

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 161

SUBJECT:

14-204

WHEREAS, MOY GUM,
hereunto attached,
from the United
on a visit to Chi-
of returning into
the purpose of re-
as a Merchant thre-



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is about to depart
States, temporarily, up-
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the United States for
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WHEREAS, the said MOY GUM is lawfully entitled to so return into the United States for the said purpose, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved May 5, 1892, as amended by the Act of Congress approved November 3, 1893, and the Convention of December 8, 1894, between 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 mer- "chant, does not engage in the performance of any manual labor, ex- "cept 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, "except such as was necessary in the conduct of his business as "such merchant; and in default of such proof shall be refused land- "ing." (Act of 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, stu- "dents, merchants, or travellers for curiosity or pleasure, but not "laborers, of coming into the United States and remaining therein." (Convention of Dec. 8, 1894, between the United States and China.)

NOW, THEREFORE, and for the better identification of the said MOY GUM, and in order to facilitate his re-entry into the United States upon his said return hereto,

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Citizens of the United States, and residents of the City of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, Do Herby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the said MOY GUM 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 acquaintance with him, the said MOY GUM has been a member of the firm of Chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "HIP LUNG CO.", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Provisions, Clothing, and general Chinese and Japanese merchandise, at No. 323 South Clark street, in the said City of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said MOY GUM 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 MOY GUM 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, November 3, 1899.

(DESCRIPTION OF MOY GUM :-)
(AGE:-Thirty Four (34) Years.
(HEIGHT:-5 Ft., 2 & 1/2 In.
(Pock-marked Left Side Nose.)

(Signed) H.B. Foster
North Trust Bank
Chicago, Illinois.
(Signed) Yeo & Dadey
North Trust Bank
Chicago, Illinois.

State of Illinois.)
County of Cook.) ss.
City of Chicago.)

_____, 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 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 _____

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)
day of November, 1899, be)
fore me.)

Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

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United States of America.)
Northern District of Illinois.) Set: *Wednesday, Oct 26th*
Northern Division.)

I, Oliver E. Pagin, Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am acquainted with

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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 the said Northern District of Illinois; that they are reputable persons, of good character; and that in my opinion their statements are entitled to full credence and belief.

Witness my hand and seal, at the said City of Chicago, in the Northern District of Illinois,
this _____ day of November, 1899.

Asst. U.S. Att'y, N.D.Ill's.

10/4/1899.

Wooey Yunn, said to be of the Hsiung Co personally
questioned before us today and made the following
statement:

How long have you lived in the U.S. 17 yrs.
What is your business? Partner in the Hsiung Co.

How long have you been a member of that Co.
About 7 or 8 yrs.

How much money have you invested in that
Co. ~~\$1000.00~~

What part of the business do you attend to? I travel
all around the country to see goods to Chinese laundry-
men mostly.

Have you been engaged as a laundryman, cook, waiter
during the last 8 years. No.

How long have you known Mr. Totten: About 3 yrs.

What does he do & his days in a Bank

Where you can in his bank yes.

What for. To send money to China

Was he ever in your store? Yes sometime
says he knows your daddy about the same as
he does Mr. Totten

Wooey Yunn speaks ^{pretty fair} English, wears
American clothes,

My name signed across front of certificate

J.W. Burkhart

Chinese Interpreter