

Lee Mon

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Lee Mon Dies; Long Ill

First Person of His Race to Die in D.C. Poorhouse

"Lee Mon, fifty years old, Blue Plains," was recorded in the health department death record last week, being the first person of his race to die in the District's poorhouse, it is stated. Chinese are considerate of their own race, especially those in Washington, their friends state, and the case of Mon was no exception to the rule.

Mon Lee had been sick for more than a year, it is stated, during which time he was cared for by friends in Chinatown, and it was only about two weeks before he died that he was taken to Blue Plains. He came to this country more than 40 years ago, when he was a mere boy, according to his Chinese friends, and had been employed as a cook.

As soon as it became known that he had died his friends claimed his body, and directed an undertaker to prepare it for burial.