

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
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No. 216

SUBJECT:

WHEREAS, NG SHUNG,  
hereunto attached,  
from the United States  
upon a visit to  
tion of returning  
for the purpose  
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entitled to so re-  
States for the  
th the Act of Con-  
1892, as amended  
approved November  
tion of December

United States of America and the Empire of China, which provide as follows, to-wit:-



whose photograph is  
is about to depart  
States, temporarily,  
China, with the inten-  
into the United States  
of resuming his pres-  
a Merchant therein; and

NG SHUNG is lawfully  
turn into the United  
said purpose, pursuant  
gress approved May 5,  
by the Act of Congress  
3, 1893, and the Conven-  
7, 1894, between the

"A merchant is a person engaged in buying and selling mer-  
chandise at a fixed place of business, which business is con-  
ducted in his name, and who, during the time he claims to be  
engaged as a merchant, does not engage in the performance of  
any manual labor, except such as is necessary in the conduct  
of his business as such merchant.

"When an application is made by a Chinaman for entrance into  
the United States on the ground that he was formerly engaged  
in this country as a merchant, he shall establish by the tes-  
timony of two credible witnesses other than Chinese the fact  
that he conducted such business as hereinbefore defined for  
at least one year before his departure from the United States  
and that, during such year, he was not engaged in the perform-  
ance of any manual labor, except such as was necessary in the  
conduct of his business as such merchant; and in default of  
such proof shall be refused landing." (Act of Congress ap-  
proved November 3, 1893, amending the Act of May 5, 1892.)

"The provisions of this Convention shall not affect the  
right at present enjoyed of Chinese subjects, being officials,  
teachers, students, merchants, or travellers for curiosity or  
pleasure, but not laborers, of coming into the United States  
and remaining therein." (Convention of December 7, 1894, be-  
tween the United States of America and the Chinese Empire.)

NOW, THEREFORE, and for the better identification of the said NG  
SHUNG, and in order to facilitate his re-entry into the United  
States upon his said return 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  
NG SHUNG for upwards of one year last past, during which said year  
he has been a reputable resident merchant of the said City of Chi-  
cago, and neither a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any  
kind.



chinese persons trading and doing business, under the trade-name and style of "WAH HING & CO.", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Provisions, and general chinese and japanese merchandise, at No. 326 South Clark street, Chicago aforesaid.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said NG SHUNG 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 NG SHUNG has not been engaged in the performance of any 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.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That the said trade-name and style is arbitrary and fanciful, and does not indicate the names of the members of the said firm, or of any of them; and that such use of such trade-names and styles is customary amongst chinese and other merchants generally, in the said city of Chicago, and elsewhere throughout the United States so far as we are aware.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, December 24, 1898.

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( DESCRIPTION OF NG SHUNG :- )

( AGE:-Thirty-One Years. )

( HEIGHT:-5 Ft., 7 & 1/2 In. )

( Left Thumb Double. )

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*William F. Ulrich*  
*Fisher Building*  
Chicago, Illinois.

*Edwin H. Layman*  
ILLINOIS TRUST & SAVINGS BANK.

Chicago, Illinois.



Northern District of Illinois, Se

I, Oliver E. Pagin, Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern

District of Illinois, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That I am acquainted with

William L. Ulrich and Edwin S. Layman, the

signers of the foregoing and certificate and affidavits;

that they are not chinese and that they are citizens of the

United States, and reside in the said City of Chicago in the said

Northern District of Illinois, and that they are reputable persons of

good character, and the opinion their statements are entitled

to full credence and

Witness my hand and seal, at the said

City of Chicago, in the said Northern

District of Illinois, this, 28<sup>th</sup> day

of December, AD. eighteen hundred and

ninety eight. (1898).

Oliver E. Pagin

Asst. U.S. Att'y, N.D. Ill's.

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CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO.

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