

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 487

LEE SAN,
of
PUT CHONG HING & COMPANY,
Merchants,
No. 327 Clark street
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

AGE:—Forty Six (46) Years.
HEIGHT:—Five Feet, Six and
One-Half Inches, in
bare feet.
No Marks or Scars.



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 County of Cook and State of Illinois, Do hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described Lee San 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 Lee San has been a member of the firm of chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "Put Chong Hing & Co.", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Provisions and general chinese and japanese merchandise, at No. 327 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid; that, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said Lee San 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 Lee San 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.

The foregoing photograph, hereunto attached, together with the personal description above, is a true and correct likeness and description of him, the said Lee San.

We have been credibly informed that the said Lee San has a financial interest of ~~twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00)~~ Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) in said firm, and from our frequent visits to the said place of business, and general acquaintance with the various members of said concern, we have become well satisfied that he, the said

Lee San, is actively engaged in the business of the said firm, exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of the said "Kut Chong Sing & Co.", enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof, and is a bona fide member of the said firm.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., July 17th, A.D., 1906.

N. L. Dana

(Address) 159 La Salle St, Chicago, Ill.

Chas C. Hoffmann

(Address) 94 Van Buren St, Chicago, Ill.

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

N. L. 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 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 Insurance Agent

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)
23d day of July, A.D., 1906, be-)
fore me.)

N. L. Dana

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

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

Chas C Hoffmann, 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 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 Wholesale & Retail Cigars.

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)
23d day of July, A.D., 1906, be-)
fore me.)

Chas C. Hoffmann

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

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

I, Mark A. Boone, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Harry C. Boone and Charles C. Hoffmann, 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 division and district; that they are reputable persons, of good character; and that in my opinion their statements are entitled to full credence and belief.

ATTEST my hand and seal, at the said City of Chicago, this 23d day of July, A.D., nineteen hundred and six.

Mark A. Boone

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

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APPLICATION
for
ENDORSEMENT
of accompanying Affidavits under Rule 25, Regulations approved Feb. 5, 1906.

To
Lorenzo T. Plummer, Esq.,
Chinese Inspector in charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

My name is LEE SAM. I am a native and subject of China. I first came to the United States in the 8th Kwanghsii, and landed at the port of San Francisco; but I have forgotten the name of the vessel from which I landed. I have never visited China since then.

I resided in San Francisco, California, from the 8th to the 23d K.S., and was a member of the firm of "Kin Hi", No. 711 Dupont street, there, in San Francisco aforesaid.

Then, in or about the 23d K.S., I removed to this City of Chicago, in the State of Illinois; where I have resided ever since.

During the first three years of my residence in Chicago, I represented my said firm of "Kin Hi", in San Francisco, selling jewelry.

And in or about the 26th K.S., I purchased a share and interest in the business and assets of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "Kut Chong Hing & Co.", now at No. 327 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid; and I have been a member thereof, continuously, ever since.

My share and interest in such business and assets of the said concern is an undivided One-Half. The entire concern is worth Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00); and my interest therein is worth, reasonably and at least, Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

I desire to my visit China, and to return to the United States upon the completion of my visit, to resume my said residence and business in the said City of Chicago.

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,

Lee Sam

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Of Kut Chong Hing Company,
No. 327 Clark st.,
Chicago, Illinois.

CHICAGO

August 1, 1906.

Case of	:	L. T. Plummer,	Examining Inspector.
LEE SAM,	:	Wong Aloy,	Interpreter.
Mer. Dep.	:	D. Arthur Plumly,	Stenographer.

Applicant, LEE SAM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Lee Sam.

Q What is your business?

A My trade is a Chinese jeweler, but I sell Chinese jewelery and books now.

Q When was the last time that you worked at your trade?

A I quit my trade K.S. 23d.

Q What is your business at the present time?

A I sell Chinese jewelry and rice and Chinese goods.

Q What firm are you a member of?

A Kut Chong Hing & Co., No. 327 S. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

Q How many members have you in that firm? A 2 including me.

Q What is the name of your other partner?

A Lee Leung; he is my nephew.

Q Where were you born? A China.

Q When did you first come to the United States? A K.S. 8th.

Q What kind of papers did you come on?

A I had no papers at all. When I first came there was no Chinese Exclusion Law.

Q Have you been to China since you first came to this country?

A No.

Q Are you registered? A No.

Q Why not? A At the time I was working at the store of Kim Hi.

Q Were you a member of the firm of Kim Hi or just working there?

A I worked there two years and then I was a member of the firm.

Q When did you begin to work for Kim Hi?

A Since I came to this country. I worked for them two years and then became a member of the firm.

Q Were you a member of the firm of Kim Hi during the period of registration or were you just working for them?

A I was a member of the firm.

Q How long have you been a member of the firm of Kut Chong Hing & Co?

A Exactly 6 years.

Q How much money have you yourself invested in the firm of Kut Chong Hing at the present time? A \$1,000.00.

Q How much money has Lee Leung invested in that firm at the present time? A \$1,000.00, also.

Q Of this \$2,000.00 that is in this firm of Kut Chong Hing & Co., what part of it is goods, what part of it is cash, and what part of it is debts?

A \$7,000 or \$8,000 in cash; about \$3,000 in goods on hand; and about \$1,000 debts due to the firm.

Q When you said that each of you had \$1,000 invested in the firm, did you mean that that was the amount that you invested at the time the firm was organized?

A At the time we opened the firm we each one of us put in \$1,000 in cash.

- Q In your statement made in this application you say that the entire concern is worth \$5,000 and your interest is worth \$2,500. Now, which statement is correct? This, or the statement which you have just made as to the assets of the firm?
- A When I made this application before Mr. Foote I only guessed what we had on hand. I did not count money or jewelry which belonged to our firm and which we had outside of the store.
- Q Since you formed this firm in Chicago here, have you done any manual labor except such as was necessary to the conduct of your business?
- A Not, excepting as a merchant.
- Q Do you receive any salary from the firm apart from your dividends?
- A There are only two of us--my nephew and I--and we are not particular whether we draw any salary or not, but just divide what we make.
- Q Has your nephew been in the firm since it was organized?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q What have you done with your dividends since then; put them back into the firm or drawn them out?
- A I gave my nephew whatever he needed for his own use and we ~~may~~ spent some, and put the balance back into the firm.
- Q What rent do you pay? A \$25.00 a month.
- Q Do you run any laundry, restaurant, gambling or lodging house in connection with your firm? A No, sir.
- Q Where was the firm of Kim Hi located?
- A They moved several times, from No. 711 to No. 811 DuPont St., San Francisco, and now at the present time they have moved from San Francisco to No. 291-1/2 S. Clark St., Chicago.
- Q Who is the manager of the firm of Kut Chong Hing & Co.?
- A I am.
- Q At the time that the other Chinamen were registered did you work at your trade of manufacturing or repairing jewelry in the firm of Kim Hi & Co., or were you a salesman for that concern?
- A I was a salesman.
- Q When was the last time that you worked at your trade as a jeweler?
- A I acted as salesman for that firm since I came to this country.
- Q When was the last time that you worked at your trade as a jeweler?
- A I worked at my trade in China but since I came to this country I was a salesman.
- Q Earlier in your examination you said that the last time you worked at your trade was K.S. 23d. Which is correct?
- A As I understood your question, it was when was the last time that I worked for this firm of Kim Hi & Co.
- Q Then, as I understand it, you have done no work as a jeweler or at other manual labor since you came to this country.
- A No, I haven't done any manual labor.
- Q What else do you sell in your store besides jewelry?
- A I have jewelry and everything that a man wishes to buy, such as rice &c.
- Q Do you intend to return to your firm upon your return from China?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Are you married? A I was married before I came to this country but since then my wife died. I intend to get married again on this trip.
- Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes, sir.
- Applicant signed his testimony in English:
- (Signed) LEE SAM, Applicant.
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

522, Commercial National Bank Bldg. CHICAGO October 14th, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.
LEE SAM, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Merchant returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, LEE LEUNG, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Lee Leung.
Q How many names have you? A. Lee Gok Leung.
Q Are you married? A. Not yet.
Q How old are you? A. Twenty-eight.
Q What is your occupation? A. Merchant.
Q What is the name of your store? A. Kut Chong Hing & Co.
Q What street and number? A. 327 So. Clark St.
Q How many partners in that concern? A. I and my uncle
are the partners.
Q What is your uncle's name? A. Lee Sam.
Q What is the nature of the business? A. Chinese merchan-
dise and jewelry.
Q Do you sell and manufacture jewelry? A. We used to
manufacture jewelry and we used to make cigars too.
Q Are you the only one in the store? A. We hire a couple of
employees when we want any work done.
Q What is the capital? A. \$1,000.00 each at the beginning.
Q How much stock have you on hand? A. About three thousand
dollars besides the jewelry.
Q Have you anything else connected with the store besides
merchandise? A. We get jewelry from San Francisco and retail it.
Q Do you have any objectionable features connected with your
store? A. While I have a half interest in the store there will be
no gambling in the store.
Q Where is your partner? A. He is in China boarding the
steamer for the United States. He leaves Hong Kong on the steamer
"Siberia" which will arrive at San Francisco October 28th.
Q Why did you come up here and want to make a statement at
this time? A. Lee Sam didn't send his papers back to have his case
investigated. So I brought his paper up here so that he would not
be delayed at San Francisco upon his return there.
Q Is he interest in this store now? A. Yes, he has \$1,000.00
there now.
Q Are conditions the same now as when your partners went to
China? A. Yes, about the same.

Witness signed his name in English and Chinese.

(Signed) Lee Lang, Witness.

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(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.