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Form 591

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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IN RE: CHIN WING

1300- 83255

EXHIBIT 44

FILE NO. Chicago file 720

COVERING CHIN LEN

RELATIONSHIP OF SUBJECT OF EXHIBIT TO APPLICANT: None - CHIN LEN was partner of SANG YUEN Co., Chicago, where applicant claims to have lived.  
INTRODUCED AT PAGE 22 OF B. S. I. TRANSCRIPT

## REFERENCE TO PARTICULAR STATEMENTS CONSIDERED:

Identification of photograph of CHIN LEN affixed to affidavit dated Nov. 23, 1908.

Testimony of CHIN LEN dated Dec. 7, 1908 to the effect that SANG YUEN CO. was then in the basement at 307 So. Clark St., Chicago.

Testimony of CHIN KONG FONG dated Dec. 7, 1908 to effect that, as a member of SANG YUEN Co., he went out from the store with a wagon and received orders, in addition to his duties as manager.



In.re.  
CHIN LEN,  
of

"SANG YUEN",  
307 Clark street  
Chicago, Illinois,  
U. S. A.

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AGE: -40 Years.

HEIGHT: -5 Ft., 3 In.  
No Marks.  
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APPLICATION FOR READ-  
MISSION.  
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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  
t the City of Chicago and vicinity in said division and district, Do Here  
by certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described  
CHIN LEN for upwards of one year last past, during which time he has  
not been a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind, but dur-  
ing that time he has been a reputable resident Chinese Merchant of the  
said City of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That during the said year of our acquaintance  
with him, the said CHIN LEN has been a member of the firm of Chinese  
Merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style  
of "SANG YUEN", Dealers in Groceries, Teas and general merchandise, at  
No. 307 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance  
with him the said CHIN LEN has been engaged in buying and selling mer-  
chandise 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 he has not been engaged in  
the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind, ex-  
cept 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, hereto affixed,  
is a true and correct likeness of said CHIN LEN; and that the fore-  
going description is a true description of the person of said CHIN  
LEN.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we have been credibly informed and  
believe the said CHIN LEN has a financial interest of One Thousand



Dollars (\$1,000.00) in the business and assets of said firm. From our frequent visits to the said place of business and our general acquaintance with the various members of said concern, and with other merchants in the same vicinity, we have been well satisfied that the said CHIN LEN is actively engaged in the business of said firm, exercises a voice in the business and affairs thereof, enjoys his proper share in the profits of the same, and is a bona fide member of said "SANG YUEN

Dated, Chicago, Illinois, November 23, 1908.

N. C. Pana

(Address) 159 La Salle St  
Chicago, Illinois.

Charles B Knight

(Address) 98 Jackson St  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

N. C. Pana

, of the City of Chicago 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 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 )  
25<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D., 1908, )  
before me.

N. C. Pana

Mark A. Foote

Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

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

Charles B Knight

, of the City of Chicago, 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 Customs 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 )  
25<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D., 1908, )  
before me.

Charles B Knight

Mark A. Foote

Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.



APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF ACCOMPANYING AFFIDAVITS UNDER RULE  
\_\_\_\_\_, Regulations of \_\_\_\_\_, 1907.  
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Chicago, Ill., Nov. 23, 1908

To  
LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,  
Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

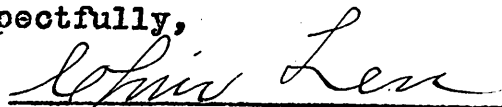
My name is CHIN LEN. I am a native and subject of China: 40 years of age; a Merchant, and member of "SANG YUEN" Company, of No. 307 Clark street, Chicago. My share and interest in said concern is worth One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00). I have lived in the United States 27 years (During which time I visited China once) and in Chicago the last 4 years. I hold Merchant's "Certificate of Residence" No. 143372, issued at Washington, Mar. 21, 1905, in lieu of No. 125376 issued to me in New York, N.Y., Apr. 27, 1894.

Landing in the 7th K.S. at San Francisco, when young, I lived with an uncle, Ong Mun Ott, of Chatham Square, New York. My uncle died after I grew up, and I engaged in business for myself, having been a member of the following concerns in New York: "Quong Yuen Chung", No. 33 1/2 Mott st., and "Quong Wing Sing", No. 20 Mott st. Upon my trip to China, I left the United States at Malone, N.Y., about March, K.S. 22, and returned the same way about February 4, K.S. 23.

In Chicago, for a time, I conducted a restaurant in the Peoples Theatre Building, cor. Leavitt & Van Buren sts., also at No. 309 35th st. November 14, 1907, with others I organized the firm of "Sang Yuen" Chinese Merchants, of No. 307 Clark street. Since then I have given my entire time and attention to the business of "Sang Yuen", and have not been engaged or interested in the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind.

I desire to visit China again, to return upon the completion of my visit and resume my present residence, occupation and status in the United States. Wherefore, I transmit herewith the affidavits of two credible witnesses other than Chinese and pray that the same may be endorsed as provided by current Regulation in that behalf.

Very respectfully,



No. 307 Clark st.,  
Chicago, Ill.

NO. 204 STATE ST.

CHICAGO, ILL.

DEAR RESPECTFULLY,

may be enclosed as provided by current regulation in that regard.  
two credible witnesses other than Chinese and that the same  
the United States. Therefore, I transmit herewith the affidavits of  
my wife and leave my present residence, occupation and status in

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.  
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Exhibit #44 in J.F. 1300-83255.

Department of Commerce and Labor  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
SEATTLE, WASH.

No.4845-C.

December 14, 1908.

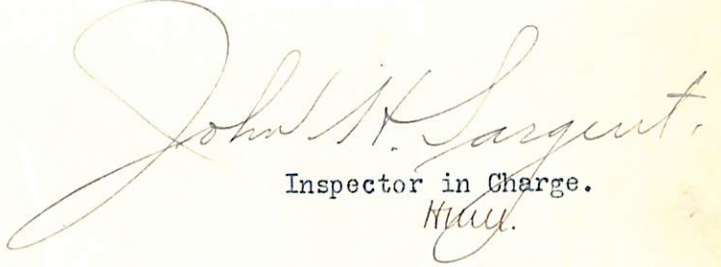
Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th of this month, No.720, enclosing papers of one CHIN LEN, alleged merchant of your city, member of the firm of Sang Yuen Company, #307 S. Clark St., received this day. Accompanying said paper was the report of Chinese Inspector H. E. Tippet, dated the 10th instant, in which it is noted you concur. In view thereof the applicant will be given the desired endorsement as to his mercantile status on departure from the United States through this port, as provided by our regulations.

Respectfully,

GHM

  
Inspector in Charge.  
H. H. S.

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Chinese Inspector,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.



No. 720.

December 10th, 1908.

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

Sir:-

I have to report that I have made a pre-investigation in the case of CHIN LUN, who sets forth the claims in his affidavit that he a merchant and one of the partners in the firm of Sang Yuen & Co., 307 So. Clark St., basement, this city.

I have taken the testimony of this applicant and also the testimony of Chin Kong Fung, who claims a membership in the concern and acts in the capacity of manager. As there is nothing in the testimony of the applicant that would in any way disprove that he is what he claims to be, a merchant, and his statement is born out by the manager. A transcript of the notes taken is attached to the papers.

The firm of Sang Yuen has been established for more than a year, and it is a fair mercantile establishment. They carry quite a good stock of goods, and seem to be doing a bona fide business. The testimony of the two white witnesses has been taken and tends to show that the applicant is a merchant and a member of the firm, and has been for over one year prior to this date. This testimony is also attached.

Respectfully, H. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector.



Room 522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO December 7th, 1908.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.  
 CHIN LEN, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.  
 Mer. departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, CHIN LEN, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Chin Len.  
 Q How many names have you? A. Chin Goon Joon is my marriage name.  
 Q How old are you? A. Forty.  
 Q What is your business? A. Merchant.  
 Q What is the name of the store? A. Sang Yuen.  
 Q Where is it located? A. 307 So. Clark St. in the basement.  
 Q What is the nature of the business? A. Chinese groceries, and merchandise.  
 Q How many members are there in the firm? A. Twelve members altogether. Four tend to the business. There are only twelve listed in the partnership list filed in this office; but there would be thirteen if we counted the firm in Hong Kong who has an interest in our store.  
 Q How much stock have you in the store at the present time? A. About \$3,000.00. Sometimes a little less. Sometimes a little more. We have some goods in the custom house now.  
 Q What is the capital of the firm? A. A little over \$8,000.00. We put it down as \$8,100.00 in the partnership list.  
 Q How much interest have you in this firm? A. \$1,000.00.  
 Q What do you do in the store? A. Buy and sell goods in the store.  
 Q How long have you been a member in the store? A. Over a year.  
 Q Do you know when you went in there? What date? A. Chinese date, 10th month, K.S. 33.  
 Q So you have been in the store a year? A. Yes.  
 Q You have been always in the store, tending to nothing else? A. Yes.  
 Q What did you do before? A. I ran a restaurant.  
 Q At what street and number? A. I had a restaurant in the People's Theatre Bldg. at Leavett and Van Buren Sts. That restaurant was burned out. Then I ran a restaurant on Thirty-fifth St. Then I came to this store.  
 Q Are you registered? A. Yes, but I have not my certificate in my pocket. Mr. Plummer has seen it.  
 Q Who is the manager of the store? A. Goon Fong.  
 Q How many work in the store all the time? A. Four.  
 Q Yourself and Goon Fong. Who are the other two? A. Chin Loy and Chin Fook.  
 Q All four of you people are constantly employed in the store? A. Yes.  
 Q Have no occupation outside of it? A. Yes.  
 Q Is there any other business connected with the store except that of selling merchandise? A. No.  
 Q Where were you born? A. In China.  
 Q Are you married? A. Yes.  
 Q Where is your wife? A. In China.  
 Q Is she living? A. Yes.  
 Q Any children? A. One boy.  
 Q Any girls? A. No.  
 Q How old is the boy? A. If you figure it out in the American way it would be eleven years. By Chinese figuring, he is twelve years old.  
 Q When did you first come to the United States? A. K.S. 7.  
 Q When were you in China last? A. K.S. 22.  
 Q When did you come back from that visit? A. I stayed there awhile. I came back in the last part of the 22nd year. I got here in time to spend New Year's day here.



Case of CHIN LEN.

## Testimony of applicant, continued:

Q Did you go out as a laborer? A. At that time I went out as a merchant.

Q What firm were you a member of? A. Quong Wing Sing, 20 Mott St., New York City.

Q Do you know the witnesses who signed this affidavit for you? A. Yes, Mr. Dana---

Q What is his occupation? A. He is our insurance man.

Q Has he any insurance on your stock? A. Yes.

Q How much insurance do you carry? A. Over \$2,000.00.

Q What is the name of the other man on your paper? A. Charlie Wright.

Q What is his business? A. He is our custom house broker.

Q Does Mr. Dana and Mr. Wright know that you have been in the store for the past twelve months? A. Yes.

Q You are there every day tending to the business of the store? A. Yes, mostly every day.

Q Have you any other business except this in the store, A. No.

Q Have you understood my questions? A. Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Chin Len,

Applicant.

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芳 謹 啟

(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.



Case of CHIN LEN.

Witness, CHIN KONG FONG, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Chin Kong Fong.  
 Q How many names have you? A. Two names.  
 Q What is your other name? A. Chin Fong Kee.  
 Q How old are you? A. Forty-three.  
 Q Are you registered? A. Yes, but I didn't bring my certificate with me.  
 Q What is your occupation now? A. In business.  
 Q What is the name of your store? A. Sang Yuen, 307 So. Clark St., in the basement.  
 Q What part do you take in the store? A. I go out from the store with the wagon and receive orders. I am the manager also.  
 Q What is the nature of the business? A. Chinese groceries rice, etc.  
 Q When was the firm organized? A. U.S. last year, 10th month, 10th day.  
 Q Have you been in this store ever since? A. Yes.  
 Q How many partners are there? A. Twelve.  
 Q What is the capital? A. \$8,100.00.  
 Q How much stock do you carry in the store now on an average? A. In the store about two or three thousand dollars. There is some coming.  
 Q How many members of the firm give the store their entire attention? A. Four.  
 Q Yourself is one. Name the other three. A. Chin Len, Chin Loy and Chin Fook.  
 Q All four of you stay at the store and give the store your attention all the time? A. Yes.  
 Q How much interest have you in the store? A. \$2,000.00.  
 Q Do you identify the picture on this certificate? (Showing photograph of applicant) A. Yes, it is Chin Len.  
 Q Is he the Chin Len that you say gives the store his attention? A. Yes.  
 Q How much of an interest has he in the firm? A. \$1,000.00.  
 Q What does he do there? A. Buy and sell. He waits on the American people at the store.  
 Q Did he go into the store at the time it was organized? A. Yes.  
 Q Has he given the business his attention daily ever since then? A. Yes.  
 Q Has he had any occupation outside of the store since then? A. No sir.  
 Q Have you insurance on your stock? A. Yes.  
 Q Whom is it insured with? A. Mr. Dana.  
 Q About how much insurance have you? A. Over \$2,000.00.  
 Q Is there any other business connected with this store, such as lodging house or gambling? A. No, only that business. Nothing else.  
 Q Is there any one in Hong Kong that has an interest in this store in any way? A. Yes, Man Sun Lung of Hong Kong have a \$2,000. interest in our store.  
 Q Do they appear in the partnership list? A. No. After we organized the firm we sent some money to Hong Kong and told them to send us some goods. They then said that they wanted some stock in our firm.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese &amp; English.

(Signed) Chin Kung Fong, Witness.

(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.  
 (Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.



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