

## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

IMMIGRATION FILE

No. 534



H O W   G E T ,  
 of  
 KWONG YEE KEE & CO.,  
 Merchants,  
 No. 313 Clark st.,  
 Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

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AGE: -Forty (40) Years.

HEIGHT: -5 Ft., 3-1/2 In.

Pits Each Side Mouth &  
 on Forehead.

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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, in the division and district aforesaid, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described HOW GET 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 HOW GET has been a member of the firm of chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "KWONG YEE KEE & COMPANY", at No. 313 Clark street, in the said City of Chicago; and that the said firm is an Importer and Dealer in Teas, Groceries, Provisions, Clothing, and general chinese and japanese merchandise there; and that the said firm has been so engaged in business there for upwards of ~~then~~ ten (10) years last past.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said HOW GET 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, the said HOW GET 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 photograph hereunto annexed, together with the personal description above, is a true and correct likeness and description of the said HOW GET.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we have been credibly informed, and verily



believe, the said HOW GET has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in the business and assets of the said firm; and from our frequent visits to his said place of business, and our general acquaintance with various members of his said firm, we have become well satisfied that he is actively engaged in the business of his said firm, and exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs thereof, enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof, and is a bona fide member of the said firm of "Kwong Yee & Company".

Dated, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., November 27, 1906.

Hudson L. Stenson

Address 25 Market St  
Chicago, Illinois.

H. C. Dana

(Address) 159 La Salle St  
Chicago, Illinois.

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(Address) \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

I, Mark A. Fiske, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, do hereby Certify that I am well acquainted with Hudson

L. Stenson and Harry C. Dana  
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 division and district aforesaid; that they are of good character; and that in my opinion their state-

Witness my hand and seal, at the City of Chicago, in the division and district aforesaid, this 3<sup>d</sup> day of Dec-  
ember, A.D., nineteen hundred six.

Mark A. Fiske,

U. S. Commissioner, N. D. Ill.





APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT  
OF ACCOMPANYING AFFIDAVITS, UNDER RULE 25, Regulations approved Feb. 5, 1906.

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Chicago, Illinois. Nov. 27, 1906.

To

LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,

Chinese Inspector in charge,

Sir:

Chicago, Illinois.

My name is HOW GET; and I am a native and subject of China.

I have lived in the United States Twenty Six (26) years; practically all of that time in Chicago. I have never visited China during that time.

With others, upwards of Twelve (12) years ago, I organized the firm of chinese merchants doing business at No. 313 Clark street, Chicago, Illinois, under the trade-name and style of "KWONG YEE KEE & COMPANY"; and have been an active and actual member thereof, continuously, ever since: 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 (\$1,000.00). I intend to keep and enjoy my said share and ~~interest~~ interest in the said firm indefinitely, and not to sell or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof.

For upwards of one year last past, I have not been a laundryman or laborer of any kind; but have been exclusively engaged in the business of my said firm. During said year, I have not been engaged in the performance of, or interested in, manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind, in any manner, directly or indirectly, or to any extent, except such as has been necessary in the conduct of my said business as such merchant as aforesaid.

I intend to visit China, and upon the completion of my visit to return into the United States and resume my said residence and business occupation therein.

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 cited above.

Very respectfully,

*How Get*

c/o Kwong Yee Kee & Co.,  
313 Clark st., Chicago, Ill.



Department of Commerce and Labor  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
December 12, 1907

SUBJECT:

Mr. E. Tippet, Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Detroit, Mich.

Sir:

I hand you herewith papers in the case of How Get, merchant, now in China, who desires to have his case pre-investigated prior to his return.

As George How One, manager of this firm of Quong Yee Kee, is now in your city, I am forwarding these papers to you, with the request that you make the necessary examination, and send all the papers with your report to the Inspector in Charge, Portal, N.D.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Enc.

Chinese Inspector in Charge



In Re How Get  
Merchant Departing.

Chicago Ill. Dec.5 1906

Witness: How Wone, sworn, testified.

What is your name?

How Wone, or How Sao Soon.

What is your business?

I am manager of firm of Kwong Yee Kee, #313 So. Clark St. Chicago.  
How long have you been manager of that firm?

Twelve or thirteen years.

Has there been any change in the partnership since you gave me  
your partnership list Aug. 16 1904?

No.

Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)

Yes it is How Get.

How long has he been a partner in your firm?

He has been a partner since we started, but he has been in the  
store only about eight years.

What is his business there?

He travels, collects bills, and sells goods.

Your list says that he was bookkeeper.

He was a bookkeeper formerly, about three years ago, but when  
How Kwoon went to China, he took his place on the road, and when  
How Kwoon returned (June 1905) he went on the road and How Get  
came back into the store.

What interest has How Get in your firm?

\$1000.00

Does he draw any salary?

Yes. \$30.00 a month. I get \$40.00

Who are the partners who are engaged in the store all the time?

How Soon, How Fat, How Get, How Tee Ot, How Kwoon and myself. When  
How Get goes to Chinawe will get someone to take his place

What is the value of the goods you have on hand.

I would say \$3000.00 or \$4000.00 as a rough guess. We don't  
carry a heavy stock now as Chinatown is going to move soon.

Is How Get going to China on his own personal business or on  
business of the firm?

On his own personal business.

What will he do on his return?

He will come back into the store.

Has he done any manual labor outside the store during the past year?

Yes? Not since he came into the firm. When Mr. Berkshire took the  
picture of our store five or six years ago, How Get was  
behind the counter and bookkeeper then, and he has been in the  
store ever since.

Signed (in English) How Wone  
L.T. Plummer.



How Get  
Merchant Departing

Chicago Ill Dec.5 1906

How Get,applicant,sworn,testified.

What is your name?

How Get.

What is your full Chinese name?

How Get is all the name I have.

Are you registered?

Yes. (Applicant produces certificate No.137649 issued at Chicago Nov.3 1900 in lieu of No.6885 to Moy Ham which he states was the name he was known by at school at that time,photograph is that of applicant)

What is your business?

I am a merchant,member of firm of Kwong Yee Kee,#313 So.Clark St  
How long have you been a member of that firm?

We opened the store K.S.22, 10 I was a member then.

How much of an interest have you?

\$1000.00

What is your work in the store?

General salesman,and also deliver goods.

The partnership list says you were bookkeeper two years ago,what have you to say to that?

I became bookkeeper four years ago,but when How Kwoon went to China I took his place on the road and when he came back I came back into the store and he went on the road again.

What is your salary?

\$30.00 a month.

When was the last time that you did any work outside the store?

Shortly after registration I quit working at laundry work and have been in business ever since.

Who are the members of your firm who are in the store all the time?

How Wone,manager,How Soon,How Fat,How Kwoon,How Tee Ott,and my self.

Are you going to China on the firm's business or on your own?

On my own personal business.

Are you married?

No.

What is the value of the goods your firm has on hand?

About \$3000.00

Have you understood the Interpreter?

Yes.

What will you do upon your return?

I will come back into the store. I think that by that time  
How Wone will go to China.

Signed (in English) How Get

Wong Aloy Interpreter  
L.T.Plummer. Inspector.