

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 211

SUBJECT: _____

WHEREAS, JOE PONG,
 is hereunto attach
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 porarily, upon a -
 with the intention
 the United States,
 resuming his pres-
 a merchant therein
 said JOEGPONG is -
 to so return, pur-



whose photograph
 ed is about to de-
 ted States, tem-
 visit to China, -
 of returning into
 for the purpose of
 ent occupation as
 and WHEREAS, the
 lawfully entitled
 suant to the Act

of Congress approved May 5, 1892, as amended by the Act of Congress
 approved November 3, 1893, which provides as follows, to-wit:-

" Ammerchant is a person engaged in buying and selling merchan-
 "dise at a fixed place of business, which business is conducted
 "in his name, and who, during the time he claims to be engaged
 "as a merchant, does not engage in the performance of any manual
 "labor, except such as is necessary in the conduct of his busin
 "ness as such merchant:"

" When an application is made by a Chinaman for entrance into
 "the United States on the ground that he was formerly engaged in
 "this country as a merchant, he shall establish by the testimony
 "of two credible witnesses other than Chinese the fact that he
 "conducted such business as hereinbefore defined for at least
 "one year before his departure from the United States, and that,
 "during such year he was not engaged in the performance of any
 "manual labor, except such as was necessary in the conduct of his
 "business as such merchant; and in default of such proof shall
 "be refused landing":

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 NOW, THEREFORE, and for the better identification of the said JOE
 PONG, and in order to facilitate his re-entry into the United States
 upon his said return hereto, for the said purpose,

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 said JOE
 PONG for upwards of one year last past, during which time he has been
 neither a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said time of our acquaintance with him, the said JOE PONG has been a reputable resident merchant of the said city of Chicago, and a member of the firm of Chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "SUE JOE", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Fancy-goods and general merchandise, at No. 485 South Western Avenue, in the said City of Chicago.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said time of our acquaintance with him, the said JOE PONG 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 time, the said JOE PONG 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,

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That the said trade-name and style is arbitrary and fanciful, and does not indicate the names of the members of the said firm or any of them; and that such use of such trade-names and styles is customary amongst Chinese merchants in the said city of Chicago generally, and elsewhere throughout the United States so far as we are aware.

Dated, at, Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A. September 23rd, A.D. 1896.

DESCRIPTION OF JOE PONG:-
AGE:- Thirty-two (32) Years.
HEIGHT:- 5 Ft. 4 1/4 in.
No Scars or Marks.

Charles M. Wright
98 Jackson St
Chicago, Illinois.
Joseph A. Mack
111 LaSalle St
Chicago, Illinois.

J. F. Glover
First Nat'l. Bank
Chicago Ill.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
County of Cook,) ss.
City of Chicago.)

Charles B. Wright of the City of Chicago,
in said County and State, being first duly sworn according to law, de-
poses 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 Custodian Broker

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
24th day of September, A.D. 1896,)
before me,

Charles B. Wright

George D. Allen
Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

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

Joseph A. Mack of the City of Chi-
cago, 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 Minister of the Gospel

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)
24th day of September, A.D.)
1896, before me.

Joseph A. Mack

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Northern District of Ill) SS.

City of Chicago.)

Mark A. Foote, a Commissioner of the Circuit Court of the United States in and for the Northern District of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that I am acquainted with Charles B. Wright and John A. Mack, the signers of the foregoing and annexed certificate and affidavits; that they are citizens of the United States, no Chinese persons, and residents of the City of Chicago, in the said Northern District of Illinois; that they are reputable persons, of good character; and that their statements are entitled to all confidence and belief.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my
and affixed my seal, at the City of Chicago,
aforesaid, in the Northern District of Illinois, this the 24th day of September, A.D.
One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six. (1896).

Mark A. Foote,
Commissioner Nor. Dist. of Illinois.

