

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

IMMIGRATION FILE

No. 745

In re.
HOW KWON,
Merchant and Member of
"KUONG YEE KEE & CO".,
No. 313 Clark st., Chicago,
Illinois, U. S. A.

DESCRIPTION.
AGE:-Forty Four Years.
HEIGHT:-5 Feet, 6-1/2 In.
OCCUPATION:-Merchant.
EYES:-Dark Brown.
COMPLEXION:-Dark.
MARKS:-Very Faint Scar,
Right Side Upper Lip.

Departing from the United
States with the intention
of returning thereto.



The United States of America.)
Northern District of Illinois.) Set: WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Citizens
Eastern Division.)
Of the United States and residents of the city of Chicago in said
division and district do hereby certify that we have been well ac-
quainted with one HOW KWON for upwards of one year last past; and
that the foregoing is a true photograph and description of him. We
do further certify that during the said year of our acquaintance with
him the said HOW KWON has been a reputable resident chinese Merchant
of the said city of Chicago, and neither a huckster, peddler, laun-
dryman or laborer of any kind.

We do further certify that during the said year of our acquaint-
ance with him the said HOW KWON has been a member of the firm of
chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name
and style of "KUONG YEE KEE & CO.", Importers and Dealers in Teas,
Silks, Clothing and general chinese and japanese merchandise, at No.
313 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid.

We Do Further Certify That during the said year of our acquaint-
ance with him the said HOW KWON has not been engaged in the per-
formance 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; and during said time he has been ex-
clusively 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.

We Do Further Certify that we have been credibly informed, and
verily believe, the share and interest of the said HOW KWON in
the stock, business and assets of said "Kuong Yee Kee & Co.", is
worth, reasonably and at least, the sum of One Thousand Dollars

(\\$1,000.00); and from our frequent visits to said place of business and acquaintance with the other members of said firm generally, we are well satisfied that the said HOW Kwoon is a bona fide member of said "Kuong Yee Kee & Co.", enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof, and exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of said concern.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., April 28, 1909.

H. P. Dana

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

A. L. Henson

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

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

H. P. 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 division and district aforesaid, 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 29th day of April, A.D., 1909, before me.

H. P. Dana

Mark A. Foote

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

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

A. L. Henson, 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 division and district aforesaid, where I follow the occupation of a Buyer & Salesman Wholesale Liquors

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 29th day of April, A.D., 1909, before me.

A. L. Henson

Mark A. Foote

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

In re.
HOW KWON,
of
"KWONG YEE KEE & CO",
Chinese Merchants,
No.313 Clark st., Chicago,
Illinois;

APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF ACCOMPANYING EVIDENCE FOR RE-
ADMISSION INTO THE UNITED STATES.

Chicago, Ill., Apr. 27, 1906.

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

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

I am a native and subject of China, 44 years of age, a merchant and member of "Kwong Yee Kee & Co", Chinese Merchants of No.313 Clark street, Chicago, Illinois. A true photograph and description of me are shown upon the annexed certificate and affidavits; and under the Act of November 3, 1893, I was registered at Chicago, Illinois, March 12, 1894; my "Certificate of Residence being No.5808.

I first landed in the United States at the port of San Francisco, in or about the year 1881.
I lived at Tacoma, Wash., four years; at Portland, Oregon, four years; and since then in Chicago. In Chicago, first, for about two years, I was a laundryman at Jefferson & 12th streets; then, for about eight years, at No.337 Grand av (Then Indiana st.) In or about the year 1895, with others, I organized the said firm of "Kwong Yee Kee & Co."; and have been a member thereof, continuously, ever since. About two years after such organization, I sold out all my interests in laundries; and have been exclusively engaged in the business and affairs of said firm since. I paid in at the time of such organization the sum of One Thousand Dollars; and my share and interest in the business and assets of said concern is now worth at least Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00)

I have made only one visit to China during my residence in the United States: About the 25th day, 7th month, KKKX 1904, I sailed from Vancouver aboard the steamship "Jung-gwok"; and returning about September 16, 1905, I landed at Vancouver from the steamship "Yin-too".

I now desire to visit China again, with the intention of returning to the United States to resume my present residence, business and status therein; and pray the endorsement of the accompanying

evidence of two witnesses other than chinese, as provided by the
proper Regulation in that behalf.

Very respectfully,

How Moon

Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
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Inspector in Charge,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Dec. 15, 1910.

Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of May 8, 1909, No. 745, I have to report that How Kwoon, a Chinese merchant of Chicago, was re-admitted at this port on the 4th instant.

Respectfully,

Luther C. Steward

Acting Commissioner.

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No. 745.

May 15th, 1909.

How Kwoon,

c/o Kwong Yee Kee & Co.,

313 So. Clark St., Chicago.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith 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 Commissioner of Immigration at San Francisco for his endorsement upon your departure through his port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

No. 745.

May 8th, 1909.

Mr. L. T. Plummer,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

I have made a pre-investigation of the case of HOW KWON, Chinaman of this city who claims to be a merchant and one of the partners in the firm of Kuong Yee Kee & Co., 313 So. Clark St.

I have taken his statement and the statement of George How Wan, the manager of the concern, and a transcript of the testimony is hereto attached. George How Wan, the manager identifies How Kwoon as one of his partners in the above named concern with an interest therein of \$1,000.00. The statement of two credible white witnesses has also been taken and attached hereto. Mr. Henson claims to have known applicant for over five years as a merchant in this firm. Mr. Dana swears that he has known him for ten years. Both of these men enjoy the reputation of being credible witnesses.

The firm of Kuong Yee Kee & Co. is engaged in the selling of Chinese general merchandise and carries a fair stock of goods.

Nothing developed during the investigation to discredit or disprove the claim of the applicant that he is a bona fide merchant and a partner in this concern. From my investigation, I believe that applicant is and has been a merchant and a partner in the concern named for more than the required year.

Respectfully,

E. E. TIPPETT
Chinese Inspector.

No. 745.

522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO May 4th, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.
HOW KWON, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Merchant departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, HOW KWON, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. How Kwoon. (Pronounced as HAO KWON)
Q How many names have you? A. Hao Fang Gah.
Q How old are you? A. Forty-four.
Q What is your occupation? A. Merchant, grocery business.
Q What firm are you connected with? A. Quong Yee Kee & Co.
313 So. Clark St., this city.
Q What do you do in that store? A. Sell goods.
Q How much interest have you there? A. \$1,000.00.
Q At the present time your interest there, is \$1,000.00?
A. Yes.
Q Who is your manager? A. George How Won.
Q How many members are there in the firm? A. Twelve.
Q What is the capital of the firm? A. \$10,400. 00
Q How much stock do you carry? A. A little over \$2,000.00
worth of stock. Now, near three thousand.
Q How many partners of the firm give the store their entire
attention and stay there? A. Six.
Q Six employed there all the time? A. Yes.
Q Give me their names? A. Myself, Hao Shing, George How Won,
Moy Gee, Hao Fat, and Hao Soon.
Q Is there business enough in that firm to keep six of you
employed? A. Yes.
Q How long have you been one of the partners in this company?
A. Since one year after it started.
Q When did they start business? A. It was started fourteen
years ago.
Q And you have been a partner there for about thirteen years?
A. Over thirteen years.
Q And you have been always employed in the store? A. Yes.
Q Not employed in something else outside of the store? A. No.
Q Are you married? A. Yes.
Q Where is your wife? A. In China.
Q Was she ever in this country? A. No.
Q How many children have you? A. No children yet.
Q When did you marry? A. A little over four years ago.
Q Were you in China then? A. Yes. Went to China and got
married.
Q What year did you go to China? A. 1904.
Q When did you return to this country? A. 1905, 10th or 11th
month I came back.
Q Did you go as a merchant and member of this same firm? A. Yes.
Q Did you have your papers investigated by this office? A. Yes,
Mr. Plummer.
Q Where did you go out? A. Portal, No. Dak.
Q Which port do you want to go out now? A. San Francisco.
Q Do you know the witnesses that signed that paper? A. Mr.
Henson and Mr. Dana.
Q How long have you known Mr. Dana? A. Going on twenty years.
Q How long have you known Mr. Henson? A. 8 or 9 years.
Q Do these men visit your store occasionally? A. Yes.
Q You are personally acquainted with both of them? A. Yes.
Applicant signed his name in English & Chinese.
(Signed) Ham Kwoon, Applicant.

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(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.
(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.

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Case of HOW KWON.

Witness, GEORGE HOW WAN, sworn by Inspector Tirrett, testified:

- Q What is your name? A. George How Wan.
 Q How many names have you? A. Four.
 Q Tell me all the names you have. George How Wan, my American name, Hao Saw San, Hao Saw Sean, and Gook Chaw, a nickname.
 Q What is your occupation? A. Merchant.
 Q What is the name of your firm? A. Kwong Yee Kee & Co., 313 So. Clark St.
 Q You are the manager of that concern, are you not? A. Yes.
 Q How long have you been the manager of that concern?
 A. Fourteen or fifteen years.
 Q How many partners have you in that concern? A. Twelve.
 Q What is the capital of that concern? A. \$10,400.00.
 Q How many partners stay in the store all the time? A. Six. This one is going to China. That will leave five.
 Q Name the six. A. Myself, Hao Fat, Moy Gee, Hao Kwoon, Hao Shing and Hao Soon.
 Q How much stock do you carry? A. Two or three thousand dollars worth now.
 Q That consists of what? A. Chinese merchandise.
 Q I will show you a photograph attached to this certificate and will ask you who that represents? A. Hao Kwoon.
 Q Is he a partner in the store? A. Yes.
 Q How much is his interest there? A. \$1,000.00.
 Q How long has he been a partner? A. Fourteen or fifteen years.
 Q What does he do in the store? A. He collect money, sells goods and waits on customers.
 Q Does he give the store his attention? A. Yes.
 Q Works there all the time and does no work outside? A. Yes.
 Q Has he done any work outside of the store for the last year?
 A. No.

Witness signed his name in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Geo. How Wane,

Witness.

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(Signed) Sharley Kee,
(Signed) H. E. Tirrett,Interpreter.
Inspector.