

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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No. 703

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In re  
YEE LEN FUN  
of  
"Quong Lee Yuen",  
Merchants,  
No. 309 Clark St.,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
U. S. A.

NAME: YEE LEN FUN.  
AGE: *Five Foot, 6 1/2 In.*  
HEIGHT: 5 Ft. 6 In.

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 said division and district, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that we have been well acquainted with the above described YEE LEN FUN for upwards of one last past, during which time he has not been a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind, but during which time he has been a reputable resident Chinese Merchant of the City of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said YEE LEN FUN has been a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "Quong Lee Yuen" Company, at number 309 South Clark street, in said City of Chicago, Dealers in Groceries, Provisions, Drugs and General Chinese and Japanese Merchandise.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said Yee Len Fun has been engaged in buying and selling merchandise at the said fixed place of business under the 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 YEE LEN Fun; and that the foregoing description is a true description of the person of the said YEE LEN FUN.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY that we have been credibly informed, and verily believe, that the said YEE LEN FUN has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.) 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 YEE LEN FUN is actively engaged in the business of the said firm, exercises a voice in the management and affairs thereof, and that he is a bone fide merchant and member of said "QUONG LEE YUEN COMPANY".

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., October *27th* 1908.

*Charles O. Wright*  
(Address) *98 Jackson St*  
Chicago, Illinois.

*A. L. Benson*  
(Address) *3-15 State St*  
Chicago, Illinois.

*M. C. Davis*  
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*159 La Salle St*  
*Chicago, Illinois*



State of Illinois, )  
County of Cook, ) SS:  
City of Chicago. )

N.C. Dana of the City  
of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois,  
being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says  
as follows, to-wit:

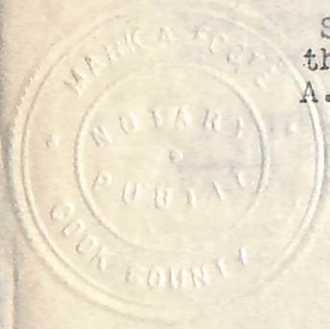
I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the  
City of Chicago, in the County of ~~State~~ Cook and State of  
Illinois.

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 23<sup>d</sup> day of October, )  
A.D., 1908, before me. )

N.C. Dana

Mark A. Foote,  
Notary Public, Cook Co., ILL.





City of Chicago. ) Charles B. Wright of the City of Chicago,  
in said County and State, being first duly sworn according to law, de-  
poses 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 Customs Broker.

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 )  
23d day of October, A.D., 1908, )  
before me.

Mark A. Foote  
Notary Public, Cook Co. Ill.

Charles B. Wright

State of Illinois. )  
County of Cook. ) SS:  
City of Chicago. )

S. L. Henson of the City of Chicago,  
in said County and State, being first duly sworn according to law, de-  
poses and says as follows, to-wit:-

I am a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the City of  
Chicago, in said County and State, where I follow the occupation of  
a Buyer & Salesman.

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 )  
23d day of October, A.D., 1908, )  
before me.

Mark A. Foote  
Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill.

S. L. Henson

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. )  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS. ) Set:  
EASTERN DIVISION. )

I, Mark A. Foote, United States  
Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify  
that I am acquainted with Charles B. Wright and Nudson L. Henson,  
the signers of the foregoing and annexed Certificate and Affidavits;  
that they are not Chinese persons; that they are citizens of the United  
States and residents of the City of Chicago and vicinity, in the  
Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois; that they are  
respectable persons, of good character; and that in my opinion their  
statements are entitled to full credence and belief.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed my official seal, at the said City of  
Chicago, in the division and district aforesaid,  
this 23d day of October, A.D., nineteen  
hundred eight.

Mark A. Foote

U. S. COMMISSIONER, N. D. Illvs.

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Chicago, Ill., Oct. 5, 1908.

To

LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

My name is YEE LEN FUN. I am a native and subject of China;     years of age; have resided in the United States 27 years; and in Chicago the last fourteen years.

During my residence in the United States, I have not revisited China.

I am a Merchant and member of the firm of "Quong Lee Yuen", Chinese Merchants, of No. 309 Clark street, Chicago.

I first landed in the United States in the 7th K.S. at the port of San Francisco and resided there thirteen years, during which time I was in the employ of "Quong Chung Sing", Grocers, of No. 724 Commercial street. In the 20th K.S., I removed to Chicago, Illinois; and for nine years was a Laundryman at No. 11534 Front Street (Kensington), Chicago, Illinois.

During the year last past, I have been exclusively engaged in the business and affairs of "Quong Lee Yuen", Chinese Merchants, of No. 309 Clark street, Chicago, and have not been engaged in, or interested in the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled of any kind.

In the 29th K.S., for One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), I purchased a share and interest in the stock, business and assets of said "Quong Lee Yuen"; and the same is now worth more than that.

I desire to visit China, and to return upon the completion of my visit to resume my present occupation, residence and status as a Merchant in the United States.

Wherefore, I present herewith the evidence of two credible witnesses other than Chinese, and pray that the same may be endorsed as provided by proper Regulation.

Very respectfully,

Yee Len Fun

C/o Quong Lee Yuen & Co.,

No. 309 Clark st.,

Chicago, Ill

Department of Commerce and Labor

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
ROOM 522, COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILL.

October 10, 1912.

Commissioner of Immigration,  
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

Referring to your letter No. 28,544, dated July 3,  
1912, I beg to inclose herewith receipt of Yee Len Fun for  
certificate of identity No. 9433.

Respectfully,

(Signed) P. L. Prentiss.

Inspector in Charge.

Incl. 4663.  
HDE/O'C.



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ROOM 522, COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

CHICAGO, ILL.

October 10, 1912.

Received from P. L. PRENTIS, Inspector in Charge, Chicago, Illinois, certificate of identity No. 9433, issued to Yee Len Fun; age, 43; height, 5 ft. 6 in.; occupation, salesman in store; admitted as returning merchant in Quong Lee Yuen Co.; physical marks: crooked little finger right hand, mole left nose; No. 6, ex S.S. Princess Charlotte, Nov. 26, 1911.

*Yee Len Fun* 余連寬

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Attest:

*E. B. Han*

O'C.

Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
ROOM 522, COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILL.

June 5, 1912.

Commissioner of Immigration,  
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

Referring to your letter No. 28,544, of the 13th ultimo, I beg to say that Yee Len Fun has submitted the three inclosed photographs of himself, with the request that a certificate of identity be issued to him. His personal description is as follows: Height, 5 ft. 5-1/2 in. (with Chinese slippers); physical marks: three small scars in front of left ear; mole left eyebrow; scar in front of right ear; crooked first joint both little fingers.

The Quong Lee Yuen Company, the firm in which applicant claimed to be a merchant at the time of landing is now out of business. Applicant claims that he is now a member of the Wing Chung Gin Company, 2149 Archer avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Respectfully,

(Signed) P. L. Prentiss.

Inspector in Charge.

Incl. 4039.  
HDE/O'C.



No. 703.

October 30th, 1908.

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

Sir:-

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

I also enclose the notes taken at the examination of applicant and Lee Sue the manager of this firm of Quong Lee Yuen. As the manager states this firm of Quong Lee Yuen has been in business for the past six years, and I believe that the manager's statement as to the value of the goods on hand is a very fair one. This is not a large firm, but at the same time it does quite a business in selling Chinese merchandise to various Chinese laundries and restaurants in Chicago. I believe that its bona fide members are entitled to the privileges of merchants. Applicant's name has appeared on the partnership lists which have been furnished by the firm since I have been here in Chicago, and both the white witnesses state that they have known him about the store for several years.

As a result of my examination, I am of the opinion that appli-



cant is as he claims to be, a bona fide member of this firm and is therefore entitled to the privilege which he requests. Will you please inform me what your probable decision will be in order to save him an unnecessary trip to Portal, should you decide adversely.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.



522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO October 23, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
YEE LEE FUN, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.  
Mer. departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, LEE SUE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Lee Sue.  
Q Is that your boyhood name? A. Yes, that is my boyhood name.  
Q What is your marriage name? A. Lee Ging Shoon.  
Q What other names have you besides these two? A. I have only those two, but the name on my certificate is Lee Chung.  
Q What is your business? A. Grocery business.  
Q What firm are you connected with? A. Quong Lee Yuen, it is now at 309 So. Clark St.  
Q How long has your firm been at 309? A. We moved from 333 to 309 May 1st, this year.  
Q What is your position in this firm? A. I am the treasurer.  
Q Are you also the manager? A. Yes.  
Q How long have you been the manager of this firm? A. Ever since K.S. 23.  
Q Is that ever since the firm was organized? A. Yes.  
The firm of Quong Lee Yuen was started at that time, We bought out Lee Kee.  
Q Has there been any change in the membership of your firm since your partnership list was furnished me May 1st, 1906? A. Some of the members drew out their interest, K.S. 29th year, and became partners of LEE KEE.  
Q Has there been any change since a partnership list was furnished me two years ago? A. No.  
Q What would you say that the goods your firm has on hand are worth? A. About seven or eight thousand dollars.  
Q Have you added any goods since you moved to your new address, 309? A. The goods come in regularly, right along, now.  
Q Give me the names of your partners who devote their entire time to the firm's business? A. Lee Jung, Lee Sue, Yee Ling Fun, Lee Tie, and Yee Fook Wah.  
Q How long have these men been in the store devoting all their time to the firm's business? A. Those people which I named to you have been in that store about five years.  
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant) A. Yes.  
Q What is his name? A. Yee Ling Fun.  
Q How long has he been a member of the firm? A. Since K.S. 29.  
Q How much of an interest has he? A. \$1,000.00.  
Q Has he had a one thousand dollar interest ever since he became a member? A. Yes.  
Q What are his duties about the store? A. To take care of the goods and do wait on customers.  
Q What salary does he receive? A. \$35.00.  
Q Does that include his profits? A. No, just salary.  
Q Is he going to China on his own business or on business of the firm? A. Business of his own.  
Q What will he do upon his return from China? A. He will come back into the store, the same as before.  
Q What other name has he besides Yee Ling Fun? A. He is not married but he is called Yee Fee Yung once in a while.  
Q About how much business does your firm do a year? A. Between twenty and thirty thousand dollars a year.  
Q Do you have any restaurant, lodging house or laundry connected with your firm? A. No. I have some interests in some, myself, but not the firm.



Testimony of LEE SUE, continued:

Q During the past year has Yee Len Fun done any manual labor such as working in laundries or restaurants or any work except such as was incident to the business of the firm? A. All that time he has been in the store.

Q How long has your firm been at 333 So. Clark St.? A. K.S. 29, we moved to 279 So. Clark St. and stayed there about a year. Then we moved to 333 So. Clark St. where we stayed until last May.

Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Witness signed his name in both Chinese & English.

(Signed) Lee Sue,

Witness.

(Lee Sue)

(Lee Chung)

(Lee Ging Shoon)

(Signed) Charley Kee,

Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.



## Case of YEE LEN FUN.

Applicant, YEE LEN FUN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A. Yee Len Fun. (Pronounced  
Toon)
- Q What is your business? A. Before or now?
- Q Now. A. I work in a store.
- Q What store? A. Quong Lee Yunn.
- Q How long have you been in that store? A. A little over  
four years, going on five.
- Q Have you any interest there? A. Yes.
- Q How much? A. \$1,000.00.
- Q How long have you had that interest? A. A little  
over four years, going on five.
- Q Have you had that interest ever since you began to work  
in the store? A. Yes.
- Q What kind of work do you do in that store? A. Packing  
and selling goods.
- Q What pay do you receive? A. Altogether, \$35.00.
- Q Does that include your profits? A. No, just my salary.
- Q About what is the value of the goods your firm has on hand?
- A. About five or six thousand dollars.
- Q Are you going to China on business of the firm or on your  
own business? A. I am going home now to see my folks. If  
the firm want me to do anything for them, I will do it later on.
- Q Are you registered? A. No.
- Q Why not? A. I was sick at the time of registration  
in San Francisco, and wasn't able to go and get a certificate.  
When I was well, it was too late.
- Q Are you married? A. No.
- Q What other names have you beside the name of Yee Len Fun?
- A. No other name.
- Q Are you known by the name of Yee Fee Yung? A. Yes.
- Q About how much business does your firm do a year?
- A. Between twenty and thirty thousand dollars.
- Q What other partners are there besides you who devote all  
their time to the firm's business? A. Lee Tie, Yee Fook Wah,  
Lee Sue, Lee Jung and myself.
- Q How long have these men been in the store? A. There  
have always been these five.
- Q What will you do when you return from China? A. Come  
back to the same place.
- Q During the past year have you done any work outside of  
the store, any manual labor such as working in restaurants or  
laundries? A. Nossir.
- Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Applicant signed his names in Chinese.

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(Signed) Charkey Kee, Interpreter.  
(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.