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No. 654 1/2

LAM YOOK,
of
"QUONG YUEN CHUNG KEE"
Merchants,
No. 321 Clark st.,
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

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AGE:-Forty Years.

HEIGHT:-Five Feet, Two Inches.

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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 and vicinity in the said Northern District of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described LAM YOOK 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 a laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said LAM YOOK has been a member of the firm of chinese persons trading and doing business under the name and style of "QUONG YUEN CHONG KEE" (Formerly L.C. Quong Yuen & Co.), at No. 321 Clark street, in the said city of Chicago; and that for many years past, during our acquaintance with it, the said firm has been actually engaged in the legitimate business of merchandising, buying and selling Teas, Silks, Provisions and general merchandise under its different names and styles, and under different organization from time to time.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said LAM YOOK 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 said time 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, hereto affixed, is a true and correct likeness of the said LAM YOOK; and that

the foregoing description is a true and correct description of him.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we have been credibly informed that the said LAM YOOK has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in said firm, and from our frequent visits to the said place of business and our general knowledge of said concern we have become well satisfied, and believe, that the said LAM YOOK is actively engaged in the business of the said firm, exercises a voice in the management of its business and affairs, enjoys his proper share in the profits and is a bona fide member thereof.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., May 6th, A.D., 1908.

D. L. Henson
(Address) 3-15 State St
A. C. Pana Chicago, Illinois.
(Address) 159 La Salle St
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Nedson 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 Copper & Salesman Wholesale

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 } D. L. Henson
11th day of May, A.D., 1908, before }
me. Mark A. Foster
Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

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

A. 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 } A. C. Pana
11th day of May, A.D., 1908, before }
me. Mark A. Foster
Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

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

Chicago, Illinois, May 6, 1908.

To
LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

My name is LAM YOOK. I am a native and subject of China. I have resided in the United States, continuously and without temporary departure, the last twenty five years, and in the city of Chicago the last seven years.

I first landed in the United States at the port of San Francisco; and immediately proceeded to Oakland, California, where I resided for eighteen years.

In the 26th K.S., I removed to the said city of Chicago and purchased a share and interest in the "QUONG YUEN CHUNG KEE" Company, Chinese Merchants, of No. 321 Clark street; and have been a member thereof continuously ever since. My share and interest in the said concern is now worth One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and upward.

And for upwards of one year last past, as such member of said firm, I have been engaged exclusively in the business and affairs of the said concern, and have not been engaged or interested in the performance of manual labor of any kind, except such as has been necessary in the conduct of the business and affairs of my said firm.

I desire to revisit China, and to return upon the completion of my visit, to resume my present 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 preinvestigated and endorsed as provided by appropriate Regulation.

Very respectfully,

Lam Yook

c/o Quong Yuen Chung Kee,

No. 321 Clark st.,

Chicago, Ill's.

Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 2634.

SUBJECT:

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

PORTAL, N. DAK.

July 13, 1909.

Lam Yook, C/O Him Yick & Co.,

#30 Wing Lock St.,

Hong Kong, China.

Sir:-

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

You will therefore, be permitted to re-enter the United States thru this port, provided you do not, upon your arrival here, controvert any of the statements contained in your application.

Respectfully,

OBH/a

John J. Abel
Inspector in Charge.

OFFICIAL COPY is respectfully furnished L.T. Plummer, Chinese Inspector in Charge, Chicago, Ill., acknowledgment being made of the receipt of his letter of the 9th inst., No. 654-1/27, enclosing therewith all papers in the above named case.

OBH/a

John J. Abel
Inspector in Charge.

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Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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522, Commercial National Bank Bldg. CHICAGO July 9th, 1909.

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

LIM S. LETT, witness, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:
(In English)

Q What is your name? A. Lim S. Lett. Full name,
Lim Shear Lett.

Q Is that your marriage name or your boyhood name? A. My
boyhood name.

Q What is your marriage name? A. Lim Leong Lip.

Q Are you still the manager of the firm of Quong Yuen Chung
Kee, 321 So. Clark St.? A. Yes.

Q Is your store today in substantially the same condition
that it was in May, 1908? A. Yes.

Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A. Yes, Lam Yook.

Q Does he still have the same interest in your store that he
did at the time he went to China? A. Yes.

Q Have you sent him any money while he has been in China
that would in any way decrease his interest in the store? A. No,
I didn't send him any money.

Q What will he do when he returns to the United States?
A. He will do as he pleases. He will probably come back into the
store.

Q Have you understood my questions? A. Yes.

Witness signed his name in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Lim S. Lett, Witness.

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(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

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May 25th, 1908.

Lam Yook,

c/o Quong Yuen Chung Kee,

321 So. Clark St., Chicago.

Sir:-

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

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

May 19th, 1908.

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

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers in the case of LAM YOOK, 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 have examined applicant and also Lim Lett the manager of the firm of Quong Yuen Chung Kee of which applicant claims to be a member, and enclose a transcript of the notes taken. These men have known applicant as a member of the firm for considerably longer than the required year, and are positive that he has done no manual labor within that time.

This firm of Quong Yuen Chung Kee is one of the leading Chinese firms of Chicago and does a good business. I believe that the manager statement as to the value of the goods on hand at the present time is a very fair one.

From my examination, I am of the opinion that applicant is, as he claims to be a bona fide member of this firm and as such is

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entitled to the privileges of a merchant.

Will you please inform me what your probable decision will be, so as to save the applicant an unnecessary trip to Portal should your decision be unfavorable?

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

May 15th, 1908.

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

Witness, LIM S. YETT, being sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:
(In English without interpreter)

Q What is your name?
A Lim S. Yett.
Q You are the manager of the firm of Quong Yuen Chung Kee,
321 So. Clark St., are you not?
A Yes sir.
Q How long have you been the manager of that firm?
A A little over two years.
Q How long have you been connected with the firm, ie.
how long have you had an interest there?
A For some time. I think it is eight or nine years.
Q Has there been any change in the membership of this
firm, since a partnership list was furnished me in October, 1906.
A No sir.
Q What would you say is the value of the goods that your
firm has on hand, not only what is in the store, but what your
firm owns?
A \$15,000.00
Q About how much business do you do in a year, gross
business?
A A little over \$40,000.00.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A Yes sir.
Q What is his name?
A Lam Yook.
Q What is his full Chinese name?
A Lam Yook is the name we know him by.
Q What interest has he in your firm?
A \$1,000.00.
Q How long has he had this interest?
A Since I have been manager. It may be that he had it
before that, but I know he has had it ever since.
Q What are his duties in the store?
A Packing, shipping goods, taking care of the goods,
and sometimes waiting on a customer, but not all the time, only
when it is necessary.
Q What salary does he draw?
A His limit is about \$30.00 a month.
Q During the past year has he done any labor outside
of the store?
A Since I have been over here, he has not gone out much.
He has not been outside of the store at all. He used to go
out selling goods.
Q Then during the past year, he has done no manual
labor, such as working in laundries or restaurants, nor any
work except in the store?
A No sir, he has not.
Q Is he going to China on his own business or on business
of the firm?
A He is going to China to see his folks, and if necessary
to order goods for the firm, if he can.
Q Have you understood my questions?
A Yes sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Lim S. Lett, Witness.
(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

Applicant, LAM YOOK, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
 A Lam Yook.
 Q What is your full Chinese name?
 A That is the only name I have.
 Q What is your business?
 A I am a merchant, member of the firm of Quong Yuen Chung
 . Kee.
 Q How long have you been a member of that firm?
 A Since K.S. 26. I have been a member of the firm eight
 years.
 Q How much of an interest have you there?
 A \$1,000.00.
 Q Have you had a \$1,000.00 ever since you have been in
 the firm?
 A I had \$500.00 at first, now it is \$1,000.00.
 Q How long have you been devoting all your time to the
 business of the firm?
 A When I first went into the store, I was sent out to
 sell goods, but I have been in the store now over a year.
 Q How much over a year?
 A About fourteen months altogether.
 Q When did you go into the store to stay?
 A Just fourteen months ago.
 Q What were you doing in the store?
 A I sell goods sometimes, and I attend to the stock.
 Q How much of a stock have you in that store? What
 are the goods worth?
 A About \$20,000.00.
 Q What salary do you draw?
 A \$360.00 a year.
 Q Who are the other members of the firm who devote all
 their time to the business of the firm?
 A Sometimes eight. Sometimes nine.
 Q What are their names?
 A Lim Pon, Lim Lett, Lim Hong, Lim Gee, Lim Ti, Lim
 Yuen, Lim Tong, Lim Gwue, and myself, Lam Yook.
 Q Are you going to China on your own business or on
 business of the firm?
 A My own business.
 Q Are you married?
 A No.
 Q Is Lam Yook the only name you have?
 A Yes, that is the only name I have. My boyhood name.
 Q When did you own a laundry last?
 A I have not worked in laundries. I worked in laundries
 long ago.
 Q Are you registered?
 A No.
 Q Why not?
 A At that time I was a merchant at Oakland, and my grand-
 father said I need not take a certificate.
 Q What firm were you a member of?
 A Quong Sam.
 Q How much of an interest did you have in that firm?
 A I don't remember now, as it is so long ago.
 Q About how much?
 A About \$500.00.
 Q Have you understood the interpreter?
 A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Lam Yook,	Applicant.
(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallon,	Interpreter.
(Signed) L. T. Plummer,	Inspector.