

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
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No. 587

WO JUN YUEN,  
of  
"WING TANK" COMPANY,  
Merchants,  
No. 301 So. Clark st.,  
Chicago, Illinois,  
U.S.A.

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AGE: -Forty One (41) Years.  
HEIGHT: -5 Feet, 2 Inches, in  
Bared Feet. (No Marks)

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The United States of America. )  
Northern District of Illinois. )     Sct:  
Eastern Division.                 )



WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Citizens of the United States and residents of the City of Chicago and vicinity, in the County of Cook and said Northern District of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described WO JUN YUEN for upwards of one year last past, during which time he has been a reputable resident Chinese Merchant of the said city of Chicago, and neither a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said WO JUN YUEN has been a member of the firm of chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "WING TANK" COMPANY, Importers and Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Provisions, Clothing, Drugs, and general chinese and japanese merchandise, at No. 301 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid; that the said firm was organized about three years ago; and that the said WO JUN YUEN has been a member thereof since the said organization thereof.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said WO JUN YUEN has been 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 year of our acquaintance with him, the said WO JUN YUEN has not been engaged in the performance of 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.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That the foregoing photograph, hereunto affixed, is a true and correct likeness of the said WO JUN YUEN; and that the foregoing description is a true description of the person of the said WO JUN YUEN.



We have been credibly informed that the said WO JUN YUEN has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in said firm and from our frequent visits to the said place of business and our general acquaintance with the various members of said concern, we have become well satisfied that he is actively engaged in the business of the firm and exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of the said "Wing Tank" Company, enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof, and is a bona fide member thereof.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, August 14th, A.D., 1907.

O. L. Henson

(Address) 19-29 Market St, Chicago, Ill.

John L. Mauahau

(Address) 444 So. Clark St, Chicago, Ill.

State of Illinois.)  
County of Cook. ) ss.  
City of Chicago.)

Hudson L. Henson of the City of Chicago, in said County and State, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says as follows, to-wit:-

I am a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, where I follow the occupation of a Buyer & Salesman Wholesale Groceries

I am one of the signers of the foregoing and annexed certificate; and the statements therein made are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to, this  
19th day of August, A.D., 1907, before me.

O. L. Henson

Mark A. Foote, Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill.'s.

State of Illinois.)  
County of Cook. ) ss.  
City of Chicago.)

John L. Mauahau of the City of Chicago, in said County and State, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says as follows, to-wit:-

I am a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, where I follow the occupation of a Laundry Supply Dealer

I am one of the signers of the foregoing and annexed certificate; and the statements therein made are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to, this  
19th day of August, A.D., 1907, before me.

John L. Mauahau

Mark A. Foote, Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill.'s.



The United States of America.  
Northern District of Illinois } Sct:  
Eastern Division. }

I, Mark A. Foote, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that I am acquainted with Hudson & Johnson and John L. Manahan, the signers 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 City of Chicago, in said Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois; that they are reputable persons, of good character; and that in my opinion their statements are entitled to full credence and belief.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at the City of Chicago, in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D., nineteen hundred seven (1907).

Mark A. Foote,  
U.S. Commissioner, N.D. Ill's.



Application for Endorsement of Accompanying Affidavits under Rule  
25, Regulations of February 5, 1906.

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Chicago, Illinois, August 14th, 1907.

LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

My name is WO JUN YUEN. I am a native and subject of China; have resided in the United States the last 25 years; in Chicago the last 3 years; am a Merchant and member of "Wing Tank Co.", No. 301 Clark street, Chicago, Illinois.

I have visited China once during my residence in the United States: In or about the 9th month of the 17th K.S., I sailed from San Francisco aboard the steamship "Belgic", remained there about two (2) years, and, aboard the same vessel, returned to San Francisco in or about the 3d month of the 19th K.S.

in or about the 8th K.S.,  
I first came to the United States, when I was about 16 years old, and landed at San Francisco, from a vessel, the name of which I cannot recollect. When I was old enough, that is to say after I had resided in San Francisco about two years, I became a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants, "Fong Hing", of No. 722 Dupont street, in the city of San Francisco. I continued as a member thereof, and as a resident merchant of San Francisco, until the 30th K.S. Then the firm of "Wing Tank" was organized; and then I removed to Chicago and became a member thereof. I have been a member thereof and a resident merchant of Chicago ever since; and my share and interest in the said firm is worth at least One Thousand Dollars.

I desire to visit China, and to return upon the completion of my visit to resume my present residence and status as a merchant in the United States. Wherefore, I transmit herewith the affidavits of two credible witnesses other than Chinese, and pray that the same may be endorsed as provided in the Regulations above cited.

Very respectfully, 胡慕衍

C/o "Wing Tank,"

No. 303 Clark st., Chicago, Illinois.

Department of Commerce and Labor  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
PORTAL, N. DAK.

June 24, 1908

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

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the  
22nd instant, No. 537, together with all papers in the case  
of WO JUN YUEN, returning merchant of your city.

This person has been notified this date of  
your favorable report.

Respectfully,

*O. B. Kelton*  
Chinese Inspector in Charge

*Admitted 5/6/09*

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Chinese Inspector,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.



No. 587.

522, Commercial Nat'l Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO.

June 22nd, 1908.

Case of WO JUN YUEN, : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.

Merchant returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, LEE WON YAWN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?

A Lee Won Yawn.

Q You are the manager of the firm of Wing Tank, 301 So. Clark St., are you not?

A Yes sir.

Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)

A Yes, it is Wo Jun Yuen.

Q What interest has he in your firm?

A When we started he had \$500.00. Since he has gone home it has amounted to about \$1,000.00.

Q What will he do when he comes back to the United States?

A He will come back into the store?

Q Would you say that your store is in as good a condition now as it was when he went to China?

A Just about the same.

Q This man has not sold or disposed of his interest since he went away, has he?

A No sir.

Q Have you understood my questions?

A Yes sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Lee Won Yawn. Witness.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.



CHICAGO, August 21, 1907.

Case of	: Ward E. Thompson,	Examining Inspector
WO JUN YUEN,	: J.G.C. Longchallon,	Interpreter,
Mer. Dep.	: A.T. Wilson,	Stenographer.

Applicant, WO JUN YUEN, sworn by Inspector Thompson, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Wo Jun Yuen.
- Q How old are you? A 41.
- Q Where were you born? A In China.
- Q When did you first come to the United States? A K.S. 8.
- Q What has been your occupation since you first arrived in the United States up to the present time? A I have always been a merchant.
- Q When you arrived here in K.S. 8th year, what store did you become a member of? A Fong Hang, 722 Dupont St., San Francisco, Cal.
- Q That was in K.S. 8th year was it? A Yes.
- Q And how long did you remain a member of that store? A I have been a member of that firm from K.S. 8 to K.S. 30, and then I came to Chicago.
- Q Do I understand that you were a member of that firm in San Francisco from K.S. 8th until K.S. 30th year? A Yes.
- Q What kind of a store was it? A Chinese merchandise and groceries.
- Q Who was the manager of that store? A Yet Wo.
- Q Do you remember how many partners you had? A 12.
- Q And your interest was how much? A \$1,000.
- Q Did you ever make a trip to China as a member of that firm? A Yes in K.S. 17, I did.
- Q Have you the papers that you made that trip on? A They took it back from me at the Custom House in San Francisco.
- Q Do you remember who the white men were that signed the merchant papers? A Mr. Johnson and a man by the name of Charlie Gore.
- Q You didn't get a certificate of residence in K.S. 19 or 20 did you? A I was a merchant and I didn't have to.
- Q Why did you leave that San Francisco firm and come to Chicago? A Business was dull in Frisco; I came to Chicago to see if I could do a better business.
- Q Did you sell out your interest in that store when you came here? A I sold it, into the store.
- Q Give me the month of K.S. 30 that you left San Francisco? A 4th month, I do not remember the day.
- Q When did you become a member of Wing Tank & Co., of Chicago? A From the first time I came to Chicago. It was about the end of the 4th month of K.S. 30. The firm was organized at that time, and I am a charter member of it.
- Q How much money did you put into Wing Tank Co. A \$1,000.
- Q You still have that interest? A Yes.
- Q Where is the store located? A 301 South Clark St.
- Q What position did you occupy? A I see about packing of goods to send to different places, shipping clerk, and sometimes when we are very busy I have to sell goods.
- Q Do you do any work outside of that store? A No; always been a merchant.
- Q What kind of a store is that? A Chinese merchandise and groceries.
- Q How much stock do you carry? A About twenty or thirty thousand dollars.
- Q How many partners? A 18.
- Q Including yourself? A Yes.
- Q What is the capital of the firm? A When the firm was organized there was \$14,000 capital; now we have a capital of \$29,000.
- Q Do you know about what the profits of that firm amount to in a year?



A Last year our net profits were \$15,000.

Q As a member of this firm you share in the profits and losses of this firm? A Yes.

Q Who is the manager of the firm? A Lee Won Gawn.

Q Who is the treasurer? A Lee Chung.

Q How many men devote all their time to the store? A Nine.

Q Give me their names? A Lee Chung; Lee Won Gawn; Lee Bah Won; Lee Won Chong; Lee Tue; Lee Hing; Woo Choo Yin; Ng Yee Soo; Ng Shee Coon.

Q Do you intend to retain your full interest in this store while you are absent in China? A Yes.

Q Not going to sell out? A No.

Q What are you going to do when you come back from China? A Come back in the store.

Q Who are your white witnesses? A Mr. Manohan and Mr. Hansen.

Q In this your photograph (showing photo of applicant)? A Yes.

Q You are going out at Portal, are you? A Yes.

Q Have you understood the interpreter? A Yes.

Applicant signed his name in Chinese characters.

(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter,  
(Signed) Ward E. Thompson, Inspector.



CHICAGO, August 21, 1907.

Case of : Ward E. Thompson, Examining Inspector.  
WO JUN YUEN, : A.T. Wilson, Stenographer  
Mer. Dep.

Witness, LEE WON GAWN, sworn by Inspector Thompson, testified:

Q What is your name? A Lee Won Gawn.  
Q How old are you? A 44.  
Q How long have you been in the United States? A Since 15 years old, K.S. 4.  
Q What is your business? A Chinese merchant.  
Q Member of what firm? A Wing Tank Co.  
Q Street and number? A 301 So. Clark St.  
Q What position do you occupy in that store? A Manager.  
Q How much money have you invested in your store? A Started in with \$1,000; now it is \$2,000.  
Q Have you been manager of that store ever since it started?  
A Yes.  
Q Can you give me the date when you organized that store? A K.S. 30, end of the 4th month.  
Q Do you recognize this picture (showing photo of applicant)?  
A Yes, Wo Jun Yuen.  
Q Is he a member of your firm? A Yes.  
Q Was he one of the charter members? A Yes.  
Q How much has he in the store? A \$1,000.  
Q What does he do in the store? A He sells goods; packs them in box and sends them out; shipping clerk. Waits on customer's when needed.  
Q Does he do any work outside the store? A No.  
Q How many partners have you in the store? A 18.  
Q How many of these stay in the store all the time? A 9.  
Q What is your capital stock, altogether? A We started with \$14,000 capital stock, and increased it to \$29,000.  
Q What kind of a store is this? A Chinese merchandise.  
Q Can you tell me how much your net profits were last year?  
A About \$15,000.  
Q How much stock have you got in that store? A About \$25,000 now.  
Q You have no laundry, gambling hall, or restaurant connected with that store? A No.  
Q Can you give me the names of the nine men that stay in the store all the time? A Yes.  
Q Give me them? A Lee Won Gawn; Lee Chong; Wo Jun Yuen; Ng Yee Soo; Lee Bow Wuen; Lee Hing; Ng Shee Coon; Lee Due; Lee Won Chong.  
Q And you are the manager? A Yes.  
Q Who is the treasurer? A Lee Chung.  
Q Is this man going to keep his interest in that store while he goes to China? A I think he is going to see his folks.  
Q I mean he is not going to sell out? A No.  
Q What will he do when he comes back? A Come back in the store.  
Q Do you know what he did before he came into your store? A He was a merchant in San Francisco. I have seen him there.  
Q Do you know the store he was in? A I cannot remember the number, Fong Hang.  
Q Do you know what street it was on? A Dupont Street.  
Q You never knew this man as a laborer? A No.  
Q You have understood my questions? A Yes.

(Witness signed his testimony in English)

(Signed) Lee Won Gawn, Witness,  
(Signed) Ward E. Thompson, Inspector.