

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

IMMIGRATION FILE

768  
No. \_\_\_\_\_

768 &amp; 1/381.

March 19, 1928.

District Director of Immigration,  
Detroit, Michigan.

In response to your letter of the 18th inst., No. 2604/114 and 300/215, relating to the status of GOON SUE, there are returned herewith all the exhibits forwarded by you, and I inclose our files No. 768 and 1/381.

I beg to call your attention to the fact that, according to our file No. 768, the ground for admission of Goon Sue at Portal, N. D., on July 29, 1909, was that he was a merchant. It was shown then that he held a fraudulent discharge paper at that time.

Our file No. 1/381 shows that the fraudulent discharge certificate issued to Goon Sue was returned to the Chinese Inspector in charge at New York, December 4, 1913, in compliance with said inspector's request, in his letter No. 2420/374, dated December 2, 1913.

(Signed) HOWARD D. EBEL.

Incl. No. 5345.  
JBB:IN

District Director.



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Immigration Service

District No. 28

District Headquarters  
U.S. Commissioner of Immigration  
Seattle, Washington

In Replying refer to

No. 4725/10-20

February 18, 1926.

District Director of Immigration,  
Detroit, Michigan.

There are enclosed herewith the identification paper of one YEE SUE WING, seeking admission as the son of Goon Sue an American-born Chinese, and transcript of testimony taken here two days ago, which transcript may be retained by you. As an exhibit there is enclosed file 3950/13-12, evidencing the landing of the said Goon Sue as a native of the United States. Please have the usual investigation conducted.

When applicant's alleged father is questioned, he should be required to surrender the original discharge paper issued to him in 1902, and which appears to have been before U.S. Commissioner Marke A. Foote when he prepared the copies of said document to be found in the exhibit referred to. Attention is called to the letter of the Chicago office to Inspector in Charge, Portal, N.D. #768, July 28, 1909, and it is requested that, should Goon Sue surrender the original paper, it be made the subject of investigation as to its genuineness.

In this connection there are enclosed Vancouver 329 and Seattle 32650, from the former of which files it appears that another Goon Sue was landed in 1911 as the man discharged by Commissioner Corbin docket number 1489, date of discharge being February 25, 1903 while the present Goon Sue, though claiming the same docket number, seems to have been discharged February 25, 1902. Please refer to the New York office this question concerning the American nativity of present applicant's father, after completion of the case at Chicago. As far as shown by file 3950/13-12, the New York office has not reported on the genuineness of the discharge certificates therein contained.

John L. Zurbrick, (Sgd)  
Assistant Commissioner

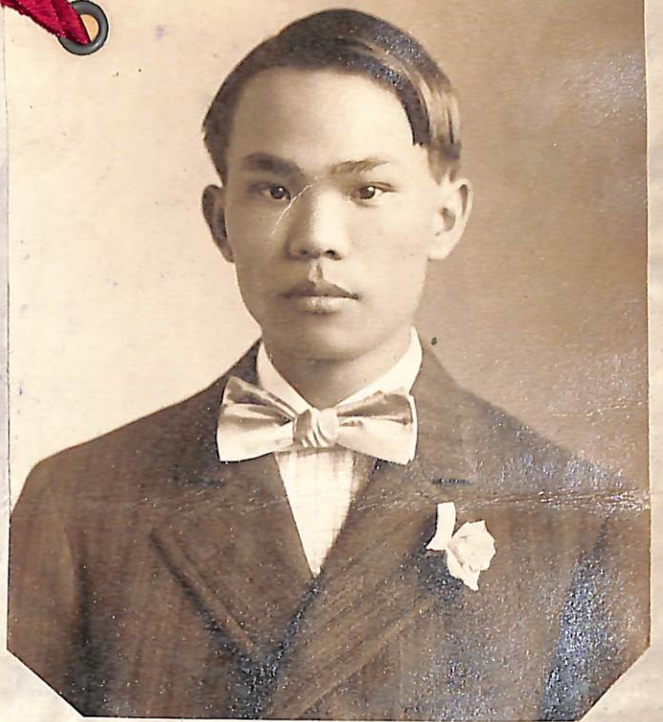
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In re.  
GOON SUE (Goon Yick Mon).  
of  
"QUAN HONG CHONG & CO.",  
Chinese Merchants,  
No. 339 So. Clark Street,  
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

Merchant's Application  
for  
Re-admission into the  
United States.

DESCRIPTION:  
NAME: GOON SUE (Goon Yick Mon).  
AGE:- Twenty nine years.  
RESIDENCE: No. 339 Clark Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
OCCUPATION: MERCHANT.



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

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Citizens of the United States and residents of the City of Chicago in said division and district, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above described GOON SUE for upwards of one year last past, and that the foregoing is a true and correct description and photographic likeness of him.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said Goon Sue has been a reputable 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 Goon Sue has been a member of the firm of Chinese persons trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "Quan Hong Chong & CO.", Importers and Dealers in Chinese groceries, and general Chinese and Japanese Merchandise, at number 339 So. Clark street (basement), in the said City of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said Goon Sue has not been engaged in the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled of any kind, except such as has been necessary in the performance and conduct of his said business as such merchant as aforesaid.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we have been credibly informed and verily believe the share and interest of the said Goon Sue in the stock, business and assets of the said "Quan Hong Chong & Company" is worth, reasonably and at least the sum of One Thousand Dollars (1000); and from our frequent visits to said place of business, and from our acquaintance with the other members of the said firm generally and business in that vicinity generally, we are well satisfied that the said GOON SUE is a bona fide member of said firm, enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof, exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of said concern.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, July 12th, 1909.

J. L. Anderson  
Address 3-158 State St, Chicago, ILL.

C. F. Sauter  
Address Erie St Bridge, Chicago, ILL.



United States of America. )  
Northern District of Illinois, ) Sct:  
Eastern Division.

C. F. Sauter, of the City of  
Chicago, in the division and district aforesaid, being first duly sworn  
according to law, deposes and says as follows, to-wit:

I am a citizen of the United States, resident of the City of Chicago  
in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, where I follow the occu-  
pation of a German.

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  
12th day of July, A.D., 1909,  
before me.

C. F. Sauter

Mark A. Foote  
U.S. Commissioner, N.D. ILL.

United States of America. )  
Northern District of Illinois, ) Sct:  
Eastern Division.

L. H. Henson, of the City of  
Chicago, in the division and district aforesaid, being first duly sworn  
according to law, deposes and says as follows, to-wit:

I am a citizen of the United States, resident in the City of Chicago  
in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, where I follow the occu-  
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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  
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Subscribed and sworn to, this )  
12th day of July, A.D., 1909, be- )  
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L. H. Henson

Mark A. Foote  
U.S. Commissioner, N.D. ILL.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. )  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS. ) SCT:  
EASTERN DIVISION.

I, MARK A. FOOTE, United States Commissioner  
for the Northern District of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am ac-  
quainted with Hudson L. Henson and C. Frank Sauter,

the signers of the foregoing and annexed certificate and affidavits;  
that they are not Chinese persons; 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 Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and  
affixed my official seal, at Chicago in the division  
and district aforesaid, this 12th day of July, A.D. 1909.

Mark A. Foote  
U.S. COMMISSIONER, N.D. ILLINOIS.





CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
JULY 12th, 1909.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. )  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS ) SCT:  
EASTERN DIVISION. )

GEORGE SING (GOON LUNG SING), of the City of Chicago, in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says as follows, to-wit:-

My name is George Sing, or Goon Lung Sing; I am forty-six years of age; a native of China; and resident in the United States since 1880; and for the past eight years I have resided in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois.

With one Goon Sue and others I organized "Shu Chong Lung Co.," number 293 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid, during the thirtieth year of Kwong Hsu, removing in about eighteen months to number 341 So. Clark street, and again in K.S. 34th, we moved to number 339 So. Clark street, in the basement; in December of the 34th K. S. our firm name was changed to "QUAN HONG CHONG & CO."

During the ninth month of the 34th Kwong Hsu the said Goon Sue departed from the United States via Portal, North Dakota, for a visit to China, leaving the matter of his return to the United States to my management. He was born in the United States and had papers showing his status as such. But I desire to make application for his re-admission as a merchant. And the Internal Revenue records of this City show him to be a partner and member of said firm under the name of "Goon Mon"; as do also the records of the Chinese Inspector In Charge at Chicago.

And in that behalf present herewith the testimony, of two credible witnesses other than Chinese.

And the photograph attached to the foregoing certificate is a true and correct likeness of the said Goon Sue.

Subscribed and Sworn to, this )  
12th day of July, A.D., 1909, be- )  
fore me.

*George Sing*  
No. 339 S. Clark Street,  
Chicago.\*

*Mark A. Fote*  
U.S. Commissioner, N.D. ILL.

LORENZO T. PLUMMER,

CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Department of Commerce and Labor  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
PORTAL, N. DAK.

No. 2543.

July 31, 1909

Mr. L.T. Plummer,  
Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23th inst., No.768, enclosing additional papers in the case of Goon Sue, an alleged Native born citizen of the United States, and replying thereto, will state that the applicant arrived at this port on July 23, 1909, and was admitted on July 29, 1909.

Respectfully,

OBH/a

*John J. Shel*  
Inspector in Charge.

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Chinese Inspector,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

No. 768.

July 28th, 1909.

Inspector in Charge,  
Immigration Service,  
Portal, North Dakota.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers in the case of GOON SUE or GOON YICK MUN, alleged merchant of this city who is now in China or en route to the United States, and asks through a friend here for a pre-investigation of his status.

The examination in this case was conducted by Chinese Inspector H. E. Tippet, and I inclose his report together with a transcript of the notes taken. I also inclose sworn statements of the two white witnesses upon the regular forms used, both of whom I regard as credible men.

This man, Goon Sue, departed for China some time last fall through your port and at the time had in his possession what purported to be a certificate of discharge issued by John Corbin, U. S. Commissioner, Plattsburg, N. Y. This certificate showed that Goon Sue was arrested on August 23rd, 1902 and discharged February 25th, 1903.

The former manager of this firm of Shu Chong Lung, George Sing, informs me that he believes this paper to be fraudulent, and that if it is compared with the record in Plattsburg, it will be found that the Chinaman whose photograph is attached was not the man who was tried and discharged at that time. The records of Commise



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sloner Corbin for the period covered by this paper have been stolen, and inasmuch as George Sing was suspicious of the paper, I have but little doubt that it is fraudulent.

In behalf of this man, Goon Sue, George Sing has made an application for his admission as a merchant. Under the present practice it is only necessary for a merchant to show that for more than one year before he departed he did no manual labor except such as was incident to the firm's business, and it would seem that this applicant was entitled to admission. He was about the firm of Shu Cheng Lung from the time it was organized until his departure for China, and his name has appeared on every partnership list. So, I have no doubt he was a bona fide member of this firm at the time of his departure and that the firm is of sufficient size to entitle its members to the privileges of merchants.

Inspector Tippet's examination shows that this firm was re-organized and its name changed to Quan Hong Cheng after Goon Sue's departure, and that Goon Sue's name appears on the partnership list of the new firm, copy of which is inclosed.

While from the fact that Goon Sue has in his possession a fraudulent paper purporting to show that he has a right to be in the United States, it may be almost conclusively inferred that he is unlawfully here; yet under the recent rulings, it would seem he is entitled to admission, much as I regret it.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

P.S. Please take up and hold the fraudulent discharge paper presented by Goon Sue.



No. 768.

July 27th, 1909.

Mr. L. T. Plummer,  
Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

I have taken the testimony of George Sing and Chin Li Den in the case of GOON SUE, applicant for admission as returning merchant, and a transcript of the testimony taken is hereto attached.

It appears that George Sing was the manager of Shu Chong Lung Co. 293 So. Clark St. up to the time that the firm was reorganized and changed its name to Quan Hong Chong who are now located at 339 So. Clark St., this city. He also claims that he is now assistant or outside manager of this concern.

It appears from the testimony of Chin Li Den that he is the present manager of this concern and has been since the reorganization of the firm.

Each of the witnesses identified the photograph of Goon Sue and stated that he is one of the members of this company. The firm of Quan Hong Chong deals in Chinese general merchandise and does a good business.

There is nothing in the testimony or in the manner of the witnesses while giving same to discredit their statements.

Respectfully,

H. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector.



No. 768.

522 Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO July 22nd, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.  
GOON SUE, :  
Mer. returning. : Charley Kee, Interpreter.

Witness, CHIN LI DING, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Chin Li Den, marriage name.  
Q How many names have you? A. Chin Chong, boyhood name.  
Q How old are you? A. Forty-two years old.  
Q What is your business? A. I am a merchant, Quan Hong Chong, 339 So. Clark St., this city.  
Q How long have you been in this company? A. Since December 1st, 1908.  
Q What do you do in this store? A. I am the manager.  
Q How many partners in the company? A. Fifteen.  
Q How much is the capital? A. \$10,000.00.  
Q How much is your share? A. \$2,000.00.  
Q What did you do before? A. Suey Wo Chong's, 329 So. Clark St.  
Q Do you know this man? (Showing picture on paper) A. Yes, that is Goon Sue.  
Q Where did you know him first? A. Here in Chicago.  
Q Has he anything to do with your company? A. Yes.  
Q Please explain how? A. His interest was taken over into our new firm, Quan Hong Chong Co. from the firm of Sue Chong Lung Co.  
Q What is applicant's interest now? A. \$1,000.00.  
Q Does his name appear on your partnership list? A. Yes.  
Q Have you a family? A. Yes, a wife and two girls, and one boy all born in China.  
Q What is the name of the boy? A. Chin Dong Ke, 14 years old.  
Q Names of the girls? A. Chin Good How, 13 years old and the other is an adopted girl. I don't know her name. She is about thirteen years old.

Witness signed his testimony in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Chang Chong,  
Chin Li Ding, Witness.

陳利定  
Sworn to before me July 22nd, 1909.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.



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years old.

Witness signed his testimony in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Chang Chong,  
Chin Li Ding, Witness.

陳天德  
Sworn to before me July 22nd, 1909.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.