

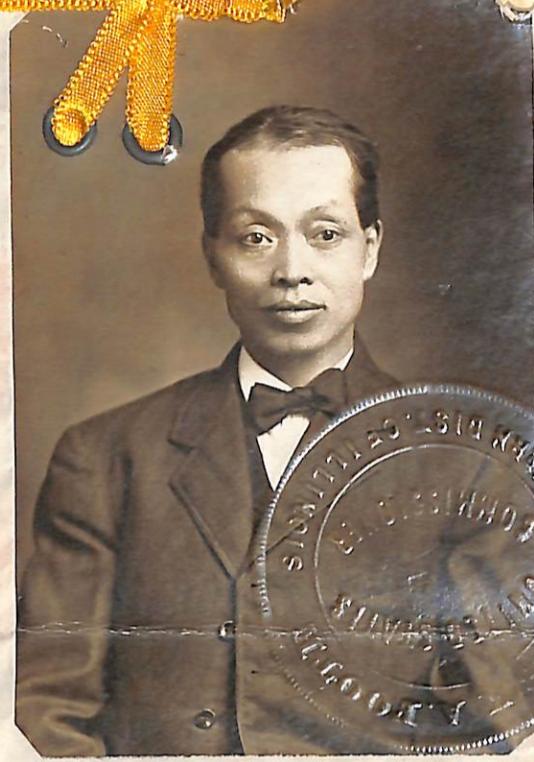
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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In re.
 L E E W A H,
 of
 "WAH CHING LUNG",
 No. 291 Clark street,
 Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.,
 MERCHANTS.

AGE:-Forty-Three Years.
 HEIGHT:-5 Feet, 4-3/4 Inches.
 EYES:-Dark Brown.
 COMPLEXION:-Light Olive.
 MARKS:-Faint Scar, Outer End Right
 Eye-Brow. Photograph Affixed
 Hereto.

MERCHANT'S *
 APPLICATION FOR RE-ADMISSION. *



L E E W A H.

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 the Northern District of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with the said LEE WAH, described above; that the foregoing photograph, hereto affixed, is a true and correct photographic likeness of him; that we have been so acquainted with him for upwards of one year last past; and that during the said year the said LEE WAH 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 LEE WAH has been a member of the firm of Chinese persons trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "WAH CHING LUNG & CO.", at No. 291 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid, Importers and Dealers in Teas, Silks and general Chinese and Japanese Merchandise.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said LEE WAH 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 LEE WAH 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; or, if he had, our acquaintance with him is such that we believe we should have known it.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That we have been credibly informed, and from our acquaintance with the said firm and its affairs have good reason to believe the said LEE WAH has a financial interest of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) in the stock, business and other assets of said firm, and that he is a bona fide member thereof.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, August 7th, A.D., 1909.

N. C. Dana

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

D. L. O'Brien

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

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.)
Northern District of Illinois.) Sct:
Eastern Division.)

N. L. 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 Northern District 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
9th day of August, A.D., 1909, before me,

N. L. Dana

Mark A. Foote

U. S. Commissioner, N. D. Illinois.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.)
Northern District of Illinois.) Sct:
Eastern Division.)

J. L. O'Brien, 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 Northern District of Illinois, where I follow the occupation of a Buyer - Merchant - Wholesale Grocer.

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
9th day of August, A.D., 1909, before me,

J. L. O'Brien

Mark A. Foote

U. S. Commissioner, N. D. Illinois.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.)
Northern District of Illinois.) Sct:
Eastern Division.)

I, Mark A. Foote, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that I am acquainted with

Narr C. Dana and Hudson L. Henson 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 division and district aforesaid; 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 the said City of Chicago, this 9th day of August, A.D., 1909,

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



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

LEE WAH, of the City of Chicago, in said division and district, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows, to-wit:-

I am a native and subject of China; forty-three years of age; a Merchant, residing and doing business at No.291 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid.

I have resided in the United States the last Twenty Eight Years, all of that time in Chicago aforesaid: I first landed in the United States at the port of San Francisco, in or about the 5th month of the 7th K.S. and for the five years following I was a member of the firm of "Sam Kee & Co.", Chinese Merchants, of No.194 Clark street, Chicago.

I then visited China for two years.

Upon my return from China, I joined the firm of "Wah Ching Lung", Chinese Merchants, then located at No.225 Clark street; and was a member thereof from then until the 28th K.S., when I sold my interests in said firm; but in the 31st K.S (1st month, 2d day) I again became a co-partner with the others in said firm, by the purchase of the interests of one Lee Fook ~~of his share and in~~ therein, for which I paid the sum of Eleven Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00). I have been such co-partner and owner of such interest, thence until the present time; and the same is worth now fully all that I paid for it.

(Meantime, that is, K.S.17th to 21st, I visited China a second time.)

I now desire to re-visit China again; with the desire and intention of returning upon the completion of such visit, to resume my present residence, occupation and status in the United States.

Wherefore, I present herewith the affidavits of two credible persons other than Chinese, and pray that the same may be endorsed as provided by proper Regulation in that behalf.

Subscribed and sworn to, this
7th day of August, A.D., 1909, before me,

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

To

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

Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.

HFC

Department of Commerce and Labor

U. S. IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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Inspector in Charge,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

VANCOUVER, B. C.

No. 1197-C

November 21, 1912.

Inspector in Charge,

U. S. Immigration Service,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

There is inclosed, for completion of your file No. 778, copy of the statement made upon his arrival at this port by LEE WAH, serial 647, ex s/s "Empress of India", November 17, 1912, admitted the 20th instant as a returning merchant.

Respectfully,

Chas W Pierce
Immigrant Inspector Acting in Charge.

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Inc. 8146.

INCLOSURE 8146

FROM

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

Port of

VANCOUVER, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICEVancouver, B. C.,
November 20, 1912.In re LEE WAH,
returning merchant,
serial 647, ex s/s
"Empress of India",
November 17, 1912.C. W. Pierce, Examining Inspector.
M. D. Shing, Interpreter.
M. W. Prasch, Stenographer.DESCRIPTION: Aged 46, height without shoes 5' 4-1/4".
Scar over outer corner right eye.
Raised mole left side upper lip.

Applicant sworn, testifies:

- Q What are your names?
 A Lee Wah Foo, my given name; Lee Hong Yen, my marriage name; and Lee Wah, my paper name; no others.
 Q Please sign your names to the notes?



Signature traced.

- Q When were you married?
 A When I was 20 years old.
 Q What is your wife's name, age, and native village?
 A Wong She, aged 48, native of Der Ben village, SN district, China.
 Q Has she bound or natural feet?
 A Bound.
 Q Have you been married more than once?
 A No.
 Q How many children have you?
 A One boy, Lee Sick Chee, aged 20, single, and one daughter, Lee Choon, aged 18.
 Q Have you any adopted children?
 A No.
 Q Where are your wife and two children now?
 A Len Hong village, SN district, China.
 (Departed Portal, N. D., August 22, 1909)
 Q What was your occupation in the United States during the year prior to your departure?
 A Merchant; member of the firm of Wah Ching Lung, 291 So.

- Clark St., Chicago, Ill; the number is changed now to
415 So. Clark St.
- Q How much interest had you in that firm?
A \$1100.
- Q Do you still retain that interest?
A Yes.
- Q You have not disposed of your interest in that firm while
you have been in China have you?
A No.
- Q Are you returning to the firm of Wah Ching Lung, of
Chicago, Ill., now?
A Yes.
- Q Have you a certificate of residence?
A No, because I was on a visit to China at the time of
registration.

DECISION: Identification satisfactory, case preinvestigated, and there being no change in status, applicant admitted this date and furnished with a certificate of identity.

CHAS. W. PIERCE
Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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

No. 2389.

Aug. 13, 1909.

Mr. H.E. Tippett,
Acting Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th inst.
No. 773, enclosing therewith all papers in the case of
LEE WAH, a Chinese merchant of your city, who desires the
endorsement provided for under rule 25 in the Chinese
Regulations.

After carefully considering all the evidence
adduced in this case, my decision is, that the desired
endorsement will be granted upon his departure thru this port.

Respectfully,

J. Wangf Chee
Inspector in Charge.
encl.

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RECEIVED
AUG 20 1909
Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

No. 778.

August 16th, 1909.

Lee Wah,
c/o Wah Ching Lung Co.,
291 So. Clark St., Chicago.

Sir:-

I hand you 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, North Dakota, upon your departure through that port.

Respectfully,

H. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector, Acting in Charge.
Inc.

No. 778.

August 16th, 1909.

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

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers of LEE WAH, departing merchant who claims to be a member of the firm of Wah Ching Lung, 291 So. Clark St., this city. The testimony of two white witnesses that are deemed credible by this office is hereto attached. From which it will be seen that applicant has been a merchant for more than one year.

The testimony of Lee Wah, applicant, and of Lee King, manager of the above named firm, has been taken, and a transcript of the notes taken is attached hereto. Lee Wah is a recognized member of this firm and there does not seem to be any doubt as to his being a bona fide merchant. Lee King, the manager is a reputable Chinese merchant of this city and has been for a number of years. His word is worthy of belief in every respect, and his standing is good.

In view of the testimony of the two white witnesses and the statement of the manager and applicant himself, there is no doubt as to applicant's standing, and I believe that he is entitled to depart and return as a merchant.

Lee Yuen is a merchant of this same firm of Wah Ching Lung,

No. 778.

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and a favorable report on his case has been forwarded this day.

Owing to the fact that applicant wishes to leave on the next boat which will compel him to leave Chicago on Thursday, I will hand one copy of his papers to him with instructions to present himself to you before his departure from the country, anticipating that your decision will be favorable.

Respectfully,

H. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector, Acting in Charge.

Inc.

522, Commercial Nat'l Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO

August 13th, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippett, Examining Inspector.
LEE WAH, :
Merchant departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, LEE WAH, sworn by Inspector Tippett, testified:

- Q What is your name? A. Lee Wah.
Q What is your occupation? A. Merchant.
Q What store are you connected with? A. Wah Chin Lung,
291 So. Clark St., basement.
Q How many names have you? A. Lee Wah Foo is my boyhood
name. Lee Hong Yen is my marriage name.
Q How old are you? A. Forty-three.
Q You are married? A. Yes.
Q Where is your wife? A. In China.
Q What is her name? A. Wong Shee.
Q How many children have you? A. Two.
Q Boys or girls? A. One boy and one girl.
Q Name them. A. Lee Sick Chee, about 17 years old, boy;
girl, Lee Choon, 15 years old. They were both born in China.
Q What village and district were these children born?
A. Lin Hong village, Sun Ning district.
Q Are they both in China now? A. Yes.
Q You say you are one of the partners in the firm of Wah
Ching Lung? A. Yes.
Q How long have you been in that firm? A. In K.S. 14
I became a member of the firm. I went back to China in K.S. 17.
Q Was you a member of this firm when you went back?
A. Yes, I went on a merchant paper of Wah Ching Lung.
Q What port did you go out at? A. San Francisco.
Q What month of that year? A. Chinese tenth month.
Q What vessel did you go to China on? A. I forgot.
Q When did you come back from that visit? A. K.S. 21. I
left Hong Kong Chinese 7th month and arrived in Frisco the Chinese
8th month. I came back via Portal.
Q What day were you admitted at Portal? A. The Chinese
9th month. I don't remember the day.
Q Did you go and return under the same name of Lee Wah?
A. Yes.
Q Is that the only time you went back to China? A. I was
to China in K.S. 12.
Q What month? A. 8th month.
Q What port did you go out? A. San Francisco.
Q When did you come back from that visit? A. K.S. 14, the
6th month I landed at San Francisco from the steamer Gaelic and went
on a Red Eagle certificate.
Q You have just been to China twice? A. Yes.
Q What do you do in the store? A. Sell goods.
Q How many members in the store? A. Just now 16 members.
Q What is the capital of the concern? A. \$17,800.00.
Q What is your interest in the firm? A. \$1,100.00.
Q How much stock do you carry on an average? A. About
\$30,000.00.
Q What is the nature of the business? A. Chinese general
merchandise.
Q Do you do any importing yourselves? A. Yes.
Q Do you give this store your whole undivided attention?
A. Yes, I am only in the store.
Q Have you been in this store practically every day for the
past twelve months? A. Yes.
Q And you have had no other employment except in this store
during the past year? A. No.
Q Who is the manager? A. Lee King.
Q How many of the members give the store their whole atten-
tion? A. Six.

Testimony of applicant, LEE WAN, continued:

- Q Name them: A. Lee King, Lee Yuen, Lee Lai, Lee Wun Bor,
Lee Hong, Lee Wah.
Q All of these men work in the store every day? A. Yes.
Q Do you know Mr. H. C. Dana? A. Yes.
Q How long have you known him? A. About ten years.
Q What is his business? A. An insurance agent.
Q Is your firm insured with him? A. Yes.
Q Does he come to your store often? A. Yes, sometimes
once or twice a week.
Q Do you know Mr. Henson? A. Yes.
Q What is his business? A. Wholesale grocery salesman.
Q Does he visit your store frequently? A. Yes.
Q Do you buy goods from him? A. Yes.
Q How long have you known him? A. I have known him three
or four years.
Q Which way are you going to China? A. Via Portal.

Applicant signed in English and Chinese.

(Signed) Lee Wah Foo,
(Signed) Lee Hong Yan, Applicant.

李華富 (Lee Wah Foo)

(Signed) H. E. Tippett, Inspector.

李洪言 (Lee Hong Yan)

Case of LEE WAH.

Place: same.

Witness, LEE KING, sworn by Inspector Tippett, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Lee King.

Q How many names have you? A. Lee King Yen is my full name.

Q Are you married? A. Yes.

Q What is your marriage name? A. Lee King Yen.

Q Where is your wife? A. In China.

Q How many children have you? A. Two boys.

Q How many girls? A. I have no daughters.

Q You have just two children? A. Yes.

Q What is your oldest boy's name? A. Lee Weng Yuen.

Q How old is he? A. 29 years old.

Q Where was he born? A. Born in China.

Q Where is he now? A. He is in Chicago, a member of the firm of Wah Ching Lung. He is going to China along with Lee Wah.

Q What is the other boy's name? A. Lee Weng How. He is about 26 or 27.

Q Where was he born? A. Born in China.

Q Where is he now? A. Victoria, Canada.

Q Has he ever been in the United States? A. No.

Q What does he do in Victoria? A. He is in business with the firm of Quan Fung Tie & Co. He also has an interest in Wah Ching Lung.

Q What is your occupation? A. Merchant, Chinese general merchandise business.

Q What is the name of your firm? A. Wah Ching Lung, 291 So. Clark St., basement.

Q How many members in the company? A. Sixteen members.

Q What is the combined capital? A. \$17,800.00.

Q How much interest have you in that store? A. \$2,300.00.

Q What do you do in the store? A. I am the manager.

Q How long have you been connected with this firm? A. In K.S. 20, I bought my interest from Lee Jing.

Q Have you been the manager since then? A. Yes.

Q How much business do you do on an average a year? A. A little over forty thousand dollars.

Q How much stock do you carry? A. From twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars.

Q Is that all Chinese merchandise? A. All Chinese merchandise. We do some importing.

Q How old are you? A. Fifty-six.

Q I will show you the photograph on this paper, (holding up application of Lee Wah and his photograph thereon) and will ask you who it is? A. Lee Wah.

Q Is he one of the partners of your firm? A. Yes, he is a partner of mine.

Q How much interest has he in your store? A. \$1,100.00.

Q What does Lee Wah do in the store? A. Salesman, he sells goods.

Q How long has he been a member of your firm? A. He was a member first in K.S. 21. Then he sold out in K.S. 28. Then he bought an interest back again in K.S. 31.

Q Does he give this store his whole undivided attention? A. Yes.

Q Has he been engaged in that store practically every day for the last twelve months? A. Yes.

Q Has he any other kind of employment except what he has in the store? A. No.

Q How many partners work in the store? A. Six.

Q Name them. A. Lee Wah, Lee Hong, Lee King, (myself) Lee Lai, Lee Yuen and Lee Wun Baw.

Q Do you identify Lee Wah as one of the true partners in

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Case of LEE WAH.

Testimony of LEE KING, continued:

your concern? A. Yes, he is my partner.

Q He stays in the store all the time, does he? A. Yes.

Q Has there been any change in the membership of your firm since you filed a partnership list in this office October 26th, 1904? A. Yes. (He presents a typewritten list of members of Wah Ching Lung, dated August 7th, 1909 showing sixteen members with a combined capital of \$17,800.00.)

Witness signed in English and Chinese.

(Signed) Lee King

Witness.

(Signed) Lee King Yon,

Witness.

(Signed) H. F. Tippett,

Inspector.