

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

IMMIGRATION FILE

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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In re.
MOY SAM,
 of
 "TAI WAH",
 Merchants,
 No. 303 So. Clark St.,
 Chicago, Ill. U.S.A.

NAME:-MOY SAM.

AGE:-____ Years.

HEIGHT:- Feet, Inches.

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

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Citizens of the United States and residents of the City of Chicago and vicinity, in the division and district aforesaid, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described MOY SAM for upwards of one year last past, during which said year he has not been a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind, but during which said time he has been a reputable resident Chinese Merchant of the said City of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said MOY SAM has been a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "Tai Wah", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Clothing, Provisions, Drugs and General Chinese and Japanese Merchandise, at No. 303 Clark street, in the said City of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said MOY SAM 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 he 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 the foregoing photograph, hereunto affixed, is a true and correct likeness of the said MOY SAM; and that the personal description above is a true and correct description of the person of the said MOY SAM.



AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we have been credibly informed, and verily believe, the said MOY SAM has a financial interest of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00) in the business and assets of said firm. From our frequent visits to the said place of business and our general acquaintance with the various members of said concern, we have become well satisfied that the said MOY SAM is actively engaged in the business of the said "Tai Wah", exercises a voice in the business and affairs thereof, and that he is a bona fide Merchant and member of the said "Tai Wah" Company.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., July 17, 1908.

H. C. Dana
(Address) 159 La Salle St
Chicago, Illinois.

J. L. Henson
(Address) 3-15 State st
Chicago, Illinois.

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

H. C. Dana, of the City of Chicago, in said County and State, 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 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 } H. C. Dana
17th day of July, A.D., 1908, be- }
fore me. Mark A. Foote, Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

State of Illinois.)
County of Cook.) ss. J. L. Henson
City of Chicago.) of the City of Chicago, in said County and State, 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 Grocery Salesman Wholesale Groceries

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 } J. L. Henson
17th day of July, A.D., 1908, be- }
fore me. Mark A. Foote, Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

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

Chicago, Illinois,

To

July 1st, 1908.

LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

My name is MOY SAM. I have another Chinese name, to-wit, MOY YOU FOO; but I have been known during all my residence in the United States as Moy Sam. I am a native and subject of China, Forty-Nine years of age, and reside at No. 303 Clark street, Chicago, Illinois; and am a Merchant.

I have resided in the United States, ^{thirty-five} ~~thirty-five~~ years and in Chicago upwards of twenty-nine years. For three years I was a member of the firm of "Quan Wah Chung", Chinese Merchants, at No. 315 Clark street; and for twelve years last past I have been a member of the firm of "Tai Wah" Company, Chinese Merchants at No. 303 Clark street, Chicago.

My Share and Interest in the Stock, Leasehold, business and all other of the assets of the said "Tai Wah" Company cost me, and is worth, upwards of Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars, (\$2500.00).

I am married. My wife and four children live in the village of Wan Foon, Chung-lee-tun, in the City of Sin-ning, Province of Kwong-tung and Empire of China. I have always maintained and supported them there; and during my said residence in the United States I have visited them four times.

I desire to re-visit my family in China again and to return upon the completion of my visit, to resume my present residence, occupation and status 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 by proper Regulation.

Very respectfully,

Moy Sam

No. 303 Clark st.,

Chicago, Illinois.

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N. DAK.
Aug. 19, 1909.

No. 2513.

Mr. H.E. Tippet,
Acting Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:+

I have to advise that, MOY SAM, your No. 666, a Chinese Merchant of Chicago, Ill., was admitted at this port today and an identification certificate issued to him.

Respectfully,

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John F. Abel
Inspector in Charge.
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Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

SUBJECT:

OFFICE OF

PORT OF Port of N. D.

March 24, 1909

Moy Sam, c/o Quong Tsui Yuen,
145 Connaught Road,
Hong Kong, China.

S i r :

Replying to your request for an ad interim investigation of your case, I have to advise that such investigation has been made and the report thereof is favorable.

You will, therefore, be permitted to re-enter the United States, provided you do not, on your arrival here, controvert any of the statements made in your application.

Respectfully,

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Chinese Inspector in Charge

OFFICIAL COPY respectfully furnished to L. T. Plummer, Chinese Inspector in Charge, Chicago, Ill., receipt being acknowledged of his letter of the 22nd inst., No. 666.

RECEIVED
MAR 26 1909
Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

O. B. Holton
Chinese Inspector in Charge

No. 666.

522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. Chicago March 30th, 1909.

Case of MOY SAM : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
Merchant returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, MOY LUN YOU, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:
(In English)

Q What is your name? A. Moy Lun You.
Q Is that your boyhood or your marriage name? A. Marriage name. My Boyhood name is Moy Sick.
Q Are you the manager of the firm of Tai Wah & Co., 303 So. Clark St.? A. Yes.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A. Yes, it is Moy Sam. His marriage name is Moy Hung Foo.
Q Is he a partner in your firm? A. Yes, he has been a partner ever since the firm was started.
Q Has he sold his interest in this firm since he has been in China? A. No, it is just the same.
Q How much is that interest worth? A. He has \$1,800.00.
Q He was one of the managers of the firm at the time he went away? A. Yes.
Q Will he come back into the store as one of the managers? A. Yes.
Q Does your store do as much business as they did when he went away? A. Yes, just the same.
Q Have you understood my questions? A. Yes.

Witness signed his name in Chinese & English.

(Signed) Moy Lun You, Witness.

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(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 666

OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

CHICAGO, ILL.

Immigrant Inspector in Charge

SUBJECT:

OFFICE OF
IMMIGRANT INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
August 29, 1908
CHICAGO, ILL.

No. of Inspection

Moy Sam,
c/o Tai Wah Co.,
303 South Clark St., City.

Sir:

I hand you herewith a copy of the papers upon which you desire to visit China and return to the United States, and would instruct you to present them to the Inspector in Charge at Portal, N. D., for his endorsement, upon your departure through that port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Chinese Inspector in Charge

Enc.

No. 666.

July 18th, 1908.

Mr. O. B. Holton,

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Portal, North Dakota.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers in the case of MOY SAM, 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. I regard them both as credible witnesses.

This firm of Tai Wah & Co. is a bona fide mercantile establishment, is one of the oldest firms in Chicago and has always done a good business among the Chinese. I regard its bona fide members as entitled to the privileges of merchants?

Moy Sam was identified with the firm of Quong Wah Chung which firm was succeeded by the Tai Wah Company about 1894 or 1895, and since then Moy Sam has been regarded as the manager and one of the principal owners. In 1904, Moy Sam with some other Chinamen formed the restaurant company "Wee Ying Lo", and since that time this company has opened another restaurant the "Song Ying Lo". These restaurants represent quite an investment of capital and employ quite a number of Chinamen.

Since the restaurants were opened Moy Sam has been one of the leading managers and has devoted considerable of his time to looking

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after the financial end of the business. He has always retained his interest in the store and has been regarded as the manager of that also and has devoted quite a part of his time to the store, as he states in his examination. In fact, whenever I wanted to find out any information about the affairs of Tai Wah & Co., I nearly always gained it from the applicant, Moy Sam.

In view of the fact that he has been for a great number of years a merchant, and that his status as such was established for many years prior to his going into these restaurants, and also in view of the fact that his interest in the restaurant has only been that of manager and not that of laborer, I do not believe that in justice to him he should be deprived of his acquired status as a merchant; and I would therefore recommend that the privilege which asks for be granted him.

Will you please inform me what your probable decision in the matter will be in order to save applicant an unnecessary trip to Portal should your decision be adverse?

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

July 17th, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Inspector.
MOY SAM, :
Mer. departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, MOY SAM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:
(In English)

Q What is your name?

A Moy Sam.

Q What is your occupation?

A Merchant.

Q What firm?

A I am manager of the firm of Tai Wah & Co. 303 So. Clark St.

Q How long have you been the manager of that firm?

A Since 1895. Since the firm was changed from Quong Wah Chung to Tai Wah & Co.

Q What interest have in that firm at the present time?

A \$1,800.00.

Q Have you had an eighteen hundred dollar interest since you first became a member?

A Yes.

Q What would you say the goods of your firm which you have on hand are worth?

A About \$23,000.00. It used to be a little more. Just now \$23,000.00.

Q Give me the names of the partners who devote all their time to the firm's business.

A Moy Lum You, Moy Mon, Lee Park, Moy Hor, Moy Shaw Hing, Moy Yee Wing, Moy Tom, Moy Lee, Moy Toy, Moy Teung, and myself Moy Sam. Also Lee Heen Foo. Moy Sun is out of the store now and Lee Hee Foo has taken his place. Moy Fook is out the store also. Moy Teung has taken his place.

Q Has there been any change in the partnership since a partnership list was furnish me in March 18th, 1908?

A No there has been no change.

Q Who will manage the store while you are in China?

A Moy Ming. He will look after it for a few months until I get back.

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

A On business of the firm and to see my folks too.

Q What interest do you have in the Wee Ying Lo and the Song Ying Lo restaurants?

A \$2600.00

Q You look after the management of those, or one of them do you not?

A Yes.

Q What did you do in this restaurant?

A I am the manager.

Q Do you do any manual labor such as working in the kitchen, waiting on tables, cooking, or anything of that kind?

A No nothing of that kind.

Q Do you still devote your time, a good part of it, to your work in the store?

A I put my time in at the store. I manage the store and I also manage the restaurant.

Q Are you positive that during the last year that you have done no manual labor in that restaurant, such as waiting on table or cooking? A. No sir.

Q Do you derive as much income from your interest in the restaurant as you do from your interest in the store?

A I get a salary from both places.

Q What salary do you get from the store? A. \$40.00.

Q What salary do you get from the restaurant? A. \$50.00.

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

Applicant signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Moy Sam

Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer

Inspector.