

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
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No. 649

In re.  
MOY YOU GEUNG ,  
of  
"TSUECHONG WAH" Company,  
Merchants,  
No.293 Clark st.,Chicago,  
Illinois. U. S. A.

AGE:-Thirty Four Years.

HEIGHT:-5 Ft., 5-1/2 In.



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 Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described MOY YOU GEUNG 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 or laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said Moy You Geung has been a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the name and style of "TSUECHONG WAH", at No.293 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid; and that said concern is engaged in the business of buying and selling legitimate merchandise there.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said Moy You Geung 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 Moy You Geung 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, and the foregoing Description are a true and correct likeness and description of the said Moy You Geung.

We have been credibly informed, and believe, that the said Moy



You Geung has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) in said firm; and from our frequent visits to the said place of business, and our general acquaintance with various members of the said concern, we have become well satisfied that he is actively engaged in the business of the firm, exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs thereof, and is a bona fide member enjoying his proper share in the profits of said "TsueChong Wah".

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., March 18, 1908.

N.C. Pana

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

Frank Sauter

(Address) 7 E Randolph St., Chicago, Ill.

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

N.C. Pana, 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  
19th day of March, A.D., 1908, be-  
fore me.

Marx A. Foote, Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

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

Frank Sauter, 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 Storeman.

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  
19th day of March, A.D., 1908, be-  
fore me.

Marx A. Foote, Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

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

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Chicago, Ill., March, 18, 1908-

LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,

Chinese Inspector in charge,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

My name is MOY YOU GEUNG. I am a native and subject of China. I was born in Canton, China, in the First Kwanghsii. My father, Moy Tong Fong, was a Merchant and member of the firm of "Quong Yut Wah Co" of No. 740 Commercial street, San Francisco, California; and I came to the United States with him in the 9th K.S., after which I attended school in San Francisco about three years. I resided with my father there until the 18th K.S., when he retired to China, leaving me an interest in the "Quong Yut Wah Co". My share and interest in that concern cost Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and was worth somewhat more than that sum; but in the 20th K.S., my uncle, one Moy Lung Hing, removed to Chicago, and I sold out and removed to Chicago with him. And I have lived in Chicago continuously ever since.

During the first five years of my residence in Chicago, I was engaged in business as a laundryman with my uncle, in the "Sam Sing" laundry, No. 1292 75th street. Then for about five years we were proprietors of the "Sung Lung" laundry, at No. 1238 North Halsted street. Then for about two years we operated a laundry at the N. W. Corner of Sedgwick and Oak streets.

In the 12th month of the 32d K.S., I purchased an interest and share in the company of Chinese organized to open and operate a merchandising business under the name and style of "TSUE CHONG WAH", at No. 293 Clark street, in the said city of Chicago. I paid Eight Hundred Dollars for my said share, and the same is now worth at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00); and while there are various other members, I and three others are the active, managing members of the said concern and its store. And I have not been engaged or interested in the performance of manual labor since the 32d K.S.

I desire to visit China, and to return upon the completion of such 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 by Regulation. Very respectfully, *Moy You Geung*



Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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PORT OF

SUBJECT:

Portal, N.Dak.

Nov. 26, 1909

No. 2704.

Moy You Geung,  
c/o Quong Lun Wo & Co.,  
No. 275 Des Voeux Road,  
HongKong, China

Sir:

Replying to your request for an ad interim investigation of your case, prior to your intended return to the United States, you are advised that you will be admitted upon your return, provided you do not controvert any of the statements contained in your application.

Please attach this letter to the papers given you on your departure thru this port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) John J Abel

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Inspector in Charge

Copy to L. T. Plummer, Chicago, Ill  
referring to his file #642

*John J Abel*  
Inspector in Charge

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522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO November 23rd, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.  
MOY YOU GEUNG, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.  
Merchant returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, YUNG LUNG GIT, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Yung Lung Git.  
Q What is your occupation? A. Merchant.  
Q How many names have you? A. Two names.  
Q What is your other name? A. Yung Yoong is my boyhood name. Yung Lung Git is my marriage name.  
Q Are you married? A. Yes.  
Q Where is your wife? A. In China.  
Q Have you any children? A. Yes. One boy and one girl.  
Q What is the name of the boy? A. Yung Gum Toon, about fifteen years old.  
Q What is the name of the girl? A. Gee Sen, 17 years.  
Q Where were they born? A. In China.  
Q Are they both there now? A. Yes.  
Q What is your occupation? A. Bookkeeper in the firm of Tsu Chong Wah, 293 So. Clark St.  
Q Do you identify the photograph on this certificate? (Showing photograph of applicant) A. Yes, Moy You Geung.  
Q Is he a merchant? A. Yes a partner in my store.  
Q What interest has he there? A. One thousand dollars.  
Q Do you know Mark Lung? A. Yes.  
Q Does he belong to your store now? A. No.  
Q Where is he now? A. In Chicago.  
Q When did he get out of this firm? A. First or second month this year.  
Q Did he sell out his interest? A. Yes.  
Q Who did he sell it to? A. Mark Shuck.  
Q Is Mark Shuck in the store now? A. Yes.  
Q What does he do in the store? A. Manager.  
Q Is this applicant still a member in the firm and does his standing remain the same as it did when he went to China last year? A. Yes, all the same.  
Q As far as he is concerned, there is no change in his status? A. No.

Witness signed his name in English and Chinese.

(Signed) Young Young,

(Signed) Young L. Git,

Witness.

(Signed) Charley Kee,

(Signed) H. E. Tippet,

Interpreter.  
Inspector.

No. 649.



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March 27th, 1908.

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

Sir:-

I hand you herewith the papers in the case of Moy You Geung, 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. I regard them both as credible witnesses.

I have examined the applicant and Mark Young who will manage this firm during applicant's absence, and enclose a transcript of the notes taken. This firm of Tsue Chong Wah is a comparatively new one, having been established in the latter part of 1906. While it is small, it is in my opinion a bona fide mercantile house and its members are entitled to the privileges of a merchant. I would say that the statement of the manager as to the value of the goods on hand, is a very fair one, and I believe that for a new store it is doing quite a good business. This applicant was one of the three or four men who were the leaders in forming the partnership, and he has always taken an active interest in the store and I have always regarded him as one of its managers.

3/27/08.

From what I have seen and from the testimony of this case, I am of the opinion that the applicant is a bona fide merchant and is entitled to the privilege which he requests.

Will you please inform me what your probable decision will be, in order that I may inform the applicant and save him a needless trip to Portal should your decision be adverse to him?

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.



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

Moy You Geung, applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?  
A Moy You Geung.  
Q What is your occupation?  
A Merchant, member of the firm of Tsue Chong Wah.  
Q What is your position with that firm?  
A I am the manager.  
Q How long have you been connected with the firm?  
A About fifteen months.  
Q How long has this firm been in existence?  
A It started about the same time. Fifteen months ago.  
Q Have you been the manager of this firm since it started?  
A Yes.  
Q What interest have you?  
A \$800.00.  
Q Did you put in \$800.00 at the start?  
A Yes.  
Q What is the value of the goods that your firm has on hand at the present time?  
A \$2,000.00 worth of goods.  
Q How much money is invested in your firm altogether?  
A \$10,100.00.  
Q How is this other money divided?  
A We have \$3,000.00 in debts. When we opened, we spent about \$1,000.00 in making alterations and putting in fixtures. We paid \$1,000.00 for duty. And we have sent \$2,000.00 to New York to be sent to China to pay for goods.  
Q Is this \$1,000.00 that you have paid for duty included in the value of the goods that you have on hand?  
A Yes. The duty was paid on the goods which we now have in the store.  
Q Does that \$2,000.00 which you state is the value of the goods now on hand in the store, mean that the original price of the goods was \$1,000.00 and that you have paid \$1,000.00 in duty on them, or do you mean that the original price was \$2,000.00 and that you have paid \$1,000.00 worth of duty on them?  
A \$2,000.00 was the original cost of the goods not including the duty.  
Q How many partners have you in your firm whose entire time is devoted to the business of the firm? Give me their names.  
A Jew Gow Yee, Lung Goon Got, Mark Young, and myself, Moy You Geung.  
Q Where is Leu Me Hoo now?  
A He is in Saint Louis.  
Q How long have these men whom you have named been devoting their time to the business of the firm?  
A Since the firm was organized.  
Q Has there been any change in the membership of your firm since a partnership was furnished me in November, 1907?  
A No there has been no change.  
Q What rent do you pay?  
A \$40.00 a month.  
Q What salary do you draw?  
A Each one gets \$40.00 a month.  
Q Does that include your profits?  
A No. Just salary.  
Q What year and month was your firm organized?  
A At the end of K. S. 32; the twelfth month.  
Q What were you doing prior to the time you came into this store?  
A I was in a laundry on Oak Street.



Testimony of Moy You Geung, continued.

Q Are you registered?  
A No.  
Q Why not?  
A At that time I was a merchant in San Francisco.  
Q What firm were you a member of?  
A Quong Yut Wah.  
Q When did you first come to the United States?  
A I came first in K. S. 9 with my father.  
Q What was your father's business?  
A He was a merchant, a member of the firm of Quong Yut Wah.  
Q Did you remain in the store of Quong Yut Wah, from the time you came into the United States until the time you came to Chicago?  
A Yes. I was there all the time.  
Q When did you first obtain an interest in this firm of Quong Yut Wah?  
A The interest was left to me by my father when he went to China?  
Q When was that?  
A In K.S. 18.  
Q How long did you retain that interest in this firm of Quong Yut Wah?  
A Two years.  
Q When did you leave San Francisco?  
A K. S. 20, the 3rd month.  
Q How did you happen to come to Chicago?  
A At that time I sold the business, and I came with my uncle.  
Q Did your uncle have an interest in the firm too?  
A No.  
Q Are you married?  
A No.  
Q What is your full Chinese name?  
A Moy You Geung.  
Q Are you going to China on your own business or on business of the firm?  
A On business for the firm.  
Q What will you do when you return from China?  
A I am coming back into the store.  
Q Will you retain this interest in the store while you are gone?  
A Yes.  
Q How much business did your firm do last year?  
A A little over nine thousand dollars worth.  
Q Have you done any manual labor such as working in restaurants or laundries, or any other manual labor except such as was incident to the conduct of your firm's business, since you became a member?  
A No. I have always been in the store.  
Q Have you understood the interpreter?  
A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English.

(Signed)	Moy You Geung,	Applicant.
(Signed)	J.C.C. Longchallon,	Interpreter.
(Signed)	L. T. Plummer,	Chinese Inspector in Charge.



Case of Moy You Geung.

Witness, Mark Young, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?  
A Mark Young.  
Q What is your full Chinese name?  
A I have only one name; Mark Young.  
Q Is not your name Mark Hong Young?  
A Yes.  
Q What is your occupation?  
A I am a merchant, member of the firm of Tsue Thong Wah.  
Q What interest have you in that firm?  
A \$500.00.  
Q What position do you occupy?  
A I am a salesman now; but I will be the manager after Moy  
You Geung goes to China.  
Q Is Moy You Geung the manager now?  
A Yes.  
Q How long have you been in this store devoting all your  
time to its business?  
A Since the firm was organized?  
Q When was that?  
A About the end of the year before last.  
Q What is the value of the goods your firm has on hand, now?  
A I don't know. The bookkeeper has not figured it up.  
Q What would you say is the value of the goods?  
A I don't know, I am only a salesman.  
Q Are you registered?  
A Yes, but my certificate is in the store.  
Q Give me the names of the partners who devote all their  
time to the firm's business?  
A Moy You Geung, Lung Got, Jew Gow Yee, and myself, Mark Young.  
Q Where is Leu Me Hoo?  
A He is in St. Louis.  
Q Well is he there temporarily or permanently?  
A I don't know when he will come back.  
Q How long has Jew Gow Yee been in the store?  
A About three months.  
Q What salary do you draw?  
A \$40.00.  
Q Does that include your profits?  
A No. Just salary.  
Q Are you going to manager this store during the absence of  
Moy You Geung?  
A Yes.  
Q Will Moy You Geung retain his interest in the store while  
he is gone?  
A Yes.  
Q Is he going to China on his business or on business of the  
firm?  
A He is going to China to see his family.  
Q Whose photograph is this? (Showing photograph of applicant)  
A Moy You Geung's.  
Q What were you doing before you came into the store?  
A I was working in a laundry.  
Q Where?  
A Leavett St. on the North side.  
Q How much rent does your firm pay?  
A \$40.00 a month.  
Q Do you know how much business your firm did last year?  
A About \$9,000.00.  
Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) Mark Hong Young, Witness.  
(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallan, Interpreter.  
(Signed) I. T. Plummer, Inspector.