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No. 544

CHIN MOW CHUNG
MERCHANT
of
SUEY WO CHUNG
329 Clark st
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

AGE: -Thirty Five Years.

HEIGHT: -5 Ft., 6-1/2 In.

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 CHIN MOW CHUNG 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 CHIN MOW CHUNG has been a member of the firm of Chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "SUEY WO CHUNG", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Provisions and general Chinese and Japanese merchandise, at No. 329 Clark st., Chicago aforesaid.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said CHIN MOW CHUNG 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 CHIN MOW CHUNG 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, are a true and correct likeness and description of the said CHIN MOW CHUNG.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That we have been credibly informed that the said CHIN MOW CHUNG has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in said firm; and from our frequent visits to the said place of business and our general acquaintance with the various members

of the said concern, we have become well satisfied that he is actively engaged in the business of said firm, exercises a voice in the management of the affairs of said "SUEY WO CHUNG"; and enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof as a bona fide partner therein.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., March 12th, A.D., 1907.

N. C. Dana

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

A. L. Jensen

(Address) 19-29 Market St.
Chicago, Illinois.

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

N. C. Dana, 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 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)
21st day of March, A.D., 1907,)
before me.

N. C. Dana

Mark A. Foots

Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill.

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

A. L. Jensen, 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 Clerk + Salesman

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)
21st day of March, A.D., 1907, be-)
fore me.

A. L. Jensen

Mark A. Foots

Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill.

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

I, Mark A. Foote, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that I am acquainted with Harry C. Dana and Hudson L. Fenson, the signers of the foregoing and annexed certificate and affidavits; that they are not alien persons; that they are citizens of the United States and residents of the City of Chicago, in the Eastern Division and district aforesaid; that they are reputable persons, of good character; and that in my opinion their statements are entitled to full credence



WITNESS my hand and official seal, at the City of Chicago, in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, this 21st day of March, A.D., nineteen hundred seven.

Mark A. Foote,

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

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

To

Chicago, Ill., March 12, 1907.

Lorenzo T. Plummer, Esq.,

Chinese Inspector in charge, Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I have also been known as Chin How Chung.
My name is CHIN HOW CHUNG. I am a native and subject of China. I am 35 years of age. When nine years of age, I came to the United States with my father, Chin Foo, and my cousin, Chin How Toy. We landed from the ship "Columbia" at Portland, Oregon, about the fifth month in the Seventh Kwanghsii. My father did a small business, but died the same year, in the 12th month; and said Chin How Toy took care of me thereafter. We moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the 8th K.S., where we lived for about seven years.

In the fifteenth K.S. I came to Chicago with my said cousin and we started the firm of "HOW LUNG CO.", Merchants, of No. 307 Clark street here. That firm closed business in or about the 21st K.S., and about six years thereafter, I purchased an interest in the firm of "SUEY WO CHUNG", Chinese Merchants, of No. 329 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid; and I have been a member thereof, continuously, ever since. I paid One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for my said interest in the latter firm, and the same is now actually worth much more than one thousand dollars.

I desire to visit China, and upon the completion of my visit to return into the United States for the purpose of resuming my said residence and occupation as a Merchant of said City of Chicago.

Wherefore, I ~~pray~~ transmit herewith the affidavits of two credible witnesses other than Chinese, and pray that the same may be endorsed as provided by the Regulation above cited.

Very respectfully,

Chin How Chung

c/o Suey Wo Chung,

No. 329 Clark st.,

Chicago, Illinois.

Room 855 Federal Bldg.

CHICAGO

May 6th, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
CHIN MOW CHUNG, : J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter.
Mer. returning. : W. D. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, Chin Mow Hai, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?
A Chin Mow Hai.
Q Are you the manager of the firm of Sucey Wo Chung, 329
So. Clark St.?
A Yes.
Q Do you know this man?(Showing photograph of applicant)
A Yes. It is my partner, Chin Mow Chung.
Q Does he have the same interest in your firm that he had
when he went to China?
A Yes.
Q How much has he invested?
A One thousand dollars.
Q Does your store do substantially the same business as it
did when he went away?
A Yes, the same.
Q What will Chin Mow Chung do when he comes back to the
United States?
A He will come back to the store.
Q Have you understood the interpreter?
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Chin Mow Hai, Witness.
(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter.
(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
CHIN MOW CHUNG, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
Mer. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Chin Mow Chung.
Q Is that your full Chinese name? A Yes, sir.
Q How old are you? A 35.
Q How long have you been in the United States?
A I don't remember how many years. I remember how old I was when
I came to this country.
Q How old were you when you first came to the United States?
A I was 9 years old.
Q What year did you come to the United States? A K.S. 7th.
Q Are you registered?
A No, sir, as at the time I was with my cousin and they told me
not to register.
Q What were you doing at that time?
A I was a merchant with Chin Mow Yoy (Tai).
Q When? What firm and where?
A The firm of Mow Lung & Co., 307 S. Clark St.
Q Did you have an interest in that firm at that time? A Yes.
Q How much of an interest did you have? A \$1,000.00.
Q Were you in the store working at that time or were you working
outside in a laundry?
A I was in the firm of Mow Lung & Co. until it failed a short time
after registration expired and then I went to live with
Wing Chung Hai & Co.
Q How long have you been a member of Suey Wo Chung? A 7 years.
Q How much of an interest have you in that firm? A \$1,000.00.
Q Have you had \$1,000.00 interest since you came into the firm
or do you own a larger interest now than formerly?
A \$1,000.00 all the time.
Q Since you have been in that firm what have been your duties about
the store?
A General salesman and collecting the bills.
Q How many partners have you in your firm whose entire time is
devoted to its business? Give me their names?
A Five of us. Chin Mow Hai, Chin Mow Chung, Chin Kai, Chin Tai,
and Chin Sing.
Q What salary do you receive?
A We all agreed to take \$400 a year apiece for the men in the store.
Q Gold or silver? A American money.
Q Are you married? A No, sir.
Q Who is coming into the firm to take your place while you are gone?
A I don't know that. Chin Mow Hai will look after that.
Q Are you going to China on your own business or on business of the
firm?
A It is a personal matter. I came from home when I was so little
and I am going home to see my folks.
Q Have you ever been back to China since you first came to this
country? A No, sir.
Q What would you say is a fair value of the goods you have on hand
in the store?
A I should say it is worth about \$10,000.00.
Q How many partners have you? A 14.
Q What is the capital of your firm? A Altogether \$20,000.00.
Q What rent do you pay?
A I don't know that. The man who pays the rent would know.

- Q During the last year have you worked in laundries or restaurants,
or done any manual labor outside the store?
A I haven't done anything except in the store.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
A Yes, sir.

Applicant signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) CHIN MOW CHUNG, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

3/28/07.

Witness, CHIN MOW HAI, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Chin Mow Hai.
- Q What is your business?
- A Merchant, manager of the firm of Suey Wo Chung & Co., 329 S. Clark St., Chicago.
- Q How long have you been manager of Suey Wo Chung?
- A Since K.S. 27th year, when the firm was organized.
- Q What is the x capital stock of your firm? A \$20,000.00.
- Q What would you say is a fair valuation of the goods which you have on hand?
- A In the neighborhood of \$10,000.00.
- Q How many partners have you in your firm whose entire time is devoted to its business?
- A Five.
- Q Who are they?
- A Chin Mow Hai (myself), Chin Mow Chung, Chin Kai, Chin Sing, and Chin Lai.
- Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
- A Yes, that is Chin Mow Chung.
- Q How long has he been a member of your firm?
- A He has been a member of the firm since it was organized K.S. 27th.
- Q What is his work about the store?
- A General salesman in the store and collect the bills.
- Q What interest has he? A \$1,000.00.
- Q What salary does he receive, if any?
- A ~~Each one of us receives, if any?~~
- A Each one of us receives \$400 a year salary.
- Q Is that exclusive of the dividends?
- A It does not include the profits.
- Q Is there any laundry, lodging house, or restaurant connected with your store?
- A No.
- Q Is Chin Mow M Chung registered, do you know?
- A No, he is not registered.
- Q Has Chin Mow Chung been engaged in the store all the time since it was organized?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q During that time has he done any work in restaurants or laundries or any other manual labor except in and about the store?
- A No, sir.
- Q Is he going to China on his own business or on business of the firm?
- A On his own personal matter.
- Q Do you know of any reason why Chin Mow Chung should not be granted the privileges of a merchant?
- A No, sir.
- Q Is there anything further you care to say?
- A No, sir; nothing particular.
- Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
- A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) CHIN MOW HAI, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.