



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

LAW SAM, 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 and subject of China. I have resided in the United States 31 years, and in the City of Chicago, 16 years. For the last 11 years, I have been, and now am a member of the firm of Chinese merchants trading and doing business under the name and style of "KWONG YUT CHONG", at No. 313 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid.

" NG (ING) POY. "

" AGE: 43 Years. "

" HEIGHT: 5 ft., 3-1/2"

" In., in Sandals. "

" No Marks. "

I am well acquainted with one NG POY; and the photograph hereunto annexed is a true likeness of him. He was formerly in business as a Laundryman, at the corner of Lake street and Western avenue, in the said city of Chicago, and he was registered as such laundryman under the act of November 3, 1893. (I believe his youthful name was Ng (Ing) Chock Gon. I do not know the name of his laundry, nor under which name he was registered.)

In or about the 14th Kwanghsii (1888), the firm of Chinese merchants, at No. 313 Clark street aforesaid, was organized under the name of "Yuen Lung". Said firm, and its successors, have been engaged in the same business there, continuously, ever since: My people purchased and re-organized the said concern in or about the 20th K.S. (1895), under the name and style of "Kwong Yuen Lung". It was again re-organized by the addition of new members in or about the 23d K.S. (1898); and soon thereafter, to-wit, in or about the 24th K.S. (1899), its name was changed to the present style of "Kwong Yut Chong".

I was a member of the firm which purchased the said business in the 20th K.S. (1895); and I have been continuously and exclusively engaged in the said business as a member of said firm ever since.

The said Ng Poy became a member of said firm at the same time I did. He continued his said laundry business, however, until the 23d K.S. (1898), when the firm-name was changed to its present style; and then he sold his laundry and engaged exclusively in his said business as a member of said firm of "Kwong Yut Chong".

My brother (Law Toi) and one Lee You were the principal members of said firm of "Kwong Yut Chong"; but, about seven years ago (1899), my said brother went to China; and said Lee You died in or about the 12th

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the 27<sup>th</sup> K.S (1903). I took care of said business to the best of my ability, but owing to the lack of good management, accounts were uncollected, the stock was not kept replenished, and the business retrograded to such an extent that Law Toi's right to re-admission was questioned when he re-turned. After thorough investigations, however, he was admitted, as a merchant and member of said firm, at the port of San Francisco, California, soon after June 6, 1904; and since his return the affairs of our said firm have materially improved.

I produce, to be annexed hereto and made a part hereof, original affidavits of myself, Charles B. Wright and Morris Goodman, executed March 22d, 1904. Duplicates thereof were used in the matter of the said re-admission of Law Toi: These are equally useful and applicable in this matter of the re-admission of said Ng Poy.

The said Ng Poy departed from the United States about fifteen (15) months ago (About October, 1904), by the way of Portal, North Dakota, upon a visit to China, with the intention of returning to the United States soon. With me, he appeared before Mark A. Foote, 512 Monadnock Block, Chicago aforesaid, in possession of photographs, to prepare proper papers for his return as a Merchant. He had a letter from his brother in China, which letter informed him that his mother was dying there; on which account, he said, he was obliged to depart the evening of that same day, leaving the papers for me to complete and forward -- Which I failed to do, and have the unfinished papers yet.

As I am informed and believe, the Chinese Inspector at Portal, North Dakota, demanded to see, and retained, Ng Poy's "Certificate of Residence" as he was passing through Portal.

I am also informed and believe the said Ng Poy made a trip to China, in or about the 24th K.S., by way of Seattle, Washington, and returned through the same port.

I am also informed and believe the said Ng Poy's mother recovered, and is now alive and well; and that he desires to return into the United States to resume his status as a Merchant here; and, in common with the other members of my said firm, I desire his return for the said purpose.

Subscribed and sworn to, this 18th }  
day of December, A.D., 1905, before me. }

Mark A. Foote,

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

Lawson

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LAW SAM, 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 and subject of China. I have resided in the United States for the past 30 years, and in the said City of Chicago for the past 15 years, and have been a member of the firm of Chinese merchants doing business at No. 313 Clark street, in the said City of Chicago for the past 9 years.

Said concern has been engaged in the business of merchandising, at the same place, for the past fifteen years, or thereabouts: That is to say from the 14th or 15th Kwanghsii, continuously, until the present time, first, for a time, under the name and style of "Yuen Lung", then "Kuong Yuen Lung", thence until now as "Kwong Yut Chong".

My brother, Law Toi, and one Lee You have been the principal and managing members of the said concern for several years past, being assisted by myself and other members of the said concern. My said brother has been such member of such concern for the past 9 years; and about six years ago, provided with proper traveling-papers for a Chinese merchant expecting to return and resume business, he left the United States on a visit to China. At the time of so doing, he left the business and affairs of the said concern in the care and under the management of the said Lee You. And the said business was satisfactory and good until the death of said Lee You, which occurred in or about the 12th month of the 27th Kwanghsii; and since that time the said place of business has been managed by me, but I was not fitted by education or experience, nor naturally competent, to conduct the same successfully, neither was any other surviving member of the said concern, except my absent brother, the said Law Toi. I sold out the stock of goods, and collected of the accounts and bills receivable, paying expenses with the proceeds, and keeping the said place of business open, until I have depleted the stock and collected all the accounts that I can; and I am keeping open the said place for the sole use of said concern and for the purpose of merchandising, which is to

be resumed by my said brother, Law Toi, as soon as he reaches here, and I expect him to return, via San Francisco, from Hong Kong, next month. The said place of business has been kept paid, and kept open, continuously, for said purpose, and for no other purpose, during the past fourteen (14) or fifteen (15) years, the time above stated.

I have in my care and custody, there, the books, papers and accounts of the said concern. They were in charge of the said Lee You up to the said time of his death, after which I kept and carried on the accounts as best I could; and they are all there, open to inspection. Together with the same, I have remittance-slips, issued to my said firm by banks, showing remittances for large purchases of goods abroad and their importation by my said firm; and all the old files of the books and papers concerning the said business.

I have before me now five (5) of the said Books of Account which happen to be handiest, as follows:

I.-Book of Daily Receipts and Expenses, footed weekly. It was opened in the 25th Kwanghsii, 2d month, 2d day; and carries such account until the 25th Kwanghsii, 12th month, 26th day. The first week's account shows -----

Receipts,	\$358.00
Expenses,	\$136.90

Another week, selected at random, being the week ending Saturday 25th

Kwanghsii, 3d month, 29th day, -----

Receipts,	\$653.20
Expenses,	\$131.20

and so on, through the book.

II.-Book of Daily Receipts and Expenses, 27th K.S., 4th mon., 1st day, to 27th K.S., 11th mo., 26th day:

Receipts,	\$843.50
Expenses,	\$201.00

Week ending 27th K.S., 8th mo., 17" --

Receipts,	\$724.75
Expenses,	\$192.25

At this point the foregoing books and accounts kept by said Lee You were finished, he having died after a three weeks' illness; and I opened another book, and carried on the accounts as best I could, and they show as follows:

III.-Book of Daily Receipts and Expenses, 27"K.S., 8"mo., 1"da., to 28"K.S., 1"mo., 30" da.

First Week, -----

Receipts,	\$183.05
Expenses,	\$204.10

Week ending 28"K.S., 1" mo., 12"da.----

Receipts,	\$ 80.75
Expenses,	\$181.80

IV.-This Book is my personal account with the firm.

V.-This Book is the Ledger, with about 200 different accounts with customers of the firm. It was opened 23d Kwanghsii, 8<sup>th</sup> mo., 18<sup>th</sup> day. Some of the accounts were brought forward from another Ledger. The said Lee You opened it and kept it, as he had opened and kept all the preceding books and accounts of said firm for years. No writing was done in it after his death, except that I marked an account "Paid", or made other similar notations on the book, from time to time. I have collected about \$200 of said accounts; but I have been unable to collect any more. To the best of my knowledge and belief, there are over Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) of said accounts still uncollected. Some of them are for loans and dealings with the said Lee You, making accounts which are now disputed. There is one single account of over \$900.00 against a neighboring chinaman, which he refuses to pay, and which I think Law Toi could collect if he was here to attend it. And as to all the said accounts which are uncollected, I have done the best I can with them, and am holding them in their present condition, awaiting the return of my said brother.

For the reasons above stated, it is necessary that my said brother, Law Toi, shall return to attend to the collection of said accounts, replenish the stock of said store, and resume the management of the affairs of the said firm. No other member of said firm is fitted or capable of doing it, and therefore I pray his admission for that purpose.

Subscribed and sworn to, this }  
22d day of March A.D., 1904, be- }  
fore me. } L A W S A M.

(Seal) MARK A. FOOTE,  
U. S. Commissioner, E. D. Ill's.

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

Duplicate.

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Charles B. Wright, 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 citizen of the United States and have resided in the said City of Chicago for upwards of forty-five years. My residence is No. 220 South Oakley avenue. For the past twenty-five years, I have been a Custom House Broker, with the house of George W. Sheldon & Co., No. 317 Dearborn street. During said time I have met the Importers of Chicago and am familiar with their business and concerns. I think I have made the acquaintance of all the Chinese merchants who do any importing and with every Chinese merchandising-house since they first appeared in this City.

So I have known the firm of "Quong Yut Chong" (Formerly "Kwong Yuen Lung", previously "Yuen Lung") ever since its organization. Said firm has conducted its importing business through me personally, acting for my said firm, all that time; and the business has been considerable.

I know Law Sam, a member of said firm; and have known him well for many years. He is honest, credible, and a bona fide merchant. I also knew his partner, Lee You, now deceased. He, also, was honest, credible and a bona fide merchant.

I have visited the place of business of said "Kwong Yut Chong" often, and all the neighboring Chinese stores, frequently during the time I have been doing business with them; so became acquainted with, and know, the reputation of said firm amongst the Chinese merchants and others in the locality where it exists; and its reputation there is that of a genuine merchandising concern; and its reputation has been such from the time of its organization up to the present; and no other business than that of merchandising has been carried on there; and the said place of business, which has always been at No. 313 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid, has been kept open by the said firm constantly and continuously ever since the said firm was organized.

Subscribed and sworn to, this  
22d day of March, A.D., 1904, be-

CHARLES B. WRIGHT.

fore me, MARK A. FOOTE,

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

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MORRIS GOODMAN, 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 native citizen of the United States, and have lived in the said City of Chicago 25 years. I am a Tailor, Room 608, Commercial Bank Building, and reside at No. 4005 Grand Boulevard.

With the exception of the last two months, I was Manager for Benjamin Arnheim, owner of several rented properties in the said City: I made the leases, collected the rents and attended to all business in connection with the renting of his properties.

During the last fifteen years, my said principal owned the premises, No. 313 South Clark street, part of which has been rented and occupied nearly all that time by a firm of Chinese merchants now doing business there under the name and style of "Kwong Yut Chong". During all the time they have been in business there (With the exception of the last two months), I visited their place of business every month to collect the rent, and am very well acquainted with them.

I know Law Sam, a member of said firm, who has been in charge of the business there for about two years. I knew Lee You, who was in charge of it previously, but died about two years ago. And I know Law Toi, a brother of said Law Sam, who went to China several years ago. And all of them were members of said firm.

The said premises were rented to, and by, said firm, solely for merchandising purposes, and the same have been maintained by said firm, continuously for said purpose, ever since I have known anything about them. And the said premises are so open now. The said premises have not been used, and are not now used for any other purpose, as I know by frequent visits and observation of the use of said premises by said firm during all the years mentioned. So I have good reason to believe, and verily believe, that the said firm are bona fide merchants, and now actually engaged in the business of merchants as, and at the place, aforesaid.

Subscribed and sworn to, this  
22d day of March, A.D., 1904, be-  
fore me,

MARK A. FOOTE, U.S. Commissioner, N.D.Ill.

MORRIS GOODMAN.

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

CHARLES B. WRIGHT, of said division and district, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says as follows, to-wit:-

I am the identical person who made that certain affidavit on March 22d, 1904, before Mark A. Foote, U.S. Commissioner, N.D. Ill., in the matter of the re-admission of one Law Toi; and said affidavit is now before me, being annexed to, and part of the affidavit of one Law Sam this day here made.

The statements made in my said affidavit were, and are, true. My business relations with said firm of "Kwong Yut Chong", my residence, employment, knowledge and opinion concerning the said firm of "Kwong Yut Chong" still remain the same as stated in said affidavit of mine.

I am well acquainted with one Ng Poy, ~~otherwise called Lee Ying~~, whose photograph is attached to the said affidavit of Law Sam, and the said photograph is a true likeness of him. I knew him well for at least one year previous to his late departure from this city of Chicago for China, which occurred in or about October, 1904, as I am informed and verily believe.

The said Ng Poy was a bona fide member of said "Kwong Yut Chong" during all my acquaintance with him. I knew, and know his reputation in the vicinity of his place of business, to-wit, No. 313 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid, and it is that of a bona fide merchant, and member of the said firm of "Kwong Yut Chong".

Subscribed and sworn to, this  
18th day of December, A.D., 1905,

before me.

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

Charles B. Wright

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Northern District of Illinois.) Sct:  
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Harry C. Dana, 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 citizen of the United States; and have been engaged in the business of an Insurance Solicitor, continuously, for the last 18 years. During that time I have held, and now hold higher positions in the insurance business; but I have had a large number of Chinese customers, whose trade demands my personal attention, which I have given it daily and continuously all that time. The nature of such business demands that I visit those customers. They do not come to, or correspond with me. Thus I am, and for several years have been thoroughly acquainted with the Chinese merchants who have been doing business in this city, and with their affairs, in a general way. Most of them do business with me. It is part of my duty to know their circumstances, the nature and extent of their business, their membership, character, reputation and ~~#~~ reliability, and to get all the information in regard to them that is obtainable.

In the usual course of my said business, I became acquainted with the firm of "Kwong Yut Chong", Chinese Merchants, of No. 313 Clark street, in the said City of Chicago, upwards of 8 years ago. That firm is one of the very few that has not been a customer of mine; and, long ago, I determined to make them such. With that view, I called there very frequently, and made acquaintance with them, and cultivated the acquaintance. I thus became acquainted with various members of that firm, including Lee You, who died, Law Sam, Ng Poy, in whose behalf this affidavit is made, and others.

I knew the said Ng Poy upwards of a year before his departure for China, which occurred, as I am informed and believe, about fifteen months ago. I met him frequently in said place of business, upon my visits to that place as aforesaid, and readily recognize the photograph annexed to the accompanying affidavit of Law Sam, this day made, as a true and correct likeness of him. He was introduced to me as a partner and member of said firm, there, in the said place of business of "Kwong Yut Chong". I know his reputation in the vicinity of his said place of business, and his reputation is that of a bona fide merchant and member of said firm.

I know the reputation of said Law Sam for truth and veracity in the vicinity where he is engaged in business and lives; and it is excellent. He

*is not a good business manager, but he is truthful and credible.*

*Subscribed and sworn to December 20, 1905, before me,*

COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS

EXTRADITION COMMISSIONER

Mark A. Foote  
United States Commissioner  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
850 FEDERAL BUILDING  
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to Postal Inspector - 12/20/06

The firm is just now adopting a new name - But the affidavits already deal with 3, and I thought that was enough. Besides that, Ng Poy may not know anything about it and its use would only tangle him up.

M.A.F.

K W O N G Y U T C H O N G  
No. 313 Clark street  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

December 20, 1905.

Officer in Charge Enforcement Chinese Exclusion Laws,

Portal, N.D.

Sir:

In behalf of our NG POY, now in China, and complying as near as possible with the provisions of Rule 31, of the current Regulations, you are informed that the said NG POY intends to return to the United States, through your port, as soon as he may.

He departed from the United States through your port in or about the month of November, 1904; at which time his Certificate of Residence was, as we believe, demanded and retained by you. (We believe it was a certificate issued to him before he became a merchant.)

We present herewith the evidence required by law to support his claim of right of readmission. Such evidence shows why it was not filed by him at the time he passed away.

The said Ng Poy is a merchant and member of our said firm, in which his interest was, and still remains \$1000<sup>00</sup>.

We respectfully request that his claim be preinvestigated, and that he may be notified through us, at the foregoing address, whether he will be permitted to re-enter the United States; and, if so, upon what condition.

Respectfully,

Kwong Yut Chong & Co.  
313 S. CLARK ST.  
昌悅興  
CHICAGO, ILL.

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January 2, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
 NG POY, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.  
 Ret. Mer. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Witness, LAW SAM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified in Chinese:

- Q What is your name?  
 A Law Sam.  
 Q What is your business?  
 A Chinese merchant.  
 Q Of what firm are you a member?  
 A At the present time the name of the firm is Sing Yick.  
 Q How long has the firm name been Sing Yick?  
 A About two months.  
 Q What was it before that?  
 A Quong Yet Chung.  
 Q How long were you a member of Quong Yet Chung?  
 A Between 7 and 8 years.  
 Q What was the firm that Quong Yet Chung succeeded in business?  
 A Quong Yuen Lung.  
 Q How long were you a member of Quong Yuen Lung?  
 A Between 3 and 4 years.  
 Q Are you registered?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)?  
 A Yes, I know him; his name is Ng Poy; he is my partner.  
 Q How long has he been your partner?  
 A He became a member of the firm at the time we formed Quong Yet Chung Co.  
 Q At the time you formed Quong Yet Chung how many partners did you have?  
 A We had 16 partners; 4 members were in the store all the time.  
 Q Who were those four?  
 A Fahn Hung, myself, Wong Yen Leung, and Lee You.  
 Q What was Ng Poy's business at the time you formed the firm of Quong Yet Chung Co.?  
 A He was in the laundry business.  
 Q Where?  
 A On the N.W. corner of Western Ave. and Lake St.  
 Q Did Ng Poy ever come into the store of Quong Yet Chung and devote all of his time to the business of the firm?  
 A He never took any part in the store until the death of Lee You; he has been in the store since Lee You died.  
 Q Was Ng Poy ever registered?  
 A Yes, sir, as far as I can learn; only he took a trip to China and gave his certificate to the Inspector at Portal.  
 Q When did Lee You die?  
 A I am not sure what year; I think he died in K.S. 27.  
 Q About what time of the year?  
 A In American date, I think it was September.

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- Q Are you sure that Ng Poy was never in the firm, devoting all of his time to its business, until Lee You died?
- A No, he never took any part in the store until Lee You died; he only came down Sundays.
- Q Who was the manager of the firm of Quong Yet Chung between the time that it was organized and the time that Lee You died?
- A I was the manager all the time, and Lee You bookkeeper, and Fahn Hung was treasurer.
- Q What did Wong Yen Leung do?
- A He didn't have any particular job to follow except general work around the store.
- Q Up to the time that Lee You died, what was the condition of your firm's business?
- A Since Lee You died the business has been very poor; we haven't brought any goods from China; only bought them in the East.
- Q I mean, what was the condition of the business before Lee You's death?
- A Before Lee You died we did a business of from \$700 to \$1,000 a week.
- Q Where are the books of the firm that were in use before Lee You died?
- A After Lee You died I sent some books home to China and I also sent some books to China after my brother's return from China, as the partners over there wanted to know the condition of the store.
- Q Since Lee You died how have you made your living there in that store?
- A Since Lee You died the business got worse and worse every day. We sold what we could and collected what bills we could. At the time Lee You died we had from \$2,000 to \$2,500 worth of goods in the store.
- Q Early in June, 1904, I made an examination of the condition of your firm and at that time it appeared to me that your store was rather a lodging house than a mercantile establishment, and you told me that the men in there, each one of them, paid his proportionate share of the rent and expenses of the firm. What would you say as to the condition of your business at that time?
- A At that time when you came down to the store to make an examination of the store, it was in very bad condition; in fact, there was not any mercantile business carried on. What goods we had left after Lee You's death we sold and used up the proceeds paying rent and expenses, and those men that lived there only paid what they liked to help me to keep the doors open.
- Q What did Ng Poy do from the time he came into the store at Lee You's death until he went away?
- A After Lee You died he came to the store to look up his own interest, how much he made and what was his investment in that firm, and also help me collect bills and go from town to town, until finally he received a letter from China and he want to go to China; and then I had Mr. Foote make out an application and I knew he wouldn't be passed on it as a merchant, and in the meantime he received a letter that his mother was very sick and he took the first train and went home.
- Q Did you ever buy any goods between the time that Lee You died and the time that Ng Poy went away?
- A No, we didn't buy any goods. After Lee You died we didn't have

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any goods from China or anywhere. Lee You is one of the Lee family and he had a good many cousins and friends here, and we really did a good deal more business with him than without him.

- Q When did your brother, Law Toy, go back to China?  
 A Between 7 and 8 years ago; may be 9 years ago.  
 Q Was it before the firm of Quong Yet Chung was organized?  
 A Before the firm of Quong Yet Chung was organized.  
 Q When did your brother, Law YToy, return from China?  
 A K.S. 30, between the 4th and 5th month.  
 Q Was it before or after Ng Poy went back to China?  
 A My brother returned between 3 and 4 weeks after Ng Poy had departed.  
 Q What has your firm done for business since your brother, Law Toy, returned?  
 A Since my brother returned he went and collected some bills and got some new members together and we opened up the store again.  
 Q Did you reorganize the firm under the present name?  
 A We organized the firm of the old members and some new members and changed the name.  
 Q Did you buy any goods since then?  
 A Yes, we bought some from San Francisco.  
 Q Did you buy any goods from China?  
 A No, sir; we sent to China for some goods to come with Ng Poy.  
 Q How much money did you send to China for that purpose?  
 A \$4,550.  
 Q Mexican?  
 A Yes, sir.

(Witnesses produced following duplicate drafts of Illinois Trust & Savings Bank on the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong;

No. 18,420, to Kwong Wing Tai, for \$2,450.  
 " 18,421, to Wing Lee Yuen, " 1,100.  
 " 18,423, to Chan Hin Chong, " 1,000.

All of September 21, 1905.)

Witness volunteered statement: In case Ng Poy can't come back to this country the goods can never come to the United States, as the money is now in his hands; and if that happened, we couldn't keep the store open.

- Q What was the money sent back to China for; to buy goods, or for other Chinamen to send back to China?  
 A To buy goods for the store. I have another draft in my store that belongs to other Chinamen, but these are for the store.  
 Q Why can't these goods come in unless Ng Poy returns?  
 A The money was sent to Ng Poy, and in case he can't come in he will get mad and won't send the goods; and even in case Ng Poy does come he will not bring all the goods with him on the same boat, as he is doubtful whether he will be able to land.  
 Q What is the value of the goods you have on hand now?  
 A About \$400; it might be more than that; I can't give you the exact figure.  
 Q Didn't Ng Poy work in laundries or restaurants some between the time that he came into the store at the time of Lee You's death and the time that he went back to China?  
 A No, he didn't work in a laundry. He owned a laundry but he had somebody working it for him.

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Q You say here, in your affidavit, that Ng Poy became a member of the firm of Quong Yet Chung at the same time that you did and that he kept up his laundry business until K.S. 23, when the firm name was changed to Quong Yet Chung, and he then sold his laundry business and engaged exclusively in the business of Quong Yet Chung. You say to-day that Ng Poy did not come into the firm and engage in its business exclusively until after the death of Lee You, which occurred in K.S. 27. How do you explain that?

A I thought just as long as he had money in the firm he was just as much a merchant as anyone that took part in the store.

Q Which statement is true as to when Ng Poy came into the store and was occupied exclusively in its business? Did he come in in K.S. 23, when the firm was organized, or in K.S. 27, when Lee You died?

A It was after Lee You died that he devoted all of his time to the store.

Q How much of an interest did Ng Poy have in the firm of Quong Yet Chung?

A Either \$1,050 or \$1,000; I don't remember which.

Q How much of an interest has he in the firm now?

A We intend to give him the same amount of stock in our new firm that he had in the old store, but I think he will take \$2,000.

Q Does he still own that laundry on Lake St.?

A No; he sold out and the other man closed up the business.

Q Did Ng Poy have that interest of \$1,000 or \$1,050 from the formation of Quong Yet Chung until the present time?

A Yes, sir.

Q Who are the partners in your new firm?

A At the present time myself and my brother, Law Toy, Lee Hung Jick; the three of us will take hold of this business and a little later on I will furnish you a true list of the members.

Q How much was owed the firm at the time Lee You died?

A Between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

Q How much did you collect up to the time that your brother, Law Toy, returned from China?

A Between \$1,000 and \$1,500. Since my brother returned he collected between \$2,000 and \$3,000. We now have \$2,000 or \$3,000 due the firm, and in case the firm can't reopen it will be a dead loss.

Q In case Ng Poy comes back what do you intend to do?

A He is the main stockholder and we will give him whatever job he wants in the store.

Q What will you do with the store?

A We will open up a good store.

Q Do you think of anything else you want to say?

A I have nothing to say, only I am anxious to have Ng Poy come, as we want the goods here, and as we buy goods in this country we don't make much on it. In case Ng Poy can't come back, I would like very much to know, so as to write him and release his mind; and I hope you will make a favorable report on it.

Q Has Ng Poy got any other name besides Ng Poy?

A Ng Poy is the only one I know as his true name, but in his application to return to China as a merchant the name was given as Lee Ying by mistake.

Q Do you know what is the name on his certificate?

A Ng Poy.

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- Q Where did he get it?  
A When he registered he lived at the corner of Lake St. and Western Ave.  
Q Did you ever see his certificate?  
A Yes, I saw it once in Mr. Mark MFoote's office.  
After Ng Poy went up to Portal the Inspector asked him what paper he had and he showed his certificate and the Inspector took it away from him, and Ng Poy wrote me right away and I went up to Mr. Foote's office at once to see about making an application for its return.  
Q Did Ng Poy collect any of the firm's money while he was in the store?  
A Yes, he tried to collect, but he didn't very much, because people wouldn't pay him, as the debts were incurred before Lee You died.  
Q How did Ng Poy get the money to live on while he was in the store?  
A He had money saved up from the laundry and while he was in the store he still owned the laundry and had a man working for him.  
Q Have you any books, or papers, or anything that will show how much money Ng Poy collected while he was in the store, or what he did while he was in the store?  
A He only collected a little money and didn't put it in the books.

Witness signed in English:

Witness.

(Signed) WONG ALOY,

Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER,

Inspector.

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CHICAGO,

December 28, 1905.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
NG POY, :  
Ret. Mer. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Witness, HARRY C. DANA, sworn by Inspector Plummer,  
testified:

- Q. What is your name?  
A. Harry C. Dana.  
Q. What is your business?  
A. Fire insurance.  
Q. What is your business address?  
A. No. 159 La Salle St., Chicago.  
Q. Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)?  
A. Yes, sir; I do.  
Q. Who is he?  
A. That is Ng Poy.  
Q. What is his business?  
A. Merchant.  
Q. Or what firm is he a member?  
A. Quong Yet Chung, No. 313 South Clark St., Chicago.  
Q. How long have you known him as a member of this firm of Quong Yet Chung?  
A. I should say four years or more.  
Q. Do you know any other partners in this firm of Quong Yet Chung?  
A. I do.  
Q. Name them?  
A. Law Sam is the best known man here now; Law Toy; this applicant, Ng Poy; and Lee You, who is dead.  
Q. Tell us what you know of the history of this firm; what kind of business they did, how much, etc?  
A. Well, up to within four years ago, or three years ago, perhaps, they had been doing a good business. There was a time, I should say about 12 or 14 years ago, when they were among the leading firms of the street. One of their members, an active man--I think he was the bookkeeper--died, and the business slumped and has been going down ever since, and for the last 3 or 4 years they have been doing a small business.  
Q. What was that bookkeeper's name?  
A. Lee You.  
Q. When did he die?  
A. About three years ago.  
Q. Did you know Lee You personally while he was in that store as bookkeeper?  
A. I did.  
Q. Did you know him very well?  
A. Yes, I knew him quite well. I had solicited their business and it was the only firm on the street whose insurance I didn't write, and I solicited their business very persistently for a number of years, probably because I didn't want to lay down

without landing them. They were a good firm, doing a good business, and I could not see any reason why they shouldn't have any insurance, but they never carried any. I used to call there as frequently as any store on the street for that purpose.

Q At the time Lee You died what would you say the condition of their business was?

A Well, they were doing a fair business. They were not doing as large a business as they had prior to that time for probably two or three years, and I would attribute it partly to competition and the fact of their being in a small basement, as a number of merchants had gotten stores on the grade about that time and I think it affected the business of the basement stores.

Q Was this firm of Quong yet Chung at the time of Lee You's death a genuine mercantile firm?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did they engage in any manufacturing?

A No.

Q Did they do business enough so that you would say that that was their only source of revenue?

A Yes.

Q What was the condition of their business just after the death of Lee You?

A Well, there was a falling off in their business. Their stock was reduced very materially; they didn't seem to be getting in scarcely any new goods.

Q When did Ng Poy leave the United States?

A I should say it was about 15 or 16 months ago, as I remember.

Q What was the condition of the store at that time?

A Well, the stock was very light and I should say that their sales were small, very small at that time.

Q What would you put the value of their goods at at that time?

A About \$500 in stock and fixtures.

Q Do you think they had as much as \$100 in stock and fixtures?

A Yes. As a matter of fact, I don't believe you could replace their fixtures for \$100.

Q Didn't it appear to you that the lodging house feature of that place probably produced more income than any other feature?

A Yes. Well, I would say quite as much, anyway.

Q How long did you know this applicant, Ng Poy, prior to the death of Lee You?

A I think about two years. I think I have known him between four and five years, as I remember it.

Q To what extent was his time occupied in the business of the store at that time?

A Well, he was in the store a good deal of the time, I would say. I would meet him in the store as often as I would merchants generally at that time.

Q At that time would you regard him as a bona fide member of the firm and devoting all of his time to that business?

A I would.

Q What do you know of him after the death of Lee You?

A After that I think he put in most of his time in collecting debts due the firm. I think they had a good deal of money outstanding.

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- Q Since the time you have first known this applicant, Ng Poy, as a member of that firm of Quong Yet Chung, what would you say as to his having been engaged in any manual labor, such as laundryman or restaurant keeper?
- A He had never done any work of that kind to my knowledge, and I should say from seeing him in the store so frequently, that he had not done it.
- Q Do you know whether or not the applicant was registered?
- A I was so informed by him; I never saw his certificate. About the time of his departure he informed me that he was going to China and I asked him if he had made application for a return paper and he said that he had not, that he was obliged to go on the next steamer and would be unable to wait long enough to enable him to procure it. I suggested that he take a laborer's paper rather than go without any. I learned from Law Sam after his departure that he went without any paper.
- Q When did Law Toy return to the United States?
- A I think it was about a year ago.
- Q Has there been apparently any change in the business of that firm since his return?
- A Yes, there has. They have purchased quite a little stock in the United States, both at San Francisco and New York, and have sent about \$3,000 to China for the purpose of buying goods, so I have been informed; and from what I have observed, they are endeavoring as rapidly as possible to put the business on the same basis it was a number of years ago. They have enlarged their stockroom, put in additional shelving, and are apparently making preparations to do a good business.

(Signed) HARRY C. DANA, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

CHICAGO

January 15, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
NG POY, :  
Ret. Mer. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Witness, CHARLES B. WRIGHT, sworn by Inspector Plummer,  
testified:

- Q. What is your name?  
A. Charles B. Wright.  
Q. What is your business?  
A. Customhouse broker.  
Q. What is your business address?  
A. No. 98 Jackson St.  
Q. Who is the person represented in the photograph shown you (showing application of Ng Poy)?  
A. Ng Poy.  
Q. What is his business?  
A. Chinese groceries and merchant.  
Q. Where is the store located?  
A. No. 313 South Clark St.  
Q. What is the firm's name?  
A. I think Quong Yet Chung is the name. It has been changed two or three times since I first knew the firm.  
Q. Who is the manager of it now?  
A. Law Sam.  
Q. How long have you been acquainted with this firm of Quong Yet Chung?  
A. To the best of my recollection the firm of Quong Yet Chung has been going on for four years, maybe five years. It is so long ago that I don't really recollect.  
Q. How long have you known Law Sam?  
A. For at least ten years.  
Q. What has been his business ever since you knew him?  
A. I have never known him to be anything but a merchant.  
Q. Do you know what firm the firm of Quong Yet Chung succeeded?  
A. Quong Yuen Lung.  
Q. How long would you say have the two firms of Quong Yuen Lung and Quong Yet Chung been in business?  
A. For at least ten years.  
Q. How long have you known Ng Poy?  
A. For at least six years.  
Q. Was he a member of the firm of Quong Yuen Lung?  
A. I don't think so.  
Q. When did you first know him, do you remember?  
A. Along about the time the new firm of Quong Yet Chung was organized, 6 or 8 years ago anyway.  
Q. What has been the condition of the business of the firm of Quong Yet Chung since it was organized?  
A. It has run down now considerably from what it was; it has been very low.  
Q. At the time the firm of Quong Yet Chung was organized what was the condition of its business?  
A. Very fair business.

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- Q How long did they continue to do a fair business?
- A Not very long; not over a year or two, as I remember.
- Q At the time Ng Poy went out to China what was the condition of its business?
- A Not very heavy. My understanding was that he went away to purchase goods and, to the best of my knowledge, he had a brother who died, either just before or after he went away, who was a partner in the business.
- Q Here?
- A Yes. I haven't had very much to do with them for the last 3 or 4 years, because they don't import, although I have seen them frequently. I often drop in to see Law Sam, as he is a very square Chinaman.
- Q When did Ng Poy go back to China?
- A About a year and a half or two years ago.
- Q Now, what would you say the condition of the firm's business was for a year or two years before that time?
- A Considerably run down.
- Q Did it do any business in the way of buying and selling merchandise?
- A Yes; they kept up their identity as a store and had goods for sale there; a very limited supply.
- Q Wouldn't you say that the firm made more money out of its lodging house business than it did out of its mercantile business at that time?
- A I couldn't say about that. I don't know anything about that.
- Q What would you place the value of the stock at?
- A It is pretty hard to guess. I shouldn't think they had over a thousand dollars worth of stock in hand.
- Q Did they have a hundred dollars worth?
- A I wouldn't like to say, because I don't know what they had covered up; they had a very small stock.
- Q Did you know a Chinaman named Lee You, who used to be a bookkeeper in that firm and died about four years ago?
- A I don't remember. I know there was a fellow died there, but I don't know just when it was or what his name was.
- Q How long did you know Ng Poy as a member of that firm?
- A Several years.
- Q Was he a member of that firm during the time that it did a good business or a fair business?
- A When it did a fair business.
- Q What was his occupation during that time?
- A I generally saw him behind the counter.
- Q Did you ever do any business with him?
- A I think not. I have heard Law Sam speak of him as his partner.
- Q After the firm's business ran down so it didn't amount to much, what did Ng Poy's occupation seem to be?
- A They all seemed to hang around there, but what they were doing I couldn't say. They were doing business in a limited way.
- Q How frequently do you think you saw him in the year prior to his departure?
- A Four or five times.
- Q Would you be willing to state that he did no manual labor during that year except such as was necessary to the conduct of his business as a merchant?
- A To the best of my knowledge I don't think he did anything else except merchandising.
- Q Do you know whether or not this Ng Poy was registered?
- A No, I do not. The records of the Internal Revenue people would show, I presume, and I suppose I was a witness at that time.

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- Q Did you know Law Toy?
- A I think I did. I couldn't tell from the name.
- Q He was a Chinaman who came back from China about a year ago as a member of that same firm?
- A If he was a member of the firm I knew him, but I don't recollect him now.
- Q How recently have you been in that store?
- A Within a month. I make it a practice to call on all Chinese merchants once a month or once in two months anyway, to see what they were doing.
- Q You were a witness when Law Toy came back?
- A Oh, well, I knew him all right. I remember the name but I can't place the man now without his photograph.
- Q What is the condition of the firm's business now as compared with its business a year ago at this time?
- A I didn't notice anything particularly about it. I think I asked him, though, when he was going to get some goods in and he said "Pretty soon."
- Q Do you think of anything else that you want to state at the present time?
- A No. I understood from Law Sam at different times when I missed him from the store, when he came back I asked him where he had been and he said he was out collecting money, as he often told me he had quite a lot of money outstanding in the city and in the states of Illinois and Michigan.

The stenographic notes were read back to the witness and approved and signed by him.

(Signed) CHARLES B. WRIGHT, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
PORTAL, N. DAK.

January 18, 1906.

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

Gentlemen:

I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of papers and your investigation in the case of Ng Poy, or Ng Toy, alleged merchant of your city who is now in China and desires to return to this country.

I distinctly remember of this Chinaman going out and that we took up his certificate at the time, but he stated he was a merchant and strongly objected to surrendering his certificate. I have no record of it, but remember the case very well. I had his certificate in my drawer waiting to receive the papers which he stated were being prepared and would be sent to this office.

The investigation and the testimony submitted would seem to show that he was not engaged in manual labor one year prior to his departure and that, while he was not connected with a well established and prosperous business, it would seem that he desires to enter this country again in good faith; as Law Toy, who was admitted at San Francisco, has kept faith in the matter, Ng Poy, or Ng Toy, will be permitted to land on his application at this port, provided he substantiates the statements contained in the affidavits and your investigation.

Respectfully,

*Amelot R. Palmer*  
Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
PORTAL, N. DAK.

December 22, 1905.

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

Sir:

I hand you herewith, for investigation and report, papers in the case of Ng Poy, alleged member of the firm of Kwong Yut Chong, No. 313 Clark street, Chicago, Ill. The said Ng Poy being now in China and desirous of returning to the United States.

You will note it is stated that Ng Poy (youthful name Ng (Ing) Chock Gon) departed for China through this port sometime in October 1904 and that his registration certificate was taken up here at that time. Examination of the records of this office does not show that a registration certificate was taken from a departing chinaman of the name given above. However, by addressing a letter to the Bureau it could be ascertained as to whether or not the same was forwarded for cancellation.

Respectfully,

*O B Nelson*  
Acting Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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