

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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CHIN FUNG KEE,
of
"WING CHONG HAI" COMPANY
281-283 So. Clark st.,
Chicago, Illinois.
MERCHANTS.

AGE:-Forty Seven Years.

HEIGHT:-5 Feet, 7 inches.

Holds "Certificate of Residence" No. 2908, issued under Act of Nov. 3, 1893, at Chicago, Illinois, April 24, 1894.

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 CHIN FUNG KEE 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 CHIN FUNG KEE has been a member of the firm of Chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "WING CHONG HAI" Company, Importers and Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Provisions and general Chinese and Japanese merchandise, at No's 281 & 283 South Clark st (Basement) ., in the said city of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said CHIN FUNG KEE has been so 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 CHIN FUNG KEE 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, is, together with the personal description above, a true and correct likeness and description of the said CHIN FUNG KEE.

We have been credibly informed that the said CHIN FUNG KEE 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 general acquaintance with the various members of said concern, we have become well 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 "WING CHONG HAI" Company, and enjoys his proper share of the profits thereof, as a bona fide member thereof.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., July 10th, 1907.

A. L. Henson

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

N. C. Dana

(Address) 159 La Salle St Chicago, Ill.

State of Illinois.)

County of Cook.) ss.

City of Chicago.)

Hudson L. Henson of the City of Chicago, in the County and State 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 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)
18th day of July, A.D., 1907, before me.

A. L. Henson

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

State of Illinois.)

County of Cook.) ss.

City of Chicago.)

N. C. Dana, of the City of Chicago, in the County and State 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 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)
18th day of July, A.D., 1907, before me.

N. C. Dana

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

The United States of America. }
Northern District of Illinois. }
Eastern Division. }

Set:

Chicago, Ill., July 10, 1907.

To
Lorenz ~~W.~~ Plummer, Esq.,
Chinese Inspector in charge,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

MY NAME IS CHIN FUNG KEE. I am a native and subject of China; have lived in the United States since the year 1888, and in the city of Chicago since the year 1891.

Since the year 1892 I have been a Merchant and member of the firm of "WING CHONG HAI" Company, Chinese Merchants, of No's 291-293 Clark st., in Chicago.

In or about the year 1888, I landed at San Francisco, California, from the steamship "Peking (Bak-king)"; after which I resided in San Francisco, and Kansas City, Missouri, until I took up my residence in Chicago as aforesaid.

During such residence in Chicago, I made one visit to China: Going, I sailed from the port of San Francisco aboard the steamship "Coptic" in or about October, 1900. Returning, I landed at the same port of San Francisco from the steamship "American Maru" November 3, 1902.

In or about the year 1891, I purchased a share and interest in the stock, business and all other of the assets of the "Wing Chong Hai" Company, Importers of, and Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Drugs, Provisions and other legitimate merchandise, of No. 319 Clark st (Since removed to No's 281 & 283 Clark st)., in the said City of Chicago; and have been a member of the said "Wing Chong Hai" Company, continuously, ever since, that is to say, for the fifteen (15) years last past, and more. And during the said time I have not been a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind, but have been exclusively engaged in buying and selling merchandise at the said fixed places of business and under the said trade-name and style of the said firm of which I am a member.

My share and interest in the said "Wing Chong Hai" Company, now, is worth One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), and upwards.

I desire to visit China again, and to return, upon the completion of my

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visit, to resume my said residence and business in the said city of Chicago.

Wherefore, I transmit herewith the affidavits of two credible witnesses other than Chinese, and pray that the same may be endorsed as provided by the Regulations above cited or other regulations in lieu thereof.

Very respectfully,

陳宏記

c/o King Chong Hai Company,

281 - 283 Clark St.,

Chicago, Illinois.



and nine hund-
W. K. A. Fote,

Commissioner, N.D. Ill's.

The United States of America.)
Northern District of Illinois.) Set:
Eastern Division.)

I, W. J. Henderson, United States Commissioner for the
Northern District of Illinois, do hereby certify that
I am acquainted with

W. J. Henderson the signers of the foregoing
and are persons; that they are citizens of the
United States; and residents of the City of Chicago
and County of Cook, in the Eastern Division of the
Northern District of Illinois; that they are reputable
persons of good character; and that, in my opinion,
the statements are entitled to full credence and

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my official seal, at the
City of Chicago, in the Eastern Division of the
Northern District of Illinois, this 18th
day of July, A.D., one thousand nine hund-
red and seven



Mark A. Foster,
U. S. Commissioner, N.D. Ill's.

Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
CHICAGO, ILL.

January 20th, 1909.

SUBJECT:

Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

CHICAGO, ILL.

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Chinese Inspector

RECEIVED from L. T. Plummer, Chinese Inspector in Charge at Chicago, Ill., certificate of residence No. 6908 issued in the name of CHIN FOUN, person other than laborer, at Chicago, April 24th, 1894, which I left with the Inspector in Charge at Portal, North Dakota upon my departure through that port August 30th, 1907.

法宏

(Chin Foun or Chin Fung Kee)

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N. DAK.

No. 423-C.

January 3, 1909.

L. T. Plummer,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ills.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of 6th instant, No. 576, regarding certificate of residence of Chin Fung Kee, who claims to have left his certificate here when he departed for China on August 30, 1907, and that it was not returned to him upon his re-admission, December 1, 1908.

I have made another search for this certificate, and am positive that it is not at this port, nor has it been forwarded to the Bureau for cancellation from this port.

I do not think it probable that he would have left his certificate of residence here upon his departure for China, for the reason that it was not a requirement, and your letter to him dated July 27, 1907, which is on file here, instructs him to present his duplicate copy of application for endorsement, and no mention is made of the certificate.

If you had forwarded the certificate, together with the other papers in this case, I am quite sure it would have been found in the files.

I note from your two letters that this information of the

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loss of this certificate has been given you by another Chinaman, and I would suggest that you have Chin Fung Kee questioned closely as to whether his certificate was taken on the train or in the detention house here, and just how many papers were delivered, etc. Upon receipt of the record of such investigation, I will be glad to go into the matter further at this port.

Respectfully,


Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

No. 576.

January 6th, 1909.

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

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of December 7th, 1908 and your reply thereto of December 9th, 1908, regarding certificate of residence of Chinaman, CHIN FUNG KEE, who was admitted through your port as a merchant on December 1st, I am informed by Chin Foin, the Chinaman who first brought the matter to my attention that CHIN FUNG KEE is still positive that his certificate of residence was left with you.

When this man was examined before me, he produced certificate of residence No. 6908 which was issued to Chin Foun Kee, merchant, at Chicago, Ill. April 24th, 1894. Chin Foin informs me that this man says he left his certificate with you when he departed for China, and it was not returned when he was admitted. Would you please examine your records again and see whether or not this certificate may be in your files or whether it is possible that it was sent to the Bureau for cancellation.

I am sorry to cause you so much trouble, but Chin Fung Kee intends to make an application for a duplicate certificate of residence in case he is unable to obtain the original. I thought it advisable for us to be very positive that such certificate was not

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in our files before the application for a duplicate is forwarded to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

CRANE'S AIR LINES

1909

Case of
CHIN FONG KEE,
Mer. Dep.

CHICAGO, July 18, 1907

:L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector,
:J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter,
:A.T.Wilson, Stenographer.

Applicant, CHIN FONG KEE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Chin Fong Kee.
Q What is your full Chinese name? A Chin Fong Kee. I have
no other name.
Q Are you married? A Yes.
Q Have you any children? A Yes, I have two children; one boy
and a girl.
Q How old are they? A Boy four years, girl seven years.
Q Have you made a trip to China recently? A I went to China
in 1900. I returned in 1902; I stayed for two years.
Q How did you go and return; through what port? A I went
by San Francisco; landed from the steamship Coptic; I returned from
China via San Francisco.
Q On what kind of papers did you make that trip? A Merchant
papers of Wing Chong Hai, Chicago.
Q Are you registered? A Yes.

(Witness produces certificate 6908, issued to Chin Fong
Kee, merchant, Chicago, April 24, 1894.

Also application of merchant Chin Fong Kee to depart
from and return to the United States as member of the firm
of Wing Chong Hai Company; application dated October 19,
1900; endorsement shows landed November 3, 1902, ex S.S.
Am. Maru, October 22, 1902. Photograph attached to both
papers is that of applicant.)

Q What is your business at the present time? A Wing Chong
Hai & Company.
Q How long have you been a member of Wing Chong Hai & Co.?
A Over 14 years.
Q What interest have you in that firm? A \$1,000.
Q What are your duties about the store? A I go out to get
orders for the store.
Q Do you do any work in the store? A Sometimes I clerk
there, selling goods.
Q How frequently do you come back to the store? A Sometimes
I come there every day; sometimes every other day. I am in the store
every Saturday and Sunday.
Q What salary do you draw? A \$50.
Q Including your dividends? A Only salary; no dividends.
Q Give me the names of the members of your firm whose entire
time is devoted to its business at the present time? A Chin Fong
Kee; Chin Ning; Chin Yuen Quai; Chin Sing; Chin Wing; myself (Chin Fong
Kee)
Q How does it happen that you don't remember the names of all
the members in your store; the men that work in it? A Because I am
not always at the store. I am outside sometime.
Q Are not all the men in the store in the store Sundays, when
you are there? A Some of them; not all. Some come to the store
on Sunday and some don't.
Q You have named but five men, including yourself, who are
engaged in that store. You must know others if you are engaged in its
business and have been for the length of time you state? A Chin
Toy; Chin Hor.
Q Who is the druggist? A Chin Ning.
Q Who is the doctor? A There is no doctor.

Case of

CHIN FONG KEE,
Mer. Dep.

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Q Do you know a Chinaman named Chin Der Bow? A I dont remember him

Q Know a Chinaman named Chin See? A Yes, I know him in the store.

Q Is he in the store? A Yes; he goes out and gets orders also.

Q Why didn't you mention him? A I didn't remember that name. I dont remember that name in particular. I know them by other names.

Q Do you know a man in the store named Ng Toy Kee? A I dont remember; perhaps he has another name, may be.

Q Well, how many men, altogether are employed in that store? About eleven.

Q Do you know a Chinaman named Chin Deer? A I dont remember him; he has another name, may be.

Q What would you say is a fair estimate of the value of the goods your firm has on hand at the present time? A About \$14,000.

Q Are you going to China on your own business, or business of the firm? A On my own business.

Q How long are you going to be gone? A I do not know how long I will stay.

Q Do you work in any restaurants or laundries? A No.

Q Have you done any work in laundries or restaurants or any manual labor outside the store since you have been a member of it. A No, I have been at the store.

Q Have you understood the interpreter? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed)	J.G.C.Longchallon,	Interpreter,
(Signed)	L.T.Plummer,	Inspector.

CHICAGO, July 18, 1907

Case of CHIN FUNG KEE,
Mer. Dep. :L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector,
:~~Ex-Secretary of the Chicago Police Department~~
:A.T.Wilson, Stenographer.

Witness, CHIN F. FOIN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified in English:

- Q What is your name? A Chin F. Foin.
Q What is your business? A Chinese general merchandise.
Q With what firm are you connected with and what is your position in the firm? A General manager; Wing Chong Hai Co., 281-283 South Clark Street, Chicago.
Q How long have you been manager of that firm? A Since 1897.
Q What is the capital of your firm? A \$25,000.
Q What would you say is the fair value of the goods you have on hand at the present time? A About \$14,000.
Q Do you know this man here (showing photo of applicant)?
A Yes, my partner, Chin Fong Kee.
Q How long has he been a member of your firm? A He is one of the old members of the firm. He was in it before I became manager.
Q What interest has he in the store? A \$1,000.
Q Has there been any change in the membership of your firm since the partnership list was furnished me August 30, 1905? A No change.
Q What are Chin Fung Kee's duties about the store? A Going out taking orders.
Q Is he in the store at all? A He comes in the store every evening; he is sometimes there; Saturdays and Sundays he is in the store; other days he goes out and takes orders.
Q Is there any laundry, restaurant or other institution employing manual labor connected with your store? A No.
Q Since you have been manager of the firm has this applicant done any manual labor except such as was incident to the business of the firm. A No.
Q Do you know whether he is registered? A Yes.
Q Who are the members of your firm at the present time whose entire time is devoted to its business? A Chin See; Chin Wing; Chin Toy; Chin Yuen Quai; myself (Chin F. Foin) Chin Ning; Chin Hor; Chin Der Bow; Chin Fung Kee; Ng Toy Kee.
Q How long has Chin Hor been in the store? A About a year.
Q The partnership list shows that Chin Deer and Ching Wing Yuen were in the store at that time? A Chin Wing Yuen is not in the store; Chin Deer is still in the store. Chin Wing Yuen is in Pittsburg.
Q Who will take the place of Chin Fong Kee while he is in China? A We have two men; they will come in next week sometime. I have not decided which man will come in.
Q Is he going to China on his own business, or business of the firm? A Business of the firm.
Q How long will he be gone? A About three or four months.
Q What salary does he draw? A \$50.
Q Does that include his dividends? A No, just salary.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) Chin F. Foin, Witness,
(Signed) L.T.Plummer, Inspector.