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SUBJECT

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 740

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

AGE:- Twenty Years.

HEIGHT:- Five Feet-
Five one-half In.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.)
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS. } SCT:-
 EASTERN DIVISION.)



WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Citizens of the United States and residents of the City of Chicago and vicinity, in the division and districts aforesaid, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-named WONG HEN JACK for five years last past; and we do further Certify as follows, namely:

For upwards of one year last past the said Wong Hen Jack has been a merchant and member of the firm of "Quong On Lung", Chinese Merchants of number 317 So. Clark street in the City of Chicago and State of Illinois; and during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said Wong Hen Jack has been engaged in buying and selling merchandise at the said fixed place of business under the trade-name and style of the said firm of which he is a member; and during the said year of our acquaintance with him he 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, hereto affixed, is a true and correct likeness of the said Wong Hen Jack.

And we do further certify that we have been credibly informed and believe the said Wong Hen Jack has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in the business and assets of the said firm of which he is a member; 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 the

said Wong Ben Jack is actively engaged in the business of the said firm, exercises a voice in the management, business and affairs thereof; and that he enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof, and that he is a bona fide member of the said "Quong On Lung."

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, April 17th, 1909.

(Address)

Charles D. Wright
95 Jackson St

Chicago, ILL.

A. L. Ahern

(Address)

3-15 State St

Chicago, ILL.

STATE OF ILLINOIS.)
COUNTY OF COOK. } SS:
CITY OF CHICAGO. }

Charles D. Wright

Chicago in the State and County aforesaid, 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 Cashier Bookkeeper.

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)
17th day of April, A.D., 1909, before me.

Charles D. Wright

Mark A. Foster
Notary Public, Cook Co., ILL'S.

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Northern District of Illinois) Set:
Eastern Division. }

WONG HEN JACK, 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 native and subject of China, Twenty Years of Age, have re-
sided in the United States nearly six (6) years; am a Merchant and
member of the firm of "Quong On Lung", of No. 317 Clark street, where
I reside.

With one Wong Nam, of the same firm, I came to the United States
by the way of Portal, North Dakota, bearing "Student's Certificate"
to me in the name of "Chak Hing Wong",
No.109 issued at the Consulate-General of the United States at Can-
ton, China, May 15, 1903. I attended the "Jones School", corner of
Dearborn and Harrison streets, Chicago, from the time of my arrival
in the United States for nearly five years. Then, about one and one-
half years ago, I joined the said firm of "Quong On Lung", and have
been engaged solely as a Merchant and member of said firm for up-
wards of one year last past. During said year, I have not been em-
ployed or interested in the performance of manual labor, except such
as has been necessary in my business as such merchant; and my share
and interest in the said firm is worth One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).
And registered accordingly, as I believe, in the Office of the Chi-
nese Inspector in Charge at Chicago aforesaid.

I desire to return to China, temporarily, and to re-enter the U-
nited States for the purpose of resuming my present residence and
occupation therein.

Subscribed and sworn to, this }
17th day of April, A.D., 1909, be- }
fore me.

Mark A. Foote,

U. S. Commissioner, N. D. Illinois.

Wong Hen Jack

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

Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
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Inspector in Charge,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Oct. 13, 1910.

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

S i r:

Having reference to your letter of Oct. 6, 1910, No. 740, with which you returned record in the case of Wong Hen Jack, applicant at this port for admission as a returning merchant of Chicago, you are advised that upon reexamination of the applicant today many of the discrepancies referred to by Inspector Ebey were satisfactorily cleared up. This fact when taken in connection with the further fact that a prima facie indorsement was given this applicant at the time of his departure for China through Portal, May 9, 1909, was deemed sufficient to justify the readmission at this time. Wong Hen Jack has accordingly been readmitted this date as a returning domiciled merchant of the Quong On Lung Co., 217 South Clark St., Chicago.

Respectfully,

Ellis J. Phifer
Commissioner.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
ROOM 622, COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

No. 740.

October 6, 1910

Dr. P. L. Prentis,
Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

In the matter of Wong Hen Jack, returning merchant, (Seattle file No. 25,501) I beg leave to report as follows:

Decision in this case appears to depend upon the question of whether or not applicant is the owner of an interest, in amount \$1,000, in the Quong On Lung Co., 217 S. Clark St., Chicago.

Upon this point the testimony of the various witnesses is to the following effect:

Testimony of applicant in the preinvestigation of the case: Wong Foo, father of applicant, owned a \$2000 interest. About a year and a half previous to April, 1909, he gave applicant a \$1000 interest. Father, Wong Foo, in store at time of examination.

Testimony of manager, Wong Sam, on preinvestigation: Wong Moo, father of applicant, transferred to him a \$1000 interest about a year and a half previous to April, 1909.

Testimony of manager, Wong Sam, ad interim investigation: Wong Moo, father of applicant, died shortly after the Chicago World's Fair. He turned his interest over to Wong Hen Jack. Witness changed testimony as follows: Wong Foo was the name of applicant's father. Wong Moo is his adopted father. Wong Foo is the one who gave the applicant his interest. Gave applicant his entire interest. Changed testimony again and said Wong Foo gave applicant only half of his interest, and Wong Moo, adopted father, gave him other half. Applicant has owned his interest ever since shortly after the World's Fair.

Testimony of Wong Moo, ad interim investigation: Wong Foo, father of applicant had \$1000 interest. He died leaving the interest in charge of Wong Moo, who sold one-half for \$500, which he sent to applicant's mother. The other half he turned over to applicant. The remaining \$500 of applicant's \$1000 interest was

acquired by his saving his wages and investing them in the store. Wong Moo later changed his testimony, saying that applicant acquired \$500 from his father, Wong Foo, and he (Wong Moo) gave applicant the other \$500 when applicant went to China, making applicant's interest \$1000. Testimony of Wong Sam, manager, in present investigation:

The entire interest of Wong Foo, applicant's father, was turned over to applicant in KS 29. This interest was \$1000. In KS 29 Wong Moo drew \$500 of his own interest and sent the money to applicant for his expenses in coming to the United States, which reduced Wong Moo's interest to \$500.

Testimony of Wong Moo, in present investigation:

When applicant was in China Wong Moo sent him \$500 for his expenses in coming to the United States. About three years before applicant went to China Wong Moo gave him a \$1000 interest in the firm. The father of applicant, left his \$1000 interest in Wong Moo's charge when he died. This added to Wong Moo's own interest made it \$2000.

Testimony of applicant in present investigation:

Father of applicant, Wong Foo, originally owned a \$2000 interest in the firm. Before his death he sold a half of it for \$1000. From the remaining half, Wong Moo sold a \$500 portion and sent the money to applicant to pay his expenses in coming to the United States. After he came to this country Wong Moo gave him the remaining \$500 portion of Wong Foo's interest, and a \$500 portion of his (Wong Moo's) interest, making applicant's share \$1000.

These stories are so conflicting that it is hard to see how they can satisfy the deciding officer of the fact that applicant is the owner of the interest claimed,

There is nothing in the testimony of a convincing nature to show Wong Foo, the alleged father of applicant, ever existed. His name does not appear on any partnership list filed by this firm in this office. According to applicant he was in the store when applicant went to China; later, according to applicant he died in Chicago in KS 32; later still applicant has him dying in St Louis KS 23, 11th month, 5th day. According to the manager it was Wong Moo who died, the death occurring in Chicago; later he has it that Wong Foo is the one who died, the death taking place in St Louis. According to Wong Moo, Wong Foo died in St Louis, but he fixes the date as KS 25, 2nd or 3rd month.

Wong Woo admits that there is no partner in the firm named Wong Foo, although applicant and Wong Sam claim there is such a partner.

In this connection attention is called to the fact that applicant was originally admitted as the son of Wong Moo, not of Wong Foo.

If it is not established that Wong Foo ever existed, or that he ever owned an interest in the firm, it follows, of course that applicant could not have acquired his interest in the firm.

Inasmuch as applicant was originally admitted on a section six certificate as a student, and it appears that attended school after his arrival, it may be that he could be admitted as a returning domiciled student, but it does not appear to me that he has established the fact that he is the owner of an interest in a mercantile establishment.

Report in this matter has been delayed by reason of the absence of the interpreter from the city on official business, and ~~nowhere~~ the fact that there has been no stenographer available, the former stenographer having resigned and the new one having just reported for duty.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Howard D. Ebey.

Chinese Inspector.

Approved and respectfully
forwarded to the Commissioner of Immigration,
Seattle, Wash.

(Signed) P. L. Prentiss

Inspector in Charge.

Case of : Howard D. Ebey, Examining Inspector.
WONG HEN JACK, : Charley Kee, Chinese Interpreter.
returning merchant. : L. M. O'Connor, Stenographer.

Witness, Wong Moo, sworn by Inspector Ebey, testified as follows:

- Q. Your boyhood name is Wong Moo? A. Yes.
- Q. Your marriage name is Wong Jek Lan? A. Yes.
- Q. You are a member of the Quong On Lung Company? A. Yes.
- Q. Are you acquainted with Wong Hen Jack? A. Yes, he is my son.
- Q. Is he your blood son or adopted son? A. Adopted.
- Q. Is he married? A. Yes. When he first came here he was not married. Since he went back to China he got married.
- Q. What is his marriage name? A. I have not seen him since, but a letter of his came to me. I cannot refresh my memory as to what his name is now.
- Q. What is his blood father's name? A. Wong Foo.
- Q. Was his father any relation to you? A. Wong Foo was my blood brother.
- Q. How many brothers have you? A. Four.
- Q. Name them. A. Wong Let, Wong Moo, Wong Foo and Wong Bue.
- Q. Where is Wong Let now? A. In China.
- Q. Where is Wong Bue? A. In this city.
- Q. How long has he been here? A. About five or six years.
- Q. Where did he live before he came here? A. He came here from San Francisco.
- Q. Did he ever live in Ohio? A. He came from San Francisco direct here.
- Q. Then he never lived in Ohio? A. I do not know whether he lived there a while or not. I know he came from San Francisco direct here.
- Q. What is he doing here? A. Chop suey place.
- Q. Is Wong Foo, the blood father of Wong Hen Jack, living or dead? A. Dead.
- Q. Where and when did he die? A. He died at St. Louis; K.S. 25.
- Q. Do you know where he is buried? A. He is buried at St. Louis, but I was not present when he was buried.
- Q. Are you sure he died in K. S. 25? A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know in what month? A. The second or third month.
- Q. Was Wong Hen Jack in the United States at the time his father died? A. No.
- Q. Where was he? A. In China.
- Q. Does Wong Hen Jack own an interest in the Quong On Lung Company. A. Yes.
- Q. When did he acquire an interest in the company? A. About two or three years ago. He always held an interest in that firm.
- Q. How did he get an interest in the firm? A. I gave him a one thousand dollar interest in it.
- Q. How much interest did you have before you gave Wong Hen Jack a thousand dollar interest? A. Two thousand dollars then.
- Q. When did you give him a \$1000.00 interest? A. About three years ago.
- Q. Did Wong Foo, the blood father of this applicant own any interest in the firm? A. Wong Foo and myself together \$2000.00.
- Q. Did you own \$1000.00 and Wong Foo \$1000.00? A. Yes, each \$1000.00.
- Q. What became of the interest of Wong Foo when he died? A. He left it to me.
- Q. And you gave half of it to Wong Hen Jack? A. Wong Foo gave \$500.00 and I gave \$500.00 to Wong Hen Jack.
- Q. I thought you said that Wong Foo left his interest to you? A. Wong Foo's thousand and my thousand makes two thousand.

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Q. Then after Wong Foo left you his \$1000.00 you gave \$1000.00 to Wong Hen Jack? A. Yes, I gave him a \$1000.00 interest.

Q. Did you give him that \$1000.00 interest all at one time? A. Yes.

Q. Is this Wong Foo, this applicant's father, the only Wong Foo that has belonged to that firm? A. Yes.

Q. When this applicant went to China in 1909 he testified that Wong Foo was then down in the store. A. It might be Wong Moo he meant instead of Wong Foo.

Q. But he named both Wong Moo and Wong Foo as being in the store at that time. A. Yes; if it would be Wong Moo it would be me.

Q. Can you account for the fact that he named Wong Foo and gave your name also as being employed in the store at that time? A. Wong Moo would be myself, but I do not know how the boy stated it that way.

Q. At that time the boy testified that his father, Wong Foo, had a \$2000.00 interest and gave him a \$1000.00. A. Yes, that is a fact, as his father had a \$1000.00 interest and he turned it over to me and made my share \$2000.00.

Q. When did Wong Hen Jack first start to work in the store? A. In K.S. 29 he came to this country, he went to school for about three years and then he came into the store over two years.

Q. And then went to China? A. Yes.

Q. Then he was working in the store for about two years before he went to China? A. Yes, about two years.

Q. When was it he acquired his interest in the firm? A. About four years ago.

Q. Did he receive any wages for working in the store? A. Yes.

Q. How much? A. \$30.00 a month.

Q. Has he received any profit on his interest in the firm? A. Yes, a small amount.

Q. About how much a year? A. He received about \$15.00 on each \$100.00 of his share.

Q. What became of the other \$500.00 of your interest in the firm? A. I drew that from the company to send to the boy to come over.

Q. You said that this applicant acquired his interest in the firm about four years ago; that would be about K.S. 32? A. About three or four years ago; K.S. 33 or 34.

Q. You are sure it was not earlier than that? A. He was in there about that length of time but I cannot exactly fix the time.

Q. Don't your records in the store show just when he got an interest in the firm? A. It is in the book, but I can't fix it in my mind now. I do not handle the books.

Q. You did not give Wong Hen Jack any part of your share at the time he went to China, did you? A. Yes.

Q. How much? A. \$1000.00.

Q. Was that given to him at the time he left for China? A. I gave it to him before he went to China.

Q. How long before? A. About three years before he went to China.

Q. But you did not give him any part of your share at the time he went to China, did you? A. Only that \$1000.00. That was all.

Q. You did not give him a \$500.00 part of your share at the time he went to China? A. I sent him the \$500.00 before he came here for his expenses in coming over. That is all I know about the \$500.00.

Q. You are sure now that you have no partner by the name of Wong Foo? A. It must be Wong Moo. There is no Wong Foo. Maybe the boy has made a mistake.

Q. Have you any blood sons? A. Yes, one.

Q. What is his name? A. Wong Hen.

Q. Where is he? A. In China.

Case of Wong Hen Jack.

Testimony of Witness Wong Moo.

Q. How old is he? A. About 13 or 14 years old.

Q. Is he the only son you have? A. A blood son and an adopted son, Wong Hen Jack.

Q. Have you a son named Wong Deck in the United States?
A. No.

Q. How long is it since you have been in China? A. In K.S. 18 I went back to China and in K.S. 25 went to China.

Q. When did you return from the trip in K.S. 25? A. K.S. 27.

Q. You have no child, then, 3 or 4 years of age in China?

A. No.

Q. This applicant testifies that you have a son named Wong Yee, who is 3 or 4 years old and who is now in China. A. Yes, one was born when I went back the last time in K.S. 33.

Q. Why did you not tell me about that before? A. You did not ask me that question and I did not remember it, so I gave it just the way it was asked.

Q. Is Wong Yee your blood son? A. Yes.

Q. Have you made three trips to China? A. Yes.

Q. When did you go on the last trip and when did you return?
A. I went in K.S. 33 and returned in K.S. 34.

Q. How old is Wong Yee? A. About three or four years old.

Q. Was he born before you left China? A. Yes.

Q. Can you give me the date of his birth? A. In K.S. 34, third month. I can't fix the date.

Q. Has your brother Wong Let (Lip) any adopted sons? A. No. He had two blood sons.

Q. What are their names? A. Wong Ark and Wong Hon.

Q. You are sure that Wong Ark is your brother's own son?
A. Yes, he is Wong Let's son.

Q. Has Wong Ark any other name? A. Wong Jew Gok.

Q. And he is your brother's own son? A. Yes.

Q. Has Wong Hen Jack any brothers or sisters? A. Two sisters.

Q. What are their names and ages? A. Wong Tuey, aged 21 or 22; Wong Young, aged 18 years.

(Signed in English and Chinese)

Wong Moo 黄務

Case of : Howard D. Ebey, Examining Inspector.
WONG HEN JACK, : Charley Kee, Chinese Interpreter.
returning merchant.: L. M. O'Connor, Stenographer.

Witness Wong Sam, sworn by Inspector Ebey, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. Wong Sam.
Q. What is your marriage name? A. Wong Si Ching.
Q. Are you the manager of the Quong On Lung Company? A. Yes.
Q. Are you acquainted with Wong Hen Jack? A. Yes.
Q. Is he a member of your firm? A. Yes.
Q. How long has he been a member? A. He holds his father's interest.
Q. What is his father's name? A. His blood father is Wong Foo.
Q. Is it his blood father's interest that he holds? A. Yes.
Q. When did he acquire his father's interest? A. Wong Moo took care of his interest.
Q. When was the interest of Wong Foo turned over to Wong Hen Jack? A. In K.S. 29.
Q. Is his father, Wong Foo, dead? A. Yes.
Q. When and where did he die? A. At St. Louis; I cannot fix the time, as I was not the manager of the firm then. I think he died in K.S. 27.
Q. Is he the only Wong Foo who has been a member of your firm? A. Yes.
Q. There was no Wong Foo belonging to the firm at the time this applicant went to China? A. No.
Q. You testified at the time this applicant went to China that there was a Wong Foo then employed in the store. A. Not me. There was a Wong Foo (lower intonation) in the store then.
Q. Has the Wong Foo who was then in the store any other name? A. No.
Q. Is he there now? A. Yes.
Q. Was he employed in the store before Wong Hen Jack went to China? A. Yes. 五
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Q. Write the name of Wong Foo, the father of this applicant. 十一
Q. Now write the name of the Wong Foo (lower intonation) who was in the store at the time Wong Hen Jack went to China. 十一
Q. How much was the interest of Wong Foo, the father of applicant? A. \$1000.00.
Q. Have you a partner named Wong Moo? A. Yes.
Q. How much is his interest? A. \$1000.00. In K.S. 29 the times were hard and this boy wanted to come over, so he drew \$500.00 from the firm for his expenses, and it was taken from his interest of \$1000.00.
Q. What relation is Wong Moo to applicant? A. The applicant is his nephew.
Q. Have you the name of Wong Hen Jack on your partnership list? A. Yes.
Q. When did you enter him on your books as a partner? A. In K.S. 29, when the manager, Wong Ark, turned the books over to me. 十一
Q. Do you mean by that that the books were turned over to you in K.S. 29 and Wong Hen Jack's name was down at that time? A. The books were turned over to me in K.S. 34 and the name was then down as having gotten his interest in K.S. 29.
Q. You testified in 1909 that Wong Hen Jack had been a member of the firm only about a year and a half. A. I don't think that question was asked at the last examination.
Q. Did applicant work in the store before he went to China? A. Yes, he worked in it over a year before he went to China. He went to school in the daytime and worked evenings and did not receive a full month's salary. Then for a full year before he went to China he put in all his time in the store and received full salary.

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Q. How much salary did he receive? A. About \$40.00, I think, but Wong Ark was manager then. They went to China together.

Q. Are you sure that the interest of Wong Foo was only \$1000.00? A. Yes.

Q. And that Wong Hen Jack received his entire interest? A. Yes.

Q. Do you know whether Wong Moo has any sons in the United States? A. No.

Q. You testified the other day that he had a son here named Wong Deck. A. No.

Q. Has applicant received any profit on his share? A. Yes, he received his salary before he had the money to go back to China with.

Q. Do you know how much profit? A. About \$1000.00, including salary and all for the whole period he was in the company. It was all paid through Wong Ark.

Q. Can you tell me what salary and interest he received during the last year before he went to China? A. I can't tell much about it, because he turned the books over to me in August and Wong Hen Jack went home in December.

Q. How long was Wong Foo, the father of applicant, a member of the firm? A. Since K.S. 20.

Q. His name does not appear in the partnership list filed in June, 1902. How do you account for that?

A. Perhaps he was dead then. He died in K.S. 26 or 27.

Q. The name of Wong Hen Jack does not appear there at that time either. A. Wong Hen Jack came in in K.S. 29.

Q. Neither name appears in the list filed in July, 1903. A. He came back about the last part of that year.

Q. Did you return from China shortly before the applicant went to China? A. I did not go to China. I went to San Francisco.

Q. But you were not in Chicago during the entire year before the applicant went to China? A. Yes; I was here. I was on his application.

Q. Were you working here in the store? A. I worked in the store eight months before he went back to China.

Q. During all that time the applicant was employed in the store, was he? A. Yes. I worked in the place in K.S. 34, eighth month, first day; and Wong Hen Jack left to go back to China December 30th. Wong Foo (lower intonation) took his place.

Q. This Wong Foo that took his place, did he buy an interest in the firm? A. Yes, he got an interest in the place.

Q. When did he buy an interest in the place? A. He went in with me, K.S. 34.

(Signed in English and Chinese)

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No. 25,501.

Chicago, Ill.

Kindly expedite your report in this matter as it is believed from the showing made that the applicant is quite likely entitled to readmission to the United States.

Respectfully,

Ellis D. Muller

Commissioner.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
SEATTLE, WASH.

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No. 25,501.

June 29, 1910.

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

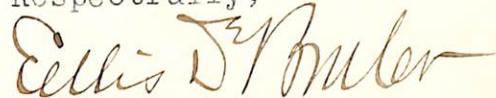
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JUN 5 1910
Inspector in Charge,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,

Sir:

Three has been received your letter of June 25, 1910, No. 340, returning papers in the case of Wong Hen Jack, alleged merchant of the Quong On Lung Co., 217 South Clark St., Chicago, Ill., and reporting adversely as to the mercantile status of this applicant.

Wong Hen Jack will be notified at his address in China, that he cannot be admitted upon return simply on identification, but will be required to establish anew his right thereto.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

HAM-TMS.

Department of Commerce and Labor

No. 740.

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

ROOM 522, COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

June 25, 1910.

Dr. P. L. Prentis,
Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

In the matter of Wong Hen Jack, alleged merchant in the Quong On Lung Co., 217 So. Clark St., Chicago, ad interim investigation, I beg leave to report as follows:

The firm in question is still in business and the manager, Wong Sam, states that applicant is still a member. However, such contradictory evidence is submitted as to the amount of his interest and the manner in which it was acquired, that a serious doubt is raised as to whether applicant is in reality the owner of an interest in the business.

In the pre-investigation of this case, applicant testified that his father, Wong Foo, had a two thousand dollar interest and about one year and a half previous had given applicant a one thousand dollar share; that his father was then down in the store. In the list of members who devote all their time to the business, among others, he names Wong Foo and Wong Moo. The manager now testifies that applicant's father's name was Wong Moo; that he died in St. Louis a little after the World's Fair; that upon the death of Wong Moo, his interest was turned over to applicant; that this interest was either one thousand or twelve hundred dollars; that applicant has an adopted father in the firm named Wong Foo; but that the interest was acquired from applicant's real father and not from Wong Foo.

Further along in the testimony, the manager changed his testimony

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and said that applicant's real father's name was Wong Foo; that his adopted father who is also his uncle is named Wong Moo and he is now in the store; that it was Wong Moo that died in St. Louis; that applicant acquired the entire interest of Wong Foo.

The Wong Moo in question was called in as witness. He testifies that he is the adopted father of applicant; that Wong Foo was his real father; that Wong Foo died about the time of the World's Fair; that the share of Wong Foo was one thousand dollars and was left in charge of Wong Moo; that Wong Moo sold one-half of the interest, leaving a \$500.00 interest which Wong Moo turned over to applicant; that applicant's interest is now one thousand dollars, the additional \$500.00 having been acquired by the saving of his wages by applicant.

At the conclusion of Wong Moo's testimony, he reappeared and asked to make a correction in his testimony, to the effect that Wong Foo left a one thousand dollar interest in the firm of which Wong Moo sold a five hundred dollar share to the firm and turned the five hundred dollars which he received over to the boy's mother in China, giving the remaining five hundred dollar share to applicant; that at the time applicant went to China, Wong Moo gave him a five hundred dollar share of his interest, thus making the interest of applicant one thousand dollars.

It is not apparent that applicant could have acquired his interest in all these various ways and I am of the opinion that he has not established an ownership in the firm with sufficient certainty so that he is entitled to a landing upon his return upon identification.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Howard D. Ebey.

Chinese Inspector.

Respectfully approved and forwarded to the Commissioner of Immigration, at Seattle, Wash. in reply to his letter No. 25501 of June 11th; returning all papers together with additional testimony.

(Signed) P. L. Prentis

Inspector in Charge.

Room 522, Commercial National Bank Bldg. CHICAGO June 16, 1910.

Case of	:	H. D. Ebey, Examining Inspector.
WONG HEN JACK,	:	Edward B. Kan, Interpreter.
Merchant returning.	:	W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

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

Q What is your name? A. Wong Sam, boyhood name. Wong Si Chin, marriage name.

Q What is your business? A. Merchant, Chinese grocery, firm of Quong On Lung, 317 So. Clark St.

Q Are you the manager of that store? A. Yes.

Q How many members in the firm? A. Twenty-eight.

Q What is the capital of the firm? A. \$22,700.00.

Q How many are employed in the store? A. Eight.

Q Do you know this man? A. Wong Hen Jack. (Identifies photograph)

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

Q What was his interest? A. \$1,000.00.

Q How long has he been a member of the firm? A. Four or five years.

Q How long has the firm been organized? A. The firm's name has been Quong On Lung for sixteen years.

Q How did Wong Hen Jack acquire his interest in the firm? A. His father gave it to him.

Q What is his father's name? A. Wong Moo.

Q It isn't Wong Foo? A. No, it is Wong Moo. He is dead now.

Q The testimony that this man gave when he went away stated that his father's name was Wong Foo. A. May be in listening to the intonation, a mistake was made.

Q When did Wong Moo die? A. He died a little after the World's Fair here in Chicago.

Q When did Wong Hen Jack go to China? A. Went last year, 3rd month, Chinese date.

Q Then his father was dead before he went back to China? A. His father died before he came to the United States, but he had an adopted father whose name was Wong Foo who is now here in Chicago.

Q Was Wong Moo a member of your firm? A. He has been a member of the firm for over twenty years up to the time of his death.

Q At the time of his death, he was a member of the firm? A. He was a member of the firm for about three years and then he died.

Q What became of his interest in the firm? A. Turned it over to Wong Hen Jack.

Q How much was Wong Moo's interest in the firm? A. Either one thousand or twelve hundred dollars. I was not the manager at that time.

Q Did the interest that Wong Hen Jack has, he got from Wong Moo he didn't get it from his adopted father? A. He got it from his father, Wong Moo not from his adopted father.

Q Did Wong Moo die here in Chicago? A. No, he died in St. Louis.

Q At the time Wong Hen Jack went to China you testified that there were eight members in the firm who devoted their entire time to the store and among them you named both Wong Moo and Wong Foo. Why did you do that if Wong Moo was then dead? A. There is a Wong Moo in the store but he is an uncle of this Wong Hen Jack. The name of Wong Hen Jack's father is Wong Foo.

Q Is Wong Hen Jack's blood father Wong Foo or Wong Moo? A. Wong Foo.

Q You just stated that he was his adopted father? A. He is supposed to be his adopted father, but his real uncle is Wong Moo.

Q Were you mistaken awhile ago when you stated his real father was Wong Moo? A. Yes his blood father is Wong Foo. His adopted father or uncle is Wong Moo and he is now in the store.

Q Is it Wong Foo that died? A. Yes, in St. Louis.

Q Then the testimony that the boy gave before he went away that his father's name was Wong Foo, is correct, is it? A. Yes.

Q And that the person Wong Foo is dead? A. Yes.

Q But the boy also testified before he went away that his father, Wong Foo was then down in the store? A. He might have meant his second father Wong Moo.

Case of WONG HEN JACK.

Testimony of WONG SAM, continued:

Q Which one of these various father's was it that gave him his interest in the store? A. His blood father, Wong Foo.

Q Did he give it to him before he died or at the time of his death? A. He had been sick awhile and before he died he wrote a letter. --

Q Well did Wong Hen Jack get his entire interest? A. Yes.

Q Wong Hen Jack testified that his father only gave him one-half of his interest? A. This adopted father gave him half and his real father gave him his entire share.

Q How much was the interest given to him by his adopted father? A. At the time the transaction occurred I was not in the store. At the time I entered the store, the books showed that he had a one thousand dollar interest in the store.

Q Did Wong Hen Jack draw wages from the firm? A. Yes.

Q How much? A. Either thirty or forty dollars. I forget which.

Q Did he ever draw any profit from the firm? A. At the time when his uncle's son was manager of the store he draw some profit from the store; and the name of the uncle's son is Wong Dock.

Q Have you sent him any money in China since he has been gone?

A. I have turned over some money to his uncle. I do not know whether he sent it back to him or not.

Q Wong Hen Jack has owned his interest ever since the World's Fair or shortly after the World's Fair did he not? A. Yes.

Q He owned it before he came to the United States? A. Yes. He put half of his time in the store and half of his time in school.

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

Q Does he still retain his interest in the firm? A. Yes.

Q Has there been any change in his ownership since he went to China? A. No.

Witness signed in English and Chinese.

(Signed) Wong Sam.

Case of Wong Hen Jack:

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

Q What is your name? A. Wong Moo is my boyhood name. Moy Jek Lan is my marriage name.

Q What is your occupation? A. Merchant, Quong On Lung store.

Q How long have you been a member of that firm? A. Fifteen or sixteen years.

Q Is there a member of that firm by the name of Wong Foo? A. Wong Foo is Wong Hen Jack's father.

Q Wong Foo is down in the store now? A. He used to be in Chicago, but he died over ten years ago. He died in St. Louis.

Q Do you know this boy? (Showing photograph of applicant) A. Wong Hen Jack.

Q Is he any relation to you? A. He is my nephew.

Q Was his father your brother? A. Yes.

Q Is Wong Hen Jack a member of your firm? A. Yes.

Q How long has he been a member of the firm? A. Thirteen or fourteen years altogether.

Q How did acquire his interest in the firm? A. His father used to have a thousand dollar interest in the place and when he died he turned it over to Wong Hen Jack.

Q That is, while the boy was still in China he acquired his father's interest at the time of his father's death? A. At the time he left the interest in my charge. one half of the interest was sold, leaving \$500.00. He told me to turn it over to Wong Jack.

Q So the interest that Wong Jack acquired from his father through you was five hundred dollars? A. Yes; the balance of \$500.00 was sent back to his wife, Wong Jack's mother.

Q How then did the interest of Wong Jack get to be \$1,000.00? A. When he came here, he worked in the store. What wages he got he put in the store and he got one thousand dollars.

Q What is your share in the business? A. \$500.00.

Q You never gave him any part of your share, did you? A. No.

Q You aren't this boy's father, are you? A. No, I am his uncle.

Q At the time the boy went away, the boy then said that his father was down in the store? A. He meant that I was in the store, because I raised him ever since he was a little boy.

Q But he said in his examination before he went away that both Wong Foo and Wong Foo were down in the store? A. What he meant was that Wong Foo used to have an interest in the store.

Q He didn't mean that Wong Foo was employed in the store at the time he went away? A. He has got a cousin. His name is the same as his father's. He has got an interest in the store.

Q Does he have an interest in the store? A. Yes.

Q Are you sure that the interest of Wong Foo, the boy's father was \$1,000.00? A. Yes.

Q The boy testified when he went away that his father owned \$2,000.00 of which he transferred one thousand to the boy a year before he went away? A. I do not understand why the boy said that.

Q Have you a partner now named Wong Foo? A. Yes.

Q His name isn't down on this list filed in the office? A. His name appears there as Fock Kee. That is the same person.

Q The list does not contain that name either? A. There is no partner by that name at the present time.

Q There never was, was there? A. No.

Q What did you mean then when you said a moment ago that you had such a partner? A. I misunderstood you awhile ago. I thought you meant Wong Foo, Wong Hen Jack's father.

Witness signed only in Chinese.

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Place: same.
Time: June 17, 1910.

Case of WONG HEN JACK:

Statement by Inspector Ebey:

Shortly after the examination of Wong Moo, he reappeared at the office together with Wong Sam, and stated that he wanted to correct his statement in regard to the acquiring of an interest in this firm by the applicant.

At the time the father of the boy died, he had one thousand dollars interest in the firm. He left the thousand dollar interest with me, (Wong Moo). I sold half of the interest for \$500.00 to the firm and turned over the five hundred dollar share over to Wong Hen Jack. He sent \$500.00 which he received from the firm to the boy's mother in China. At the time that Wong Hen Jack went to China, I gave him a five hundred dollar share in my interest, thus making his interest in the firm \$1,000.00.

No. 740.

May 3rd, 1909.

Wong How Jack,
c/o Quong On Lung Co.,
317 So. Clark St., Chicago.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith copy of the papers upon which you desire to visit China and return to the United States, and would instruct you to present the same to the Chinese Inspector in Charge at Portal, North Dakota for his endorsement, upon your departure through that port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer
Chinese Inspector in Charge.

No. 740.

April 29th, 1909.

Mr. O. B. Holton,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Portal, North Dakota.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers in the case of WONG HEN JACK, merchant of the firm of Quong On Lung & Co., 517 So. Clark St., Chicago, who desires to visit China and return to the United States.

I inclose the favorable report of Chinese Inspector H. E. Tippett together with a transcript of the notes taken at his examination. I also inclose the sworn statements of the two white witnesses upon the regular forms used. I regard them both as credible witnesses.

Wong Hen Jack was admitted through your port as a Section VI student in May, 1903. His father at that time was, and still is, a member of the firm of Quong On Lung & Co. This applicant has, as he states, attended the Jones School here until about a year ago when he began to devote his time to the business of the firm of Quong On Lung. And since that time, I am satisfied that he has done no manual labor except such as was incident to the conduct of the firm's business. I believe therefore that he is entitled to the privilege which he requests and would recommend that

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I am informed that he is going to China for the purpose of accompanying Wong Dock who is returning in bad health, and it is not safe for him to go alone.

Would you please inform me what your probable decision will be in order to save applicant an unnecessary trip to Portal should your decision be adverse?

Respectfully,

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO April 23rd, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippett, Examining Inspector.
 WONG HEN JACK, : Charley Lee, Interpreter.
 Merchant departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, WONG HEN JACK, sworn by Inspector Tippett, testified:
 (In English)

Q What is your name? A. Wong Hen Jack.
 Q Have you any other name besides that? A. Just one name.
 Q How old are you? A. Twenty.
 Q Where were you born? A. City of Canton, China.
 Q What is your occupation? A. I work in the store.
 Q What is the name of the store? A. Quong On Lung, 317 So.

Clark St.

Q What do you do in that store? A. Sell goods.
 Q How much interest have you in that firm? A. \$1,000.00.
 Q How long have you had this interest? A. A year and a half. My father, Wong Foo had \$2,000.00 and gave me one thousand.
 Q A year and a half ago he transferred one thousand over to you? A. Yes.
 Q Where is your father now? A. Down in the store.
 Q Since you have had this one thousand dollar interest, you have been working all the time in the store? A. Yes.
 Q What were you doing before that? A. Going to school.
 Q Who is the manager of the firm? A. Wong Sam.
 Q Do you know how many members there are in the firm?

A. Twenty-nine.

Q Do you know what the capital stock of the firm is?
 A. \$22,700.00.
 Q Is this store in the general merchandise business etc?
 A. Yes.
 Q Where did you go to school? A. Jones public school.
 Q How many years did you go there? A. Four and one half years.
 Q How long has your father been with this firm? A. A long time. About fifteen years.
 Q When did you come to the United States? A. In 1903.
 Q What month? A. June or July.
 Q Where were you landed? A. Vancouver.
 Q Did you come through Portal, North Dakota? A. Yes.
 Q What kind of a paper did you have? A. Students paper,

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Q Did you get that paper in China? A. Yes.
 Q Have you got it with you? A. Yes. (Witness produces certificate No. 109, certificate for student, to Wong Hing Chak. Stamped, "Landed at Portal, No. Dakota, August 1st, 1903".)
 Q After you were landed you came down to Chicago? A. Yes.
 Q Then you went to school, did you? A. Yes, to the Jones school.
 Q Then you continued going to school for four years and a half?
 A. Yes.
 Q You have been a member of the store for a year and a half?
 A. Yes.
 Q Give me the names of the members of the firm who devote all their time to the firm's business? A. Wong Dock, Wong Sam, Wong Sam, Wong Pak, Wong Moo, Wong Foo, Wong Gow, Wong Ning and myself.
 Q Do you know the witnesses who signed your paper? A. Yes.
 Q Who are they? A. Charley Wright and Mr. Henson.
 Q Where did you meet them? A. I have met them at the store. They come to the store.
 Q What port do you want to go out at? A. Portal, No. Dakota.

Applicant signed his testimony in English & Chinese.

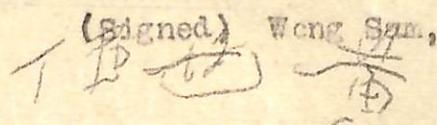
(Signed) H. E. Tippett, Inspector.

Case of WONG HEN JACK.

Witness, WONG SAM, sworn by Inspector Tippett, testified:
(In Chinese)

- Q What is your name? A. Wong Sam.
Q What is your marriage name? A. Wong Si Chin.
Q What is your business? A. Quong On Lung, 317 So. Clark
St.
Q What do you do in that store? A. I am the manager.
Q How many partners are there in the firm? A. Twenty-nine.
Q What is the capital of the firm? A. \$22,700.00.
Q How many members of the firm give the store their entire
attention? A. Eight persons.
Q Give me their names? A. Myself, Wong Dock, Wong Doo Gow,
Wong Ning, Wong Bak, Wong Hen Jack, Wong Moo and Wong Foo.
Q How much stock do you carry? A. In the neighborhood of
twenty thousand dollars.
Q What kind of goods do you carry? A. Chinese merchandise.
Q I will show you a photograph, Marked, "Exhibit A", and
will ask you who that is? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A. Wong Hen Jack.
Q Is he a partner in the store? A. Yes.
Q What is his interest there? A. \$1,000.00.
Q What does he do in the store? A. Sell and pack.
Q How long has he had that interest in the store? A. About
a year and a half ago; his father transferred that interest to the
boy.
Q What is the father's name? A. Wong Moo.
Q What was this boy doing before he came into the store?
A. He went to school.
Q Did he attend school in this city? A. Yes.
Q How many years was he going to school? A. About four
years.

Witness signed his names in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Wong Sam,


Witness.

(Signed) H. E. Tippett,
(Signed) Charley Kee,

Inspector.
Interpreter.