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In re
MOY YEE,
of
"Quong Wing Yuen" Co.,
Merchants,
No. 329-B S. Clark St.,
Chicago, Illinois,
U. S. A.

NAME:- MOY YEE.
AGE:- Thirty Six Yrs.
HEIGHT:- Six Foot.
WEIGHT:- 230 Pounds.

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 and vicinity, in said division and district, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described MOY YEE for upwards of one year last past, during which time he has not been a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind, but during which 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 MOY YEE has been a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "QUONG WING YUEN" Company, at number 329-B South Clark street, in said City of Chicago, Dealers in Groceries, Provisions, Drugs and General Chinese and Japanese Merchandise.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said MOY YEE has been engaged in buying and selling merchandise at the said fixed place of business under the 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, except such as has been necessary in the conduct of his business as such merchant as aforesaid.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That the foregoing photograph, hereunto affixed is a true and correct likeness of the said MOY YEE; and that the foregoing description is a true description of the person of the said MOY YEE.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we have been credible informed, and verily believe, that the said MOY YEE has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.) 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 the said concern, we have been well satisfied that the said MOY YEE is actively engaged in the business of the said firm, exercises a voice in the management and affairs thereof, and that he is a bona-fide merchant and member of said "QUONG WING YUEN COMPANY".

Dated at Chicago, Illinois U.S.A., October 6th A.D. 1908.

Leo Stein

Sworn to Oct 10-08

before me

William Blair
Chinese & Immigrant Inspector

Sworn to before me Oct 15-08

William Blair
Chinese & Immigrant Inspector

(Address) ILLINOIS TRUST & SAVINGS BANK
Chicago, Ill's.

(Address) 98 Jackson St
Chicago, Ill's.

APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF ACCOMPANYING AFFIDAVITS UNDER RULE
25, REGULATIONS APPROVED FEBRUARY 5, 1906.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 9th, 1908.

To
LORENZO T. PLUMMER, Esq.,
Chinese Inspector In Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

My name is MOY YEE. I am a native and subject of China; thirty-six years of age; have resided in the United States since landing at San Francisco, California, in the 8th K.S. The first five years of my residence in the United States, I attended chinese school in Portland, Oregon; then lived with "Yut Sing", of Mott street, New York, N.Y., six years. In the 19th K.S., I removed to Chicago, Illinois, and engaged, with Moy Foot, Willie Moy and others, in the business of "Lung Sing" (Afterward changed to "Sing Lung"), Merchants, of No. 309 Clark street, Chicago, Illinois.

In the 21st K.S., I made a visit to China, sailing from San Francisco, in May, aboard the S S "Gaelic"; and returned to the same port aboard the same vessel October 5th, K.S. 24, *under the name of Moy Ping.*

In the 28th K.S., with Moy Foot, Willie Moy and others, I organized the firm of "Quong Wing Yuen" Company, Importers and Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Provisions, and general chinese and japanese merchandise, at No. 329-B So. Clark street, Chicago aforesaid.

I have been constantly and actively engaged in the business of said "Quong Wing Yuen" Company; and my share and interest therein is worth upwards of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

During my residence in Chicago, I have not been engaged nor interested in the performance of manual labour of any kind; but have been exclusively engaged in the business of merchandising.

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

Very respectfully, *Moy Yee*

No. 329-B So. Clark St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Portal, N.Dak.

Nov. 1, 1909

No. 2710

Moy Yee, c/o Quong Lun Wo & Co.,

No. 275 DesVoeux Road,

Hong Kong, China.

Sir:

Replying to your request for an ad interim investigation of your case before your intended return to the United States, I have to advise that such investigation has been made, and after carefully considering the evidence, my decision is that you will be permitted to re-enter the United States, provided you do not controvert any of the statements made in your application.

Respectfully,

(Signed) John J Abel

Inspector in Charge

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OFFICIAL COPY, respectfully furnished Inspector in Charge, Chicago, Ill, acknowledging receipt of his letter of the 29th ult. No.697.

John J. Abel
Inspector in Charge

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Chinese Inspector,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

No. 697.

Room 522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO October 28th, 1909.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
MOY YEE, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Merchant returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, MOY JONE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Moy Jone.
Q Is that your boyhood name or your marriage name?
A. Boyhood name.
Q What is your marriage name? A. Moy Dung Non.
Q What does your family consist of? A. Including my wife,
six.
Q How many children have you? A. Two boys and two girls.
Q Give me their names and ages. A. Moy Sun Choon, 14
years old, boy; Moy She Fong, 7 years old, boy; Moy Sun Hai, 4 years
old, girl; Moy Shee Shone, 3 years old, girl.
Q Where are these children now? A. In China.
Q What is your occupation at the present time? A. Chinese
merchant.
Q Are you the manager of the firm of Quong Wing Yuen, 329-B
So. Clark St.? A. Yes.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A. Yes, my brother, Moy Yee.
Q Does he have an interest in your firm now? A. Yes.
Q How much of an interest is it? A. \$1,000.00.
Q Have you sent him any money to China since he has been
away that would decrease his interest? A. No.
Q When he comes back from China, what will he do? A. Come
back into the store and work.
Q Is your store in as good a condition now as it was when
he went to China? A. Same thing.
Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Witness signed his names in Chinese only.

(Signed) 柯基 (Charley Kee), Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

No. 697.

October 16th, 1908.

Moy Yee,

c/o Quong Wing Yuen,

329-B So. Clark St.,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith copy of the papers upon which you desire to visit China and return to the United States, and would instruct you to present the same to the Inspector in Charge at Portal, No. Dakota, for his endorsement, upon your departure through his port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

Inc.

No. 697.

October 16th, 1908.

Mr. O. B. Holton,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Portal, North Dakota.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers in the case of MOY YEE, merchant of this city who desires to visit China and return to the United States. I enclose sworn statements of two of the white witnesses upon the regular forms used. I regard them both as credible witnesses. I also enclose transcript of the notes taken in the examination of applicant and of Moy Jone, the manager of the firm of Quong Wing Yuen, of which applicant claims to be a member.

The firm of Quong Wing Yuen is a bona fide mercantile establishment, doing a good business among the Chinese, here. From appearances, I should judge that it has from ten to fifteen thousand dollars worth of goods on hand, and I believe that its bona fide members are entitled to the privileges of merchants.

Applicant claims to have been a member of this firm since it was organized in 1902 and to have an interest of \$1,000.00 in it. His name has appeared on every partnership list furnished by this firm. When the firm was originally organized, I think that the applicant was in Minneapolis or St. Paul, and he came to Chicago, as he says, and worked in a restaurant which was opened by the in-

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dividual members of this firm about three years ago. He worked there for a few months, and after it was closed, he came into the store and has remained there until a few months ago when he went out to the surrounding cities, collecting money for the firm. Prior to the time that he left this store a few months ago, I would nearly always see him when I called there, and he apparently was one of the leading members of the firm, engaged in the work of the store. Of course what he did while he was absent, no one would know except himself; but from the length of time that he has been a member of the firm and from the active interest that he appeared to take in its business, I am of the opinion that during this time he was, as he says, collecting debts for the firm. I would therefore recommend that he be granted the privilege which he requests.

As applicant intends to leave on the next steamer, I will hand one copy of his papers to him with instructions to present the same to you for your endorsement upon his departure through your port, trusting your decision will be favorable. If you think that because of this interval of a few months during which he has been away from the store, he has not technically complied with the law, as no white man could positively state that he was not engaged in manual labor, and are therefore unwilling to allow him the privileges of a merchant, Will you please wire me at once so as to prevent him from making an unnecessary trip to Portal?

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

522, Commercial Nat'l Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO October 13th, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
MOY YEE, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Mer. departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, MOY JONE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Moy Jone.

Q You are one of the managers of the firm of Quong Wing Yuen, 329-B So. Clark St., are you not? A. Yes.

Q How long have you been connected with that firm?
A. Ever since K.S. 28th year.

Q Is that since the firm was organized? A. Yes, it was organized K.S. 28.

Q Has there been any change in the membership of your firm since a partnership list was given me in September 20th, 1905?

A. No sir.

Q Give me the names of your partners who devote all their time to the firm's business at the present time?

A. Willie Moy, Moy Dong, Moy Goon, Moy Hing Sun, Moy Yoke Kee, Moy Wah, Moy Hong, Moy Fong Nie, Moy Chak, Moy Yee and myself, Moy Jone.

Q Have you eleven men working in the store all the time?

A. Including myself and the man that is going back to China, we have eleven.

Q How long has Moy Hong been in the store? A. Since last year.

Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A. Yes.

Q What is his name? A. Moy Yee.

Q What is his full Chinese name? A. He has two, Moy Dung Teung and Moy Ding Yee.

Q What relation is he to you? A. He is my brother.

Q Is he married? A. Yes.

Q How long has he had an interest in your firm? A. We all started at the beginning.

Q How much of an interest has he? A. \$1,000.00.

Q How long has he been in the store devoting all his time to the firm's business? A. He has always been there until the last couple of months, when he has been around visiting different towns.

Q Didn't he go into the store about the time that you went back to China? A. No, we both went into the place when it started.

Q Didn't he go into the store to take your place while you were in China? A. Before he didn't take my place; but when I went to China, he took my place.

Q How long after you returned from China did he stay in the store? A. He remained there ever since.

Q He hasn't been in the store for the past few months, has he?
A. He has been visiting St. Paul and other cities for the last couple of months.

Q Did he work in the store continually up until the last couple of months? A. Yes.

Q What kind of work, did he do in the store? A. Receiving money from different banks and express companies.

Q What has he been doing for the last two or three months?
A. Visiting different towns to see my cousins.

Q What has been the object of his visits? Pleasure or business of the firm? A. To see friends in the interest of the firm of Quong Wing Yuen, collecting money.

Q What towns has he been in? A. St. Paul is the main place. He was in different towns.

Q Is he going to China on his own business or on business of the firm? A. He is going home principally to see his folks, but expects to do some business for the firm too.

Case of MOY YEE.

Testimony of Witness, MOY JONE, continued.

Q What salary does he draw? A. \$35.00.

Q During the past year, has he done any work in laundries, restaurants or any manual labor outside of the store? A. Nothing at all.

Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Moy Jone, Witness.

(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

Case of MOY YEE.

Applicant, MOY YEE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Moy Yee.
Q What is your full Chinese name? A. Moy Dung Teung.
Q What other name have you? A. My right name is Moy Ding Yee.
Q What is that, your boyhood or your marriage name? A. My Ding Yee is my boyhood name.
Q What is Moy Dung Teung? Is that your marriage name? A. Yes.
Q How long have you been married? A. I went home and got married when I was twenty-three years old.
Q How many children have you? A. Two.
Q Boys or girls? A. Both boys.
Q Give me their names and ages? A. Moy Lung Yee, thirteen years old, and Moy Lung Hen, 12 years old.
Q How long have you had an interest in the firm of Quong Wing Yuen? A. Ever since K.S. 28.
Q Is that since the firm was organized? A. Yes, it was organized then.
Q How much of an interest have you? A. \$1,000.00.
Q What has been your occupation since you became a member of this firm? A. My business in the store is to receive the money from the different towns and go to the bank and cash the checks.
Q Have you been working in the store ever since you took an interest in the firm? A. Yes, always in the store, working.
Q Give me the names of the partners who devote their entire time to the firm's business? A. Moy Jong, Willie Moy, Moy Dong(Doong) Moy Fong Nie, Moy Hing Sun Moy Yoke Kee Moy Yuen, Moy Wah, Moy Hong, Moy Chak, and myself, Moy Yee.
Q How long has Moy Hong been in the store? A. Since a year ago.
Q What salary do you draw from the firm? A. \$35.00.
Q What would you say the goods in your store are worth at the present time? A. Between ten and twenty thousand dollars. I cannot express how much goods we have on hand because the amount is always changing, some going and some coming in, and we haven't checked up yet.
Q Have you been in the store for the past three or four months? A. I just came back a month or two ago to the store. I went out to different cities collecting money for the firm.
Q When did you go out? A. I went out this year, Chinese date, the third month.
Q When did you return? A. Last month.
Q Where were you, while you were away, what cities were you in? A. Minneapolis, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Madison and Rockford.
Q What were you doing in these places? A. I would go to the laundries and collect money where the people got goods from us.
Q Did you work in the laundries while you were visiting them? A. No. I didn't do any laundry work. I only went there to collect money.
Q Since you have been a member of this firm, have you done any work in laundries, or restaurants or anywhere else outside of the work connected with the store? A. All my time has been spent at the store working. Only a little short time, I visited the Gin Hong Lo restaurant which is closed now.
Q When was that restaurant closed up? A. It was closed up K.S. 33, Chinese date.
Q What did you do in that restaurant when it was open? A. All the partners in the store have shares in the restaurant. We were short of labor in the restaurant and so I was told to go up there and be the cashier.

Case of MOY YEE.

A Testimony of Applicant, MOY YEE, continued:

Q Beside that, have you done any labor in laundries or restaurants or elsewhere since you have been a member of the firm?
A. Nossir. The only place I have been to is this restaurant of Gin Hong Lo. The members told me to go up there to handle the money.

Q How long were you employed there? A. Only started 32nd year the 7th month. It ran about five months. It was attached and closed up in the 6th month.

Q How long were you there? A. I didn't spend much time there. I was mostly down in the store.

Q Are you going to China on your own business or on business of the firm? A. Business of my own.

Q What will you do when you return from China? A. Go back into the store.

Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Moy Yee, Applicant.

(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.