

TOY SAM HAN
of
"QUONG WAH SING & CO.,
Merchants,
181 Wabash ave.,
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.
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AGE; Thiert-Two (32) Years.

HEIGHT:-5 Ft., 5 Inches.
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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 one TOY SAM HAN, above-described, 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 huckstern, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said TOY SAM HAN has been a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "Quong Wah Sing & Company", at No. 181 Wabash avenue, in the said City of Chicago; that the said firm has been established in business in the same vicinity upwards of twenty (20) years, and has to our personal knowledge been so engaged in business the last 10 years.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said TOY SAM HAN 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, 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, hereunto attached, is a true and correct photographic likeness, and the description above is a true and correct description of the said TOY SAM HAN.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we have been credibly informed, and verily believe that the said TOY SAM HAN has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in the stock, business and other assets of the said firm of "Quong Wah Sing & Company"; and from our frequent visits to the said place of business, and our general acquaintance with the

various members of the said firm, we have become well satisfied that he, the said TOY SAM HAN, is actively engaged in the business of the said company, exercises a voice in the management of the said "Quong Wah Sing & Company", and enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof as a member of the same.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., ~~October~~ December 1, 1906.

Hudson L. Henson

(Address) 25 Market St
Chicago, Illinois.

Arthur W Chapman

(Address) 212 Clark St
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Hudson 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

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)
8th day of December, A.D., 1906,)
before me.

Hudson L. Henson

Mark A. Fote, Notary Public.

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

Arthur W Chapman, of the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, 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 Ticket Clerk

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)
8th day of December, A.D., 1906,)
before me.

Arthur W Chapman

Mark A. Fote, Notary Public.

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In re. TOY SAN HAN, of QUONG WAH SING & CO., 181 Wabash av., Chicago, Ill's.

APPLICATION
FOR
ENDORSEMENT

of accompanying Affidavits under Rule 25, Regulations of February 5, 1906.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8, 1906.

To

Lorenzo T. Plummer, Esq.,

Chinese Inspector in charge,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

My name is TOY SAN HAN. I am a native and subject of China. I have resided in the United States since I came, at the age of nine years, with my father, Toy Yick Wat, from China.

I have lived in the United States twenty-three years, in Chicago, Illinois, six years: During the first seventeen years of my residence in the United States, my father was a merchant, and member of the firm of "Din Kee", in Helena, Montana; and I lived with him. At the end of that time, my father sold his interest in said firm and returned to China; and at that time I came to Chicago.

For the past three years, I have been a Merchant and member of the firm of QUONG WAH SING & COMPANY, Chinese Merchants, of No. 181 Wabash avenue, Chicago aforesaid; and my share and interest in the stock, business, leasehold and all other of the assets of the said firm is worth, reasonably and at least, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

I desire to revisit China, and to return upon the completion of my visit, to resume my present residence and occupation as a Merchant in the said city of Chicago; and I intend to depart from the United States upon such visit at the sub-port of Portal, North Dakota:

wherefore, I transmit 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,

Toy San Han

C/o Quong Wah Sing & Co.,

No. 181 Wabash av., Chicago, Ill.

No. 539

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

No. 302/22

February 20, 1919.

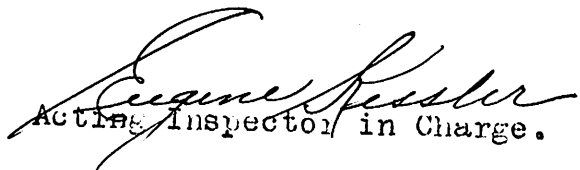
Inspector in Charge,
U. S. Immigration Service,
Chicago, Illinois.

The attached letter from the Miami office, dated the 18th instant, No. 132/55, IN RE Toy Som Hang, is self-explanatory, and is respectfully forwarded herewith.

As same may be of importance, I attach for your further consideration in connection with this case, a copy of an intercepted letter relative to the smuggling of one Ah Shew into the United States, which was furnished this office by the Commissioner at Seattle, under date of October 28, 1918, File No. 35008/34.

You will note that Toy Som Hang under investigation at Miami is no doubt the Tsoi Shing Che, whose name appears in the intercepted letter referred to.

Will you kindly furnish your report in the premises in triplicate.


Acting Inspector in Charge.

EK:W
Inclosures.

EVASION OF IMMIGRATION

U. S. POSTAL CENSORSHIP

Seattle, Wash.

Index No. 5518.

FROM

Tsoi Yick Quat
Tai King Hoi, Hoi Shan
China.

TO

Tsoi Shing Che
c/o E. M. Hyzer
Cocoanut Grove
Florida.

Date of letter: July 5, 1918 No. of enclosures - -

Examiner No. 1600 Table No. B Date, Oct 16, 1918 Language:
Chinese.

COMMENT

Writer states: quote attached translation.

"My dear Son:

Yuen Fan came home from America in the early
of the eleventh month last year (Chinese date)
Yee Tang and Tai Kong and I invited him to dine
with us at a restuarant. I told Yuen Fan to
look for a chance to help Ah Shew to go to
United States.

A passport has been issued after they went to
American Consulate in Canton. The passport
and passage money is cost of sixteen hundred
dollarsy.....

We will start for Seattle on the seventh month
(Chinese date)

It is a merchant passport I don't think he will
be enlisted to join the army.

Your affectionate father,

Yick Quat."

IN ANSWERING REFER TO

No. 539

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
1303 PONTIAC BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

Feb. 25, 1919

Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service,
Jacksonville, Fla.

Referring to your letter of the 20th inst., No. 302/22, concerning Toy Sam Hang (Toy Sam Ham), I am enclosing herewith our file No. 539. It appears therefrom that this file has previously been furnished to you in response to your letter of Feb. 27, 1917, No. 500-B.

As the investigation made for you in this matter previously will doubtless answer your purpose no inquiry is being made at this time. If, after an examination of the file you desire an investigation, kindly advise us and we will endeavor to meet your request.

Inspector in Charge.

HDE:LDP
Encl.No.23935.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICEOFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
848 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILL.

March 20, 1917

Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service,
Jacksonville, Fla.

Referring to your file No. 500-B, I beg to report that I have interviewed Toy Fong, manager of the Quong Wah Sing Co., concerning the connection of Toy Fun, alias Toy San Han with his firm.

He stated that Toy Fun worked in the store for several months after his return from China and that over a year after his return he sold out his interest. He said he could not tell exactly when Toy Fun sold out but the books of the firm would show.

Toy Ton, who is now actively in charge of the store, and who has the firm records stated that Toy Fun became an active member in 1901, and sold out his interest on February 12, 1914. He said that Toy Fun worked in the store for five or six months after his return from China.

I note that, according to the testimony of Toy Fun before Inspector Plummer when applying for return papers as a merchant, he claimed that he was a member of the Dan Kay Co., Helena, Montana, until he came to Chicago in 1901. Inspector Ebey, formerly located at Helena, has no recollection of a firm of this name, but recalls a firm called the Tong High On Kee, which may be the firm in question. Perhaps inquiry directed to the Helena office might develop the facts as to whether

Toy Fun was a merchant during the registration period. Our record No. 539 is returned herewith.

Incl. No. 41370.

Inspector in Charge.

IN ANSWERING REFER TO

No. 539

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
845 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILL.

February 23, 1917

Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service,
Jacksonville, Fla.

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant, No. 500-B,

I beg to say that all of the information in our possession in regard to
Toy Fun, alias Toy San Han is contained in our record forwarded to you.

If you desire an investigation made to ascertain how long this
Chinese was engaged as a merchant after his entry in 1908, it will be nec-
essary for you to forward our record, as we have no photograph to be
submitted to the person interviewed.

HDE

Inspector in Charge.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

IN ANSWERING REFER TO

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 539.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
845 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILL.

February 16, 1917.

Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Yesterday Mr. Harry J. Berman, General Attorney for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad company, called at this office and stated that Mr. Edward M. Hyzer, Vice-President and general counsel of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, had received a letter from a Chinese servant named Toy Fun in his employ at Cocanut, Florida. In this letter the Chinaman stated that the inspectors were demanding his papers and that he feared he would be arrested. The Chinaman asked that the record of his admission as a merchant be secured from the Chicago office. He stated that he had made a trip as a merchant under the name of Toy San Han.

Mr. Berman was informed that we are not allowed to give out information to Chinese or their representatives in regard to what our records contained but that our complete record in the matter would be forwarded to you for such use as you cared to make of it.

Our record in the matter is inclosed herewith with the request that it be returned when it has served its purpose.

Incl. 41983.

Inspector in Charge.

HDE/GMP

No. 539.

November 11th, 1908.

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

Sir:-

In response to your telegram of this date, as follows:

"Toy San Han, returning merchant applied for
readmission today. Wire present status."

I have examined Toy Fong, the manager of the firm of Quong Wah
Sing, of which Toy San Han claims to be a member and enclose a
transcript of the notes taken. The manager states that the
firm is in a better condition now than at the time of applicant's
departure and that applicant still retains the same interest.
In view of which I recommend that he be admitted.

I have today wired you, as follows:

"Favorable report Toy San Han forwarded today"

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

No. 339.

522 Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO November 11th, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
TOY SAN HAN, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Mer. returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, TOY FONG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? Toy Fong.
Q You are the manager of the firm of Quong Wah Sing, 181 Wabash Ave., are you not? A. Yes.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A. Yes, it is Toy San Han.
Q Does he still retain the same interest in your store that he did at the time he departed for China? A. Yes, just the same.
Q What is that interest? A. \$1,000.00.
Q Is your store in substantially the same condition as it was at the time of his departure? A. We have a bigger stock on hand now than at his departure.
Q What will this man do when he returns to Chicago?
A. Come back into the store the same as before.
Q What other names have you besides Toy Fong?
A. Toy Yee Hong and Toy How Vick.
Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese & English.

(Signed) Toy Fong, Witness.

(Toy Fong)

(Toy How Vick)

(Toy Yee Hong)

(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

CHICAGO

January 7, 1907.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
TOY SAM HAN, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
Mer. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Toy Sam Han.
Q What is your business?
A Merchant, member of Quong Wah Sing & Co., 181 Wabash Ave., Chicago.
Q How long have you been a merchant in Quong Wah Sing?
A About three years.
Q How long have you had an interest in Quong Wah Sing & Co.?
A My father sent money from Helena, Montana, to buy an interest in Quong Wah Sing in K.S. 22nd, but I have only taken part in this firm since three years ago.
Q How much of an interest have you?
A \$1,000.00.
Q What is your work about the store?
A I first came as a bookkeeper and afterwards I was a general salesman.
Q Do you receive any salary?
A Yes; \$35 a month.
Q? Is that in addition to your ~~profits~~ profits?
A I also get my dividends.
Q How long have you been in the United States?
A I think I have been in this country about 21 years, as I came to this country when I was 9 years old and now I am 32 years old.
Q Are you registered?
A No, sir.
Q Why not?
A I was with my father, a merchant, member of the firm of Dan Kay, Helena, Montana, and I was a merchant and therefore I did not register.
Q When did you become a member of this firm of Dan Kay Co., of Helena, Montana?
A My father was a merchant of this firm and then he went back to China and returned to this country and brought me with him, and I was a member of that firm until K.S. 27th, when my father departed for China, and then I came here.
Q What year did you leave Dan Kay in Helena, Montana, to come to Chicago?
A K.S. 27th, when my father sold out the business and went to China.
Q I thought you stated above that you bought an interest in this firm of Quong Wah Sing & Co. in K.S. 22nd?
A Yes. At that time my father sent money from Helena to put in this firm for me while I was still in Helena.
Q What kind of a business did this firm of Dan Kay conduct in Helena, Montana?
A General Chinese merchandise.
Q Did you do any manual labor while you were in Helena, Montana?
A No, sir. When I first came to this country I went to a Chinese school and remained there until I was 15 years old, when I went into the firm of Dan Kay and was there until I came here.

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- Q During the past year have you done any work in laundries or restaurants, or any other manual labor except such as was necessary to the conduct of the business of Quong Wah Sing?
- A No, sir; I have done no work outside the store since I came into it three years ago.
- Q Are you going to China on your own business or on business of the firm?
- A On my own personal business.
- Q Are you married?
- A No, sir.
- Q How long have you known Mr. Henson and Mr. Chapman?
- A I have known both of them for the last three years, since I have been in the firm.
- Q What is your full Chinese name?
- A My full Chinese name is Toy Sam Han.
- Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
- A Yes, sir.

Applicant signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) TOY SAM HAN, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

1/7/07.

Witness, TOY FONG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified
(in English):

- Q What is your name?
A Toy Fong.
Q What is your business?
A Manager of the firm of Quong Wah Sing & Company, No. 181 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Q How long have you been manager of that firm?
A About ten years.
Q What would you say is the value of the stock of goods you have on hand?
A It will average about \$50,000.00.
Q Who are the partners in your store who are engaged in its business all the time?
A About ten now.
Q Give me their names?
A Toy Fong, manager; Toy Soy Tone, Toy Hong, Toy Lung Jan, Lum Chow, Toy Seak, Toy Hong Tuck, Toy Wing On, Toy Bow Sang, and Toy Sam Han (applicant).
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes, that is Toy Sam Han.
Q How long has he been a member of your firm?
A He has been a member of the firm now nearly ten years, but has only been in the store three years. He was in Chicago before that.
Q Do you know whether he is registered?
A He told me he was not registered.
Q What are his duties in the store?
A He is a salesman, does general work in the store, and sometimes delivers goods.
Q During the past three years, or since he has been employed in your store, has he done any manual labor except in or about the store?
A No, sir, except in the store.
Q Has he done any work outside in laundries or restaurants?
A No, sir.
Q Is he going to China on the firm's business or on his personal business?
A He is going to China to see his father, I guess.
Q Do you know of any reason why this man shouldn't be allowed to go to China and return as a merchant?
A No, sir; he is a merchant.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) TOY FONG, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT INSPECTOR
MIAMI, FLA.

No. 132/55.

February 18, 1919.

Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service,
Chicago, Ill. (Through Inspector in Charge, Jacksonville, Fla.)

Mr. Edward M. Hyzer, Vice President, Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co., 226 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill., has a winter home on Biscayne Bay, at Cocoanut Grove, Florida, and has in his employ there a Chinese cook named Toy Som Hang, who has no certificate of residence. Mr. Hyzer states that he employed this Chinaman in Chicago about five years ago, and that he has been working for him there and at Cocoanut Grove, Fla., ever since that time; that preceding the time he commenced working for him he worked for others known to him in Chicago for a period of about five years, one of his employers being a Mr. Howard, a banker and broker of Chicago, and another being a Mr. Lyford. Mr. Hyzer states that your office has a record of this Chinaman, and I would thank you to please advise this office as to what your records show regarding him. This Chinaman states that he came to this country about 35 or 36 years ago when he was a boy about 11 or 12 years of age. I have taken a statement from him which is inclosed herewith, and which it is thought will aid you in looking up his record.


Inspector in Charge.

Statement made by Toy Som Hang to Immigrant Inspector Isaac L. Smith,
at Coccanut Grove, Florida, Feb. 12, 1919.

- Q. What is your name?
A. Toy Som Hang.
- Q. Do you go by any other name?
A. Toy Shing Che is my marriage name, but my right name is Toy Som Hang, and that was the name that was on my certificate.
- Q. Where is your certificate now?
A. I had my certificate in the store of Quong Wah Sing Hikee Co., at 225 W. 22nd St., Chicago, Ill., and it was lost in that store. I had a share in that store, and the store lost money, and I went to work.
- Q. Did you use to work in that store?
A. Yes, I worked in that store about ten years; I had a share in the business, I had \$500.00 in the business.
- Q. When did you leave that store and go to work?
A. About eight years ago.
- Q. Where did you go to work when you left that store?
A. I went to work for A.W.H.Howard, cooking and taking care of his house.
- Q. Where did Mr. A.W.H.Howard live?
A. He lived in Chicago when I worked for him, but he moved away.
- Q. How long did you work for Mr. A.W.H.Howard as a cook in Chicago?
A. Three or four years.
- Q. How long has it been since you quit working for Mr.A.W.H.Howard?
A. About five years.
- Q. Where have you been working since you quit working for Mr.Howard?
A. I went to work for Mr. E. M. Hyzer in Chicago the next day after I quit working for Mr. Howard.
- Q. And you have been working for Mr. Hyzer ever since you quit working for Mr. Howard?
A. Yes.
- Q. What kind of work have you been doing for Mr. Hyzer?
A. Cooking and taking care of his house, here at Coccanut Grove, in the winter, and when he is away in Chicago during the summer I just take care of his house.
- Q. And you are now cooking and taking care of his house here in Coccanut Grove?
A. Yes.
- Q. What wages does he pay you?
A. \$80 per month, board and room.
- Q. How long have you worked for Mr. E. M. Hyzer?
A. Four or five years. I worked for him over a year as a cook in Chicago, Ill., and I have worked for him here in Coccanut Grove about three years. I went back to Chicago last June and worked for Mr. Hyzer as a cook there for about three months, and then I came back here to Coccanut Grove, and have been working for him as a cook here since that time.
- Q. How old are you?
A. About 44 years old.
- Q. Where were you born?
A. I was born in Canton, China.
- Q. How long have you been living in this country?
A. For 35 or 36 years. My father brought me here when I was a little boy; I was about 11 or 12 years old when I came here.
- Q. At what port did you arrive in this country?

- Q. When I first came to this country when I was a boy I landed at San Francisco, and I came over with my father then. My father was a merchant at Helena, Montana. I went with my father to Helena, and I lived there five or six years. When I left Helena I went to Chicago about 20 years ago, and I lived in Chicago until I came to Coccanut Grove, Fla., about 3 years ago.
- Q. Where did you get your certificate which you state was lost?
- A. In Chicago; it was issued to me in Chicago.
- Q. What kind of work were you doing when you got your certificate?
- A. I was a partner in the store of Quoung Wah Sing Hikee Co. when my paper was issued to me.
- Q. Have you been back to China since you first came to this country when you were a boy?
- A. I went back to China not quite 13 years ago. I went to the Immigration office in Chicago before I went back, and the Immigration officer gave me a paper; the Immigration officer put my picture on that paper. I took a ship at Vancouver when I went back to China. I remained in China about 21 months, and I came back and landed at Vancouver.
- Q. When you returned to the United States at what port along the Canadian border did you enter the United States?
- A. I took the train at Vancouver and went to St. Paul and I went from St. Paul to Chicago. I don't remember the town at which I crossed the border, but it was a little place.