

IMMIGRATION FILE

WHIRRAS, TOY-YAM,
hereunto attached,
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whose photograph is
is about to depart
States, temporarily,
China, with the intention
into the United States
resuming his present
Merchant therein; and

WHEREAS, the said **TOY YAM** is lawfully entitled to so return into
the United States for the said purpose, pursuant to the Act of Con-
gress approved May 5, 1892, as amended by the Act of Congress ap-
proved November 3, 1893, and the Convention of December 8, 1894, be-
tween the United States of America and the Empire of China, which
provide as follows, to-wit:-

" A merchant is a person engaged in buying and selling merchandise
"at a fixed place of business, which business is conducted in his
"name, and who, during the time he claims to be engaged as a merchant,
"does not engage in the performance of any manual labor, except such
"as is necessary in the conduct of his business as such merchant.
" When an application is made by a Chinaman for entrance into the
"United States on the ground that he was formerly engaged in this
"country as a merchant, he shall establish by the testimony of two
"credible witnesses other than Chinese the fact that he conducted
"such business as hereinbefore defined for at least one year be-
"fore his departure from the United States, and that during such
"year he was not engaged in the performance of any manual labor, ex-
"cept such as was necessary in the conduct of his business as such
"merchant; and in default of such proof shall be refused landing." (Act
of Congress approved Nov. 3, 1893, amending the Act of May 5, 1892.)

"The provisions of this convention shall not affect the right at present enjoyed of Chinese subjects, being officials, teachers, students, merchants, or travellers for curiosity or pleasure, but not laborers, of coming into the United States and remaining therein."

NOW, THEREFORE, and for the better identification of the said TOY
YAM, and in order to facilitate his re-entry into the United States
upon his said return hereeto 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
Herby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the said Toy

Yam for upwards of one year last past, during which said year 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 acquaint-
ance with him, the said Toy Yam has been a member of the firm of
Chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name
and style of "QUONG WAH SING & CO.", Importers and Dealers in Deco-
rated Chinaware, Silks, Fancy-Goods and general 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 Yam has been so 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 Toy Yam 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.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That the said trade-name and style is arbitrary and fanciful, and does not indicate the names of the members of the said firm, or of any of them; and that such use of such trade-names and styles is customary amongst Chinese and other merchants generally in the said city of Chicago, and elsewhere throughout the United States so far as we are aware.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, October 27, 1899.

(DESCRIPTION OF TOY YAM :-
AGE:-Thirty Three Years.
HEIGHT:-5 Ft., 6 & 1/2 In.

~~F. W. Young
1st Nat'l Pix
Chicago, Illinois.~~

11/11/1899

Tony Yau, said to be of the Quong Wah Sing Co
personally appeared before me today and made
the following statement:

How long have you been a member of
the Quong Wah Sing Co? About 4 years.

What part of the business did you attend to?
Mostly traveling about the country

Have you worked in the laundry during
the last year? No.

How long have you known Mr Brown
and Ferguson? About 4 years.

Have you ever been in their bank? No.
Did you ever have any business dealings
with them? Yes as a partner of the
Quong Wah Sing Co
\$500.00

Tony always dresses in American clothes
and speaks fair English.

I have seen him about this store
off and on for the last four years.

My official signature written
across face of sent

J. H. Borleske
Chinese Inspector