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No. 647

MOY HUN  
of  
"A.B. MING & Co"  
Merchants,  
#1423 W. Madison St.,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, U.S.A.

AGE: - Twenty-One - 21 - Years.  
HEIGHT: - Five Foot - Eleven One Half Inches.

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-described MOY HUN 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 MOY HUN has been a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "A.B. Ming & Co.", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Coffees, Spices, and Chinese and Japanese Fancy-Goods, at No. 1423 W. Madison street, Chicago aforesaid; that the said firm was established in business in the same vicinity, as we know by its reputation, upwards of ten years ago, and has to our personal knowledge been so engaged in business for upwards of ten years last past.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said MOY HUN has been 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 MOY HUN 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.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, we have been credibly informed, and believe, that the said MOY HUN has a financial interest of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), in the business of the said firm; and that from our frequent visits to the said place of business, and our general acquaintance with the various members of the said concern, we have become well satisfied that the



said MOY HUM is actively engaged in the business of the said firm, exercises a voice in the management of the business of the said "A.B. HING & Co.", and enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof, as a bona fide member thereof.

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

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., March 6, 1908.

H. L. Dana  
159 La Salle St  
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

O. L. Henson  
3-15 State St  
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

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

H. L. Dana, of the City of Chicago, in said division and district, being 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 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 6th day of March, A. D., ) Set:  
1908, before me. )  
Mark A. Foote  
U.S. Commissioner, N.D. Ill's.

H. L. Dana

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

O. L. Henson, of the City of Chicago, in said division and district, being 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 Salesman & Buyer

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 6th day of March, A. D., ) Set:  
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Mark A. Foote  
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O. L. Henson

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Chicago, Ill., Mar. 2, 1906

To

FORREST T. PLUMMER, SEC.,

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

My name is HOY HUN. I am a native and subject of China; 21 years of age; and have resided in the City of Chicago the last four years, or thereabouts, having been admitted to the United States as a student, at Port of Entry, N. D., July 4, 1904. After my admission, I attended school, and studied, in the City of Chicago for about a year. Then, on or about the first day of October, 1904, I purchased a share and interest in the business of A. B. KING & CO., Dealers in Teas, Coffee, Spices, Chinese and Waxy Goods, at No. 1423 West Madison Street, Chicago. I paid five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for such interest, and the same is now worth upwards of that sum, and I still own and enjoy it.

During my said residence in the United States, I have not been engaged 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 as a merchant.

I desire to visit China, and to return upon the completion of such visit to resume my present <sup>status</sup> occupation and rest-  
dence in the United States.

Therefore, I pray that the affidavits of the credible witnesses other than Chinese, presented herewith, may be endorsed as provided by the law and Regulations in that behalf.

Very respectfully,

*Hoey Hun*

A. B. KING & CO.,

No. 1423 W. Madison St.,

Chicago, Ill.



CHICAGO

October 11, 1909.

Case of : D. A. Plumly,  
MOY HUM, : Examining Inspector and Stenographer.  
Mer. Ret. :

Witness, MOY L. NING, sworn, testified (in English):

- Q What is your name? A Moy L. Ming.  
Q What is your business? A Manager of the firm of A. B. Ming & Co.,  
No. 1423 West Madison St., Chicago (new number 3054).  
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?  
A Yes, that is Moy Hum, a member of our firm.  
Q What interest has he in the firm? A \$500.00 capital besides the  
dividends, which amount to probably more than that.  
Q Has he disposed of any part of his interest in your firm since his  
departure for China? A No, sir; his interest is the same as  
before.  
Q Is your store in substantially the same condition as at the time of  
his departure? A Yes.  
Q How much is his interest in your firm worth at the present time?  
A Between \$1,200.00 and \$1,500.00.  
Q Upon his return does he intend to resume his duties in your store?  
A Yes, sir.

*Moy L. Ming*

莫 禮 明

Witness.

*D. A. Plumly*

Immigrant and Chinese Inspector.

March 10th, 1908.

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

Sir:-

I hand you herewith the papers in the case of Moy Hum, a merchant of this city who desires to visit China and return to the United States.

I enclose the sworn statements of the two white witnesses upon the regular forms used. They are both reputable business men of this city. As to applicant's mercantile status, I have examined him and also Moy Ming, the manager of the firm of A. B. Ming & Co., and enclose a transcript of the notes taken.

As you will notice, Moy Hum was admitted through your port on January 4th, 1906 on a Section VI certificate; and that since his admission he has been in school for over a year and then became a partner in this firm of A. B. Ming & Co. From the appearance of the boy and from what I have heard of him since he has been in Chicago, I am of the opinion that he has been in school for more than the year he claims. He was admitted through your port, either July 4th or 6th, under the name of Min Yan or Moy Hum, and the papers are on file in your office.

This firm of A. B. Ming & Co. handles teas and coffees and laundry supplies, and is located some distance from the Chinese colony of the city. It has done a good business among the American



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people in teas and coffees, and among the Chinese in laundry supplies, for many years. Moy Ming, its manager, is one of the most progressive Chinese of the city, and is regarded very highly by the American people generally.

From his examination and that of the boy's, it appears that this boy became a partner of his firm in October, 1906, when he bought a \$500.00 interest; and that since that time, and in fact for some time prior, he had devoted all his time to taking orders, selling goods, and collecting among the various Chinese laundries throughout the city. Both the white witnesses have known him as a member of the firm for the year required.

Under the regulations, a Chinaman who is admitted as a member of one of the exempt classes is allowed to change his occupation, providing he does not become a laborer but pursues some occupation which is excepted under the law. As applicant was admitted to this country as a student and has become a merchant, he is still rightfully within the United States and entitled to the privileges of a merchant.

From my examination, I am of the opinion that the facts claimed are true, and would recommend that the privilege he asks for be granted him.

Moy Hum desires to take the boat sailing from Vancouver March 15th, and so will be unable to wait until he hears whether or not your decision will be favorable to him. As he was unavoidably delayed in making out these papers, I will hand him one copy of his papers with instructions to present it to you upon his departure through your port trusting your decision will be favorable to him.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.



Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
Moy Hum, : J. G. C. Longchallon, Interpreter.  
Mer. Departing. : W. B. Calkins. Stenographer.

Moy L. Ming, witness, was examined without the aid of an interpreter. After being sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?  
A Moy L. Ming.  
Q What is your occupation?  
A Merchant.  
Q What firm are you connected with, and in what capacity?  
A A. B. Ming & Co., 1423 W. Madison St., Chicago. I am the manager.  
Q How long have you been the manager of that firm?  
A Since 1895.  
Q What would you say is the value of the goods you have on hand in your store at the present time?  
A The value of the goods on hand is about \$3,000.00. The balance of our capital is in outstanding debts.  
Q How many partners have you in that concern?  
A Just two. Myself and Moy Hum.  
Q How long has Moy Hum been a partner of your firm?  
A Since 1906, in the fall.  
Q What interest has he?  
A His interest is worth about \$1,000.00.  
Q Why do you say "worth about \$1,000.00"?  
A His interest has increased to about that amount since it was originally invested.  
Q What was the original investment?  
A \$500.00.  
Q And you think that the assets of your firm have doubled since he became a partner?  
A Yes. Just about doubled.  
Q What does Moy Hum do in the store?  
A He is generally out taking orders. Usually, every day, he comes back to the store in the afternoon and leaves the orders.  
Q From whom does he get orders, mostly?  
A From laundrymen. Orders for laundry supplies.  
Q He was admitted into the United States as a student in 1904, was he not?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Since he became a member of your firm in the fall of 1906, has he done any manual labor in laundries or restaurants, or has he done any work except such as was necessary to the conduct of the firm's business?  
A Not that I know of.  
Q You would know if he did, wouldn't you?  
A Yes sir. I would know if he did.  
Q What salary does he draw?  
A He draws \$10.00 a week.  
Q Between the time he was admitted and the time he became a partner of your firm, what was his occupation?  
A He was a student for over a year in a private school.  
Q Is he going to China on his own business or on business of the firm?  
A He is going, to make a visit to his family.  
Q What will he do when he returns to the United States?  
A He expects to take up the same business again after he comes back.  
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A Yes sir.  
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Testimony of Moy L. Ming continued.

Q Where did Moy Hum get the money which he invested in your store?

A I understand that he got some of it from his father, and that some of it he had saved himself.

Q How did he save it?

A He was a salesman for six months with us before he became a member of the firm.

Q Have you understood my questions?

A Yes sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) M. L. Ming,      Witness.

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Applicant, Moy Hum, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?

A Moy Hum.

Q What is your full Chinese name?

A That is all the name I have.

Q Where were you born?

A In China.

Q When did you first come to this country?

A In 1904.

Q Do you remember the date and the port through which you came?  
And also, the kind of papers on which you came.

A July 4th, 1904, through Portal, North Dakota.

Q What kind of papers were you admitted on?

A Student papers.

Q What have you been doing since you came to the United States?

A I went to school one year, and I have been in business.

Q When did you go into business?

A In 1906.

Q Did you become a member of a firm at that time? If so, what firm?

A Yes. I became a member of the firm of A. B. Ming & Co., 1423 W. Madison St.

Q When did you become a member of that firm?

A I have been a member of that firm since October, 1906.

Q What were you doing between the time you left school and the time when you became a member of this firm?

A I went out to sell goods to laundrymen.

Q For whom?

A For this firm of A. B. Ming & Co.

Q How much money did you put into the firm when you became a member in 1906?

A \$500.00.

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A Sometimes once a day. Sometimes twice a day.

Q To whom do you sell your goods?

A I sell to laundries in different parts of the city.

Q Since you became a member of the firm, have you worked in laundries, restaurants, or have you done any manual labor except such as was necessary to the conduct of the business of the firm?

A No.

Q What salary do you draw?

A \$40.00 a month.

Q Does that include your profits or dividends?

A No. It is only salary.

Q What is the value of the goods that your firm has on hand at the present time?

A About two thousand dollars.

Q Who are the other partners of the firm?

A Mr. Ming and I are the only ones.

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Q Are you going to China on your own business, or on business of the firm?

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A No. Not yet.

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