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W O N G K O W,  
of  
"QUONG ON LUNG" Co.,  
Merchants,  
317 Clark street,  
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

AGE:-Thirty Two Years.

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

Small Scar over Right Eye-  
brow. Small Pit between Right  
Eye and Nose. Pit Middle Left  
Cheek.



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-named WONG KOW 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 WONG KOW has been a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "QUONG ON LUNG"; that the said firm is an importer and dealer in Teas, Groceries, Provisions, Clothing and other legitimate merchandise, at No. 317 Clark street in the said city of Chicago; and that, as we know from personal knowledge and its general reputation, the said firm was established in its said business in the same vicinity upwards of fifteen years ago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said WONG KOW 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 WONG KOW 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 affixed, together with the personal description above, is a true and correct likeness and description of the said WONG KOW.



We have been credibly informed that the said WONG KOW 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 said concern, we have become well ~~seen~~ satisfied that he is actively engaged in the business of the firm and exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of the said "QUONG ON LUNG" company, and enjoys his proper share of the profits thereof, as a bona fide member of said concern.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, April 6th, A.D., 1907.

John B. Nauaham

(Address) 444 So Clark St, Chicago, Ill.

J. L. Henson

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

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

John B. Nauaham, 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 Laundry Supply Dealer -

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 )  
15th day of April, A.D., 1907, be- )  
fore me.

Mark A. Foote

Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

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

J. L. Henson, 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 Buyer & Salesman Wholesale Groceries.

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 )  
15th day of April, A.D., 1907, be- )  
fore me.

Mark A. Foote

Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.



APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF ACCOMPANYING  
AFFIDAVITS UNDER RULE 28, REGULATIONS APPROVED  
FEBRUARY 8, 1906.

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Chicago, Ill., Apr. 8th, 1907.

To

LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,

Chinese Inspector,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

My name is FONG KOW, and I am a native and subject of China. When about six years of age, I came to the United States with my father. I am now thirty-two years of age; and so have resided in the United States the last twenty-six years, and for the five years last past in Chicago, Illinois.

I resided with my father, in Astoria, Oregon, the first twenty-one years of my residence in the United States; then came to Chicago; and have resided here, continuously, ever since.

Four and one-half years ago, I purchased an interest in the business and assets of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the name and style of "Quong On Lung" at No. 317 Clark street, in this City; and I have been a member of said firm, continuously, ever since. Said firm is engaged solely in the business of legitimate merchandising. I paid One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for my said share and interest therein; and it is worth more than that sum at the present time.

I desire to revisit China, and to return upon the completion of such visit, to resume my said residence and business in the 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 in the Regulations cited above.

Very respectfully,

Wong Kow

c/o QUONG ON LUNG,

No. 317 Clark st.,

Chicago, Ill.,

U. S. A.

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 JOHN L. MANNING and HUDSON L. HANSON, the signers of the foregoing and annexed certificate and affidavits; that they are not Chinese; that they are citizens of the United States, and residents of the City of Chicago, in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois; that they are reputable persons of good character; and that in my opinion their statements are entitled to full credence and belief.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at the City of Chicago in the division and district aforesaid, this fifteenth day of April, A.D., nineteen hundred seven.

*Mark A. Foote*, Commissioner.





No. 551.

522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO, July 8th, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
WONG KOW, :  
Merchant returning.: W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, WONG HAM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?

A Wong Ham.

Q You are one of the managers of the firm of Quong On Lung,  
317 So. Clark St., are you not?

A Yes sir.

Q Do you know this man?

A Yes, it is Wong Kow.

Q Does he still retain the same interest in your firm that  
he did at the time of his departure?

A Yes sir.

Q What is that interest?

A \$1,000.00.

Q Is your firm in substantially the same financial condition  
as at the time he went away?

A Yes. Just about the same.

Q What will he do when he comes back to this country?

A He will resume his former position in the store?

Q Has there been any change in his interest in the store  
since he went away?

A No sir.

Q Have you understood my questions?

A Yes sir, fully.

Witness, signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Wong Ham

Witness.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.



Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
WONG KOW, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.  
Mer. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Wong Kow.  
Q What is your full Chinese name? A This is the only name I have.  
Q Are you married? A No.  
Q What is your business?  
A Merchant; member of Quong On Lung & Co., Chinese groceries,  
317 S. Clark St., Chicago.  
Q When did you first come to the United States? A K.S. 8th.  
Q How old were you at that time? A Seven years old.  
Q What kind of papers did you come on? A I came with my father.  
Q Did you come before or after the passage of the Chinese Exclusion  
Act?  
A Before the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act.  
Q Where have you been living since you came to the United States?  
A I came from China and went to Astoria, Oregon, where I remained  
22 or 23 years, when I came to Chicago and have been here ever  
since.  
Q When did you come to Chicago? A K.S. 29th.  
Q What were you doing in Astoria? A Merchant.  
Q What firm? A Wah Hing John, Astoria, Oregon.  
Q Are you registered? A No.  
Q Why not? A At that time I was a merchant and didn't have to  
register.  
Q At the time the other Chinamen got registered how much of an in-  
terest did you have in that firm of Wah Hing John?  
A My own share was \$1,000.00.  
Q Were you in the store or were you working?  
A I was in the store.  
Q What other partners were there in that firm at that time besides  
you?  
A Four men were drawing a salary in the firm of Wah Hing John & Co.;  
Wong Wah, Wong You, Wong Nun, and myself.  
Q How much salary did you draw? A \$35 a month at that time.  
Q When did you cease to be a member of that firm?  
A K.S. 29th in January I sold my share to the rest of the partners.  
Q When did you enter the firm of Quong On Lung and what interest  
have you now, and what interest have you had?  
A When I sold my interest out West in January I arrived here in  
February, Chinese date. I bought \$1,000.00 interest in  
Quong On Lung shortly after I arrived here. At the present  
time I still have that \$1,000.00 interest.  
Q What have you been doing since you became a member of Quong On  
Lung?  
A Salesman.  
Q Where have you been employed; in the store or on the road?  
A Up to two years ago I spent my time on the road taking orders,  
but since that time I have spent my time in the store.  
Q What salary have you drawn since you have been in the firm?  
A \$40.00 a month.  
Q Who are the partners in your store at the present time whose  
entire time is devoted to its business?  
A Wong Dock, Wong Ham, Wong Pock, Wong Moo, Wong Gwan, Wong Nang,  
and myself.



- Q What has been your work about the store?  
A When anybody comes in I sell goods and help put up orders to ship out, and some times I help the cashier.  
Q Who will take your place in the store while you are gone?  
A When I go to China Wong Nang takes my place.  
Q How long has Wong Nang been in the store?  
A He has been in the store ever since I entered the firm.  
Q What other name has he besides Wong Nang?  
A I don't know. This is the only name I know him by.  
Q How long has Wong Gwan been in the store?  
A I don't know how long he has been in the store, but they were there before I came into the store.  
Q Have all these men whom you have named been in the store ever since you became a member?  
A All these partners I have named were in the store before I came.  
Q Have you worked in laundries or restaurants or done any manual labor outside of the store since you became a member of the firm?  
A No, sir.  
Q What is the value of the goods which you have in the store?  
A In the neighborhood of \$10,000.00.  
Q Are you going to China on your own business or on business of the firm?  
A Business of the firm.  
Q What will you do when you return from China?  
A I will come back into the store.  
Q Does this salary which you name include your dividends?  
A No, sir; it is only salary.  
Q How long do you expect to be gone?  
A I can not state how long I will remain in China. If I can get goods in Hong Kong before I go home I will stay longer, but if I have to bring them with me I will come back soon.  
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?  
A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) WONG KOW, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.



Witness, WONG HAM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified (in English):

- Q What is your name? A Wong Ham.  
Q Have you any other name? A Wong Ah Ham.  
Q What is your business?  
A Merchant; manager of Quong On Lung & Co., 317 South Clark St., Chicago, Ill.  
Q How long have you been manager of that firm?  
A Since I returned from China about three years ago.  
Q Has there been any change in the membership of your firm since July 8, 1903, when Wong Dock furnished me a list of its members?  
A No, sir.  
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?  
A Yes, it is Wong Kow.  
Q How long has he been a member of your firm?  
A I think he has been a member of the firm about 4-1/2 years.  
Q What have been his duties about the store? A Salesman.  
Q Has he been in the store all the time or on the road?  
A For the last two years he has been in the store most of the time.  
Q Who are the partners of your firm whose entire time is devoted to its business?  
A Wong Dock, Wong Pack, Wong Moo, Wong Num, Wong Quan, Wong Kow, and myself.  
Q What interest has he in the firm? A \$1,000.00.  
Q How long has he had \$1000.00 invested in your firm?  
A Ever since he has been a member of the firm.  
Q What salary does he draw, if any? A \$40.00 a month.  
Q Since he has been a member of the firm, or since your return from China, has he done any manual labor in laundries or restaurants except in the store?  
A No, sir; not that I know of.  
Q What is his full Chinese name?  
A Wong Kow is the only name I know him by.  
Q The partnership list I referred to does not show the name of Wong Quan. It does show the name of Wong Quan Shi. Are they the same?  
A Yes, sir, they are both the same.  
Q It does not show the name of Wong Nung; it does show the name of Wong Dan; is that the same man?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q What would you say is a fair value of the goods you have in your store at the present time?  
A I would say about \$10,000.00.  
Q Is Wong Kow going to China on his own business or on business of the firm?  
A Partly business of the firm and partly he wants to make a trip himself.  
Q Who will take his place in the store?  
A Wong Dan (or Wong Nung, Num).  
Q What will he do upon his return to the United States?  
A He will come back into the store.  
Q Is there anything further you care to say?  
A That is all I have to say.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) WONG HAM, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.