

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

IMMIGRATION FILE

No. 213

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

14-204

WHEREAS, LEE KAN,  
hereunto attached, is  
the United States, tem-  
China, with the inten-  
the United States for  
his present occupation  
and WHEREAS, the said  
titled to so return, -



whose photograph is  
about to depart from  
porarily, on a visit to  
tion of returning into  
the purpose of resuming  
as a merchant therein;  
LEE KAN is lawfully en-  
pursuant to the Act of

Congress approved May 5th, 1892, as amended by the Act of Congress ap-  
proved November 3rd, 1893, which provides as follows, to-wit:-

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

" When an application is made by a Chihaman 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 testimony  
"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 performance 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:"

NOW, THEREFORE, and for the better identification of the said LEE  
KAN, and 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  
LEE KAN for upwards of one year last past, during which said time he  
has been neither a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any  
kind, and during which said time he has been a reputable resident  
Chinese merchant of the said City of Chicago.



with him, the said LEE KAN has been a member of the firm of Chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "WAH CHING LUNG CO.", Importers and Dealers in Groceries, Clothing, Fancy-goods and general Chinese and Japanese merchandise, at No. 261 South Clark Street, in the said City of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That during the said time of our acquaintance with him, the said LEE KAN 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 time, he 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 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 said firm, or any of them; and that so far as we are aware such use of such trade-names and styles is ~~XXXXX~~ customary amongst Chinese merchants generally in the said City of Chicago, and elsewhere throughout the United States.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A. September 23rd, A.D. 1897.

(XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)

(DESCRIPTION OF LEE KAN:-)

(Age:- Thirty-six (36) years.)

(HEIGHT:- 5 Ft. 2 inches.)

(XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)

*E. J. Samuel*

*208 So Clark St*

*Chicago, Illinois.*

*R. Williams*

*238 So Clark St*

*Chicago, Illinois.*



United States of America

Northern District of Illinois SS.

City of Chicago

I, Simone N. King, a

United States Commissioner and for the Northern District of Illinois

Do Hereby Certify that I am acquainted with E. J. Parmelee and

R. D. Mil

the signers of the foregoing and

annexed certifi

the citizens of the

United States

s of the City of Chi-

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titled to

I have hereunto set my

al, at the City of

the Northern District

day of September A.D.,

ninety-seven. (1897).

. Dist. of Illinois.



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