

## IMMIGRATION FILE

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No. 680

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GOON GEN YIM.  
of  
"MEE LUNG CO."  
Merchants,  
No. 331 Clark St.,  
Chicago, Illinois,  
U. S. A.

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AGE:- Forty Seven Years.  
HEIGHT:- 5 Feet, 2 In.  
COMPLEXION:- Dark.

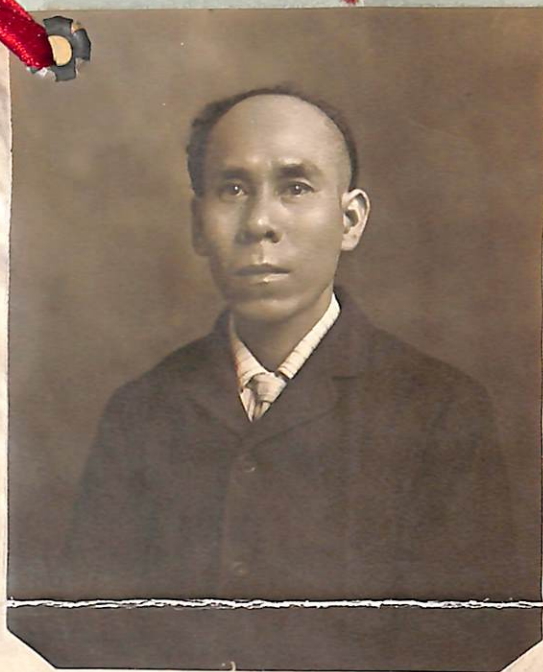
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. )  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS. ) Sct:  
EASTERN DIVISION. )

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Citizens of the United States and residents of the City of Chicago and vicinity, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described GOON GEN YIM 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 GOON GEN YIM has been a member of the firm of chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "MEE LUNG COMPANY", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Drugs, and General Chinese and Japanese merchandise at No. 331 S. Clark street, Chicago aforesaid.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said GOON GEN YIM has been engaged and occupied 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 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 business as such merchant as aforesaid.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That the foregoing photograph, hereunto affixed, is a true and correct likeness of the said GOON GEN YIM; and that the foregoing description is a true description of the person of the said GOON GEN YIM.





AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we have been credibly informed, and verily believe, the said GOON GEN YIM has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) 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 GOON GEN YIM 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 "MEE LUNG CO.", and enjoys his proper share of the profits thereof.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, August 7th, 1908.

Address- H. C. Dana Chicago, Ill.

Address- \_\_\_\_\_ Chicago, Ill.

State of Illinois.)

County of Cook. ) ss.

City of Chicago. )

H. C. Dana of the City of Chicago, in said County and State, being 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 )  
7th day of August, A.D., 1908, be- )  
fore me.

Mark A. Foster  
Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

State of Illinois.)

County of Cook. ) ss.

City of Chicago. )

Frank Lauter of the City of Chicago, in said County and State, being 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 Grocery Businessman.

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 )  
7th day of August, A.D., 1908, be- )  
fore me.

Mark A. Foster  
Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

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Very respectfully,

H. C. Dana

321 Clark St.



APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF ACCOMPANYING AFFIDAVITS UNDER RULE  
25, REGULATIONS OF FEBRUARY 5, 1906.

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Chicago, Ill., August 7, 1908.

To  
LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,  
CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE,

CHICAGO, ILL.

Sir:-

My name is GOON GEN YIM. I am a native and subject of China. I have resided in the United States since the 7th K.S. Arriving at the port of San Francisco aboard the S.S. "Pekin" in 1881, when I was twenty years of age. I am now 47 years old and reside at No. 331 S. Clark street in the City of Chicago, Illinois.

A few weeks after my landing at San Francisco I removed by boat to Tacoma in the State of Washington, being employed in saw-mills there for about five years, when because of anti-chinese demonstrations I returned to San Francisco in the 11th month of the 11th K.S. After a visit of about a month in said city I removed to this city where I have ever since remained.

The first six years of my residence in Chicago I was employed as a laundryman. In K.S. 18 I secured employment with the Mee Hung Lo restaurant at number 319 Clark street, where I remained for seven years. For the next six years I was employed at Kun Ying Lo Restaurant at No. 98 Randolph street.

In the 8th month of the 31st K.S. I purchased a \$1000 interest in the firm of Mee Lung Co., Chinese Merchants of No. 331 Clark street. I did not become actively engaged in the business of said firm at said number until about a year later, in the 32nd K.S., ever since however, I have been actively engaged in the conduct of the said Mee Lung Co., and my interest and share in the business and assets of said firm is worth at least one thousand dollars.

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

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

Very respectfully,

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No. 331 Clark ST.



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Department of Commerce and Labor  
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SUBJECT:

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

PORT OF PORTAL N. D.  
April 15th, 1909.

Goon Gen Yim,  
c/o Kwong Cheung Yuen,  
11 Guen St., Hong Kong.

Sir :

Replying to your request for an interim investigation of your case prior to your intended return to the United States, I have to advise that such an investigation has been made and the report thereon was favorable.

You will, therefore, be permitted to re-enter the United States, provided you do not, on your arrival here, controvert any of the statements made in your application.

Respectfully,

O. B. HOLTON

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Chinese Inspector in Charge

OFFICIAL COPY respectfully furnished Chinese Inspector in Charge Plummer, Chicago, acknowledgement being made of his letter of the 15th inst., No. 680, returning therewith all papers in the above entitled case.

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Chinese Inspector,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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Chinese Inspector in Charge

No. 680.

522 Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg.

CHICAGO

April 13th, 1909.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
GOON GEN YIM, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.  
Returning merchant. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, GOON MING YEN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Goon Ming Yen.  
Q What other name have you besides that? A. Goon Fong Jim.  
Q Are you still the manager of the firm of Mee Lung Co.,  
331 So. Clark St.? A. Yes.  
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)  
A. Yes, that is Goon Gen Yim.  
Q Does he still have the same interest in your store that he  
had at the time of his departure? A. Yes, over \$1,000.00.  
Q Would you say that your store is substantially in the same  
condition now as it was at that time? A. yes.  
Q What will Goon Gen Yim do when he returns to Chicago?  
A. Come back into the store.  
Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Witness signed his names in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Goon Ming Yen,  
(Signed) Goon Fong Jim,                      Witness.

(Signed) Charley Kee,                      Interpreter.  
(Signed) L. T. Plummer,                      Inspector.



No. 680.

September 9th, 1908.

Geon Wen Yin,

c/o Mee Lung & Co.,

331 So. Clark St., Chicago.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith one 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. 680.

September 9th, 1908.

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

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers in the case of Goon Gen Yin, a merchant of this city who desires to visit China and return to the United States.

I enclose the sworn statements of the two white witness, and I regard them both as credible witnesses. This firm of Mee Lung & Co. is a bona fide mercantile establishment; and while not one of the large ones, yet I believe that it has business enough for its members to have the privileges of merchants.

I have examined the applicant and also Goon Ming Yen, the manager of this concern, and enclose a transcript of the notes taken. From my examination, I am of the opinion that applicant is entitled to the privilege which he requests and would recommend that it be granted to him.

As applicant will not have time to receive your reply before his departure from Chicago, I will hand one copy of his papers to him with instructions to present them to you for your endorsement, trusting that your action will be favorable.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.



No. 680.

522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO

September 3rd, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
GOON GEN YIM : Charley Kee, Interpreter.  
Mer. departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, GOON GEN YIM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?  
A Goon Gen Yim, and Goon Jung. I have two names.  
Q How old are you?  
A Forty seven.  
Q How long have you been in the store of Mee Lung & Co.,  
devoting all your time to its business?  
A I worked there over a year.  
Q When did you begin working there?  
A Chinese date, K.S. 33, 6th month.  
Q Since that date, have you done any work in laundries or  
restaurants, or any work outside of the store?  
A I have been in that store all the time, ever since K.S. 33  
the 6th month.  
Q How many partners have you who devote all their time to  
the business of the firm?  
A At the beginning there was four. Now, there are six.  
Q Give me the names of the men who are now in the store.  
A Goon Ming Yen, Goon Gin Ock, Goon Gen Yim, (myself), Goon  
Gen Toon, and Goon Pong Quong.  
Q Do you know a Chinaman by the name of Goon Kee?  
A Yes, I know him. He is working in the store.  
Q Under what name have you given him?  
A Some people call him Goon Wing Kee.  
Q Do these six men that you have named work in the store all  
the time?  
A Yes, at the present time, they are all there working.  
Q What salary do you draw?  
A Forty dollars a month.  
Q How much have you invested in that firm?  
A One thousand dollars.  
Q How long have you had that \$1,000.00 in there?  
A I have had it in there since the beginning of the firm.  
Q What was the name of the firm that this Mee Lung & Co.  
succeeded?  
A We bought it from Chin On.  
Q What was the name of the firm?  
A Quong Lun Chung.  
Q Who was the manager of that firm?  
A Chin On.  
Q What were you doing prior to the time that you came into  
this store to work?  
A I was working in a restaurant on Randolph St.  
Q How long were you in that restaurant?  
A Six or seven years.  
Q Did you sell out your interest or close it up?  
A Sold it to Goon Lum.  
Q Are you going to China on your own business or on business  
of the firm?  
A Business of my own.  
Q What will you do when you come back from China?  
A When I return to Chicago, I will go back to Mee Lung's and  
work.  
Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.  
Applicant signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) Goon Gen Yim,  
(Signed) Charley Kee,  
(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Applicant.  
Interpreter.  
Inspector.



Case of GOON GEN YIM.

Witness, GOON MING YEN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?

A Goon Ming Yen.

Q What is your business? A. Chinese groceries.

Q Are you the manager of the firm of Mee Lung &amp; Co., 331 So. Clark St.?

A. Yes sir.

Q How long have you been the manager of that firm?

A About three years.

Q Have you been the manager since the firm was organized?

A Yes sir.

Q Has there been any change in the membership of the firm since a partnership list was furnished me in November 8th, 1905?

A No, it is just the same.

Q What would you say the goods of your firm which you have on hand are worth?

A About four or five thousand dollars in goods.

Q Give me the names of your partners who devote their entire time to the firm's business?

A Goon Yen Toon, Goon Pong Quong, Goon Gen Yim, Goon Kee, Geo Gin Ock, and myself, Goon Ming Yen.

Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)

A Yes, it is Goon Gen Yim.

Q How long has he been a member of your firm? A. Since the beginning. Only last year, he came into the store. Before he was on Randolph St. keeping a restaurant.

Q What interest does this man have in your firm?

A \$1,000.00.

Q How long has he had that interest?

A Since the beginning of the store.

Q When did he go into the store and devote his entire time to the firm's business?

A Last year, he came into the store. Chinese date, K.S. 33 6th month.

Q Under what name does this man appear in the partnership list?

A Goon Gen Yim.

Q In the partnership list referred to, the name of Goon Gen Yim does not appear. The name Goon Yum and also the name Goon Ying appear. Which of these two men is the applicant? Goon Yum or Goon Ying?

A Goon Gen Yim.

Q But in the partnership list the name Goon Gen Yim does not appear?

A He wasn't there to work, so we didn't put his name in.

Q But the partnership list shows a man working in a restaurant on Randolph St.

A That is the man.

Q What has been this man's occupation in the store? What has he been doing since he came in?

A Selling goods.

Q Does he receive any salary or is he taking his part from the profits?

A He gets a salary of \$40.00 a month.

Q Is he going to China on his own business or on business of the firm? A. Business of his own. He is going to see his folks.

Q Are you sure that he has been working there in the store since June, 1907?

A Yes.

Q During that time, has he been employed in any restaurant or has he done any work outside of the store? A. No sir.

Q What will he do when he comes back from China?

A He will go back and work in the store.



Testimony of witness, GOON MING YIM, continued:

Q Is your firm doing enough business to employ six men in the store?  
A Yes.  
Q Who will take Goon Gen Yim's place while he is in China?  
A We have not selected a man yet. We will at the time he leaves.  
Q Have any of these men that you say are now in the store come into it recently?  
A They have been in the store ever since it started.  
Q Your original list showed only four men in the store.  
A Business was slack then. We had only four.  
Q When did Goon Gen come into the store?  
A Last year in January.  
Q When did Goon Pong Quong come into the store?  
A About the same time.  
Q Do you mean January, 1908?  
A Last year in January.  
Q 1907?  
A Yes, last year.  
Q Have they been in the store now over a year? or not quite a year?  
A It is going on two years.  
Q Have you understood the interpreter?  
A Yes sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Goon Ming Yim, Witness.  
(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.  
(Signed) L. E. Plummer, Inspector.