

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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DON JUNG SHU

of

"MEE LUNG &amp; Co"

Merchahts,

331 Clark St.,

Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

AGE:- Forty Nine Years.

HEIGHT:- 5Ft., 5-1/2 In.

Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) in the year  
and from our frequent visits to his home  
acquaintance with various members of  
The United States of America. }  
Northern District of Illinois. } Set:  
Eastern Division. }



WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Citizens of the United States and residents of the City of Chicago, in the division and district aforesaid, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described DON JUNG SHU 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 DON JUNG SHU has been a member of the firm of chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "MEE LUNG & CO., at No. 331 South Clark Street, Chicago aforesaid, Dealers and Importers in Groceries, Provisions and general chinese and Japanese merchandise.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, that during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said DON JUNG SHU has been engaged in selling and buying 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, the said DON JUNG SHU 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.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That the photograph hereunto annexed, together with the personal description above, is a true and correct likeness and



The United States  
Northern District of  
Chicago

description of the said DON JUNG SHU.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, as we have been credibly informed and verily believe, the said DON JUNG SHU has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) in the business and assets of his said firm; and from our frequent visits to his said place of business, and general acquaintance with various members of his said firm, we have become well satisfied that he is actively engaged in the business of the said firm of which he is a member, and exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of the said "MEE LUNG Company", and enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof, as a bona fide copartner in said firm.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, October 31, 1907.

Address Frank Sauter  
7 E. Randolph St  
Chicago, Illinois.

Address H. C. Lang  
159 La Salle St  
Chicago, Illinois.



APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT  
OF ACCOMPANYING AFFIDAVITS, UNDER RULE 25, REGULATIONS APPROVED FEB. 5, 1906.

To  
LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,  
provided Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Ill., October 31, 1907.

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

My Name is DON JUNG SHU, I am a native and subject of China, born in Sin-ning, Kwong-tung, China in the ninth Ham Fung.

I first came to the United States about thirty years ago, landing at the port of San Francisco, in the third Kwong Sui, at the age of nineteen, where I lived about ten years. Afterwards I removed to Boston, Massachusetts, where I worked in a laundry and as a clerk with the "Wah Chung Lung" Co., at No. 21 Harrison avenue. After about eighteen years residence in the said City of Boston, in the thirty-first K. S., I removed to the City of Chicago, where, on the thirteenth day of the eighth month of thirty-first Kwong Sui, I purchased a One Thousand Dollar (\$1000.00) interest in the firm of "MEZ LUNG & Co, Chinese Merchants of No. 331 S. Clark street, in this said City of Chicago, and thus became a co-partner in the said firm; and I have retained my said interest and co-partnership ever since.

For one year last past I have not been a laundryman or laborer of any kind, being exclusively engaged in the business of my said firm.

During said year, I have not been engaged in the performance of, or interested in, manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind, in any manner, directly or indirectly, or to any extent, except such as has been necessary in the conduct of my business as such co-partner in said firm of which I am a member and such merchant as aforesaid.

My said share and interest in the business and assets of said firm is now worth, reasonably and at least, Eleven Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00); and I do not intend to sell or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof.

~~I desire to visit China, and upon the completion of my visit~~



I desire to visit China, and upon the completion of my visit to return into the United States and resume my said residence and business occupation therein.

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, 曾長壽

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No. 331 S. Clark St., Chicago, Illinois.

U. S. A.



Department of Commerce and Labor  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR  
LONG WHARF  
BOSTON, MASS.

*J.M.*  
No. 342-C.

April 7, 1908.

Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Referring to your letters of March 12th and 18th, in which you inclosed affidavits in the case of one Don Jung Shu, and a copy of the statement made by him just prior to his departure for China, November 6, 1907, I herewith return same, with the advice that it is impossible to locate the point in the State of Vermont at which the said Don Jung Shu <sup>is alleged to have</sup> given bonds and then escaped, forfeiting such bonds.

Respectfully,

*J. M. Sturley*  
Acting Commissioner.

WMP  
Inclosure #14414.

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APR 9 1908  
Chinese Inspector,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

March 18th, 1908.

Commissioner of Immigration,  
Boston, Mass.

Sir:-

Your letter of March 16th, No. 342-C in reply to my letter of March 12th, 1908 regarding a Chinaman, Don Jung Shu, who departed for China on merchant papers through Portal, North Dakota, is received. I enclose herewith a transcript of the notes taken at the examination of the manager of this firm and this Chinaman, prior to his departure.

The information that Don Jung Shu had forfeited his bond in your district, was furnished me by a Chinaman here; and although at the time I did not put much confidence in the statement, I thought it worth while to send the papers to you to see whether or not he was actually a fugitive.

Both of the white witnesses were very positive that they had known him as a member of this firm for more than the required year, and I regard them as credible witnesses. It is very probable that if this man ever forfeited his bond in your district, he has not used the same name since, but I thought it possible that you might have the photographs of any Chinamen who had escaped and would be able to compare them with the photograph of this applicant.

Com. at Boston

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After you have made your investigation, will you please return these papers for my file?

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.



Department of Commerce and Labor  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR  
LONG WHARF  
BOSTON, MASS.

*Sam*  
No. 342-C.

March 16, 1908.

Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Acknowledgment is hereby made of the receipt of your letter of March 12, 1908, inclosing copy of papers upon which one Don Jung Shu departed for China through Portal, N. D., in November, last.

If this case was pre-investigated, I respectfully request that you send us a copy of the testimony, as we may be able to connect it with some case at Richford, Vt.

If this man ever applied for admission at Richford, Vt., and was denied, and his case then got into the Courts, and he surrendered bonds there and not at Richford, it is very doubtful if we will be able to find anything in regard to him, as no doubt he is not now using the name under which he gave bonds, if he ever did give any such bonds.

Respectfully,

*Jimmah J. Hurley*  
Acting Commissioner.

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MAR 18 1908  
Chinese Inspector,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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Department of Commerce and Labor  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
PORTAL, N. DAK.

October 30, 1903.

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

Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 23th instant, No. 619, transmitting all papers in the case of DON JUNG SHU, alleged merchant of your city who is now in China and desires to return to the United States. He has been advised this date of your favorable report.

Respectfully,



Acting Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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Chinese Inspector,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.



CHICAGO, ILL., November 6, 1907.

Case of : L.T. Plummer, Examining Inspector,  
DON JUNG SHU, : J. G. C. Longchallon, Interpreter.  
Mer. Dep.

Applicant, DON JUNG SHU, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Don Jung Shu.  
Q What is your occupation? A Merchant.  
Q What firm are you a member of? A Mee Lung Co.  
Q How long have you been a member of that firm? A A little more than two years.  
Q How much of an interest have you? A \$1,000.  
Q What were you doing before you came into this firm? A I was in Boston, in a cigar store.  
Q Cigar store or a laundry? A A cigar store; no laundry.  
Q How did you happen to get into this firm of Mee Lung? A Goon Ming Yen asked me to come to Chicago to join the firm.  
Q When did he ask you? A About two years ago.  
Q Give me the time more accurately? A He wrote and asked me to come.  
Q Write you or wire you? A Wrote a letter.  
Q When was that? A I don't remember the time but I know that I have been in Chicago about 2-1/2 years.  
Q Cannot you tell me the month he wrote you? A Between the 2nd and 3rd month.  
Q What year? A K.S. 31.  
Q Think that over and be sure of it? A I have been in the store about two years and two months.  
Q When was this firm organized? A K.S. 31, 8th month.  
Q Why did Goon Ming Yen write you in Boston? A When he bought that store he wrote and asked me if I would like to take an interest in it, and I told him I would.  
Q Did you put in any money before the old store was bought? A I sent the money to him after he had fixed up the agreement to buy.  
Q How long after that did you come to Chicago? A I came right away.  
Q Did Goon Ming write you or wire you he had completed the sale?  
A Yes, he wrote me.  
Q How much money did you put in? A \$1,000.  
Q Name the partners whose entire time is devoted to its business.  
A Goon Yin Tong, Goon Fan Quong, ~~and~~ myself; Goon Ming Yen, Goon Dai, Goon You Quong,  
Q How long have these men been there? A All since the store was opened.  
Q All? A Yes, all.  
Q How long has Goon Fan Quong been there? A Since last year, 10th or 11th month.  
Q Where is Goon Yum? A He is an outside salesman.  
Q What are your goods worth? A A little over \$3000.  
Q Do you know whether you have any goods on the way from China?  
A Yes, there are some on the way, a little over \$2000 worth.  
Q What do you do in the store? A I am a salesman.  
Q What do these other men do? A Goon Ming Yen is manager; I sell things about the store; Goon Fan Quong, Goon Yin Tong are salesmen.  
Q What does Goon Dai do? A He is an outside salesman.  
Q What salary do you get? A \$40 a month.  
Q Registered? A No; at the time of registration I was told that I need not register, as I was a merchant.



- Q Where were you a merchant? A In Boston.
- Q What firm? A Quong Yuen, No. 6 Oxford St.
- Q Is that the firm you were in when you came into Mee Lung? A No; I wasn't doing anything for two years before I came into Mee Lung. I was in a laundry in Boston two years before I came here. I sold out in Quong Yuen and went to work in a store two years, then quit and worked a laundry two years, and then came here to Mee Lung.
- Q Married in China? A Since I was 18 years old.
- Q Any children? A One boy.
- Q How old? A 27 years old.
- Q When did you first come to the United States? A K. S. 3.
- Q What firm did you work for, as a clerk, in Boston? A Wah Hen Lung, 21-1/2 Homin Ave.
- Q Is your wife living? A No, dead.
- Q Since you have been in Chicago, have you done any manual labor outside the store of Mee Lung Co.? A No; I have never done any laundry work in Chicago. I have worked in the store all the time.
- Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

(Applicant signed his testimony in Chinese)

(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallon,  
(Signed) L.T. Plummer,

Interpreter,  
Inspector.



CHICAGO, ILL., November 6, 1907.

Case of : L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector,  
DON JUNG SHU, : J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter.  
Mer. Dep.

Witness, GOON MING YEN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Goon Ming Yen.  
Q What is your business? A Merchant.  
Q You are the manager of Mee Lung Co., 331 So. Clark St., are you?  
A Yes.  
Q How long have you been manager? A A little over two years, or since this firm first started.  
Q Did your firm start that business or buy out another? A We bought out Quong Lung Chung.  
Q Has there been any change in your partnership since the last you furnished me November 8, 1905? A No.  
Q What is a fair value of the goods you have on hand now? A Between \$3000 and \$4000. We have about \$2000 worth of goods on the road from China now.  
Q Give me the names of the partners whose entire time is devoted to the firm's business. A Six members. Myself, Goon Yeu Tong, Dong Jung Shu, Goon Fong Quong, Goon Yum, Goon Dai.  
Q What salary do these men draw? A \$40 a month.  
Q Do you know this man? A Yes, it is Dong Jung Shu.  
Q What interest has he in your firm? A \$1,000.  
Q How long has he been in your store devoting all his time to its business? A Since K.S. 31, 8th month.  
Q Your partnership list shows that he was in a laundry in Boston in November, 1905. A Yes he was, but I sent for him.  
Q When did you send for him? A I wired him K.S. 31, 8th month, 13th day, and he arrived here K.S. 31, 8th month, 15th day.  
Q What are his duties in the store? A Salesman.  
Q Why did you wire him to come? A I came out to Chicago to look for a business with the condition that if I succeeded I would send for him to come.  
Q Since he came to Chicago has he done any work in laundries, restaurants or any manual labor outside the store? A No, he ~~is~~ has been in the store since he came.  
Q Is he going to China on his own business, or that of the firm?  
A His own.  
Q How long has Goon Dai been in the store? A One week after we opened.  
Q How long has Goon Yum been in the store? A Ever since it opened; four of us have been there ever since we opened. Self, Dong Jung Shu, Goon Yen Toon and Goon Dai.  
Q How long has Goon Fong Quong been in the store? A Three months.  
Q Where is Goon Gee, who was formerly in the store? A He is in the store, but not on a salary.  
Q Do you know whether Don Jung Shu is registered? A I do not know.  
Q What will he do on his return from China? A He will come back to the store.  
Q Who will take his place while he is gone? A When he goes we will find some one.  
Q Are you sure he has done no manual labor outside the store for over one year? A Yes, I am sure.  
Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

(Signed) Goon Ming Yen,  
(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon,  
(Signed) L.T.Plummer,

Witness,  
Interpreter,  
Inspector.



522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO October 28th, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
DON JUNG SHU, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.  
Mer. returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, GOON MING YUEN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Goon Ming Yuen.  
Q Are you still the manager of the firm of Mee Lung & Co.  
331 So. Clark St.? A. Yes.  
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)  
A. Yes, it is my partner, Don Jung Shu.  
Q Does he still retain the same interest in your firm  
that he did at the time of his departure? A. Yes.  
Q What is that interest? A. \$1,000.00.  
Q Is your firm in substantially the same condition now as  
it was at that time? A. Business is improving, it is better  
than before.  
Q What will Don Jung Shu do upon his return to the United  
States? A. He will come back into the store?  
Q What is your full Chinese name? A. Goon Ming Yuen.  
My marriage name is Goon Fong Jim.  
Q Have you any other names except these two? A. I have  
another name which is Goon Soo Hoon. I also have a nick name  
called Goon Yee Shing.  
Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. yes.

Witness signed all his names in Chinese, and two  
in English.

(Signed) Goon Ming Yen, Witness.  
(Signed) Goon Fong Jim, Witness.

悅士維  
悅信臣  
悅明賢  
悅芳吉

(Goon Soo Hoon)

(Goon Yee Shing)

(Goon Ming Yen)

(Goon Fong Jim)

(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.  
(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.