

In re.
MOY TOM
of
"TAI WAH COMPANY"
Merchants,
No. 303 So. Clark St.,
Chicago, Illinois.



NAME:-MOY TOM.

AGE:-Thirty Four Years.

HEIGHT:-5 Feet, 6 Inches, In Shoes.

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 said division and district, Do Hereby certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described MOY TOM for upwards of one year last past, during which time 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 TOM has been a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "TAI WAH", at No. 303 Clark street, in the said City of Chicago, Dealers in Teas, Drugs, Clothing, Provisions, Fancy-goods and general Chinese and Japanese merchandise.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said MOY TOM 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 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 TOM; and that the foregoing description is a true description of the person of the said MOY TOM.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we have been credibly informed, and verily believe, the said MOY TOM has a financial interest of One Thousand

Dollars (\$1,000.00) 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 the said concern, we have been well satisfied that the said MOY TOM is actively engaged in the business of the said firm, exercises a voice in the business and affairs thereof, and that he is a bona fide merchant and member of said "Tai Wah" Company.

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Dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 15th, 1908.

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

J. L. O'Henson
(Address) 3-15 State St
Chicago, Illinois.

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

N. 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.

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Subscribed and sworn to, this 15th day of September, A.D., 1908, before me.

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

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

J. L. O'Henson, of the City of Chicago, in the County and State aforesaid, 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 Clerk & 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.

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Subscribed and sworn to, this 15th day of September, A.D., 1908, before me.

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

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

Chicago, Illinois,
September 16, 1908.

To

LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

My name is MOY TOM, I am a native and subject of China. I have resided in the United States since the 3rd month of the 8th K.S., when I first landed at the port of San Francisco; and I have never been outside of the United States since. I am 34 years old.

I first lived with my father, Moy Yousa, a Merchant and member of the "YUT WAH" Company, No. 740 Commercial St., San Francisco; and lived with him two years. I then removed to Chicago, and have lived here since.

My father also removed to Chicago, and we were members of the firm of Chinese persons and Merchants doing business under the name and style of "QUONG WAH CHUNG", at No. 115 Clark street, Chicago. My father returned to China for permanent residence; and then, in or about the year 1894, presented me with his share and interest in said concern, which I have kept and enjoyed continuously ever since. In or about the month of July, 1895, said "QUONG WAH CHUNG" was reorganized under the name of "TAI WAH"; but the reorganization did not alter or affect my said interest in the said concern in any way or to any extent; and I have maintained my interest in said "TAI WAH" Company continuously thence until the present time. The same is now worth, at the least, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). And during the time I have been a member of said "TAI WAH" Company I have not been engaged or interested in the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind, except such as has been necessary in the conduct of my business as such merchant.

I desire to visit China 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,

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No. 303 Clark st.,

Chicago, Ill.

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
SEATTLE, WASH.

RECEIVED
JUL 31 1911
Inspector in Charge,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

No. 27,702.

July 26, 1911.

Inspector in Charge,

U. S. Immigration Service,
Chicago, Illinois.

S i r:

Please be advised that Chinese MOY TOM whose status was the subject of your report of March 22, 1909, No. 687, to the inspector in charge Portal, North Dakota, arrived at this port July 7, 1911, on the s. s. "Protesilaus", and that he was landed the same day as a returning domiciled merchant of Chicago, Ill. To this applicant at the time of admission was issued certificate of identity No. 4,400.

Respectfully,

John H. Largent,
Acty. Commissioner.

HAM-TS.

Department of Commerce and Labor

Port of Portal, N. D.

March 25, 1909

Moy Tom, 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, receipt being acknowledged of his letter of the 22nd instant, No. 687

RECEIVED
MAR 26 1909
Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

O. H. Kelton
Chinese Inspector in Charge

No. 687.

522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO March 20th, 1909.

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

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

Q What is your name? A. Moy Lun You is my marriage name.
Q What is your boyhood name? A. Moy Sick.
Q Are you the manager of the firm of Tai Wah & Co., 303 So. Clark St., Chicago? A. Yes.
Q How long have you been in that store? A. About thirteen years.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A. Yes, Moy Tom. He is my partner.
Q How long has he been a partner of your firm? A. He has been a member a long time.
Q Did he sell his interest out in Tai Wah? A. No, he keeps it there.
Q Is the interest the same as that when he went away?
A. Yes.
Q How much is that worth? A. He has \$1,000.00.
Q What will he do when he comes back from China? A. He will come back and work in the store.
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.

No. 687.

September 25th, 1908.

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

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers in the case of MOY TOM, a merchant of this city who desires to visit China and return to the United States. I enclose sworn statements of the two white witnesses upon the regular forms used. I regard them both as credible witnesses.

I also enclose a transcript of the notes taken at the examination of applicant and of Moy Sam, manager of this firm of Tai Wah & Co. From this examination it appears that applicant has had an interest in this firm for a great many years and that this interest was left to him by his father who was a brother of Moy Sam, the present manager, and that he has retained the interest ever since. The testimony shows that he has not been working in the store all the time, but came to work there about a year ago. The partnership list which was furnished me in March, this year shows that Moy Tom came into the store in September, 1907; but Moy Sam, in his testimony, states that he must have been mistaken in the partnership list, as he is positive that applicant came into the store about July, last year. Both the white witnesses state that applicant has been in the store for more than the re-

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quired year, and that during that time he has done no manual labor except such as was necessary to the conduct of the firm's business.

This firm of Tai Wah & Co. is one of the largest Chinese establishments in Chicago, and without doubt its bona fide members are entitled to the privileges of merchants. It carries a good stock of goods, and I believe that the statement of the manager as to the value of the goods is a fair one.

From my examination, I am of the opinion that applicant has been engaged in the store for more than a year and that during that time has done no manual labor except such as was incident to the firm's business, and would therefore that the privilege he asks for be granted to him.

As applicant desires to leave on the next steamer, I will hand him one copy of his papers, trusting your decision in the case will be favorable.

Respectfully,

Enc.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

Chicago, Illinois, September 17, 1908

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector
MOY TOM, : A. T. Wilson, Stenographer.
Mer. Dep.

Witness, MOY SAM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified

(in English):

Q What is your name? A Moy Sam.

Q You are the manager of the firm of Tai Wah & Co., at 303 So. Clark St., are you not? A Yes.

Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?

A It is Moy Tom.

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

A His father was a member of the old firm of Quong Wah Chung, and when he went to China he left his interest in that firm to Moy Tom, and Moy Tom was a member of the firm of Quong Wah Chung until it was changed to Tai Wah, and he has been a member of Tai Wah ever since.

Q When was the firm name changed to Tai Wah? A About 1895.

Q How much of an interest has he in your firm? A \$1,000.

Q Has he had this interest ever since he first became a member?

A Yes; since the firm of Tai Wah was organized.

Q How long has he been devoting his time to the firm's business?

A From 1898 or 1899 he worked for Tai Wah about two or three years, and then he went out to work for himself, and came back about July. I told you in another examination that he came in in September, 1907, but I have been thinking the matter over and I asked one of the other partners, and I know now that he came in in July.

Q You mean July, 1907? A Yes sir.

Q Since that time has he been in the store all the time, devoting his entire attention to the firm's business? A Yes sir.

Qv Has he done any manual labor, or work in restaurants or laundries since that time? A No sir.

Q Give me the names of the partners who work in the store?

A Moy Lun You; Lee Park; Moy Mon; Moy Shue Hing; Moy Lee; Moy Toy; Moy Tom; Moy Hor; Moy Sam (myself). About two months ago Moy Son left the store and went out working for himself, and his place is taken now by Lee Hee Hoo. Moy Yoke is out of the store now and Moy Teung takes his place, about a month ago.

Q Has there been any change in the firm since you gave me the partnership list on March 4, 1908.

A No change in the members.

Q What would you say your goods on hand in that store were worth? A I think just now about \$23,000 or \$24,000.

Q Does Moy Tom receive any salary? A \$35 a month.

Q Does that include his profits, or is that purely salary?

A Just wages.

Q Is he going to China on a visit, or for the firm's business?

A On a visit, and also business of the firm.

Q When he returns will he come back in the store? A Yes.

Q Have you understood my questions? A Yes.

(Witness signed his testimony in English)

(Signed) Moy Sam,

Witness,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.

522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO

September 24th, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
MOY TOM, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Mer. Departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, MOY TOM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?

A Moy Tom.

Q What is your full Chinese name?

A I always go under the name of Moy Tom. My business name is also Moy Tom.

Q What is your boyhood name?

A The same, Moy Tom.

Q What is your business?

A Merchant, member of Tai Wah & Co.

Q How much of an interest have you in the firm of Tai Wah & Co.?

A \$1,000.00.

Q How long have you had that interest?

A In 1890, I became a member of the firm of Quong Wah Chung. In 1895, that firm was changed to Tai Wah & Co.

Q Have you had a one thousand dollar interest since you first became a member of the firm of Quong Wah Chung?

A My father was a member of the old firm of Quong Wah Chung, but he went back home to China in 1892 and left me his interest in the firm. Three years later, the firm became Tai Wah & Co.

Q Was the interest that your father had in that firm of Quong Wah Chung \$1,000.00 or less?

A \$1,000.00, and from the time he gave it to me, it has been \$1,000.00.

Q How long have you been working in the store devoting all your time to its business?

A I went into Tai Wah & Co. and worked in July, 1907.

Q Is your father, a brother of Moy Sam's, the manager of the firm?

A Yes.

Q What have you been doing in the store? What class of work?

A I help with the cash, sell goods and pack.

Q What salary do you receive?

A Thirty-five dollars.

Q Is that salary, or does that include your profits?

A No dividends have been given as yet, as we have been putting the money in different places.

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

A Moy Lin You, Lee Park, Moy Mon, Moy Hore, Moy Lee, Moy Sam Moy Tom (myself). Moy Sun left the store a couple of months ago and Lee He Foo took his place. Moy Yoke left the store a couple of months ago and Moy Teung took his place. Moy Toy and Moy Shu Hing.

Q What is the value of the goods that your store has on hand?

A About twenty-four or twenty-five thousand dollars.

Q Who will take your place while you are gone?

A The firm have not selected anybody yet.

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

A Mostly on my own business. I am going to China to see my folks. While I am there, I will purchase some goods for the firm.

Q What will you do when you return from China?

A Come back in the store.

Q Are you married?

A No, I am single.

Q During the past year, or since July, 1907, have you done any manual labor in restaurant, laundries or anywhere else except such as was incident to the business of the firm?

A No, I have not done anything. Tai Wah & Co. has taken all my time.

Testimony of applicant, MOY TOM, continued:

Q When did you first come to the United States?

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Q Did you come alone?

A My father came with me.

Q Have you been in this country since that time?

A I have been here ever since.

Q Are you registered?

A On account of being engaged in business then, I did not get registered.

Q Have you understood the interpreter?

A Yes sir.

Applicant signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) Moy Tom, Applicant.

(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.