

Lee Guy (- 25 Dec 1907)

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Death of Lee Guy

Friends of Chinaman Ask Police to Investigate

Lee Guy is the name on a death certificate issued in the case of a resident of "Chinatown," whose death occurred about 4:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Lee died in his room at 346 Pennsylvania avenue. He was a member of the Wah Chong Company. Lee had been ill, but would take only Chinese remedies. His death caused much concern among his friends, and last night a delegation of Chinamen asked the police to investigate.

Coroner Nevitt issued a certificate of death from natural causes, and the body was removed to an undertaking establishment. It was the intention of friends to place the body in a vault in Congressional cemetery for two years and then remove it to China for interment, but it is stated that someone remarked if placed in the vault the body could not be removed for ten years, so preparations are being made to ship the body to China next week.

Lee was a son of Lee Hin Nine, a merchant in China. Two brothers in this city, Lee Bin Doo and Lee Hung Dee, both of whom conduct small stores, also survive him. The deceased has a wife and child in China. He came to America about twenty-five years ago, and after working her a short time engaged in business. A year later he returned to China and was married. He remained there two years, and then came here again. He visited his family every year, as his wife refused to come to this country.

As is the custom, Lee's friends assembled his effects, including silk blouses, sandals, colored handkerchiefs, etc., which they say contain evil spirits and should be destroyed.

John Brown, colored, appeared on the scene, however, and upon being informed that the goods were to be destroyed, asked for them, and they were handed over to him. Brown promptly started for a second-hand store for the purpose of disposing of the goods, but a citizen noticing the bundle, informed police headquarters and a detective was soon questioning Brown as to his possession of the articles. The man explained satisfactorily and was allowed to depart.