

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE645
No.In re.
LIM JEW,of
"QUONG WAH SING" CO.,
Merchants,
No. 181 Wabash avenue,
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

AGE:-Thirty Five Years.

HEIGHT:- 5 Feet, 6-1/2 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 LIM JEW 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 muckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY that during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said LIM JEW has been a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the name and style of "QUONG WAH SING", Importers and dealers in Teas, Fancy Goods and general merchandise, at No. 181 Wabash Avenue, in the said city of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY that during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said LIM JEW 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, the said LIM JEW 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, hereto affixed, is a true and correct likeness, and that the foregoing description is a true and correct description, of the said LIM JEW.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we have been credibly informed and verily believe that the said LIM JEW Has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in said firm and from our frequent vis-

its to the said place of business and our general acquaintance with the various members of the said firm, we have become well satisfied the said LIM JEW is actively engaged in the business of said concern, exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of the said "QUONG WAH SING" and is a bona fide member thereof.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, January 27th, A.D., 1908.

Arthur W Chapman

(Address) 212 Clark St, Chicago, Ill.

H. L. Henson

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

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

Arthur W Chapman, 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 Ticket 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
27th day of January, A.D., 1908, before me,

Mark A. Footh,
Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

Arthur W Chapman

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

Hudson L. Henson, 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 Bryer & Daleman wholesale grocer.

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.

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

I, Mark A. Foote, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, do hereby Certify that I am acquainted with Arthur W. Chapman and Hudson L. Henson the signers of the foregoing and annexed certificate; that they are not Chinese persons; that they are citizens of the United States, and residents of the City of Chicago, in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois; that they are reputable persons of good character; and that in my opinion their statements are entitled to full credence and belief.

I witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at the City of Chicago, in said division and district, this 30th day of January, A. D. nineteen hundred eight.

Mark A. Foote,
Commissioner.



Application for Endorsement of Accompanying Affidavits under the provisions of Rule

Chicago, Illinois.
January 27, 1908.

Sir:

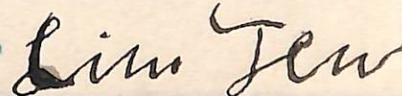
My name is LIM JEW. I am a native and subject of China; have resided in the United States the last 25 years (During which time I have not been out of the United States); am a Merchant and member of the firm of "Quong Wah Sing", of No. 181 Wabash avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

In the 8th Kwanghsii, at the age of 10 years, I landed with my father, Lim Sue Yick, at the port of San Francisco; and I lived with him during all of his residence in the United States. A few days after landing in the United States, my father proceeded with me to Rio Vista, California, where, under the name and style of "Yick Kee", my father was a Merchant until the 20th K.S., when he returned to China, and there has resided ever since.

Soon after my father's return to China, that is to say, in the 21st K.S., I removed to this, the City of Chicago. During the first two years of my residence in Chicago, I was employed, as Agent, by "Quong Wah Sing" Importers & Dealers in Teas & Fancy Goods, No. 181 Wabash avenue, Chicago; and then, in the 23d K.S., at the solicitation of one Toy Sing, a member of said concern, I purchased a share and interest in the said "Quong Wah Sing", and thus became a member thereof; and I have retained such membership therein up to the present time. I paid the said Toy Sing One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for my said ~~member~~ membership, and it is worth upwards of that sum now. For eight years after such purchase, I continued to travel as the representative of my said firm, but in the 31st K.S., 4th month, I entered the store; and since that time, continuously, up to the present, I have been one of the active, managing members in charge of affairs and things in the store, exclusive of all other employment.

I desire to revisit China, and to return upon the completion of my visit to resume my present residence and status as a Merchant 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 in the Regulations above cited.

Very Respectfully,



To

Lorenzo T. Plummer, Esq.,

No. 181 Wabash av., Chicago, ILL

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Ill.

No. 645.

April 6th, 1909.

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

Sir:-

In reply to your telegram of April 5th, asking that an ad interim investigation be made in the case of LIM JEW, returning merchant of this city, I submit the following:

I examined Toy Fong, the manager of the firm of Quong Wah Sing, 181 Wabash Ave. of which applicant claims to be a member, and inclose a transcript of the notes taken. Toy Fong states that applicant still retains the same interest that he did at the time of his departure, and that the store is substantially in the same condition that it was at that time.

From my observation I am of the opinion that the store of Quong Wah Sing, although recently moved to 18 Van Buren St., is practically in the same condition. They carry about the same amount of stock, and the change in location will, I believe, bring more business to the firm. I am therefore of the opinion that applicant is entitled to re-admission.

I wired you today as follows: "Favorable reports, cases LIM JEW and LEE TUNG forwarded today."

admitted 4/7/09

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

No. 645.

522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO April 5th, 1909.

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

Witness, TOY FONG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:
(In English)

Q. What is your name? A. Toy Fong.

Q. Are you still the manager of the firm of Quong Wah Sing, 181 Wabash Ave.? A. Yes, but we have now moved to 18 Van Buren St.

Q. When did you move to 18 Van Buren St.? A. Just a few days ago. We have not got settled yet.

Q. Will you carry about the same amount of stock at your new store that you did at the old one? A. Just about the same.

Q. Do you know this man? A. Yes, he is one of my partners. It is Lim Jew.

Q. Does he still have the same interest in your store that he did at the time of his departure? A. Yes.

Q. What is that interest? A. \$1,000.00.

Q. What will he do when he comes back to this country?

A. He will come back into the store.

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

Witness signed his name in English.

(Signed) Toy Fong,

Witness.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.

March 6th, 1908.

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

Sir:-

Pursuant to your instructions, I have investigated the case of Lim Jew, a merchant of this city who wishes to visit China and return to the United States, and submit the following report.

This applicant claims to be a member of the firm of Quong Wah Sing, 181 Wabash Ave., Chicago; that he has a \$1,000.00 interest in the said firm; that he has been a member since 1897; that he occupies the position of stock clerk and waits on the Chinese trade; that for the last three years he has been giving his undivided attention to the business of the firm; and that during that time he has performed no labor outside of the said store.

The testimony of the applicant is corroborated by that of Toy Fong, the manager of the above mentioned firm of Quong Wah Sing which is the best Chinese store in this city, carrying an immense stock of Chinese and Japanese curios. They cater to the white trade, and there are no objectionable features connected with their store.

The testimony of the white witnesses is entirely satisfactory both being reputable business men.

From my investigation of this case, I am of the opinion that

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Lim Jew, the applicant, is a bona fide Chinese merchant, and is entitled to the privileges extended to that class of the Chinese. A transcript of the testimony taken is attached hereto, and is made a part of this report.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Ward E. Thompson.

Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

CHICAGO

March 5th, 1908.

Case of : Ward E. Thompson, Examining Inspector.
Lim Jew, : J.G.C. Longchallion, Interpreter.
Mer. Departing.: W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, Toy Fong, was examined without the aid of an interpreter. After being sworn by Inspector Thompson, testified:

Q What is your name?

A Toy Fong.

Q What is your business?

A Merchant.

Q Are you the manager of the firm of Quong Wah Sing?

A Yes sir.

Q Where is that firm located?

A 181 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

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

A About ten years.

Q What kind of a store is it?

A It is a Chinese and Japanese bazaar. We sell fancy goods and clothing.

Q About how much stock do you carry?

A A little over \$40,000.00 worth of goods. During the Holidays we carried more than we do now.

Q How many partners have you in that firm?

A Thirty one partners.

Q What is the capital stock of the firm?

A \$50,000.00.

Q How many men have been staying in the store and devoting all their time to its business?

A About ten.

Q Can you give me the names of the ten who are staying in the store at the present time?

A Toy Fong, Toy Toon, Toy Hong, Toy Wing On, Toy Fock, Lim Chow, Toy Lung Jan, Toy Hung Tuck, Toy Pock Young, Lim Jew.

Q Do these men that you have named do any labor outside of the store?

A No. Not that I know of.

Q Do you recognize this picture? (Showing photograph of applicant)

A Yes. That is Lim Jew.

Q How long has he been a member of your firm?

A Since 1897.

Q How much of an interest has he in the store?

A \$1,000.00.

Q What position does he occupy?

A He acts as sort of a stock clerk, and waits on the Chinese trade.

Q How many years has he been staying in the store?

A About three years he has been giving his undivided attention to the business of the store.

Q Then during the last year he has spent his entire time in the store and has done no work for anybody else?

A Yes sir.

Q Do you know what he did before he became a member of your firm?

A I knew his father. He was in business in California. He was in the store with his father when he was a little boy.

Q If this man is allowed to go to China, will he keep his interest in your store until he comes back?

A Yes sir.

Q When he returns to the United States, will he go back into your store?

A Yes sir.

Q This man's name appears on your partnership list which was filed in this office, January 1st, 1907, does it not?

A Yes sir. (The name of Lim Jew appears on the said partnership list as having entered the firm in 1897, and as having a \$1,000.00 interest.)

Testimony of Witness, Toy Fong, continued:

Q Have you understood my questions?
A Yes sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Toy Fong, Witness.

(Signed) Ward E. Thompson, Chinese & Immigrant
Inspector.

Applicant, Lim Jew, sworn by Inspector Thompson, testified:

Q What is your name?

A Lim Jew.

Q How old are you?

A Thirty five.

Q Where were you born?

A In China.

Q When did you first come to the United States?

A In K. S. 8.

Q How old were you at that time?

A About ten years old.

Q Was your father in this country when you came?

A No. I came with my father.

Q What did your father do for a living?

A He kept a Chinese grocery store at Rio Vista, California.

Q What was the name of that store?

A Yick Kee.

Q What is your occupation now?

A Merchant. I am a member of the firm of Quong Wah Sing, 181 Wabash Ave., this city.

Q How long have you been a member of that firm?

A Since K. S. 23.

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

A \$1,000.00.

Q What position do you occupy in the store?

A I am a salesman. I take care of the Chinese trade.

Q During the time that you are not busily engaged in selling goods, what do you do?

A I attend to the keeping of the Chinese goods in stock when trade is not good.

Q Have you done any work outside of that store for the past year?

A No.

Q How many partners have you in that firm?

A Thirty one, including myself.

Q What is the capital stock of the firm?

A Fifty thousand dollars.

Q What kind of a store is it?

A It sells Chinese and Japanese goods.

Q Does that store depend mostly upon Chinese or upon white trade?

A American trade, mostly.

Q Have you any idea how much stock that store usually carries?

A Yes. The goods amount to about \$50,000.00.

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A Toy Toon.

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Q Do you know Lim Let?

A Yes.

Q Is he a member of your store over there on Wabash Ave.?

A Yes.

Q Does he stay there, or spend his time in that store?

A No.

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A He is now at 321 So. Clark St.

Q How many of these thirty-one partners spend their entire time in conducting the firm's business?

A Ten, including myself.

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Testimony of Applicant continued:

A Yes.

Q What did you do before that time?

A I sold tea and Japanese goods.

Q Do you mean that you were a merchant?

A Yes.

Q Where was your place of business?

A I was at my father's store in Rio Vista.

Q Were you ever a laundryman?

A No.

Q Have you ever done any kind of manual labor since you came to the United States?

A No.

Q Now as I understand it: You came into the United States and went into your father's store. You staid in that store until you came here to Chicago. Is that correct?

A My father sold out his business in K.S. 20. I came to Chicago in K. S. 21.

Q Have you a certificate of residence?

A No.

Q Why did you not get a certificate of residence?

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A Yes.

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Q Out of what port are you going out of the United States?

A Portal, So. Dak. I take the boat at Vancouver.

Q Who are your white witnesses?

A Mr. Chapman and Mr. Henson.

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Testimony of Applicant, Lim Jew, continued:

Q Have you understood the interpreter?
A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Lim Jew, Applicant.

(Signed) J.C.C. Longchallon, Interpreter.

(Signed) Ward E. Thompson, Chinese Inspector.

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