

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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No. 725

In re
WONG CHAN
of
"Quong On Lung Co"
Merchants
No. 317 So. Clark St.,
Chicago, Illinois.
U. S. A.

NAME:-- WONG CHAN.
AGE:-- Thirty-eight Yrs.
HEIGHT:-- 5 Ft. 5 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 and vicinity, in said division and district, Do hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described WONG CHAN 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 nor laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said WONG CHAN has been a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "Quong On Lung Co", at No. 317 South Clark street, in said City of Chicago, Dealers in Chinese and Japanese Goods.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said WONG CHAN has been a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the 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 he has not been engaged in the performance of manual labour, skilled or unskilled of any kind, except such as has been necessary in the conduct of his business as such merchant as aforesaid.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That the foregoing photograph, herewith affixed is a true and correct likeness of the said WONG CHAN; and that the foregoing description is a true description of the person of the said WONG CHAN.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we have been credibly informed, and verily believe, that the said WONG CHAN has a financial interest of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) in the business and assets of said firm. From our frequent visits to the said place of business and our general acquaintance with the various members of the said concern, we have been well satisfied that the said WONG CHAN is actively engaged in the business of the said firm, exercises a voice in the business and affairs thereof, and that he is a bona-fide merchant and member of said "QUONG ON LUNG COMPANY."

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., December 11th, 1908.

Address - H. C. Davis Chicago, ILL.

Address - A. L. Henson Chicago, ILL.

Chicago, Illinois,

December 11th, 1903.

To

LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,

Chinese Inspector In Charge,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

My name is WONG CHAN. I am a native and subject of China, having been born at the City of Canton in the Province of Kwong-tung, thirty eight years ago. At the age of sixteen my father, Wong How Hee, brought me to the United States, arriving at the Port of San Francisco in the State of California, in the month of February 1886.

For the twelve years following my arrival in this country I remained in San Francisco aforesaid, residing with my father at number 718 Commercial street, at which place was located the Chinese Merchant firm of "Wah Hing Lung Company", of which my father was a member.

In 1898 I came to the City of Chicago in this State and I have resided here ever since. At the time of my coming to Chicago I purchased an interest in the Chinese Merchant Firm known as "Quong On Lung Company" located at No. 317 So. Clark street in said city, paying Seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) for the said share and interest. I still retain the said interest and the same is now probably worth the sum of \$1000.00.

During my residence in Chicago, I have not been engaged in the performance of manual labour of any kind; but have a bona fide merchant as aforesaid.

I desire to visit China, and to return upon the completion of such visit, to resume my present residence and status as a Merchant in the United States.

Wherefore, I present 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,

Wong Chan

Department of Commerce and Labor
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Inspector in Charge,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Sept. 21, 1910.

Inspector in Charge,
U.S. Immigration Service,
Chicago, Ill.

S i r:

This is to advise you that WONG CHAN whose status was the subject of your report of May 5, 1910, No. 725, arrived at this port Sept. 19, 1910, on the S.S. "Princess Victoria", and that he was on the same day admitted as a member of the Quong On Lung company, Chicago, Ill.

Respectfully,

Ellis J. Miller

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522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO

May 2, 1910.

Case of : Howard D. Ebey, Examining Inspector.
WONG CHAN :
Returning laborer. : Edward B. Kan, Interpreter.

Witness, WONG SAM, sworn by Inspector Ebey, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Wong Sam is my boyhood name. Wong Shi Tun is my marriage name.

Q What is your business? A. Manager of the Quong On Lung Co., 317 So. Clark St., Chicago.

Q Who is this man? (Showing picture on application papers)
A. Wong Chan.

Q Is he a member of your firm? A. Yes.

Q What is his interest in the firm? A. \$1,000.00.

Q How long has he had that interest in the firm? A. Since K.S. 27.

Q Has he been employed in your store? A. Yes.

Q How long? A. About two years.

Q That is two years before he went away? A. Yes.

Q What did he do in the store? A. Salesman.

Q Did he do any work outside of the store? A. No.

Q Did he receive wages? A. Yes, \$40.00 per month.

Q For how long? A. Two years.

Q What did he do before he worked in the store? A. He came from San Francisco.

Q Was he a merchant there? A. Yes, his father has a business there.

Q He never was a laborer in Chicago? A. No.

Q Does he still retain his interest in your store? A. Yes.

Q Is the store still in business? A. Yes.

Q Has there been a re-organization since he went to China? A. No.

Q Will he resume his employment in the store when he lands?

A. Yes.

Q Did he invest \$1,000. when he joined the firm? A. He put in \$700. at first. Afterward with the profit and his wages he made it \$1,000.

Q How long has his interest been \$1,000.00? A. Over a year before he went away.

Witness signed in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Wong Sam,

Witness.

[Handwritten signature of Wong Sam]
[Handwritten signature of Witness]

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Wong Sam

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No. 725.

January 4th, 1908.

Mr. L. T. Plummer,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

I have made a pre-investigation in the case of WONG CHAN, who claims to be a merchant and a member of the firm of Quong On Lung & Co., 317 So. Clark St., this city. I have taken applicant's statement and also the statement of Wong Sam, the present manager of the concern. There is no material discrepancy in the case.

I have examined the store and find that the firm of Quong On Lung & Co. are dealers in Chinese general merchandise and carry quite a large stock of goods; and the value of the stock is fairly well stated by the manager of the firm in his testimony.

Respectfully,

H. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector.

Chicago, Ill., December 23, 1908.

Case of	:	H. E. Tippet,	Examining Inspector.
WONG CHAN,	:	Charley Kee,,	Interpreter,
Mer. Dep.	:	A. T. Wilson,	Stenographer.

Applicant, WONG CHAN, sworn and examined by Inspector Tippet:

Q What is your name? A Wong Chan.

Q How many names have you? A Wong Chan; not married.

Q How old are you? A 38 years.

Q What is your occupation? A Merchant; grocery business.

Q What is the name of the firm you are connected with?

A Quong On Lung Co.

Q Are you a partner in that company? A Yes.

Q How much interest have you there? A \$1,000.

Q When did you become a member of this firm?

A Over seven years; been here ten years.

Q You have been a partner in this company for seven years?

A It is over seven years.

Q Do you know when the company was organized?

A Been in Chicago ten years.

Q When did this firm of Quong On Lung start to do business in Chicago? A I did not know the people before this, but I went into the place eight years ago.

Q What did you do before you went into this store?

A I was in business in San Francisco, Wah Hing Lung.

Q What did you do in Chicago the two years before you went into this store? A Off and on; in and out.

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Q What did you do; what do you mean by "in and out"?

A Wasn't doing anything then.

Q How did you make a living?

A Father left it to me in San Francisco, when he was in business.

Q Is your father dead? A Yes, died in China.

Q When did he go to China? A Eleven years ago.

Q When did he die? A About six years ago.

Q When your father died he left you some money, did he?

A He left me some money with the firm.

Q What is the name of the firm in San Francisco?

A Wah Hing Lung.

Q What street and number? A 718 Commercial street.

Q Were you in San Francisco when your father went to China?

A Yes; he went to China when I came here.

Q What became of the business at 718 Commercial Street?

A After the fire in San Francisco, they closed it up.

Q But after your father went to China, about ten or eleven years ago, then what did you do?

A In the business in San Francisco.

Q Then you came to Chicago? A Yes.

Q That has been ten years ago? A Yes.

Q What did you do with your interest in the business in San Francisco?

A After the fire in Frisco, the business closed up, unable to open again; what was left was sent back to my father.

Q Where did you get any interest in it? A It is only burned a couple of years ago.

Q You have stated that you went into this store eight years ago, when your father gave you an interest?

A I came here ten years ago.

Q Where did you get the money to go into this store?

A My father gave it to me.

Q Did he give that to you in San Francisco? A Yes.

Q You said he gave you an interest in the business in San Francisco? A He gave me the money to come here.

Q Did you have any interest in the store at San Francisco?

A Yes.

Q You want me to understand that your father gave you an interest in the store at San Francisco, and also gave you money to come here and start business? A Yes.

Q How much money did he give you? A He gave me \$1500.

Q Chinese or American money? A American money.

Q And when you left San Francisco to come to Chicago you had \$1500? A Yes.

Q In what shape was that money; draft or cash?

A Brought check with me.

Q What did you do with the check? A Put it in for the interest.

Q You put the check for \$1500 in the firm of Quong On Lung Co.?

A I put in \$1,000 and the rest I spent.

Q You had a check for \$1500, did you? A Yes.

Q And you put \$1000 of that in this firm, did you? A Yes.

Q And \$500 you spent, did you, for your own personal use?

A Yes.

Q Did the firm take the check of \$1500 and give you \$500 cash?

A I put in \$700 at first, and afterwards I put in \$300.

Q Well, did you turn the check into this firm and get the difference in cash?

A Yes, they gave me the balance, \$500.

Q Who was the manager of the store when you turned in \$1500 in a check and got back \$500 and interest therein?

A Lum Su then; then after it was Wong Ok.

Q Is Lum Su connected with the store now? A No.

Q Where is he? A Went to China?

Q Who was the bookkeeper and treasurer at that time?

A Lum Su was then, but went home to China and turned it over to Wong Ok.

Q Where is he? A Wong Ok is in Chicago.

Q The man who is sitting out there (indicating)? A No.

Q Is Wong Ok still in the store? A Yes.

Q What does he do there? A He is the treasurer.

Q And who is the manager now? A Wong Sam.

Q How long has he been the manager? A A little over three years. months.

Q Who received the check and gave you the money for the difference on it when you joined this firm? A Lum Su

Q Has this store got the same name now that it had when Lum Su received that check from you? A Same firm and same name.

Q Now when you joined this firm how much interest did you take over at that time and pay for?

A First I had \$700 interest; then with the profits accrued, I made it \$1,000.

Q What month and year did you join this firm?

A 1900, American date; 8th month and 5th day, Chinese date.

Q Did they give you any kind of papers to show that you had an interest in that store? A Only showed by book.

Q And that book will also show that you had a check for \$1500 and that you got the balance in cash, will it?

A The book perhaps may not show that, but I turned in the money and received the balance.

Q Have you been in the store ever since you joined it, as one of the active partners.

A I have been a partner all this time, except I was not drawing salary till up to three years ago.

Q Did you stay in the store ever since you joined it?

A Since I joined it, I have always been around the store, but didn't draw any pay.

Q Then you didn't take an active part and get paid for your services until about three years ago? A Yes.

Q What were you doing the other five years?

- A Just helped around the store, without any way.
- Q Did the other members of the firm that worked around the store get paid? A Paid, yes.
- Q And you have been in that store practically every day from the time you joined it until now? A Yes.
- Q Haven't had any other kind of occupation? A No.
- Q What did you do in the store? A Sell goods.
- Q Didn't do any of the heavy work there did you, such as porter? A No heavy work.
- Q How much did they pay you a month as salary? A \$40.
- Q How many partners are there in the company? A 28.
- Q What is the combined capital? A \$27,070.
- Qv How much stock do you carry on an average? A About \$18,000 stock now, besides the credit of several thousand dollars.
- Q How many of the 28 members of this company give the store their attention and do not have any other occupation? A Five persons; Wong Aloy; Wong Sam; Wong Nin; Wong Woo; Du Gow, and Wong Chan, myself.
- Q That is six including yourself; do all of you stay in that store? A Yes.
- Q Do you know what the other members of the company do? A Some of them in laundries and some in chop suey places.
- Q Are you registered? A No.
- Q I want to know now what is your exact interest in this firm? A In the first place I put in \$700. and filled up afterwards to the amount of \$1000.
- Q Do you know the witnesses that signed your paper? A Mr. Hensen and Mr. Dana.
- Q What is Mr. Dana's business? A Insurance.
- Q How long have you known him? A All the time I was there.
- Q For eight years? A Seven or eight.
- Q What is Hensen's business? A Sells rice.
- Q Do these men come to your store frequently? A Yes.
- Q And you have known them upwards of six to eight years? A Yes.
- Q They have known you equally as well, have they? A Yes.
- Q Have you understood the Interpreter. A Yes.

(Signed) Wong Chan

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Applicant

(Signed) H. E. Tippet,

Inspector.

(Signed) Charley Kee

Interpreter.

Chicago, Ill., December 23, 1908

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector,
 WONG CHAN, : Charley Kee, Interpreter,
 Mer. Dep. : A. T. Wilson, Stenographer.

Witness, WONG SAM, sworn and examined by Inspector Tippet:

Q What is your name? A Wong Sam.
 Q How many names have you? A Only one name.
 Q Aren't you married? A Yes, Wong Shi Tun, my married name.
 Q Are you one of the partners and manager of Quong On Lung Co.,
 317 So. Clark St.? A Yes.
 Q How long have you been connected with the firm as a member?
 A Four months to-day.
 Q What did you do prior to that? A I used to be a member of
 that firm, but didn't pay it my attention.
 Q What were you doing for an occupation? A I had interest
 in some restaurants.
 Q Four months ago you went in as a manager? A Yes.
 Q How long have you been interested in the firm as a partner?
 A I was not a member then.
 Q Did you have any interest in this firm until four months
 ago? A No.
 Q How much interest have you in it? A I have \$1,000.
 Q And you are the manager now? A Yes.
 Q Do you know how long this firm has been established?
 A Eighteen years.
 Q Who did you succeed as manager? A I took Wong Dok's place.
 Q Who was the manager before Wong Dok? A Lum Su.
 Q Where is Lum Su now? A Went to China.
 Q When? A K. S. 27.
 Q You never had an interest in this firm until four months ago?
 A No.
 Q And at the time you took the interest, was the concern re-
 organized? A Yes, it was re-organized.
 Q And you filed the partnership list in this office, did you
 not, as the firm stands today? A Yes.
 Q How many members in the firm now? A 28.
 Q And how much is the capital? A \$22,700.
 Q How much stock do you carry? A About \$16,000 or \$17,000
 stock, besides some debts due us.
 Q Does that consist of Chinese grocery and general merchandise?
 A Yes.
 Q Do you identify the photograph on this certificate(handing
 witness same) A Yes.
 Q Who is he? A Wong Chan.
 Q Is he one of the bona fide members of your concern? A Yes.
 Q Do you know how long, of your own knowledge, he has been a
 partner in this store? A I do not know when he came here in the
 first place, but I remember the time he went into that firm; it
 was at the time of Dewey's parade here in Chicago.
 Q Has he been in this store ever since, or has he had some
 business outside?
 A All his time was in the store. This man was pretty dumb, and
 didn't know much about business transactions.
 Q He was there many years, but drew no money as salary?
 A Until a few years ago.
 Q Is there any member of your store that was in and saw him
 giving the store his attention at the time he joined the firm?
 A One person, Wong Un.
 Q What does he do there? A He is packing goods in the store.
 Q How much interest has this applicant in your store?

A \$700 and afterwards filled it up to \$1000.
Q Does your book show he has \$1000 in interest? A Yes.
Q How long has he been getting that additional \$300, added to his share? A Last year it was in the book.
Q That was there when you went in was it? A Yes.
Q What is the name of your bookkeeper? A Wong Nin.
Q How long has he been acting in that capacity? A He went in the same time I did
Q Where is the other bookkeeper who was in charge before he went in? A Wong Bok.
Q Where is he? A Running a chop suey place.
Q What street and number? A Went to a country town somewhere near Grand Rapids.
Q Has he sold out his interest in the store? A He left it in charge down there.
Q What does Wong Chan do in the store? A Selling goods.

(Signed) Wong Sam

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Witness

(Signed) Charley Kee

Interpreter

(Signed) H. E. Tippet,

Inspector