

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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In re.
GOON KEE,
of
" MEE LUNG "
Chinese Merchants,
331 Clark st.,
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

MERCHANT'S APPLICATION
FOR
RE-ADMISSION INTO THE
UNITED STATES.



DESCRIPTION:

NAME:- GOON KEE.
AGE:-Forty-Five Years.
HEIGHT:-5 Feet, 1-3/4 Inches.
RESIDENCE:-331 Clark st.,
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.
OCCUPATION:-Merchant.
MARKS:-None. PHOTOGRAPH AF-
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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, ~~herein~~ Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described GOON KEE for upwards of one year last past, and that the foregoing are 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 KEE 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 GOON KEE has been a member of the firm of Chinese persons trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "MEE LUNG", Importers and Dealers in Chinese Clothing, Teas and general chinese and japanese merchandise, at No. 331 Clark street, in the said city of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said GOON 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 GOON 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 we have been credibly informed and verily believe the share and interest of the said GOON KEE in the stock, business and assets of the said "MEE LUNG" is worth, reasonably and at least the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00); and from our frequent visits to said place of business, and from our acquaintance with the other members of said firm generally and business in that vicinity generally, we are well satisfied that the said GOON KEE 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, U. S. A., July 10, A.D., 1909.

H. T. Dana

(ADDRESS) 159 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

J. L. Henson

(ADDRESS) 3-15 State St., Chicago, Ill.

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

H.C. Dana, of the City of Chicago, in said division and district, 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 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
16th day of July, A.D., 1909,
before me.

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

H.C. Dana

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

S.L. Stenson, of the City of Chicago, in said division and district, 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 Agent & 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
16th day of July, A.D., 1909, before me.

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

S.L. Stenson

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

I, MARK A. FOOTE, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am 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 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 16th day of July, A.D., nineteen hundred nine (1909).

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



APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF ACCOMPANYING AFFIDAVITS PURSUANT TO
THE PROVISIONS OF RULE 25, REGULATIONS OF JUNE, 1908.

To
LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir: My name is GOON KEE. My photograph and description accompany this.

I am a native and subject of China; forty-five years of age; a Merchant; a member of "MEE LUNG"; reside and am engaged in business at No. 331 Clark street, Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.

I first landed in the United States at the port of San Francisco from the steamship "Peking" in the 6th K. S. and lived there until the Earthquake and Fire of April 18, 1906. I was a Merchant and member of different firms. During the latter part of my residence there I was Salesman in the employ of "Lung Chung", of No. 1005 Dupont street.

In or about April, 1906, I removed to Chicago aforesaid and with about ten partners purchased the store of "Quong Lun Chong", No. 331 Clark street, reorganized the same under the trade-name and style of "MEE LUNG", and have so continued in business to the present time. I paid One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for my share and interest in the said "Mee Lung", and the same is now worth more.

I am about to visit China with the intention of returning into the United States to resume my present residence, occupation and status therein, and therefore make this, my application for re-admission into the United States when I shall have completed my said visit. In that behalf, also, I produce to be affixed hereto and made a part hereof the testimony of two credible persons other than Chinese, and pray that this, my said application for re-admission, may be endorsed as provided by appropriate Regulation and law.

Very respectfully,

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No. 331 Clark st.,
Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.

Subscribed and sworn to, by the above-named GOON KEE, at Chicago in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, in the United States of America, this 16th day of July, A.D., 1909, before me.

Mark A. Foote
United States Commissioner for the
Northern District of Illinois.

Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
SEATTLE, WASH.

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No. 27,712.

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Inspector in Charge,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

August 4, 1911.

Inspector in Charge,
U. S. Immigration Service,
Chicago, Illinois.

S i r:

To complete your file, I beg to report that Chinese
GOON KEE whose status was the subject of your report of
August 4, 1909, No. 773, to the inspector in charge, Portal,
N. D., arrived at this port July 7, 1911, on the s. s.
"Protesilaus", and that he was landed the following day as
a returning merchant of Chicago, Ill. At the time of ad-
mission there was issued to this applicant certificate of
identity No. 4,414.

Respectfully,

HAM-TS.

Ellis D. Butler
Commissioner.

No. 773.

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August 9th, 1909.

Goon Kee,

c/o Mee Lung & Co.,

331 So. Clark St., Chicago.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith copy of the papers upon which you have applied for permission to depart from and return to the United States and would instruct you to present the same to the Inspector in Charge Immigration Service, Portal, North Dakota, upon your departure through that port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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

No. 2382.

Aug. 6, 1909.

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

Sir:-

Receipt is respectfully acknowledged of your letter of the 4th inst., #773, inclosing therewith all papers in the case of GOON KEE, an alleged merchant of your city, who desires a preinvestigation of his case before making a trip to China.

After carefully examining the evidence adduced in this case, my decision is, that the prima facie endorsement of his case will be granted, upon his departure thru this port.

Applicant should arrange to be at this port not later than on the morning of Aug. 12th or 21st, in order to make connections with the Steamer leaving Vancouver.

Respectfully,

OBH/a

John J. Abel
Inspector in Charge.
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AUG-9 1909
Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

No. 773.

August 4th, 1909.

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

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers in the case of GOON KEE, merchant of this city who desires to visit China and return to the United States. I inclose a transcript of the notes taken at the examination of applicant, Goon Kee, and of Goon Ming Yen, manager of this firm of Mee Lung & Co. and also the sworn statements of the two white witnesses upon the regular forms used. I regard them both as credible witnesses.

This firm of Mee Lung & Co. is a bona fide mercantile establishment and its members are in my opinion entitled to the privileges of merchants. As you will notice, both of the white witnesses have known applicant for considerably more than the required year as being a member of this firm and having been engaged in no manual labor except such as was necessary to the conduct of the firm's business.

From my examination, I am of the opinion that applicant is entitled to the privilege he requests. Will you please inform me what your probable decision will be in order to save applicant an unnecessary trip to Portal should your decision be adverse?

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. Chicago.

July 27th, 1909.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
GOON KEE, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Merchant departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, GOON MING YEN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Goon Ming Yen.
Q Is that your marriage name? A. No, my boyhood name.
Q What is your marriage name? A. Goon Fong Jim.
Q When were you married? A. I was married a long time ago in China. I married my other wife only a short time ago.
Q Is your wife in China alive now? A. Yes.
Q How many children have you in China? A. Four.
Q In China? A. Yes. Two boys and two girls.
Q Give me the names of all four children. A. Goon Dle Sing (rolls the "1" in Dle), 18 years old, boy. Goon Kow Heung, girl, 16 years old. Goon Kow Seu, girl, 8 years old. Goon Dle Sen, boy, 7 years old.
Q When were you married in this country? A. K.S. 30.
Q How many children have you by that marriage? A. 2 boys.
Q Give me their names and ages. A. Goon Dle Toy, 4 years old, American name Henry. Goon Dle Gow, 6 months old, American name, William.
Q What is your occupation? A. Merchant.
Q What firm are you connected with? A. Mee Lung & Co., 331 So. Clark St.
Q What is your position in that firm? A. I am the manager.
Q Has there been any change in the membership of your firm since a partnership list was furnished me September 4th, 1908?
A. No.
Q What would you say is the value of the stock of goods your firm has on hand at the present time? A. Four or five thousand dollars.
Q Give me the names of the partners who devote their entire time to the firm's business? A. Goon Ming Yen, Goon Gen Tun, Goon Yen Ark, Goon Hing Quo ng, Goon Kee, and Goon Yem.
Q Are all these men in the store? A. Yes.
Q How long has Goon Yim been in the store? A. When Goon Gen Yim went to China, Goon Yim came into the store.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A. Yes, Goon Kee.
Q How long has he been a member of the firm? A. Since the beginning.
Q How much of an interest has he? A. \$1000.00.
Q Did he put one thousand dollars in at the beginning or does that represent the value now? A. He put in \$1000.00, at the beginning.
Q What kind of work does he do in the store? A. Selling goods.
Q Do you pay him any salary? A. Yes, \$40.00 a month.
Q Is that gold or Mexican money? A. Gold.
Q How long has he been in the store devoting all his time to the business of the firm? A. From the beginning.
Q Is he going to China on his own business or on business of the firm? A. Business of his own.
Q Is he married now? A. No.
Q What is his full Chinese name? A. Goon Yow Kee.
Q What will he do with he comes back from China? A. Go back into the store again.

Q During the past year has he done any work outside of the store, such as working in laundries or restaurants or any work except such as was necessary to the conduct of the business of the firm? A. No.

Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Witness signed in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Goon Ming Yen. (Signed) Goon Fong Jim.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

Case of GOON KEE.

Place: same.

Applicant, GOON KEE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A. Goon Kee.
Q What is your full Chinese name? A. Goon Yow Kee.
Q Are you married? A. No, single.
Q When did you first come to this country? A. K.S. 6.
Q Where did you live prior to the time that you came to Chicago? A. In China, I was born in China.
Q Where did you live before you came to Chicago? A. San Francisco.
Q When did you live in San Francisco? A. I lived in San Francisco twenty-six years.
Q Did you come to Chicago in K.S. 32? A. About 32 or 33.
Q What were you doing in San Francisco? A. Worked in a Chinese grocery store in San Francisco.
Q Did you have an interest in that store? A. Yes.
Q Did you get registered? A. I did not get a certificate. I was a merchant. I did not need one.
Q When did you become a member of Mee Lung & Co. of Chicago? A. K.S. 31.
Q Did you become a member of this firm of Mee Lung & Co. before you came to Chicago? A. No, I went into the company when I was here.
Q How did you become a member of this firm in K.S. 31 if you didn't come here until K.S. 32? A. I came here in K.S. 31.
Q How much money did you put into that firm when you became a member? A. One thousand dollars.
Q What have you been doing since you joined this firm? A. Packing and selling goods.
Q Working in the store all that time? A. Yes.
Q Haven't you done any work in laundries or restaurants? A. No.
Q How much salary do you draw? A. Forty dollars a month.
Q Does that include your profits? A. No, just salary.
Q Why are you going to China now? On your own business or on business of the firm? A. Business of my own. I want to make this trip myself.
Q Give me the names of the partners who devote their entire time to the firm's business. A. Goon Ming Yen, Goon Gen Ark, Goon Kee, Goon Hing Quong, Goon Yem, and Goon Gen Tun.
Q How long has Goon Yem been in the store? A. About a year.
Q Who will take your place in the store while you are in China? A. Goon Ming Yen will arrange that.
Q What is the value of the goods that your firm has on hand now? A. Five or six thousand dollars.
Q Any laundry or restaurant connected with your store? A. No, but we have them for customers.
Q What will you do when you come back from China? A. Come back into the store again.
Q What do you think your one thousand dollar investment in the store is worth at the present time? A. Worth \$1,200.00.
Q Have you been in China since you first came here in K.S. 6? A. No sir.
Q Have you any children either in this country or in China? A. No.
Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Applicant signed his name in Chinese.

(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.
(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.