

# IMMIGRATION FILE



WHEREAS, Dong Gum Hong  
is hereunto attached,  
from the United  
upon a visit to China,  
of returning into the  
the purpose of resuming  
pation as a Merchant

WHEREAS the said Dong  
fully entitled to so  
United States for the  
suant to the Act of  
May 5, 1892, and  
of November 3, 1893, and  
December 7, 1894,  
States and the Empire  
provides as follows,

"A merchant is a person engaged in buying and selling merchandise at a fixed place of business, which business is conducted in his name, and who, during the time he claims to be engaged as a merchant does not engage in the performance of any manual labor, except such as is necessary in the conduct of his business as such merchant.

"When an application is made by a chinaman for entrance into the United States on the ground that he was formerly engaged in this country as a merchant, he shall establish by the testimony of two credible witnesses other than Chinese the fact that he conducted such business as hereinbefore defined for at least one year before his departure from the United States, and that, during such year he was not engaged in the performance of any manual labor, except such as was necessary in the conduct of his business as such merchant; and in default of such proof shall be refused landing." (Act of November 3, 1893, amending the Act of May 5, 1892.)

"The provisions of this convention shall not affect the right at present enjoyed of Chinese subjects, being officials, teachers, students, merchants, or travelers for curiosity or pleasure, but not laborers, of coming in to the United States and remaining therein."  
(Convention of December 7, 1894, between the United States and China.)

NOW, THEREFORE, and for the better identification of the said Dong  
Gum Hong and in order to facilitate his re-entry into the United  
States upon his said return hereto for the said purpose.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Citizens of the United States, and residents of  
the City of Indianapolis, in the County of Marion and State of  
Indiana, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with  
the said Dong Gum Hong for upwards of one year last past, during  
which said year he has been a reputable resident merchant of the said  
City of Indianapolis and not a huckster, peddler, laundryman or  
laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, that during the said time of our acquaintance  
with him the said Dong Gum Hong has been a member of the firm of

chinese persons trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "Moy Kee", Importers and Dealers in Chinese groceries and provisions, at No. ~~515~~<sup>506</sup> E. Washington Street in the said City of Indianapolis, that he has also been a member of the firm of chinese persons trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of Pang Wah Jung & Company, Importers and dealers in chinese grocerie and provisions at No. 9 East Street in said City of Indianapolis.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, that during the said time of our acquaintance with him, the said Dong Gum Hong has been so engaged in buying and selling merchandise, at the said fixed place of business under the said trade-name and style of the said firm of which he is a member, and that during the said time of our acquaintance with him, the said Dong Gum Hong, has not been engaged in the performance of any manual labor skilled or unskilled, of any kind except such as has been necessary in the conduct of his said business as such merchant as aforesaid.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That the said trade-name and style is arbitrary and fanciful, and does not indicate the names of the members of the said firm, or of any of them; and that such use of such trade-name and styles is customary amongst chinese merchants generally in the City of Indianapolis, and elsewhere throughout the United States so far as we are aware.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1909.

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o DESCRIPTION OF Dong Gum Hong  
o AGE:- 28  
o HEIGHT: 5 FEET 5 IN.  
o Sooner or left eye(1)  
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John W. Volkman 905 State  
Lodge Bed,  
Arthur L. Ward 4 M & A,  
Chas T. MacIntire - Police Dept  
Alabama & Pearl  
Dealers Department



State of Indiana  
Marion County  
My Commission Subscribed and sworn to  
Ex-piris You this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1909  
J. S. 1903.  
Cass Comma way  
Notary Public

United States of America.      }  
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District of Indiana    } Sct:

I, Charles W. Moores Do Hereby Certify, That I am acquainted with  
John W. Holtzman and Arthur L. Wardau Charles, <sup>T. McIntire</sup> the signors of  
the foregoing and annexed certificate and affidavits; that they are  
not Chinese persons; that they are citizens of the United States  
and residents of the said City of Indianapolis in the said District  
of Indiana, that they are reputable persons of good character, and  
that, in my opinion their statements are entitled to full credence  
and belief.

Witness my hand and seal at the said City of  
Indianapolis in the said District of Indiana,  
this Third day of February, A. D., 1909.

Charles W. Moores

U. S. Commissioner.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. )  
IN THE DISTRICT OF INDIANA. )

Dong Gum Hong, the affiant herein upon his oath presents that he is the Dong Gum Hong who has applied for papers entitling him to return to the United States of America after a visit to China. Your affiant herein says that he was born in the City of San Francisco, in the State of California, at No. 743 Washington Street in the year 1882, that his father's name was Dong Yook Qung and that his mother's name was Wong Shee. That he is now and has been for a number of years past, a merchant, that he is now and has been for the last two (2) years a partner in the business conducted at No. 506 E. Washington Street in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, under the name of Moy Kee & Company. That he is also a partner in the business of Pang Wah Jung Company, located at No. 9 N. East Street in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, and that he has been a partner in the firm of Pang Wah Jung Company for the past three (3) years. That he has not performed any manual labor of any kind or character, except such labor as is necessary for him to perform as such merchant. That he is not a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind. That he is the owner of Lot Number Four (4) in Block Eight (8) in the original Town of Matthews, Indiana, said real estate being improved and having thereon a two (2) story building which was erected by your affiant and occupied by him until he moved to Indianapolis about six (6) years ago. That he has the fee simple title to said real estate and that the said real estate is not incumbered and is now rented for business purposes. That the affiant herein is returning to China for the purpose of visiting his parents and expects to return to the United States within one (1) year from the date of his departure. That your affiant expects upon his return to the United States to bring with him his wife, who is a Chinese and further affiant sayeth not.

*Dong Gum Hong*

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned, a Notary Public in  
and for said County and State this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 1909.

Russ Donaway

Notary Public.

My commission expires

Jan. 28, 1903



LAW OFFICES  
CASS CONNAWAY  
LAW BUILDING  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 25th, 1909.

Mr. L. T. Plummer,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Plummer:-

I received your letter regarding Dong Gum Hong and I have been unable to give it attention owing to the press of other business I of course was very much disappointed on account of your decision as was also the boy. I could have secured the signatures of a dozen men who could have testified of his part interest in the store at No. 9 N. East St. Of necessity these men would not have been in the same class as Ex-Mayor Holtzman and those who did make their statement. This matter I endeavored to put upon such a high plane that there could be no question as to the evidence, coming from such men as Holtzman, Ward and McIntyre. There was absolutely no reason to misrepresent the facts in this case in the slightest particular and the boy is so well known here in Indianapolis that I thought it would be better to secure the evidence of really high class men, whose integrity and honesty could not be questioned. I am indeed sorry their statement did not comply with the rules of the Department. You understand I am not criticising you, as you know I have never asked that you do anything but your whole duty and I do not intend to at any time ask anything else of you. I can prepare new papers and secure the necessary statements of other men who are more intimately acquainted with the boy in the neighborhood in which his business is situated, if this will avail.

There is a Chinaman in Chicago, Moy Poy, who is running a gambling house somewhere on South Clark Street. He is indebted to me in the sum of Two or Three Hundred Dollars for fees and borrowed money. Ex-Mayor Dunne has been recommended to me as one who could collect this bill, as he seems to have had some business with the Chinese in Chicago. Before sending anything to him I would ask you to kindly recommend some attorney whose influence with the Chinese could be used to make this fellow pay what he owes me, as you know everything depends upon what attorney goes after these claims. Moy is a bad one and it will require some influence to make him pay this bill. I wish you would kindly help me in this matter.

With sincerest regards, I am,  
Yours truly,

CC/WGR

*Cass Connaway*

RECEIVED  
FEB 27 1909  
Chinese Inspector,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

No. 728.

March 1st, 1909.

Dear Cass:-

Your letter of February 25th in regard to Chinaman, Dong Gum Hong, is received.

I waited some time before making my report, but not hearing from you, I made my report to Portal and sent a letter to Dong Gum Hong stating that his application had been denied. If, however, you think you could make a good showing as to his mercantile status and his employment, I will re-open the case.

The trouble with the witnesses that Mr. Tippett examined was that they only knew this man in the restaurant and had never seen him in the store, whereas it is necessary for our purposes that a man should devote himself to the store's business. I would suggest that rather than get men of high standing, that you get men who are well acquainted with the Chinaman, that know him, and see him very frequently, even though they may be day-laborers or people of that class, provided they are honest. Here in Chicago I have made it a point to discourage the Chinamen from getting bankers and such people on their papers, which the Chinamen like to do, for the reason that bankers seldom, if ever, see the Chinaman in the store and are not good witnesses for my purposes.

If you could find some good credible witnesses who know this man in his store, knows that he has an interest there, and devotes quite a part of his time attending to the affairs of the

store, even though he may have some connection with this restaurant and looks after the management of it; I am perfectly willing to re-open the case or to make another investigation. If you cannot do this, I would suggest that you make an application as aforesaid.

In regard to Moy Boy mentioned in the last paragraph of your letter, I will say, that Wong Aloy is now in Chicago and I talked the matter over with him as he is quite familiar with the Chinese here. He says that he knows of this case and knows the man, but he does not think he has any property or anything that you could get your hands on. He thinks it is possible that you might get money from him by instituting criminal proceedings, but thinks it would be a waste of money to go after the fellow civilly.

I would not advise you to employ ex-Major Dunne as your attorney in this case, as this man is a member of the Moy family, whereas Dunn has been the attorney for the Chin family in their troubles with the Moys here, and would not have much influence. Attorney P. H. O'Donnell has acted for the Moys during their troubles, and he would be a better man, I should think, than Mr. Dunne for your purposes. However, I think if I were you, I would place the matter in the hands of Thomas E. Milchrist, Esq. who has done a great deal of work among the Chinese here and who is still attorney for some of the Moy firms. If I can be of any use to you, I will be pleased to help what I can.

Yours very truly,

To Cass Genneyay,  
Law Building,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

No. 728.

February 26th, 1909.

Dong Gum Hong,  
c/o Moy Kee restaurant,  
506 Washington St.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Sir:-

Referring to your application of February 3rd, 1909 for the privilege of departing from and returning to the United States as a domiciled merchant, I will say, that the Chinese Inspector in Charge at Portal, North Dakota, is not satisfied that you are a bona fide merchant and is not willing to grant you the privilege which you request.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

No. 728.

February 19th, 1909.

Mr. L. T. Plummer,  
Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

I have made a pre-investigation in the case of DONG GUM HONG, who claims to be a merchant of Indianapolis, Ind.

It is stated in his application that he is a member of Pang Wah, Jung & Co., dealers in Chinese groceries, No. 9 East St. Indianapolis, and that he is also a partner in the Moy Kee Company, 506 E. Washington St., Indianapolis. The firm of Pang Wah, Jung & Co., is a small mercantile company, deals in Chinese bric-a-brac, teas, etc. The firm of Moy Kee at 506 Washington St., is a restaurant pure and simple, of some magnitude.

Upon a personal investigation, I found the applicant, DONG GUM KONG, actually employed in the general management of this restaurant. In his statement he makes no denial of the fact that he devotes a large part of his time to the management of the restaurant. The testimony of the white witnesses in the case is hereto attached. It will be seen thereby that the witnesses in the case only know the applicant in connection with the restaurant. Their statements put him in the restaurant class and not a merchant.

2/19/09.

I am satisfied from the testimony taken and from the investigation I made at 506 Washington St., that the greater part of applicant's time is taken up by the restaurant and that his income is from that source. From the above facts, I believe that the applicant is not entitled to the privilege of departing from, and returning to the United States as a bona fide merchant.

Respectfully,

H. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector.

DEPARTING MERCHANT.

Taken at Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 6th, 1909.

Don Gum Hong being duly sworn states that he will tell the truth and nothing but the truth in answering the following questions:

- Q. How many names have you?  
A. One name, Don Gum Hong.
- Q. What is your business?  
A. Merchant.
- Q. What is the name of your firm?  
A. Pang Wah Jung.
- Q. Where is it located?  
A. No. 9 North East Street.
- Q. How many partners in that Concern?  
A. Three now, Pang Wah Jung, Don Gum Hong and Pang Hu.
- Q. How much capital in the Company?  
A. Over \$2500.00.
- Q. How much is your interest in the firm?  
A. \$750.00, worth more now.
- Q. You mean you put \$750.00 in there at first?  
A. Yes.
- Q. When did you go into this firm as a partner?  
A. About three years ago.
- Q. What do you do in this store?  
A. Keep up the store and stay there.
- Q. How much stock do you carry?  
A. Think it is worth about \$2500.00.
- Q. Is there any other business connected with this store other than merchandise?  
A. No other business.
- Q. Have you an interest in the Moy Kee business, Restaurant at 506 W. Washington Street?  
A. Yes.
- Q. How much is your interest?  
A. \$1000.00
- Q. Who is the manager of this Restaurant?  
A. Moy Kee.
- Q. What do you do in the Restaurant when you are there?  
A. Take care of the money when I am working in the Restaurant.
- Q. How much time do you devote to the Restaurant.  
A. Sometimes about half an hour every day and sometimes only two or three times a week.
- Q. You divide your time between the store and the Restaurant, where do you stay the most?  
A. Stay at the store most, just go to the Restaurant to take care of the money.
- Q. You say you are married?  
A. No, single.
- Q. If you are permitted to go to China, which way do you want to go, what port?  
A. By way of Portal, North Dakota.
- Q. In your affidavit you state you were born in this Country.  
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- Q. Where were you born?  
A. San Francisco.
- Q. What Street and number?  
A. 743 Washington Street.
- Q. Who is the manager of the store?  
A. Both Pang Wah Jung and Don Gum Hong.

Q. Where is the other partner?

A. He is in Chicago.

Q. He does not stay in the store all the time?

A. No, sometimes.

Q. Just you and Pang Wah Jung stay in the store?

A. Yes.

Don Gum Hong.

STATE OF INDIANA

MARION COUNTY

I, Edna Robinson, hereby certify upon the 6th day of February, 1909, I took down in short hand the above and foregoing statement which was duly signed and executed by Don Gum Hong. That before the above and foregoing statement was made by the said Don Gum Hong he was duly sworn according to law to true answers make to the questions asked of him.

Edna Robinson

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, this 6th day of February, 1909.

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