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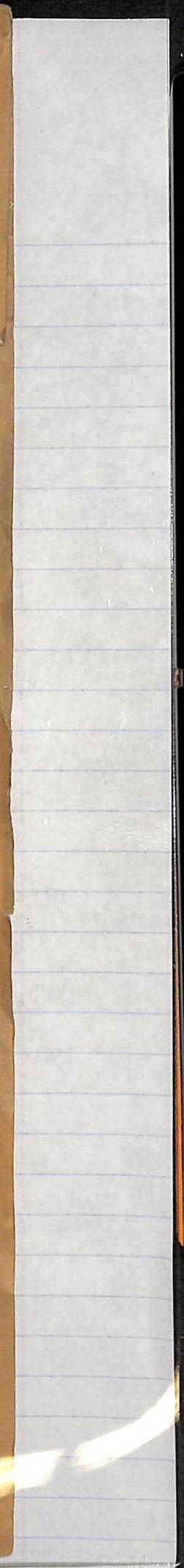
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No. E 726SUBJECT: CHIN SUI

Department of Commerce and Labor  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
PORTAL, N. DAK.

February 2, 1909.

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

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 30th,  
No. 726, forwarding therewith the entire case of Chin Sui,  
applicant for admission at this port as a returning merchant.  
Chin Sui has been admitted this date.

Respectfully,

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*Oskar Holzow*  
Chinese Inspector in Charge

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Chinese Inspector,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

*M. B. Holton*  
Portal, N. D., February 2, 1909.

Reexamination of Chin Sui

O. B. Holton, Chinese Inspector  
Tay Hain Lee, Interpreter,  
R. A. Wahl, Stenographer

Applicant sworn

- Q. What relation are you to Chin Won Fat? A. Cousin
- Q. Didn't you tell me before that you were his brother? A. You Fat is my brother
- Q. You left your accounts with Chin You Fat your brother then did you? A. Yes sir.
- Q. Did you ever hear that Chin You Fat turned these accounts over to anyone else? A. I did not. If he did he might have given them to Won Fat
- Q. Did Chin Won Fat loan you any money? A. No
- Q. Are you sure that you didn't get any money from Chin Won Fat? A. I am sure of it
- Q. Did you write to Chin Won Fat regarding your return to the United States? A. I did
- Q. What did you ask Chin Won Fat in that letter? A. I wrote to Chin Won Fat asking him if he could see the Inspector and tell him that I intended to come back to the United States
- Q. Did you receive an answer to this letter? A. Yes I have a letter from him
- Q. What did he say in that letter? A. He wants me to go see the Consul and ask him about it, and I did go to see the Consul and he advised me to come
- Q. Did you ask the Consul as to whether it was necessary for you to procure a Section Six certificate? A. No sir I didn't say anything about it. I showed him my paper
- Q. What did he say after showing him your paper? A. He said to me that if that paper belonged to me I could come with it and it would be all right
- Q. Did Chin Won Fat state in his letter that Mr. Plummer had suggested that you procure a Section 6 certificate? A. He did not say anything about a Section 6 certificate
- Q. Well, did he say anything about procuring a paper in China other than the one you have? A. He advised me to go to see the Consul for a Certificate but the Consul told me that I didn't need any, except the paper I had with me.
- Who do you expect to engage in business with in case of your admission to the United States? A. Mow Hai

- Q. Is this the only party with whom you expect to engage in business? A. Yes.
- Q. Was Mow Hai a former partner in the firm of Wing Chong Hai? A. He was a partner in the Wing Chong Hai, but not any more.
- Q. Tell me in detail what you expect to do in case of your admission to the United States? A. If I am admitted I will do a Chinese general merchandise business.
- Q. What did you expect to do with the accounts that are due you from the old firm of Wing Chong Hai? A. Of course, my intention is to collect as much as possible of those debts.
- Q. Have you any money aside from what is due you from the old firm of Wing Chong Hai with which to engage in business? A. I expect to get some money from Wing Chong Hai and some from Chin Won Fat, besides what else I have loaned out
- Q. How much money are you bringing along with you from China? A. About \$20, that is all
- Q. How much money do you think that you will be able to collect from your old accounts? A. I think there will be more than a thousand dollars that I can collect from those people
- Q. Have there been any arrangements made between you and your intended partner Mow Hai as to entering into business? A. I have made no arrangements with Mow Hai
- Q. Didn't you say a little while ago that you expected to enter into business with Mow Hai? A. Yes I did
- Q. Well how do you know that Mow Hai will go into business with you if you haven't made any arrangements? A. I was a partner, and I think he will be glad to have me go into business again
- Q. What is Mow Hai doing at the present time? A. He is doing Chinese general merchandise business in Chicago, the firm of Lung Cheong.
- Q. Is he the sole proprietor of that firm? A. He is one of the partners
- Q. How many other partners are there in that firm? A. I do not know how many there are
- Q. In the event that you are admitted to the United States, do you know what would happen to you in case you did not enter a mercantile business? A. I think you will deport me

No. 726.

January 30th, 1909.

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

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of January 22nd forwarding for further investigation the case of CHIN SUI with the request that I examine his brother, Chin Won Fat at Chicago, I submit the following:

I have examined Chin Won Fat and inclose a transcript of the notes taken. This witness states that he is not a brother of Chin Sui as is claimed, but a first cousin, though he was frequently referred to as "brother" by Chin Sui when he was in this country. He produced an account book containing a number of entries which he stated were copied from a book that Chin You Fat took to China with him.

His testimony in a way corroborates that of Chin Foin as to the sale of Chin Sui's interest, but Chin Foin says that it occurred in April, 1901 while Chin Won Fat says that it was about July, 1902.

From this examination of Chin Won Fat and your examination of Chin Sui, it would seem that applicant has a great deal of money due him for debts incurred while he was a merchant here in Chicago. From what I have learned of this man, I believe that he intends to go into business as a merchant here, providing he is admitted, but

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the testimony seems to show quite conclusively that his interest in the firm of Wing Chong Kai & Co., has been sold out by him during his absence.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO January 28th, 1909.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
CHIN SUI : Charley Kee, Interpreter.  
Returning merchant.: W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, TOM KEE CHAN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q. What is your name? A. Tom Kee Chan is my American name. My Chinese name is Chin Won Fat.

Q. What is your occupation at the present time? A. Running a restaurant.

Q. What is your boyhood name? A. Chin Lun Bow.

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

Q. Who is it? A. Chin Sui.

Q. What relation is he to you? A. Cousin. His father and my father are brothers.

Q. What is his marriage name? A. Chin Soon Fat.

Q. Do you remember when he went to China? A. In 1893, just after the World's Fair.

Q. At that time what was his business? A. Firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co.

Q. Was he the manager of it? A. Yes.

Q. Who became manager of that firm after he went away?  
A. Chin Set Mon, Chin Ming Toon and Chin Deck.

Q. Where are these three men now? A. Chin Set Mon and Chin Deck are dead. Chin Ming Toon is in Hong Kong.

Q. Were you, yourself, ever a member of this firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co.? A. No, I was not.

Q. When your cousin, Chin Sui, went to China, did he leave his accounts with you? A. No sir.

Q. Whom did he leave them with? A. He left them to his brother, Chin You Fat. This Chin You Fat went home and turned the accounts over to me.

Q. When were these accounts turned over to you? A. About five years ago.

Q. About how much money was due Chin Sui at the time the accounts were turned over to you? A. I did not check it up. It is over \$3,000.00 any way.

Q. What year were they turned over to you? (Witness produces book containing numerous entries) A. 1905.

Q. At that time, did Chin Sui have an interest in the firm of Wing Chong Hai, do you know? A. When I was in China I knew he had an interest in the firm, but after I got back to this country, Chin Foin told me that he had bought everybody out.

Q. Since you have been collecting for Chin Sui, has any money been paid to you by the firm of Wing Cheng Hai, either as dividends or as a payment for the interest in this firm?

A. No sir. Chin Foin told me that he had sent it all to him.

Q. At the time Chin You Fat went back to China, did he turn over to you any account book? A. No, he just let me see his book and I copied the account off into my book.

Q. You copied onto your book the accounts that were in the book of Chin You Fat? A. Yes.

Q. Have you that with you? A. Yes. (Witness produces book containing numerous entries.)

Q. Are all the accounts in this book due to Chin Sui, or are some of them your own debts? A. Some are my debts.

Q. What part of them are Chin Sui's? A. These. (Witness indicates items on two pages of book)

Q. Were these accounts entered in your book at the time Chin You Fat went to China? A. Yes.

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Testimony of witness, TOM KEE CHAN, continued.

The items were translated as follows:

Lee Won Chung	\$554.50
Lee Hee Ging	341.30
Chin Ah Wong	360.00
Chin Dep Hung	433.60
Chin Gum Len	476.85
Chin Wing You	134.50
Lee Ging Dung	235.60
Chin Ah Tom	246.00
Chin Ah Kong	151.60
Law Ah Foo	51.80
Ng Ah Wong	72.55
Law Ah Sui	43.25
Yee Hen	216.50
Lee Lung Dok	348.00
Gee King Chung	28.00
	<u>\$3,694.05</u>

Q Where are these men now? A. Lee Ging Dung is in China. The other men are in the United States, and most of them are in Chicago.

Q Have you collected any money on any of these accounts since it was turned over to you? A. No, I have not.

Q Have you sent Chin Sui any money that was due him since the books were turned over to you? A. No, on account of these debts, he was short of money, and I lent him some money which he asked for. He asked for \$500.00 and I let him have \$300.00. That is also in this book. (produces book and interpreter reads, "K.S. 31, 12th month, 25th day, sent to Tung Chung at Hong Kong, to be delivered to Chin Sui, \$300.00.")

Q Were these debts of Chin Sui, personal, or debts contracted by the firm of Wing Chong Hai while he was manager of it? A. The debts were incurred while Chin Sui was running the firm. There were only two partners then, himself and Chin Now Toy. The debts were mostly personal.

Q Have you an account of any smaller amounts? A. There are some smaller amounts, some five dollar amounts for groceries. They belonged to the firm.

Q Were there any other debts that you are to collect? A. No.

Q Did you write Chin Sui suggesting that he come to the United States? A. He first wrote to me to see you about getting back into the United States, and I came up to see you. You told me to write a letter back to him.

Q At the time you came to see me I advised you to tell him to apply to the Consul and obtain a certificate there. Didn't you write him and didn't he leave China before he received your letter? A. He received my letter before he started.

Q What is he going to do when he reaches Chicago? A. Start up business again.

Q Is it your intention to go into business with him? A. Yes.

Q You don't know then of your own personal knowledge whether he has had any interest in the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co. since he went to China? A. He had an interest in Wing Chong Hai until 1902.

Q Do you know that yourself? A. I know it myself. When I got here Chin Foin told me about it. I got here about July, 1902.

Q At that time Chin Foin told you that this man Chin Sui had an interest in the firm? A. Chin Foin told me that he had bought Chin Sui out.

Q Did Chin Foin tell you that or did you receive a letter?

A. When I was in China I saw Chin Sui. Chin Sui said that he had received a letter from Chin Foin and Chin Mun, asking if he wanted

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## Testimony of witness, TOM KEE CHAN, continued:

to sell or remain in the firm. He said to me that he would write a letter to Chin Foin saying that I could sell his interest in the firm to Chin Foin. When I got back here, Chin Foin said, he had received a letter from Chin Sui saying that he would sell. He said he had not forwarded any money to Chin Sui but would pay me.

Q What is your father's name? A. Chin Yin Ging.

Q What is Chin Sui's father's name? A. Chin Hee Ging.

Q How old are you? A. Forty-five.

Q Do you know whether Chin Sui has a brother in this country by the name of Chin Won Fat? A. That is me. He always called me brother, but I am his cousin.

Q Did Chin Sui ever call you his brother or call you by that name? A. Lots of times in the store he would introduce as "brother". He wasn't particular about that at all.

Q Have you any other name except these names you have given? A. No. Tom Kee Chan is my American name. Chin Lun Bow is my boyhood name.

Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Tom Kee Chan

Witness.

陳就信  
唐瑞芳

(Signed) Churley Kee,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Interpreter.  
Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
PORTAL, N. DAK.

January 22, 1909.

L. T. Plummer,

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 19th instant, No. 726 transmitting therewith all papers in the case of Chin Sui, alleged merchant of Chicago, Ill. In a reinvestigation of the applicant at this port he admits that he has disposed of his interest in the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co., but states that he has in the neighborhood of \$2000.00 due the firm, which he is desirous of collecting, and I therefor return the record together with the additional testimony taken at this port, and would ask that you make an investigation to determine whether or not these debts are still due and owing the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co. I would suggest that you question the applicant's brother, Wan Fat. It is likely that he can give some information in the matter. A list is enclosed of the claims due the applicant, but he states that these are personal matters and that the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co. has nothing

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Chinese Inspector,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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Enclosure

Respectfully,

*O. B. Holton*  
Chinese Inspector in Charge

*Extra copy*  
Portal, N. D. January 22, 1909

Reexamination of Chin Sui.

O. B. Holton, Inspector,  
Tay Hain Lee, Interpreter,  
R. A. Wahl, Clerk.

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- Q. Who was manager of the firm in which you were interested before you left the United States? A. Mow Hai.
- Q. Who is manager at the present time? A. Mow Hai and Low Gong
- Q. Were you one of the managers of the firm before you left for China? A. Yes I had been manager of the firm until the world's fair took place, and then I attended to business in the fair.
- Q. To whom did you sell your interest? A. I have not sold my business to anybody.
- Q. Do you know Chin F. Foin? A. Yes.
- Q. Was Chin F. Foin interested in this firm before you left for China? A. No sir his brother was.
- Q. Chin F. Foin says that you sold out your interest on April 1st, 1901, Chinese date? A. I did not sell my business to him.
- Q. Well, why would he be interested in saying that you sold out your interest if it wasn't a fact? A. He might have said that, but he can't prove it to me.
- Q. Have you got any money due you from any one in the United States? A. Yes about \$4000
- Q. Do you remember pretty well who owes you some money? A. Yes but not all.
- Q. How were these credits obtained? A. Well, some had business with me, and some borrowed money for laundry business
- Q. Have you made any collections whatever? A. Yes some of them.
- Q. Have you received any money profits from the business in the last few years? A. Not for the last two or three years
- Q. Why haven't you been receiving your profits for the last two or three years? A. I suppose because Chin F. Foin's brother is dead and then he handed down to business to somebody else.
- Q. Well, why shouldn't the books show that you are one of the members of the firm and that you should be receiving your profits of the firm and after the death of Chin F. Foin's brother? A. I suppose the trouble was because Chin F. Foin's both brothers are dead and in some way they might have forgotten to send me the money, and the books should show it. It seems to me I have a letter from this firm sending me some money with a note before he died.

- Q. Is there any trouble existing between you and Chin F. Foin?  
A. No sir, not that I know of.
- Q. Did you make a record of the moneys that you received as profits from the firm? A. I have not, but I think I have kept quite a good many letters on that matter.
- (Note. Applicant makes search for communications showing receipt of profits received, but is unable to find any)
- Q. Have you any record of the amounts due you by persons living in the United States? A. Yes I have.
- (Note. Applicant produces record showing different parties who owe him money in the United States)
- Q. Are all of these amounts still due you or have some of them been paid? A. No these bills are due me, and a very small amount has been collected.
- Q. Can you show on these lists the amounts that have been paid? A. Yes if you will let me have my book I can point it out to you.
- Q. Who made these collections? A. Some of them have been collected by my brother. It was a bill of about \$80 collected for me by one of my nephews.
- Q. What is your brother's name? A. Wan Fat.
- Q. Is your brother known by any other name? A. Yes. Ah Bow his given name.
- Q. And his other name is Wan Fat? A. Yes.
- Q. Is he ever known as Chin You Fat? A. That is another brother. He is in China now.
- Q. Did Chin You Fat make any collections? A. Yes he did but those bills were not in my record.
- Q. Well, what I mean is this: Did Chin You Fat endeavor to make any collections which you have in your record book? A. Yes he did but they refused to pay him.
- Q. He didn't make any collections then whatsoever? A. Not any of those in this book.
- Q. When did Chin You Fat return to China? A. More than two years ago and nearly three years ago.
- Q. This other brother Wan Fat is still in the United States is he? A. Yes.
- Q. Is he the party from whom you received a letter this morning? A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know Chin Der Bow? A. He is the same person as Chin ~~is~~ Ah Bow.
- Q. Well, where is Chin Der Bow? A. That is the same man as Wan Fat who sent me that letter from King Wing Low, Chicago
- Q. Do you know of any other Chinese persons by the name of Chin Der Bow who is now in China? A. I know a Chinaman Chin Ming Bow.

- Q. Who is that? (Indicating photograph of Chin Der Bow)  
A. I don't know that Chin Der bow.
- Q. You do not know this party? A. I do not.
- Q. Do you know a party by the name of Chin Ning? A. Yes  
Chin Nen.
- Q. Where is Chin Ning? A. I don't know where he is now
- Q. Do you know this party? A. Yes I do.
- Q. Who is that? (Indicating photograph of Chin Fung Kee)  
A. Ong Ngow, a younger brother of Ying Soon.
- Q. Is this party known by any other name? A. I don't know  
whether he is or not.
- Q. Where is this party at the present time? A. I do not  
know where he is now.
- Q. Where was he the last time you saw this man? A. The last  
time I saw him in Hong Kong, China.
- Q. When was that? A. I cannot exactly tell how long, but  
I think about 10 years ago.
- Q. Has this party any interest in the firm of Wing Chong Hai  
Co.? A. When Wing Chong Hai was opened for business  
he did not have any then, but he may have had an interest  
thereafter, that I don't know.
- Q. You said in your first examination here that you were intend-  
ing to come back to the United States to become manager of  
the Wing Chong Hai Co., who was it that wrote to you to  
come over? A. My brother Wan Fat.
- Q. Did your brother Wan Fat enter the firm of Wing Chong Hai  
Co. at the same time that you did? A. No sir.
- Q. Is your brother an active member of the firm at the present  
time? A. He has nothing to do with Wing Chong Hai.
- Q. Hasn't he ever had an interest in the Wing Chong Hai? A. I  
have another brother You Fat who has an interest in that store
- Q. Has he the same kind of an interest that you have at the  
present time? A. No he sold out and he has gone back to  
China.
- Q. What year was it that he sold out? A. I think more than  
3 years or nearly four years ago.
- Q. Now isn't it a fact Chin Sui that you sold your interest back  
to the firm about the year 1901 when the Company reduced  
the stock and that you are not a member of the present firm  
of Wing Chong Hai, but that you still have remaining some  
credits which were obtained on account of the merchandise  
business of this firm which are still uncollected? A. Yes  
that is a fact, but this man Chin Foin he does not know any-  
thing about it, only his elder brother knows it, and his  
elder brother has sent me some money on that account, but  
these debts still due me are my own share.

- Q. You are making applicant to return then in order to make the collections of the debts that were contracted while you were a member of the firm of Wing Chong Hai. Is that a fact?  
A. Yes
- Q. Is it not a fact that there are some of these debts that were personal and the ~~firm~~ had no interest in them what-so ever? A. These are all personal debts.
- Q. And they havien nothing whatever to do with the old firm of Wing Chong Hai? A. No sir.
- Q. Have you any record of the debts that were contracted by the firm of Wing Chong Hai Co.? A. I do not have any, only that all are kept in the store of Wing Chong Hai now.
- Q. Are you positive that the records will be there in the store if you should be admitted? A. Yes.
- Q. About how much money is due you as credits obtained from the firm? A. I thing a little more than \$2000
- Q. And do you know what the liabilities of the firm are? A. I do not.
- Q. Have you understood all the questions that were asked you by the Interpreter and do you swear that the answers you have given are true? A. Yes sir.

No. 726.

January 19th, 1909.

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

Sir:-

Your letter of January 13th forwarding for investigation papers in the case of CHIN SUI, former merchant of Chicago who desires to return to this city, is received.

I have examined Mr. Wright, one of the two white witnesses and inclose his sworn statement upon the regular form used. Mr. Wright was very well acquainted with this applicant at the time he left for China. Mr. Sheldon, one of the other white witnesses is out of the city and will not return for some time. Mr. Forgan, who is now president of the First National Bank, informed me that at this distance of time he was unable to recall anything about this man, but he stated that this was his signature to the paper, and he knows that at the time he signed the paper he was acquainted with the facts stated in it or he would not have signed it.

There is not much doubt that up to the time Chin Sui left for China, he was one of the prominent Chinamen of Chicago, and was the manager of the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co., but I am of the opinion from my investigation that he sold his interest in this firm out, some time after he went to China, and that at the present time he has no interest and has not had for many years.

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I inclose a transcript of the notes taken at the examination of Chin F. Foin who was the manager of this firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co. up to the time of its sale July 18th, 1908. He states that Chin Sui sold his interest in the firm in April, 1901, and his statement is in a way corroborated by the partnership lists which he has furnished me since I have been in Chicago, copies of which are inclosed and from which you will see that the name of Chin Sui does not appear as one of the partners.

On July 18th, 1908, this store of Wing Chong Hai & Co. was entirely sold out to the firm of Lung Chung, and in an investigation made by me of a Chinaman, Chin Der Bow, applicant for a pre-investigation of his return as a merchant of the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co., the original bill of sale was produced by the treasurer of Lung Chung Co. I inclose herewith copy of the translation of that bill of sale. It will be noticed that in this document, reference is made to five members of the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co. then in China. However, Chin F. Foin states that these five men do not include this man Chin Sui, but referred to five partners who have left for China in the past two years.

Chin F. Foin states further that no money has been sent to Chin Sui since 1901 when the money was sent to him to purchase his interest in the firm.

I am of the opinion that while this applicant was at one time a member of this firm, that his connection with the firm ended at the time of, or very shortly after, his departure for China; and that at the present time he has no interest whatsoever in this firm. It is claimed by Chin F. Foin that there are a great many debts due

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Chin Sui here in Chicago which were contracted while he was connected with this firm of Wing Chong Hai. I would suggest that applicant be examined in regard to these debts to see whether or not he should be admitted in order to collect these debts.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO January 18th, 1909.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.

CHIN SUI, :  
Merchant returning.: W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.Witness, CHIN F. FOIN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:  
(In English)

Q What is your name? A. Chin F. Foin.

Q Were you one of the managers of the firm of Wing Chong  
Hai & Co.? A. Yes sir.Q How long were you the manager of that firm? A. Since  
1897.Q This firm was sold out in July, 1908 to the firm of  
Lung Chung & Co.? A. Yes sir.Q Were you the manager of the firm at the time of this  
sale? A. Yes sir.Q What interest did you have in that firm at the time?  
A. \$2,500.00.Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)  
A. Yes, Chin Sui. I have met him several times. I know he was  
one of the managers of the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co. before.  
He was manager before Chin Tuck.Q Where did you ever see him? A. I met him in Hong Kong  
several times.

Q What was he doing there? A. He was a merchant.

Q What firm was he a member of? A. He was in the hard  
ware business and also a rice merchant. I do not remember the  
name of the firm.Q Did you ever see him in Chicago? Q. I knew he was in  
Chicago at the time I was in Kansas City, but I never met him in  
Chicago.Q What do you know about his connection with the firm of  
Wing Chong Hai & Co.? A. At the time, my brother and I had  
stock there. We only knew he was the manager. He was a prominent  
merchant of Chicago at one time.Q Was he the manager of the firm before he went to China?  
A. Yes sir.

Q Who succeeded him as manager of the firm? A. Chin Tuck.

Q Where is he now? A. He went to China. He is dead now.

Q Since you have been the manager of this firm, has this  
man, Chin Sui had any interest in the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co.? A. He sold out his interest about April 1st, 1901, Chinese date.Q Whom did he sell out to? A. To the company. We reduced  
the stock.Q Since I have been in Chicago, you have furnished me with  
three partnership lists of your firm. One list, July 28th, 1903,  
one list August 30th, 1905, and another list October 25th, 1907.  
Were those three lists taken from the books of the firm of Wing  
Chong Hai & Co.? A. Yes sir.Q Were they true lists of the members of the firm at the  
time you gave them to me? A. Yes sir.Q Do you remember the exact date of the sale of your firm  
to Lung Chung? A. Yes, July 18th, 1908.Q Have you a copy of the bill of sale? A. No, Lung Chung  
has got it.Q At the time Chin Der Bow made application to have his  
case pre-investigated before his return from China, Chin Mow  
Chung, Treasurer of the firm of Lung Chung produced the original  
bill of sale to his firm; and in this bill of sale it is stated,  
I will quote, "There are five members of the firm of Wing Chong  
Hai now in China. The second party agrees to assist us of the  
first party in landing these men. After these five persons arrive  
in the United States, the party of the second part will not be  
responsible for any claims they may have on the old firm of Wing  
Chong Hai, as Chin Yin Quai and Chin Yin Seke will be personally  
responsible for their claims on this store."

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## Case of CHIN SUI.

Testimony of CHIN F. FOIN, continued:

As you remember it, is that a fair translation of the bill of sale between the firm of Wing Chong Hai and Lung Chung?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Was Chin Sui, this applicant, one of the men referred to in the five men mentioned as being in China? A. No.

Q. Who were the five? A. Chin Fung Kee, Chin Der Bow, Chin Dick, Wing Yuen, and Chin Ning.

Q. At the present time, this applicant, Chin Sui, has no interest in your firm of Wing Chong Hai and has no claims of any kind against your firm? A. No.

Q. At the time he left the United States for China, did he have any personal debts due him that you know of? A. I heard that he had lots of debts due him.

Q. Do you know how these debts were contracted? A. He was a merchant and the manager of the store. They were his personal debts.

Q. Have you received any letters from him recently? A. No. I have heard from his cousin, Pong Kee. I know at the time he left for China he left his debts in his brother's charge, but his brother couldn't collect them. The brother later went to China.

Q. What is his brother's name? A. Chin You Fat.

Q. While you were manager of this firm, did your firm send any money to this man, Chin Sui, in China? A. Yes, the first year I was manager, but he sold out.

Q. Was that the money which was sent to him at that time to purchase his interest in the firm? A. Yes sir.

Q. Since that time, have you sent him any money as dividends on the stock in the firm? A. No.

Q. Have you the books of your firm which would show that he received money for this interest? A. We have had so many books each year, that they are all mixed up now; but I am sure that the money was sent through the Illinois Trust & Savings Banks.

Q. Where are the books now of the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co.? A. We generally destroy the books after three years, because we have no place to keep them and also because of the danger of fire.

Q. Then you haven't any books at the present time to show that this money was sent to him? A. No, it is too long ago.

Q. Do you know what this man, Chin Sui intends to do if he is admitted to the United States? A. He will be a Chinese merchant. He is an old dignified man. He is well educated. I know that he will not do any manual labor here.

Q. What other name have you besides Chin F. Foin? A. Chin Yen Seke is my marriage name.

Q. Chin Sui states in his examination that he has received \$200.00 as his share of the profits of the business of the concern every year for the thirteen years he has been in China, what have you to say to that? A. I know that we bought him out when I first became manager.

Q. Then you did not send him \$200.00 a year? A. No sir, not after we bought him out.

Q. Have you understood my questions? A. Yes sir.

Witness signed his names in both English and Chinese.

(Signed) Chin F. Foin, Witness.

(Signed) Chin Yen Seke,

(Signed) E. T. Plummer, Inspector.

Extra copy for Mr. Plummer

Portal, N.D. Jan. 13, 1909

In Re application of CHIN SUI, alleged Chinese merchant  
of Wing Chong Hai Co., No. 319 South Clark St. Chicago, Ill,  
applying for admission at the port of Portal, North Dakota.

O.B.Holton, Chinese Inspector  
Tay Hain Lee, Interpreter

W<sup>x</sup> Applicant sworn:

What is your name?

Chin Sui

Are you known by any other name?

Chin Sung Fat is my married name.

On what grounds do you claim admission to the United States?

Because I have interests here and my partner wants me to come back to take charge of the business.

What firm are you interested in?

Wing Chong Hai, #319 South Clark St. Chicago, Ill.

For how long a period have you been interested in this firm?

Twenty years.

How many members are there in the firm?

When I was a member, in the beginning there were five, but now I don't know whether there are eight or more.

How much of an interest have you?

In the beginning we had \$1500. each.

Have you that much interest still?

Yes.

Have you any more interest at the present time?

That's all.

When and through what port did you leave the United States on your visit to China?

Through Tacoma, Wash., on Aug. 21, 1893

Why did you not re-enter through that port?

Because by Vancouver is much more safer, - the steamer is larger than the one coming to Tacoma.

What were your duties for the year prior to your departure for China?  
As a manager of the store.

Did you have any interest in any other concern at that time?  
That's the only one I have.

Have you received any money from this firm while you have been in China?  
I had received \$200. in Chinese money every year as a profit from the business.

How much money then have you received?

I have received \$200. every year for thirteen years.

Are you registered?

Yes I have been registered as a merchant.

Where is your certificate?

In my trunk at the depot.

Have you the number of the certificate?

I have forgotten it.

Chin Sui #2.

What do you expect will be your occupation in the store in case you are admitted?

I expect to be Treasurer of that store.

What have you been doing in China all of this time?

I have been doing business in Hong Kong, - Wing Lung Co.

How much of an interest have you had in that store?

\$5000.

Have you that interest still?

I have no interest in that store now but I have interest in another store by name of Gum Wah Lung.

How much of an interest have you in that store?

\$2000.

What did you do with the other \$3000.

My home expense.

Havent you been making as much money in China as you can in the United States.

Not quite.

Do you remember the nmaes of your white witnesses?

Charles Wright, Custom House broker; his partner but I forget his name; and one is a banker of the First National Bank.

Do you know whether these three witnesses are living at the present time?

I think Charles Wright is living, but I dont know about the others.

Have you any children in China?

A boy 26 years, a boy 15 years, one girl 11 years?

Do you expect to bring them to the United States?

I'll see after I get back to the store and see how my business is.

What is the name of the oldest boy?

Chin Chuey.

And the younger boy?

Chin Gim.

How old are you?

59 years

Subscribed and sworn before me this  
13th day of January 1909.

*Chin Sui*

Immigrant Inspector