

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 475

SUBJECT:

Department of Commerce and Labor

See letter dated Oct. 22, 07. Portal.

in Chong Ark's file No. 515.

WHEREAS, TOY WING ACK, hereunto attached, is the United States, tem- it to China, with the into the United States suming his present oc- therein; and

WHEREAS, the said TOY titled to so return for the said purpose, Congress approved May mendatory thereof, and tween the United the Empire of China;

NOW, THEREFORE, and for tion of the said TOY

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 Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the said TOY WING ACK for upwards of one year last past, during which said year he has been a reputable res- ident 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 TOY WING ACK has been a member of the firm of chinese per- sons trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "QUONG WAH SING & CO.", Importers and Dealers in Chinese and Japanese Merchandise, at No. 181 Wabash avenue, in the said City of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said TOY WING ACK has been so engaged in buying and selling mer- chandise, 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, he 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 business as such merchant as aforesaid.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., November 29th, 1905.

(DESCRIPTION OF TOY WING ACK:--
(AGE:--Twenty Seven (27) Years.
(HEIGHT:--5 Ft., 6 In. (Barefooted).
(No Marks or Scars.



whose photograph is about to depart from porarily, upon a vis- intention of returning for the purpose of re- cupation as a Merchant

WING ACK is lawfully en- into the United States pursuant to the act of 5, 1892, and the acts a- the existing Treaty be- States of America and

the better identifica- WING ACK, and in order

H. L. Dana
159 La Salle St
Chicago, Illinois.
Charles B. Wright
98 Jackson St
Chicago, Illinois.

35 So Decatur
Sta 4574

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

H. L. Dana, of the City of Chicago,
in said County and State, being first sworn according to law, de-
poses and says as follows, to-wit:-

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the City of Chi-
cago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, where I follow the oc-
cupation of a Insurance Broker.

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 knowl-
edge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to, this
22 day of December, 1905
before me.

H. L. Dana

Mark A. Foster
Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill.

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

Charles B. Wright, 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 Chi-
cago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, where I follow the oc-
cupation of a Customs Broker.

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
22 day of November, 1905,
before me.

Charles B. Wright

Mark A. Foster
Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill.

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

I, Mark A. Foster, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of
Illinois, do hereby Certify that I am acquainted with H. L. Dana and Charles B. Wright
the signers of the foregoing and annexed certificate and affidavits; that
they are citizens of the United States, not Chinese persons, and residents
of the City of Chicago, in said division and district; that they are rep-
utable persons, of good character; and that in my opinion their statements
are entitled to full credence and belief.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal, at the said City of Chicago, in the
Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois,
this 22 day of December A.D., 1905.

Mark A. Foster
U. S. Commissioner, N. D. Ill.



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

TOY WING ACK, of the City of Chicago, in said division and district, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says as follows, to-wit:-

I am a native of the United States, and was born at No. _____ West Madison street, in the said City of Chicago, Kwanghsii 6, 11" month, 18" day. My father's name was Toy Soon Yick, and he was also known as Yee Haw. My mother's name was Yip She.

In the year Kwanghsii 8", my mother returned to China with me, and I lived there with her until I was eighteen (18) years of age, when I came to the United States, by the way of Vancouver, British Columbia, and re-joined my father.

March 9, 1899, as a Merchant and member of the firm of "Quong Wah Sing & Co.", I again visited China, departing from the United States at the port of San Francisco, and sailing on the steamship "Gaelic".

May 30, 1900, I again returned to the United States, at the same port of San Francisco, disembarking from the same vessel, the "Gaelic".

And I have, ever since the foregoing events, been a resident merchant of the said city of Chicago, and a member of the said firm of "Quong Wah Sing & Co.", No. 181 Wabash avenue, in the said City of Chicago.

During the time I have been a member of the said firm of Quong Wah Sing & Co., I have not at any time or to any extent or in any manner been engaged in the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind.

Subscribed and sworn to, this
29th day of November, A.D., 1905,
before me.

Toy Wing Ack

Mark A. Foote,

U. S. Commissioner, N. D. Ill's.

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N. DAK.

December 9, 1905.

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OFFICE OF,
CHINESE INSP. IN CHARGE

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

Sir:

I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of all papers in the case of Toy Wing Ack, alleged merchant of Chicago, Ill., requesting permission to visit China and return to the United States.

Owing to your favorable report, the applicant will be granted the desired privilege, provided he does not, upon his arrival here, controvert any of the statements contained in his application. He should be advised to reach Portal not later than Thursday, the 21st, if he wishes to sail on the boat which leaves Vancouver on the 25th.

In connection with this matter would say that the records of this office show that one Toy Wing Ack was admitted at this port, as a merchant, at about the time the applicant claims to have passed through here, although I am unable to find the papers in the case. This, however, may be accounted for by the fact that at the time this office was established all papers relating to Chinese matters were thrown in a box and shipped here in a state of chaos, and it is more than probable that these papers have been lost.

Respectfully,

O. B. Nelson

Acting Chinese Inspector in Charge.

CHICAGO, December 5, 1905.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
TOY WING ACK, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
Dep. Mer. : D. Arthur Plumbly, Stenographer.

Witness, TOY FONG, testified in English:

- Q What is your name?
A Toy Fong.
Q Are you the manager of the firm of Quong Wah Sing Co.?
A Yes, sir.
Q How long have you been the manager of that firm?
A Oh, nearly ten years altogether.
Q What is the value of the property of the Quong Wah Sing Co.?
A From \$40,000 to \$50,000 worth of stock.
Q How many members do you have in that firm working there all the time?
A Sometimes over fifteen; sometimes not so many in the store.
Q How many are in the store now?
A Myself, Toy Fong; Toy Tone, Toy Mon Lee, Toy Wing Ack, Toy You Bay, and two other men; Lee Shuick, he has been there almost two years; and Lim Joe (Gow).
Q What kind of goods does your firm carry?
A Mostly Chinese and Japanese fancy goods.
Q How much rent do you pay for your store?
A Now, we pay \$2,700 a year.
Q Do you know this man here (showing photo of applicant)?
A Yes, I know this man; it is Toy Wing Ack.
Q How long have you known him?
A Oh, I know him over--let me see (pause); we know him not quite ten years; about ten years.
Q I mean how long have you known him; not how long has he been a member of your firm?
A Oh, I know him a long time. I first met him San Francisco when he was a little baby and his mother was taking him back to China. I can't remember the date and I don't suppose he remembers seeing me then; he was too little.
Q Is he a member of your firm?
A He is a member of our firm about 7 or 8 years now. He come back from China.
Q Since he returned to this country from China?
A Yes.
Q How much of an interest has he in your firm?
A \$1,000.
Q Has he had that \$1,000 ever since he came into the firm?
A Yes, I think his father gave him the money to put into the firm.
Q When was it that he returned from China and came into your firm?
A K.S. 23 or 24, I forget which now.
Q What has he been doing ever since he returned to the United States?
A Doing business.
Q Working in your firm all the time?
A Yes; well, he been back to China last a few years ago and came back 3 or 4 years ago.
Q What kind of papers did he go back to China on the last time?
A I guess it merchant.

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Q Merchant papers from your firm?

A Yes.

Q Do you pay him any salary for working in your firm?

A Either \$35 or \$40 a month.

Q During the last year has this man done any work in laundries or restaurants, or labor of any kind outside of the store.

A *No, he never worked as laborer; only about the store. I guess you met him a good many times in the store.*

Q Well, now, when this man returns from China, will he come back into the store and take the same place he has now?

A Yes, he will come back into the store.

Q How long have you been in Chicago?

A Oh, the first time I been in Chicago about 15 years now. We no stay all the time in Chicago. Before a few years ago we stay most of the time in San Francisco; sometimes come to Chicago about 6 or 7 months; then we stay in Chicago all the time.

Q *How long have you been in Chicago all the time?*

A *Five or six years.*

Q You don't know of your own knowledge where this boy was born?

A Oh, I only know what his uncle told me at the time; he born over on West Side.

Q Well, you were living in San Francisco at the time he was born, weren't you?

A Yes, sir.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Plummer, signed in English:

(Signed) TOY FONG, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

Applicant testified in Chinese; partly in English:

- Q What is your name?
A Toy Wing Ack.
Q How old are you?
A 27 years old.
Q Where were you born?
A Oh, born in Chicago.
Q When?
A About K.S. 6th.
Q What month and date?
A 11th month and 18th day.
Q What was your father's name?
A My father have two names; one name known as Toy Sing Yick, another name is Toy Yee Hong. My father used to have a store in the basement of the Hip Lung Co. He old man; I remember I come back from China, one month he died.
Q When did you first go to China?
A As far as I can learn, I went back to China when I was two years old, K.S. 8th, and I returned to the United States again K.S.22.
Q Who went with you to China?
A My mother.
Q When you returned to this country did you return alone?
A Yes, return alone.
Q And where did you land, what port?
A When I came back alone I came in by way of Vancouver.
Q How did you come into the United States?
A At Portal, N.D.
Q Do you remember when it was that you came through Portal?
A I left China K.S. 22 last part of second month. I should judge I arrived in the United States about the first part of 4th month in K.S. 22, and I am not sure exactly what date but I should think about that time.
Q Well, did you come into the United States on native's papers?
A Yes, sir, I came in on native's papers, but they did not return my papers back. I remember at the time Inspector Berkshire was in Chicago.
Q When you returned to the United States, what did you do?
A When I returned to the United States again I been in our store ever since and done nothing else.
Q You came into the firm of Quong Wah Sing & Co.?
A Yes, sir.
Q When did your father die?
A K.S. 22, middle part of the 4th month, just after I arrived from China; just about three weeks after I got here.
Q When you became member of the firm of Quong Wah Sing & Co.? how much money did you invest?
A \$1,000; the money was from my father to my uncle and from my uncle to me.
Q Have you been a member of the firm of Quong Wah Sing & Co. ever since your return to the United States?
A Yes, sir, I have been a member of that firm ever since.
Q Have you been back to China at all since you came to this country in K.S. 22?
A Yes, sir; I went back to China K.S. 25 and returned to the United States again in K.S. 26 and this is the paper issued to me at that time.

(Witness produced merchant's application of Toy Wing Ack, with affidavits of two white witnesses, showing him to be a member of the firm of Quong Wah Sing & Co., 181 Wabash Ave., Chicago, January 27, 1899, upon which paper he was landed June 23, 1900 ex S.S. "Gaelic" at San Francisco, Calif. Said papers have attached thereto photograph which is undoubtedly that of applicant.)

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- Q Well, since you came back from China to the United States on this paper in 1900 what have you been doing?
- A I have been in no other place except the store of Quong Wah Sing & Co.
- Q How much of an interest do you have in that firm at the present time?
- A \$1,000 still.
- Q What are your duties in the firm?
- A General salesman and sometimes go out to deliver goods to customers.
- Q Who are the other men in the firm who are engaged in the business of the store all the time at the present time?
- A Myself Toy Wing Ack, Toy Tone, Toy Fong, Lee Shuick, Lim Goon, Toy You Fay, Toy Mon Lee, Toy You Lee, Toy Ling Sing.
- Q You have named two more men than the manager. Are you sure all these men are now working in the store? What have you to say to that?
- A It must be Toy Fong's mistake, as he has so much in his mind. that he overlooked these two men.
- Q Are all the men that you have named engaged in the business of the store now?
- A Yes, sir; they are all in the store now.
- Q What salary do you get in the store?
- A On an average I receive about \$40 a month.
- Q Have you done any work in laundries or restaurants, or anywhere except in your store for the last year?
- A No, sir; I have not.
- Q Do you know of any reason why you shouldn't be permitted to go back to China and return to the United States as a merchant?
- A I know of no reason why I should not be allowed the privileges of a merchant.
- Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
- A Yes, sir; I understood him.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Plummer, signed in English:

(Signed) TOY WING ACK, Applicant.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

Witness, TOY FONG, recalled, testified in English:

- Q There appears to be a discrepancy between the list of members of your firm who are now actually engaged in the store as given by you and by the applicant, Toy Wing Ack. Will you please state again who are the men at present engaged in the business of the firm?
- A Myself Toy Fong, Toy Wing Ack, Toy You Pay, Toy Tone, Toy Mon Lee, Lee Shuick, Lim Joe (Gow), and Toy Hong.
- Q You say Lim Joe is now in the store and Toy Wing Ack says Lim Goon. Are they both in the store?
- A Lim Joe (Gow) and Lim Goon same man; Lim Joe (Gow) Goon.
- Q Is Toy Ling Sing in the store?
- A He not here now; was here last week.
- Q Is Toy Hong in the store?
- A Toy Hong just came from Frisco about two or three days ago.
- Q Is Toy You Lee in the store?
- A He is not in the store now. He went out to the country to look for business, but he will come back.