

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

FONG HIM, 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 native and subject of China; was born in Sin-ning, Canton, China, on or about June 27, 1871, and am thirty four years of age. I came to the United States by steamship, "Wong How", and landed at San Francisco, California, when I was about twenty years of age. I proceeded directly to this City of Chicago, and became a member of the firm of chinese merchants, at No. 345 Clark street, doing business under the name and style of "QUONG HOP LUNG CO". After being in said business, and residing there, in the said City of Chicago, about five years, I made a visit to China, where I remained one year. That is to say, in or about February, 1896, I went to China by the way of Vancouver, and remained there about one year, when I returned to Chicago by the same route; and I have lived in Chicago ever since. I cannot recollect the names of the vessels upon which I sailed.

I have been a member of said firm of "Quong Hop Lung Co". during all my said residence in the United States; and am still a member thereof. The said firm is now located at No. 331 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid.

For one year last past, I have also been a member of the firm of chinese persons trading and doing business under the name and style of "Y. L. HING & BRO'S, Dealers in Teas, Chinese and Japanese Curios, Chinaware and Bric-a-brac, at No. 213 East 31st street, in the said City of Chicago.

And during all my said residence in the United States I have been engaged constantly and exclusively in the business of a merchant, as aforesaid, and have not been employed by any other person or engaged in the performance of any work of any kind, or to any extent, except such as has been necessary in the conduct of my said business as a merchant.

I am about to visit China, with the intention of returning into the United States to resume my said residence and business therein.

Wherefore, I pray a certificate of my right to so return for the said purpose.

Subscribed and sworn to, this  
 19th day of September, A.D., 1905,  
 before me.

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W. A. Footer



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Merchant therein; and  
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to the provisions of the ~~the~~ act of Congress approved May 5, 1892, amended  
November 30, 1893, and re-enacted April 29, 1902.

NOW, THEREFORE, and for the better identification of the said FONG HIM, and  
in order to facilitate his re-entry into the United States upon his said re-  
turn hereto for the said purpose,

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Citizens of the United States, and residents of the  
City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, do hereby  
certify that we have been well acquainted with the said FONG HIM for up-  
wards of one year last past, during which said year he has been 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 FONG HIM has been a reputable resident chinese merchant of  
the said City of Chicago, and a member of the firm of Chinese persons trad-  
ing and doing business under the firm name and style of "Y.L.HING & BRO'S",  
Dealers in Teas, Chinese and Japanese Curios, Chinaware and Bric-a-brac, at  
No. 213 East 31st street, in the said City of Chicago.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance  
with him, the said FONG HIM has been so 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 such year  
of our acquaintance with him, the said FONG HIM 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.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, September 19th, A.D., 1905.

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( DESCRIPTION OF FONG HIM:-  
( AGE:-Thirty-Four (34) Years.  
( HEIGHT:-Five Feet, Seven Inches, in  
( Bare Feet.  
( No Marks.  
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William J. Henry  
2 Randolph St  
Chicago, Illinois.  
A.C. Dana  
159 La Salle St  
Chicago, Illinois.



Department of Commerce and Labor  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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

May 3, 1907.

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

Sir;

I beg leave to advise you that Fong Him, member of the firm of Y. L. Hing & Bro's, of your city, whose case you investigated in January, last, applied for admission and was admitted at this port this date.

Respectfully,

*Amel M. Panni*  
Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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OFFICE OF,  
CHINESE INSP. IN CHARGE.



CHICAGO

January 23, 1907.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
 FONG HIM, :  
 Merchant. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.  
 Ad interim investigation.

Witness, YOUNG HING, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified  
 (in English):

Q What is your name? A Young Hing.  
 Q What is your business? A Merchant, manager of the firm of  
 Y. L. Hing & Bros., No. 213 East 31st Street, Chicago, Illinois.  
 Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?  
 A Yes, that is my brother, Fong Him.  
 Q Has he any interest in your store at the present time? A Yes.  
 Q How much? A He has \$200.00.  
 Q Is this the same interest he had at the time he went to China?  
 A Yes.  
 Q What would you say about the amount of business that your firm  
 does now as compared with the time of applicant's departure?  
 A We do more now.  
 Q What would you say is the value of the goods you have on hand now  
 as compared with the time of his departure? A A little more;  
 about \$500.00 more.  
 Q What will Fong Him do when he returns to the United States?  
 A He will come into the store and help there.  
 Q Will he work as a laundryman or in a restaurant?  
 A No; as a merchant.  
 Q What is this man's full name? A Young Fong Him.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) YUNG HING, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.



Witness, CHOW LUM, testified:

- Q What is your name?  
A Chow Lum.  
Q What is your business?  
A Merchant; Chinese groceries and merchandise.  
Q Of what firm are you a member?  
A Quong Hop Lung.  
Q On what street and at what number is your store located?  
A No. 331 South Clark St., Chicago, Ill.  
Q What position do you occupy in that firm?  
A I am the manager.  
Q How long have you been manager of that firm?  
A Ever since we opened that store.  
Q What year was that store opened?  
A The store opened in K.S. 17th year at No. 345 S. Clark St.; we were there a little over a year and then moved to No. 328 S. Clark St.; we were there about 14 months and then moved back to No. 345 S. Clark St.; we were there about four years, discovered the basement was apt to be flooded during heavy rains, and then moved to No. 331 S. Clark St., where we have been ever since.  
Q Do you recognize this picture (showing photo of applicant)?  
A Yes, I know him; it is Fong Him.  
Q Was he ever a member of your firm?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q When did Fong Him become a member of your firm?  
A He came in when we organized the firm of Quong Hop Lung.  
Q So Fong Him entered your store in K.S. 17 when it was opened?  
A Yes, sir; in K.S. 17.  
Q How much interest did he have in your firm?  
A \$300.00.  
Q Is he still a member of your firm?  
A No.  
Q When did he sever his connection with your firm?  
A About 14 or 15 months ago.  
Q To whom did he sell out?  
A He sold out to Chow Pond.  
Q What position did he occupy in your firm during the time he was a member of it?  
A He was a salesman and did general work in the store.  
Q During the time that he was a member of your firm did he do any outside work, such as working in laundries or restaurants?  
A No.  
Q He was a member of your store, then, about 13 years, was he?  
A You can count it up; we opened the store in K.S. 17 and he sold out in K.S. 30.  
Q Did Fong Him ever go to China while he was a member of your firm?  
A Yes, sir; he went to China once.  
Q Did he go as a member of the firm of Quong Hop Lung?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you remember in what years he went to China and returned?  
A I can not recall that.  
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?  
A Yes, sir.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Thompson, signed in Chinese:

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| (Signed) CHOW LUM,         | Witness.     |
| (Signed) WONG ALOY,        | Interpreter. |
| (Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, | Inspector.   |



Case of : Ward E. Thompson, Examining Inspector.  
FONG HIM, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.  
Dep. Mer. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, FONG HIM, testified:

Q What is your name?  
A Fong Him.  
Q How old are you?  
A 34 years old.  
Q Where were you born?  
A China.  
Q When did you first come to the United States?  
A I came with my father; I was very little, only 10 years old.  
I lived in San Francisco about a week and came here to Chicago.  
Q How many years have you been in the United States?  
A 24 years.  
Q What is your business now?  
A Merchant.  
Q Of what firm are you a member?  
A Y.L.Hing & Bros. at No.213 East 31st St., Chicago.  
Q What kind of a store is that?  
A Tea, rice, coffee; Chinese and Japanese goods.  
Q Do you cater to the Chinese or white trade?  
A Both.  
Q How much stock do you think you have got in that store now?  
A Between \$4,000 and \$5,000.  
Q You have no laundry, restaurant, gambling or pawn shop in connection with that store?  
A No, sir.  
Q It is a legitimate mercantile establishment, is it?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q How many partners have you in the store?  
A Four brothers of us in all; two stay in the store.  
Q How much interest have you in that store?  
A \$800.  
Q What is the capital of the firm?  
A Each one of us put in \$800, or \$3,200 capital.  
Q What position do you occupy in that firm?  
A I sell goods in the store and sometimes deliver goods.  
Q Do you ever do any work outside of the store?  
A No, sir.  
Q Who is the manager of the firm?  
A My brother Yung Hing.  
Q Who are the other two partners?  
A Yung Ong and Fong Dick.  
Q How long has this store been opened at 213 E. 31st St.?  
A Altogether almost a year.  
Q How long has that store been on East 31st St.?  
A Between 4 and 5 months.  
Q Where was the store between that time?  
A No. 83 East 43d St.  
Q What was the name of the store then?  
A I forget now.  
Q Wasn't it the Oriental Tea Co.?  
A Yes.  
Q Give me the exact date that this store on East 43d St. started?  
A American date, about October 1904.



- Q Were you ever a member of any other firm besides this one?  
 A Yes, grocery store.  
 Q What store were you a member of before you became a member of this store?  
 A Quong Hop Lung Co.  
 Q Where was that store located?  
 A No. 331 S. Clark St., Chicago; that is where it is now.  
 Q How long were you a member of that firm?  
 A Between 12 and 13 years.  
 Q Have you still got your interest in that firm?  
 A No, sir; I sold out.  
 Q How long a period elapsed between the time you sold out and went into the new firm?  
 A About a month.  
 Q So you have been a merchant for the last 13 or 14 years?  
 A Yes; between 14 and 15 years.  
 Q Were you a merchant at the time of registration?  
 A Yes, sir; I was a merchant at that time.  
 Q Did you register?  
 A No, sir.  
 Q Why not?  
 A I understood to be a merchant I did not have to register.  
 Q Did you ever go to China as a merchant before?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q Tell me when you went and when you came back from that trip?  
 A I went to China K.S. 22 and returned to the United States again K.S. 23.  
 Q That would be 1897, would it?  
 A Yes.  
 Q Did you go and come on that trip as a member of the Quong Hop Lung Co.?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q Do you know Mr. Henry and Mr. Dana?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q Did they both know you when you were a member of the Quong Hop Lung Co.?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q Is that your photograph?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q Do you intend to retain your interest in that firm until you return from China?  
 A Yes, sir; I will not sell out.  
 Q How long do you expect to stay in China?  
 A May be 4 or 5 years.  
 Q Have you ever done laundry work or manual labor since you have been in the United States?  
 A No, sir.  
 Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?  
 A Yes, sir.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Thompson, signed in Chinese:

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| (Signed) | FONG HIM,         | Applicant.   |
| (Signed) | WONG ALOY,        | Interpreter. |
| (Signed) | WARD E. THOMPSON, | Inspector.   |



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Witness, YUNG HING, testified in English:

- Q What is your name?  
 A Yung Hing.  
 Q How old are you?  
 A 39 years.  
 Q What is your business?  
 A Merchant.  
 Q What do you deal in?  
 A Teas, coffees, Chinese and Japanese goods.  
 Q What is the name of your store?  
 A Y.L.Hing & Bros.  
 Q What is it located?  
 A No. 213 East 31st St.  
 Q How many partners have you in that store?  
 A Four brothers.  
 Q That is, including yourself?  
 A Yes, including myself.  
 Q What are their names?  
 A Yung Hing, Yung Ong, Fong Dick, and Fong Him.  
 Q How much capital have you?  
 A \$3,200 altogether.  
 Q Each one in the same amount?  
 A Yes, \$800.  
 Q What stock of goods do you carry?  
 A About \$2,400 or \$2,500.  
 Q Are you sure that is right?  
 A Well, we have a good deal but I don't know exactly; I haven't added it up.  
 Q What position do you occupy in the firm?  
 A Manager.  
 Q How many men stay in the store all the time?  
 A Two.  
 Q Who?  
 A Myself and Fong Him.  
 Q How long have you had that store on 31st St.?  
 A Since the first of May this year.  
 Q Where was the store before you moved there?  
 A No. 83 East 43d St.  
 Q How long was the store there?  
 A We started there last October (1904).  
 Q Do you recognize that picture (showing photo of applicant)?  
 A Yes, that is Fong Him.  
 Q Is he a member of your store?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q How much money has he invested in the store?  
 A \$800.  
 Q What does he do in the store?  
 A He sells goods in the store and delivers goods.  
 Q Does he ever do any work outside of the store?  
 A No, sir.  
 Q Never works in a laundry or restaurant?  
 A No, sir.  
 Q What did Fong Him do before you started that store?  
 A He was a merchant down on Clark St.  
 Q What firm was he a member of down there?  
 A Quong Hop Lung.  
 Q Do you know how much money he had in that firm?  
 A About \$300.  
 Q How long was he a member of that firm?  
 A Since it first started; I can't tell you exactly when it started.



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- Q What was he doing at the time of registration?  
A He was a merchant then in that firm.  
Q Do you know how many years he was a member of Quong Hop Lung before the Chinese got their certificates?  
A He was a member of that firm may be 3 or 4 years before that.  
Q And he has never been a laborer since he went into that store?  
A No, sir.  
Q Is he going to retain his interest in that store while he is in China?  
A Yes.  
Q He went to China once before?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know when that was?  
A I think it was over 7 years and he staid one year.  
Q Did he go as a merchant?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q As a member of Quong Hop Lung Co.?  
A Yes.  
Q Have you understood my questions?  
A Yes.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Thompson, signed in English:

(Signed) YUNG HING,                      Witness.  
(Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

*Duplicate  
for  
Chicago Inspector*

Sept. 22, 1905.

Ansel W. Paine, Esq.,

Chinese Inspector in charge,

Port of, N.D.

Sir:

In behalf of Fong Him, of Y. L. Hing & Bro's, No. 213 E. 31st st., Chicago, who desires a Certificate of his rights as a returning Merchant, pursuant to Rule 33, Chinese Regulations adopted July 27, 1903, I respectfully submit herewith the affidavits of two credible witnesses to show the necessary matters specified in that Rule -- Also affidavit of Fong Him, himself.

Such affidavit having been demanded at other ports, I presume you have the same use for it.

Yours very truly,

*Mark A. Foster*

*(Fong Him was accompanied  
by Quong Lee, Kenilworth, Ill.,  
7 313 Clark St, Chicago.)  
M. A. F.*