..... presented by him and indorsed by us.
3. That he was born in Australia in the State of ..... on .....
4. That he is the *boná fide* holder of Exemption Certificate No. .... of .....
5. That he is the *boná fide* holder of Passport No. .... duly *visé* by .....
6. ....

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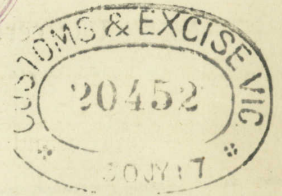
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Customs and Excise Office,

Place .....

Date .....

Impression of left hand of Frederick Gau, an Australian  
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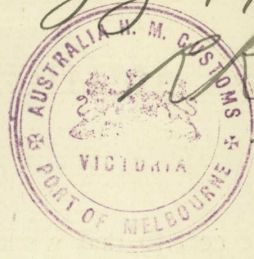
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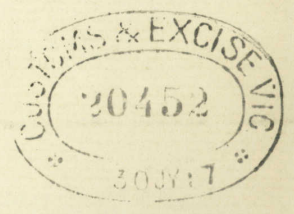
Place .....

Date .....

Impression of left hand of Kaly Elizabeth Gan, an Australian  
born to a Chinese father who is leaving by the "Laurian"  
today. Birth certificate <sup>189</sup> 9338 of 25<sup>th</sup> July, 1917. Born  
31<sup>st</sup> March 1912.



*Karmel*  
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3. That he was born in Australia in the State of ..... on .....

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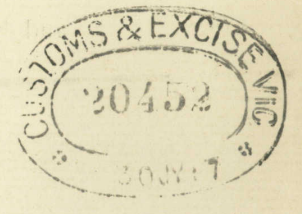
Place .....

Date .....

Impression of left hand of Ruby Elizabeth Gann, an Australian  
born 1/2 caste Chinese girl who is leaving for China by the  
"Kiangnan" today. Birth cert 189 <sup>9338</sup> of 25<sup>th</sup> July 1917. Born  
31<sup>st</sup> March 1912.



*Starmel*  
25/7/17.



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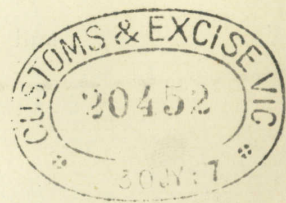
Place .....

Date .....

Impression of left hand of Dorothy Gau, an Australian born  
1/2 caste Chinese girl, who is leaving by the "Taiyuan" today.  
Birth certificate  $\frac{634}{1060}$  of 25<sup>th</sup> July 1917. Born 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1914.



Karmel  
25/7/17



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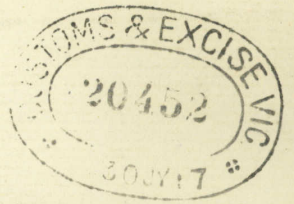
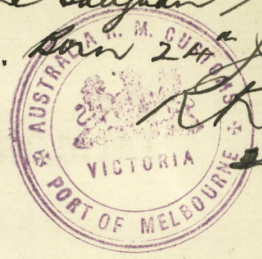
Customs and Excise Office,

Place .....

Date .....

Impression of left hand of Dorothy Gann an Australian born  
Chinese (1/2 caste) girl, who is leaving by the "Laiyan" today.  
Birth certificate  $\frac{6311}{1060}$  of 25<sup>th</sup> July 1917. Born 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 1914

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# IMMIGRATION ACT 1901-1912.

We certify that we have this day examined .....  
of ..... nationality, *ex* .....  
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 *bonâ fide* holder of Certificate No. .... in the State of ..... presented by him and indorsed by us.
3. That he was born in Australia in the State of ..... on .....
4. That he is the *bonâ fide* holder of Exemption Certificate No. .... of .....
5. That he is the *bonâ fide* holder of Passport No. .... duly *visé* by .....
6. ....

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The hand-print of ..... is on back hereof.

Customs and Excise Office,

Place .....

Date .....

EDWARD CHUNG AH GAN - Chinese

Holder of C.E.D.T. Book 205 No. 66 (Vic. 17/231) -  
Applies for re-admission to Australia.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Interior,  
CANBERRA.

The attached request for the re-admission to Australia of Teddy Chung Ah Gan is forwarded for the consideration of the Secretary.

2. Enquiry was made at the shop of Foon Kee, 214 Little Bourke, Melbourne and Ah You recognized the photograph of Ah Gan who, he said, had returned to China a long time ago. He was unable to give any details of Ah Gan's circumstances to-day but recalled that he was married to a white woman who had left this country with him.

3. Mrs. Ah Gan was issued with Australian Passport No. 21229 on 23-7-1917.

4. Attached are Victorian files C&E' 17/24055 and '25/13432 relative to a request by Mrs. Ah Gan for the re-admission of herself and four children but beyond writing she took no further action or to reply to the request of the department to furnish the names and ages of the three children who were born in Hong Kong.

*R.H.*  
M. B. SYNAN  
per E.G.H.

Collector of Customs, Victoria.  
3-11-1933.



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## COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE

HONG KONG,

No. 120/1933

3rd October, 1933.

Sir,

I am directed to address you on the subject of an application for the grant of a passport made by one Edward Chung Ah Gan who claims to be a Naturalized British Subject and to forward for your consideration the following documents which he has produced in support of his claim:-

- (1) Memorandum for the Collector of Customs, Hobart, by the Sub-Collector of Customs, Launceston, Tasmania.
- (2) Memorandum dated 10th July, 1917, by the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, Hobart.
- (3) Certificate of Exemption from Dictation Test. Certificate No. 066 dated 23rd July, 1917.

2. Applicant states that prior to 1917 he was resident in Melbourne and was the owner of three shops in that city.

3. The shops were registered in his own name and were situated in the following streets:-

Bay Street  
Church Street  
Hawthorn Road.

4. In 1917 applicant left Australia and was granted the Exemption Certificate enclosed herewith and numbered (3).

5. He was accompanied by his wife, who is an Australian born (white) woman, and who was furnished with an Australian passport, number unknown, at the same time as her husband received the Exemption Certificate.

6. In 1917 applicant obtained employment in the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company and has remained in this

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service until a few months ago when his services were dispensed with owing to trade depression.

7. The details of his Hong Kong residence have been verified locally and there is nothing known against him in this Colony.

8. He proposes, if permission is granted, to return to Australia with a view to establishing himself in Melbourne in business as a confectioner and fruiterer.

9. He states that he is in possession of capital to the amount of H. K. \$1,000 and he offers as references the following names:-

Cheung Ah Hin - (cousin)  
Owner of Cabinet Maker  
business in Lonsdale Street,  
Melbourne.

Fan Kee - (friend)  
Owner of Grocer shop  
214 Little Burke Street,  
Melbourne.

I am to request that you will be so good as to inform me whether in your opinion applicant is entitled to the grant of a British passport and whether, in the event of such passport being granted, there will be any objection to his returning to Australia.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

(sgd.) A. E. Grainger (?)

Colonial Secretary.

The Collector of Customs  
Melbourne,  
A U S T R A L I A.

GOPY

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Customs and Excise Office,

LAUNCESTON, 9th July, 1917

MEMORANDUM for:-

The Collector of Customs  
for Tasmania,  
H O B A R T.

The bearer claiming to be Teddy Chung Ah Gan, represents that he was naturalized in Tasmania in the year 1892 or 1893, and that he lost his Certificate of Naturalization while living at Richmond, Victoria, six or seven years ago. He is now resident at Hawthorn Road, Brighton Victoria, where he has been living for the past four years. He is applying for a memorandum to the effect that he was naturalized in Tasmania to satisfy the Electoral Officer at Brighton. He is proceeding to Hobart and will call on you.

(sgd.) Will R. Lisby

Sub-Collector of Customs,  
Launceston, Tasmania.

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Chief Secretary's Department,

H O B A R T,

10th July, 1917

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

I hereby certify that a Certificate  
of Naturalization was granted to CHUNG AH GAN on the 11th  
of December, 1891.

(sgd.) D. W. Eddison

Under Secretary.