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No. 618

MARK KUNG

of.

"The Asia Tea Co.",
Dealers in Teas, Coffees
and Japanese Goods, at
No. 287 East 43rd Street,
Chicago, Illinois.



AGE:---- Forty Three Years.

HEIGHT:- 5 Feet, 3 Inches.

Small Pits each side of Mouth.

Shallow Pits each side Nose.

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, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-named MARK KUNG for upwards of one year last past, during which time he has been a reputable resident Chinese Merchant of the said City of Chicago, and neither a huckster, peddler, laundryman nor laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said MARK KUNG has been a member of the firm of chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "The Asia Tea Company, Dealers in Teas, Coffees and Japanese Goods, at No. 287 East Forty Third street, in the said City of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said MARK KUNG 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 MARK KUNG 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 aforesaid.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That the foregoing photograph, hereunto annexed, is, together with the personal description above, a true and correct likeness and description of the said MARK KUNG.

We have been credibly informed that the said MARK KUNG has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) in said firm; and from our frequent visits to the said place of business and general acquaintance with the various members of said concern, we have become well satisfied that he is actively engaged in the business of the firm, and exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of the said "The Asia Tea Company, and enjoys his proper share of the profits thereof, as a bona fide member thereof.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., October , 1907.

W. C. Rich
(Address) 381 Dearborn St, Chicago, Ill.

A. L. Henson
(Address) 19-29 Market St, Chicago, Ill.

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

W. C. Rich, of the City of Chicago, in the County and State aforesaid, 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 Mfg. of Laundry Machinery

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 19th day of October, A.D., 1907, before me.

Mark A. Foote,
Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

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

A. L. Henson, of the City of Chicago, in the County and State aforesaid, 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 Buyer & 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 19th day of October, A.D., 1907, before me.

Mark A. Foote,
Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

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

To

Lorenzo T. Plummer, Esq.,

Chinese Inspector,

Chicago, Illinois.

Chicago, Oct. 15, 1907.

Sir:

My name is Mark Kung. I am a native and subject of China, forty three years of age, and have resided in the United States the last twenty seven (27) years; in the City of Chicago the last eight (8) years. During my said residence of 27 years in the United States, I have not visited China, nor been outside the limits of the United States.

I first landed in the United States at the port of San Francisco, in the year 1880, and resided there Nineteen (19) years; during which time I was employed as a laundryman, and in stores. Then I came to this city of Chicago, and was employed in laundries for six years.

Two years ago I purchased a share and interest in the stock, business and all other of the assets of The Asia Tea Company, Dealers in Teas, Coffees and Japanese Goods, at No. 287 East Forty Third St., Chicago aforesaid. I paid One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for my said share and interest therein; and the same is now worth, reasonably and at least, Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

During the last two years, I have been constantly employed in the business and affairs of said The Asia Tea Company, and have not been employed or interested in the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind, except such as has been necessary in the conduct of my said business and ~~xxxxxx~~ interest in said Asia Tea Co.

I desire to visit China, and to return upon the completion of such visit, to resume my said residence and business occupation 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 in the Regulations above cited.

Very respectfully, *mark kung*

C/o The Asia Tea Co.,

No. 287 E. 43d st., Chicago, Ill.

August 3, 1908.

Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Portal, North Dakota.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 23, 1908 inclosing papers in case of Mark Kung, merchant for investigation I have the honor to report that; the statement of Moy Hong, Asia Tea Co., No. 287 E. 43rd Street has been taken and a copy of the same is hereto attached. It will be seen by the said statement that this concern is no longer in business, but have what remains of the stock stored, which fact has been investigated and found to be true. Moy Hong, manager claims the remnant of stock stored is worth \$700.00 which probably is a fair estimated value. He also further states that this applicant retains his interest in what there is left of the firm's stock and fixtures, and that they intend to resume business again this Fall.

Respectfully submitted.

H. E. TIPPETT

Actg Chinese Inspector in Charge.

522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO, July 31st, 1908.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.
MARK KUNG. :
Mer. returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, MOY HONG, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:
(In English)

Q What is your name?
A Moy Hong.
Q Moy, are you one of the members, or the manager of
the Asia Tea Company, at #287 E. 43rd St.?
A Yes sir.
Q Can you identify the photograph on this paper?
A Yes sir.
Q Who is that? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A Mark Kong.
Q Is he one of the partners?
A Yes sir.
Q Has he got the same interest in your concern as he had
at the time he went to China?
A Yes, just the same.
Q Has not sold out?
A No.
Q On investigation, I found that the store at 287 43rd St
is closed up.
A Yes, that's right.
Q Is the store out of business at the present time?
A Yes, but we expect to start up again next fall.
Q What is the cause of the store's going out of business?
A Our lease ran out where I was, and on account of the
business being so quiet, I did not start up again.
Q What did you do with the stock of goods?
A I stored them in the place where I live.
Q How much goods have you stored there now?
A About \$700.00, and the fixtures are put in storage.
Q Where?
A At the Empire Storage and Van Co.
Q What are you doing now?
A I am working in a restaurant, We Ying Lo, Clark and
Monroe Sts.
Q For a salary?
A Yes.
Q All the goods that you had with this concern are stored
where you are now living? A. Yes.
Q And the fixtures in the storage company? A. Yes.
Q And this applicant still has an interest in these goods
has he? A. Yes.
Q Where are the rest of your partners? A. They didn't
ever work in the store.
Q What does Moy Ong do? A. Work in a restaurant, in
Detroit.
Q Moy Wing? A. He is in Indianapolis, working in a laundry.
Q When did you close this store?
A About the first part of April, this year.
Q Have you understood my questions?
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Moy Hong,
(Signed) H. E. Tippet,

Witness.
Inspector.

CHICAGO, ILL., November 15, 1907

Case of : L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector,
MARK KUNG, : J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter,
Mer. Dep. : A.T.Wilson, Stenographer.

Applicant, MARK KUNG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Mark Kung.
Q What is your full Chinese name? A That is all the name I have.
Q What is your family name? A Mark.
Q What is your business? A Merchant.
Q How long have you been a member of the Asia Tea Company? A Two years.
Q How much of an interest have you in it? A \$1,000.
Q How much money is there in the concern altogether? A \$5,000.
Q How many partners are there? A Five men.
Q Who are they? A Moy On; Moy Fook; Moy Wing; Moy Hong, and myself.
Q Does each one of you have \$1,000 interest? A Yes.
Q What is the value of the goods you have on hand? A About \$6,000.
Q What do you do about the store? A Sometimes I do general work in the store and sometimes I go out.
Q What do you do when you go out? A I go out to buy goods, soap and starch.
Q Where do you buy; do you buy or sell? A I go out to sell, instead of buy.
Q Where do you go to sell; give me the names and address of people you sell to? A 384 East Division St.; 7020 Stony Island Ave.; 1096 - 58th St.
Q Didn't you used to work at 7020 Stony Island Ave? A No.
Q Are these three places all the places you go to sell goods?
A Yes, I went to some other places, but I dont remember.
Q Where are they? A Madison St.; Lincoln Avenue; 63rd St.; that is all.
Q Are these all the streets that you go to sell goods on? A yes.
Q Aren't these streets where you have worked in laundries, instead of going to sell goods? A No; I never worked in a laundry.
Q What were you doing before you came into this Asia Tea Company?
A I used to work in a laundry in Chicago Heights.
Q How long did you work there? A Six years.
Q When did you leave? A 1905, 3rd month, 13th day.
Q Did you come from that laundry in Chicago Heights to the store of the Asia Tea Company? A Yes.
Q Did you put \$1,000 into the Asia Tea Company when you first started there? A Yes.
Q How much did the new firm pay for the old firm of which Sid Ding was manager? A \$5,000.
Q What salary do you draw now? A \$40 a month.
Q Who is working there in the store now? A Moy Hong and myself; no more.
Q Dont you hire someone? A No.
Q Are you registered? A No.
Q Have you any papers of any kind to show your right to be in the United States? A No, I have not kind of papers.
Q Why not? A At that time my father was a merchant, and I was told that I didn't have to have any.
Q What were you doing at that time? A I was in my father's store.
Q Where? A 729 Commercial Street, San Francisco.
Q Have you worked in laundries or restaurants, or done any work outside of that store since you first bought your interest there in 1905?
A No.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.
(Signed) Mark Kung, Applicant,
(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter,
(Signed) L.T.Plummer, Inspector.

CHICAGO, ILL., November 15, 1907.

Case of : L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector,
MARK KUNG, : ~~xxxxxxLongoxxxxxx~~, ~~xxxxxx~~,
Mer. Dep. : A.T.Wilson, Stenographer.

Witness, MOY HONG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified in

English:

Q What is your name? A Moy Hong.
Q What is your business? A Merchant.
Q You are the manager of the Asia Tea Company, on 43rd St? A Yes
sir.
Q How long has that store been there? A About five years.
Q How many partners has your firm at the present time? A Five.
Q What is the capital stock? A \$5,000.
Q How many partners work in the store all the time? A Two, myself
and Mark Kung.
Q What do you do? A I am the manager.
Q What does Mark Kung do? A He is working in the store; he goes
out part of the time.
Q What is the value of the stock you have on hand? A About
\$2500, fixtures about \$1,000.
Q What rent do you pay? A \$47.50.
Q What salary do you pay Mark Kung? A \$40 a month.
Q Whose photograph is that (showing photo of applicant)? A Mark
Kung.
Q How much of an interest has he in the store? A \$1,000.
Q How long has he had \$1,000 in there? A Since March 13, 1905.
We bought out the old firm then, and he put in the money on the 22nd
of March.
Q Has he been in the store since that time continuously? A Yes.
Q Has he done any work in laundries or restaurants, or in other
places, any manual labor outside of the store? A No.
Q What is he going to China for now? A I do not know.
Q His own business? A Yes.
Q Who was the owner of the Asia Tea Company when you bought it out?
A It was a corporation, and they had a good many shares. I do not
know how many they did have.
Q Who was the manager of it? A Sid Ding.
Q Have you understood my questions? A Yes sir.

(Signed) Moy Hong,
(Signed) L.T.Plummer,

Witness,
Inspector.