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No. 641

TOY LUNG  
of"SAM LUNG & CO",  
Merchants,  
#299 S. Clark St.,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, U.S.A.AGE:- Thirty Three - 33 - Years.  
HEIGHT:- Five Feet - Five and  
One Half Inches - 5'5 1/2".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, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above described TOY LUNG 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 nor laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said TOY LUNG has been a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "SAM LUNG & CO", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Provisions, and General Chinese and Japanese Merchandise, at No. 299 So. Clark street, Chicago aforesaid; that the said firm was established in business in the same vicinity, as we know by its reputation, upwards of ten years ago, and has to our personal knowledge been so engaged in business for upwards of ten years last past.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said TOY LUNG 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, the said TOY LUNG has not been engaged in the performance of manual labour, 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, we have been credibly informed, and believe, that the said TOY LUNG has a financial interest of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1200.00) in the business and assets of the said firm; and that from our frequent visits to the said place of business, and our general acquaintance with the various members of the said concern, we have become well satisfied that the said TOY LUNG is actively engaged in the business of the said firm, exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of the said "SAM LUNG" Company, and enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof, as a bona fide member thereof.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, the foregoing photograph, hereunto annexed, together with the personal description above, is a true and correct likeness and description of the said TOY LUNG.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., December 24, 1907.

A. P. Dana  
159 La Salle St  
Chicago, Illinois.

A. L. Henon  
19-29 Market St  
Chicago, Illinois.



The United States of America. )  
Northern District of Illinois. ) Set:  
Eastern Division. )

H. C. Dana, of the City of Chicago, in said division and district, 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 )  
24th day of December, A. D. )  
1907, before me. )

H. C. Dana

Mark A. Foote,  
U.S. Commissioner, N.D. Ill's.

The United States of America. )  
Northern District of Illinois. ) Set:  
Eastern Division. )

A. L. Jensen, of the City of Chicago, in said division and district, 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 Dryer & Scales - 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.

Subscribed and sworn to, this )  
24th day of December, A. D., )  
1907, before me. )

A. L. Jensen

Mark A. Foote,  
U.S. Commissioner, N.D. Ill's.

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

H. C. Dana and Hudson A. Jensen

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, in the division and district aforesaid; that they are reputable persons, of good character; and that in my opinion their statements are entitled to full credence and belief.

Witness my hand and seal, at the City of Chicago, in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, this 24th day of December, A. D., nineteen hundred seven (1907.)

Mark A. Foote,  
COMMISSIONER.





The United States of America. )

Northern District of Illinois. ) Set:

Eastern Division. )

Chicago, Ill's., Dec. 23, 1907.

To

Lorenzo T. Plummer, Esq.,

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

My Name is TOY LUNG. I am a Merchant and member of the firm of "San Lung", No. 202 Clark street, Chicago, Illinois. I am a native of the United States. And as such I intend to visit China, temporarily, and to return upon the completion of a visit there, to resume my present residence, occupation and status in the United States.

I was born of Chinese parents in the City of San Francisco, California, in the first Kwangsil. My father was one Toy Chan Yet, a merchant, of Jackson street, in the said City of San Francisco; but, when I was only ~~two or three~~ <sup>six or seven</sup> years of age, my father and mother removed, with me, from the United States to China; and I resided in China until I was twenty four years of age.

When I was twenty four years of age, provided with the proper "Certificate of a Merchant", and accompanied by one Hong Sling and wife, I returned to the United States, and landed from the steamship "Gaelic" at San Francisco aforesaid.

I immediately took up my residence in the said City of Chicago, and became a member of the said firm of "San Lung". For my share and interest in the said concern, I paid the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00), and the same is now worth, reasonably and at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.).

Wherefore, I pray that the accompanying affidavits of two credible witnesses other than Chinese may be endorsed for my return to the United States.

Very respectfully,

*Toy Lung*

January 22nd, 1908.

Mr. H. H. North,  
Commissioner of Immigration,  
San Francisco, California.

Sir:-

15132-1112, I. I. 1112

I hand you herewith papers in the case of Toy Lung, a merchant of this city who desires to visit China and return to the United States.

I have examined the applicant and Hong Sling the manager of the firm of Sam Lung Co., and enclose transcript of the notes taken. I also enclose sworn statements of the two white witnesses on the regular forms used and I regard them both as credible witnesses. This firm of Sam Lung Co. is one of the leading Chinese firms of Chicago and does a very good business in Chinese general merchandise. I should say that the statement of the manager as to the value of the goods on hand was a very fair one.

In his examination, applicant produced a Section VI certificate showing that he was landed as a merchant May 7th, 1898, San Francisco, and he states that since his arrival in the United States he has been devoting all his time to the business of this firm of Sam Lung.

From my examination, I am of the opinion that he is what he represents himself to be, a bone fide merchant, and is entitled to

Mr. H. H. North, #2.

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As he intends to leave Chicago before I would be able to receive a reply from you, I will hand a copy of his papers to him with instructions to present it to you upon his departure.



CHICAGO

January 15th, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
Toy Lung, : J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter.  
Mer. Dept. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, Toy Lung, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?

A My name is Toy Lung.

Q What is your full Chinese name?

A Toy Lung is my Chinese name.

Q Are you married?

A Yes.

Q What is your marriage name?

A Toy Fat Sen.

Q What is your business?

A I am a merchant, a grocery merchant.

Q What firm are you a member of?

A Sam Lung.

Q How long have you been a member of Sam Lung?

A About ten years.

Q What interest do you have there?

A \$800.00 interest.

Q Do you know Hong Sling?

A Yes.

Q What relation are you to him?

A My sister married to him.

Q Give me the names of your partners who devote all their time to its business.

A They are,	Toy Lung,	Moy Gok,
	Hong On Chung,	Soo Hoo See,
	Hong Fat	Hong Sling,
	Hong Jack	Hong Ben,
	Hong Gee	Jin Yick Quong.
	Jin Heim,	

Q Do these men you have named devote all their time to the business of the firm?

A Yes. They are all in the store.

Q What salary do you get?

A I don't get any salary. I get a share in the profits.

Q What is the value of the goods, your firm has on hand now?

A I think about \$20,000.00, but this amount of goods is not all in the store, some are in the warehouse.

Q What has been your work in the store?

A I sell goods, do general work, and sometimes I take goods to laundries.

Q Do you work in the laundries when you go to them to deliver goods?

A No. I have been always working in the store.

Q During the past year, have you done any work in laundries or restaurants, or any work outside of the store?

A No. I have been working in the store since the time I went into it.

Q Have you the papers on which you came to the United States?

A Yes.

Q Where did you get this paper? (Showing Section 6 of certificate, Vissed, U. S. Consul at Hong Kong, February 12th, 1898, upon which is endorsed, "Landed May 7th, 1898, ex S.S. Gaelic, April 30th, 1898, San Francisco.", signed J. H. Jackson, Collector; to which paper is attached a photograph undoubtedly that of the applicant. The paper was issued to Choy Long, merchant.)

A Yes. That's right.



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Toy Lung.

Testimony of Applicant continued.

- Q Where did you get this paper?  
A At Hong Kong.  
Q Were you admitted to the United States in San Francisco,  
on that paper?  
A Yes.  
Q What have you been doing since you came to the United  
States?  
A I have been a merchant.  
Q Where? At what firm?  
A When I came, I stayed at my sister's for two or three  
months. Then I joined the firm of Sam Lung Co.  
Q Have you been a member of that firm ever since?  
A Yes. I have been a member from the time I came into it  
until now.  
Q Are you going to China on your own business or on busi-  
ness of the firm?  
A My own business or family business.  
Q What will you do when you return to the United States?  
A I am going into Sam Lung's store.  
Q Have you any children in China? If so, how many and  
what are their names?  
A I have one son, Chon Kin.  
Q How old is he?  
A Eleven years. (Chinese reckoning)  
Q Have you understood the interpreter?  
A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English.

(SIGNED) Toy Lung, Applicant.

(SIGNED) J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter.

(SIGNED) L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.



January 15th, 1908.

Case of  
Toy Lung,

Witness, Hong Sling, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:  
(As witness could talk good English, examination was made without the aid of an interpreter.)

Q What is your name?

A Hong Sling.

Q You are manager of the firm of Sam Lung, 299 So. Clark St., are you not?

A Yes.

Q How long have you been manager of that concern?

A Since that place opened.

Q How long ago was that?

A Ten years.

Q Has there been any change in the membership in your firm since a partnership list was furnished me, October 29th, 1903, with the exception of the addition, July 5th, 1905, of two names Hong Jack and Yick Quong, and the addition, April 3rd, 1906 of Hong Gee? Has there been any other changes?

A No.

Q What is the value of the goods you have on hand in your store?

A I cannot tell exactly, but we have a stock of about \$16,000.00 to \$20,000.00 including the goods in the warehouse.

Q Who are the partners in your store at the present time, who devote their entire time to its business?

A Now?

Q Yes.

A They are:

Soo Hoo See,	Hong Sling,
Jin Heim,	Hong Ben,
Hong Gee,	Hong Fat,
Toy Lung,	Hong Jack,
Hong On Chung,	Yick Quong,
Moy Gok,	

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

A Yes it is Toy Lung. He is my partner.

Q How long have you known him?

A I have known him since I went back to China last.

Q When was that? Do you remember?

A A little over ten years ago.

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

A Since he came into the United States.

Q When was that?

A He came in, in 1898.

Q What interest has he in your store? at the present time?

A An \$800.00 interest. I guess it is worth more now.

Q Did he put in \$800.00 when he first came into the firm?

A Yes.

Q What are his duties about the store?

A He is selling and packing up goods and doing a little of everything in the store.

Q How long has he been employed in the store devoting all his time to its business?

A Since he became a member of the firm?

Q During the past year has he done any manual labor in laundries, restaurants or in any other place, or any other labor except such as was incident to the business of the firm?

A Nothing that I know of.

Q Is he going to China on his own business or on business of his firm?

A He is going to China to visit.. His father died two or three years ago, and his mother has no one to take care of her. he has a wife and children in China.



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Toy Lung.

Testimony of witness, Hong Sling, continued.

- Q When he returns from China, will he go back into the store?  
A Yes.  
Q You have understood my questions have you not?  
A yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(SIGNED) H. Sling.      Witness.

(SIGNED) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.