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No. E 460

CHICAGO, October 4, 1905.

Case of  
MOY CHAK,  
Mer. Dep.

: L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
: Wong Aloy, Interpreter.  
: D. Arthur Plummy, Stenographer.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?  
A Moy Chak.  
Q What is your business?  
A Merchant.  
Q Of what firm are you a member?  
A Quong Wing Yuen & Co., 329 B South Clark St., Chicago, Ill.  
Q How long have you been a member of that firm?  
A Three years.  
Q When was that firm organized?  
A I think it was in K.S. 28.  
Q Were you a member of it at the time it was organized?  
A Yes.  
Q How much money have you invested there?  
A \$1,000.00.  
Q Have you been engaged in the business of that store ever since it was organized? Spend all your time in it?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your occupation? What do you do in the store?  
A General salesman and do everything in the store, and I do our banking business when we send money to China.  
Q How much is \$100 American money worth now in Chinese?  
A \$46.45 gold will buy \$100.00 Mexican money. There are often several different prices during the day.  
Q How many members have you in your firm?  
A 26.  
Q How many of these men are in the store, engaged there all the time?  
A Seven. (Pause) Nine. One man has already come in and will take my place when I go to China.  
Q Name the men who are engaged in the store all the time?  
A Moy Foot, Moy Ong, Willie Moy, Moy John (Chung), Moy Fong Nie, Moy Yee, myself Moy Chak, Moy Wah, and Moy Yuen.  
Q How much money has your firm got invested in its business?  
A We started in with \$30,000.00.  
Q Have you declared any dividends since you started in?  
A We have declared one a year, \$100 on every \$1,000.  
Q Have you paid that dividend to the different members or put it back into the firm?  
A We paid it to the members.  
Q What part of that \$30,000 is invested in stock, goods on hand at present?  
A Between \$11,500 and \$12,000; we can't tell you the exact amount now but when it comes Chinese New Years we can tell you.  
Q How many men in your firm draw salaries besides when they get in dividends?  
A The nine that I spoke about.  
Q What pay do they get?  
A Each one of us receives \$35 a month.  
Q What did you do before you came into this store?  
A Before I came to Chicago I was a merchant in San Francisco, and when I came from San Francisco to Chicago I helped my uncle at Sing Lung Co. but drew no salary.



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- Q How long were you in the store of Sing Lung Co.?  
A Just about three years.
- Q Were you ever a member of Sing Lung Co.?  
A No, sir.
- Q What is the name of your uncle who was a member of that firm?  
A Moy Nie Leung.
- Q What year did you come from San Francisco to Chicago?  
A I came to San Francisco K.S. 8th and from San Francisco to Chicago K.S. 25.
- Q What year did you come to San Francisco from China?  
A K.S. 8.
- Q What did you do in San Francisco from K.S. 8 to K.S. 25?  
A I lived with my father for several years and then he went to China and turned his business over to me, and I remember I was 20 years old when he turned the business over to me.
- Q What was his business?  
A The same kind of store that we have in Chicago; Chinese general merchandise.
- Q What became of your father when he turned the business over to you?  
A He went back to China.
- Q Is he in China now?  
A Yes, he went back to China and died. My father died in K.S. 20.
- Q Did you get registered?  
A No; at that time I was a merchant.
- Q How old are you now?  
A 35 years old.
- Q How many members did you have in that store in San Francisco when your father turned that business over to you?  
A I think there were about 25 stockholders but there were only 4 of us in the store; the business was not very good.
- Q Can you name the four men in that store?  
A Moy Foon, Moy Bing, myself Moy Chak, and Moy Jick.
- Q What was the name of the store?  
A Quong Yet Wah.
- Q What street was it on?  
A Commercial St.
- Q What number?  
A 740.
- Q Do you know Mr. Dana and Mr. Henry?  
A Yes, sir; I know them.
- Q How long have you known them?  
A Since we opened this store about three years.
- Q Did you know either of them before you entered that store, while you were in Sing Lung Co.?  
A At that time I knew the insurance man (Mr. Dana) and I don't know this man who sells rice; at that time I didn't pay particular attention to the men who came in the store, as I didn't draw any salary and I took no interest in the firm's trade.
- Q Do you think you are a merchant and ought to go to China?  
A Yes, sir.
- Q Have you done any work in laundries or restaurants or anywhere but in the store during the last three years?  
A No, sir; I do nothing outside of the store.
- Q When was the last time you worked in a laundry or restaurant?  
A I have never worked in either a laundry or a restaurant.
- Q Are you married in China?  
A No, sir.
- Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy in all the questions he has asked you?  
A Yes, sir.
- Q And your answers have all been true?  
A I told nothing but the truth.

-In English-

(Signed) MOY CHAK,  
(Signed) WONG ALOY,  
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER,

Applicant.  
Interpreter.  
Inspector.



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Witness, MOY FOOT, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?  
A Moy Foot.  
Q What is your business?  
A Merchant.  
Q What firm are you a member of?  
A Quong Wing Yuen & Co., 329-1/2 S. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.  
Q How long have you been a member of that firm?  
A Over three years, going on four years.  
Q What is your position in that firm?  
A I am the treasurer of the firm and do all the private affairs.  
Q Have you been the treasurer of that firm ever since it was organized?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Who is the manager of it?  
A Willie Moy.  
Q Where is he to-day?  
A In the store, sick and not able to come out.  
Q How many members have you in the firm?  
A 26.  
Q And how many of these members are continually in the store engaged in its business?  
A Nine.  
Q Name them?  
A Moy Foot, Willie Moy, Moy Yee, Moy Chak, Moy John (Jen), Moy Ong (Dong), Moy Fong Nie, Moy Wah, and Moy Yuen.  
Q How much money has your firm got invested in its business?  
A \$30,000 to start with.  
Q Have you declared any dividends since you started?  
A Yes, we divided the interest.  
Q How often did you divide your profits?  
A Once a year.  
Q How much have those dividends been?  
A Every \$1,000 about \$100 dividend every year.  
Q How much of that \$30,000 would you say is invested in goods or stock on hand?  
A From \$10,000 to \$18,000 stock on hand; I can not give you the exact figures but can when Chinese New Years comes.  
Q Can't you give it closer than from \$10,000 to \$18,000?  
A I should say between ten and fifteen thousand dollars.  
Q Who does the banking business of your firm?  
A Sometimes Moy Yee goes, sometimes Willie Moy goes, and sometimes Moy Chak goes.  
Q Who does the most of it?  
A Moy Yee goes most.  
Q How many members draw a salary?  
A All of us who are in the store.  
Q What salary do you draw?  
A \$35 a month each.  
Q Do you all draw the same salary?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q What are Moy Chak's duties in the store? What does he do?  
A General salesman and also goes to the bank sometimes.  
Q Has Moy Chak been in your firm ever since it started?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q How much money has he got in there?  
A \$1,000.



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- Q How long did you know him before you started that store?  
A Between 3 and 4 years.  
Q Where?  
A At Sing Lung Co. At that time I was in Sing Lung myself.  
I was there ten years before we opened this firm.  
Q Did Moy Chak have an uncle in Sing Lung Co. that you know of?  
A Yes, sir; Moy Nie Leung was there; he was my partner.  
Q What did Moy Chak do in the store of Sing Lung Co.?  
A He lived there and helped his uncle for his board; he drew no salary.  
Q Was he a member of the firm?  
A No, sir.  
Q How many members of Sing Lung Co. came out of that firm and started the firm of Quong Wing Yuen Co.?  
A Quite a few; Moy Jone also came out.  
Q Has Moy Chak worked in a laundry or restaurant that you know of since he came to Chicago?  
A When he first came to Chicago he went into Sing Lung Co. and I never knew of his doing anything but work in the store.  
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?  
A Yes, sir.

The witness signed in English:

(Signed) MOY FOOT, Witness.  
(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.  
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.