

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
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No. 480

G E E Q U O N G .

of  
"HOP WAH"  
Merchants,  
341 S. Clark st.,  
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

AGE:-Forty-four Years.

HEIGHT:- 5ft, 4 1/4 in.

No Marks Visible.



United States of America, )  
Northern District of Illinois) Set:  
City of Chicago. )

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Citizens of 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 Gee Quong 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 Gee Quong has been a member of the firm of chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade name and style of "Hop Wah," Importers and dealers in Teas, Groceries, Provisions and general chinese and Japanese merchandise, at No, 341 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid; that the said firm was established in business in the same vicinity two years ago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said Gee Quong 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 Gee Quong 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.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That the foregoing photograph, hereunto annexed, together with the personal description above, is a true and correct likeness and description of the said Gee Quong.

We have been credibly informed that said Gee Quong has a financial interest of One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars in said firm and from our fre-



quent visits to the said place of business and general acquaintance with the various members of said concern, we have become well satisfied that he is actively engaged in the business of the firm and exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of the said "Hop Wah" and enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof, as a bona-fide partner of said firm.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois U. S. A. March 21<sup>st</sup> A. D. 1906.

Chas Hoffmann  
(Address) 4501 Wabash Ave Chicago, Ill.

H. L. Dana  
(Address) 159 La Salle St Chicago, Ill.

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

Charles 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 Tobaccoist at No. 74 Van Buren St, Chicago, Illinois.

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 )  
29<sup>th</sup> day of March A. D. 1906 )  
before me.

Mark A. Fouts,  
U. S. Commissioner, N. D. Ill.  
Notary Public Cook Co. Ill.

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

H. 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 annexed and foregoing certificate; and the statements therein made are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to, this )  
26<sup>th</sup> day of March A. D. 1906 )  
before me.

Mark A. Fouts,  
U. S. Commissioner, N. D. Ill.  
Notary Public Cook Co. Ill.



Chicago, Illinois, March 21<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1906.

To  
Lorenzo T. Plummer, Esq.  
Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

My name is Gee Quong, and I am a native and subject of China. I first came to the United States twenty-six years ago, landing at San Francisco, California; I cannot now remember the name of the Steamer on which I first came to the United States. I returned to China in 1897 and remained there one year. I then returned to the United States by Steamer "China" and landed at San Francisco; from there I went to Omaha, Nebraska, where I remained one year. I then came to Chicago, Illinois, where I have resided ever since.

About five years after my arrival in Chicago, that is to say, about two years ago, I purchased an interest in the business and assets of the firm of Chinese Merchants, trading and doing business under the name and style of "Hop Wah" at No. 341 south Clark street, Chicago aforesaid; and I have been a member thereof continuously ever since. My said share and interest is worth, reasonably and at least One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars.

I desire to visit China, and to return upon the completion of my visit, to resume my said residence and business in the 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,

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#341 South Clark street, Chicago, Ill.



CHICAGO.

April 2, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
GEE QUONG, :  
Mer. Dep. : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Gee Quong.  
Q What is your business? A Merchant.  
Q What firm are you a member of?  
A Hop Wah, 341 So. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.  
Q Where were you born? A China.  
Q When did you come to the United States? A K.S. 7th.  
Q Are you registered? A Yes. (Witness produces certificate No. 8209, issued at Chicago, April 28, 1894.)  
Q How long have you been a member of Hop Wah? A Two years.  
Q What year and month did you become a member?  
A Two years ago May 1st, 1906.  
Q How much money have you invested? A \$1,000.  
Q How many partners have you?  
A When I gave you the list we had 8 partners but now we have but 4.  
Q When did you change from 8 partners to 4?  
A We commence to-day.  
Q Who are the four partners now?  
A Moy Dock, Louie Sing, Moy Thick, and myself.  
Q What became of the other partners? A We bought them out.  
Q What is the total capital of the firm?  
A \$1,500 in goods and about \$2,000 in accounts.  
Q Who has been the manager of the firm since you have been in it?  
A I have.  
Q Who will be in charge during your absence?  
A Moy Dock.  
Q What will you do upon your return?  
A After I return I will remain in the firm as before.  
Q Will you be manager of the firm upon your return?  
A Yes, if the rest of my partners agree with me, but if they don't I will sell my interest, collect the debts and start a new firm.  
Q What salary have you received? A \$40 a month.  
Q Does that include your dividends? A No.  
Q How much business have you done on an average per month?  
A About \$300 a month.  
Q What rent do you pay?  
A We have paid \$25 a month heretofore but will have to pay \$30 from May 1st. Moy Dock is to be the manager while I am gone, and as he is a new man in the firm he does not know much about the firm's business before this.  
Q Do you do any manufacturing, or have you any laundry, restaurant or lodging house in connection with that store?  
A No, we have not while I have been manager, although I can not tell what may be done in my absence.  
Q Do you know of any changes which will be made in your firm while you are gone?  
A I do not know of any, but if there are any they will be made without my consent.  
Q Do you intend to retain the same interest in the firm while you are gone?  
A Yes. Of course, the firm will be turned over to the new manager and I can not tell whether he will make any money out of it or not.



Q Do you know of any reason why you should not be allowed to depart from the United States and return again as a merchant?

A I do not.

Q Have you done any labor during the past year except such as was necessary to the conduct of your business as such merchant?

A No, I have not.

Q Have you anything farther which you wish to say?

A I would like to state that during my absence if the store should close, I would like to return to the United States, collect the bills and start a new firm, as it will be closed without my consent. Although it is a small firm I intend to retain the same interest I have at the present time.

Q Have you understood the interpreter? A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) GEE QUONG, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

Witness, MOY DOCK, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Moy Dock.  
Q What is your business? A Merchant.  
Q What firm are you a member of?  
A The firm of Hop Wah now, although we may change the name of Fahn Hing.  
Q How long have you been a member of this firm?  
A I commence to-day.  
Q What did you do before that?  
A I was a member of Sing Lung & Co. before.  
Q Are you registered?  
A No. I have a merchant's paper at the store.  
Q How much money have you invested in Hop Wah?  
A \$1,000.00.  
Q How much money had Gee Quong invested? A \$1,000.00.  
Q How much money has Louie Sing invested? A \$1,000.00.  
Q How much money has Moy Thick invested?  
A He will take \$1,000.00.  
Q I thought the place wasn't worth but \$3,500.00?  
A We intend to put in a larger stock and get more goods.  
Q Who will be the manager in the absence of Gee Quong?  
A I will.  
Q What salary do you draw? A \$60 a month.  
Q That is more than Gee Quong drew?  
A I don't know what he got.  
Q Do you intend to run any laundry, boarding house, or lodging house in that store? A No.  
Q Do you intend to keep that place open or will you close it up?  
A I will keep it open.  
Q What will Gee Quong do upon his return?  
A He will be manager.  
Q What will you do then? A I may go to China.  
Q What does Moy Thick do?  
A He is going to be a salesman and he is taking count of stock now.  
Q How long have you known Gee Quong? A A few years.  
Q What did he do before he entered Hop Wah?  
A He had a little store across the street.  
Q How long has he been in Hop Wah?  
A About two years now.  
Q Have you understood the interpreter? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) MOY DOCK, Witness.

(Signed) I. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.



Department of Commerce and Labor

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L. J. Plummer

Wong Ahoy