



ON FOT
of
KONG YEE KEE CO.,
Merchants,
No. 313 Clark street
Chicago, Illinois,
U. S. A.

APPLICATION
for
READMISSION
into the
UNITED STATES.

(Also known as)
(How Sou Chung)

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 County of Cook and State of Illinois, do hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with the above-named On Fot, who departed from the United States, as we are credibly informed and believe, in or about the month of October, nineteen hundred five (1905); and the foregoing photograph, herewith attached and made a part hereof is a true and correct likeness of him.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we were well acquainted with the said ON FOT for upwards of one year previous to his said departure from the United States, during which time he was neither a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That, during all the time of our acquaintance with him, he was a reputable resident chinese merchant of the said City of Chicago, and a member of the firm of chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "Kuong Yee Kee" Company at No. 313 Clark street, in the said City of Chicago; that the said firm of "Kuong Yee Kee" Company is a firm of bona fide Merchants, Importers and dealers in Teas, Groceries, Provisions, Clothing and general merchandise at the place aforesaid, and have been so engaged in said business upwards of ten years to our knowledge.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said ON FOT was so engaged in buying and selling merchandise, under the said trade-name and style of the said firm of which he is

is a member; and that during the said year of our acquaintance with him he was not engaged in the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind, except such as was necessary in the conduct of his business as such merchant as aforesaid.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we have been credibly informed, and believe, that the said ON FOT has a financial interest of ~~Five~~ ^{Nine} Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) 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 ON FOT is actively engaged in the business of the said firm, exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of the said "Kuong Yee Kee" Company, and enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof, as a bona fide member thereof.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., January 30, A.D., 1907.

A. C. Dana
(Address) 159 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

Judson L. Stenson
(Address) 25 Market St, Chicago, Ill.

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

A. 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 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)
30th day of January, 1907,)
before me. Spark A. Foote,
U. S. Commissioner, N. D. Ill's.

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

Judson L. Stenson, 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 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)
30th day of January, 1907,)
before me. Spark A. Foote,
Notary Public and U.S. Commissioner, N. D. Ill.

GEORGE HOW WONE, 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 native and subject of China, but have resided in the United States Thirty Three years, and in the said city of Chicago the seventeen years last past. I have visited China ~~once~~ *twice*.

In or about the year 1874, when I was a child, I came to the United States with my father, mother and sister; have resided in the United States ever since, and have been a Merchant during all the time of my residence in the United States. (I have two younger brothers who were born in the United States, after my father came here with his family as above stated.)

My father, How Ging Keung, was a member of the firm of "Kuong Cheung", at No. 737 Sacramento street, San Francisco, California. He also had stores in Virginia City, Victoria and other places.

After entering business on my own account, I was a member of the firm of "Sam Kee", Chinese Merchants, near the bridge, in Nevada City, California, upwards of five years; and for the Twelve (12) years last past, which is to say, since the organization thereof, I have been a member of the firm of "Kuong Yee Kee" Company, Chinese Merchants, of No. 313 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid. I am the managing partner of the said concern; know the business and affairs thereof thoroughly; know the persons interested therein, their circumstances and relation to the said "Kuong Yee Kee" Company, and also their private affairs in a general way.

I am well acquainted with one ON FOT, whom I also know by the name of How Sou Chang.

The Photograph affixed to the foregoing certificate is a true and correct likeness of him, the said ON FOT.

I first met the said ON FOT upwards of Twelve years ago. He was then a Merchant and member of the firm of "Mow Lung", Chinese Merchants, of No. 307 Clark street, in the said City of Chicago.

At the time of the organization of the said firm of "Kuong Yee Kee" Company, the said ON FOT purchased an interest therein and became a member thereof; and he has retained his said interest and membership continuously ever since, up to the present time.

In or about the month of October, nineteen hundred five, the said ON FOT went to China by the way of Portal, North Dakota. He was summoned on account of his mother's illness there, had to leave hurriedly in order to catch the first boat before its sailing, and did not have time to prepare proper papers for his return; but he intended to return to the United States, as he told me then, and now desires to return to the United States as he has written me lately; and it is at his request that I now make this affidavit, and this application for admission in his behalf.

The said share and interest of the said ON FOT in the stock, business and assets of the said "Kuong Yee Kee" Company is worth now, reasonably and at the least, upwards of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00). The exact value cannot be stated without an inventory and settlement of accounts.

The said ON FOT is a bona fide Merchant, and member of the said firm of "Kuong Yee Kee" Company, as above stated; for upwards of one year previous to his said departure from the United States he had been engaged as such merchant and member of said firm 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 was and is a member; and during said time he had not been engaged in the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind.

Wherefore, I pray, for and in behalf of my said copartner, the said ON FOT, that he be admitted into the United States according to the facts and circumstances above set forth.

(The Photographs above-mentioned were taken by a photographer in the "Quincy Building", lately demolished to make room for a new building, on the north-east corner of Adams and Clark streets, in the said City of Chicago, and in the United States.) (The new building is as yet incomplete; and I do not know where the said photographer is at present, or his name, but think he may easily be found if desired.)

Subscribed and sworn to, ~~xxx~~ by the above-named GEORGE HOW WONE, who is to me personally known, this third day of June, A.D., 1907, before me.

Geo. How Wone

Mark A. Foote

U. S. Commissioner, N. D. Ill's.

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

I, Mark A. Foster, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that I am acquainted with HARRY [redacted] and HUDSON L. HENSON, the signors of the foregoing [redacted] and affidavits; that they are not chinese persons; that they are citizens of the United States, and residents of the City of Chicago, in said division and district; that they are respectable persons, of good character; and that in my opinion their statements are entitled to full faith and credit.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at the said City of Chicago, in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, this Third day of June, A.D., one thousand nine hundred seven (1907).

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

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CHICAGO

June 21, 1907.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
ON FOT, : J. G. C. Longchallon, Interpreter.
Mer. Ret. : Albert T. Wilson, Stenographer.

Witness, GEORGE HOW WONE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A George How Wone.

Q What is your business? A General merchandise.

Q Are you the manager of the firm of Kong Yee Kee Co., 313 South Clark St.? A Yes.

Q How long have you been manager of that firm? A Since the firm was organized.

Q When was that? A About 13 or 14 years ago.

Q Has there been any change in the membership of your firm since the partnership list was furnished me August 6, 1904?

A No change. There may be a change in the next two months, but there had been no change up to now.

Q What would you say is a fair estimate of the value of the goods you have on hand? A About \$3,000.

Q Who are the members at the present time whose entire time is devoted to its business? A There are five.

Q Give me their names. A How Kwoon; How Wone (myself) How Fat; How Gee Dock and How Sing.

Q What other name has How Gee Dock? A I don't know. He has another name, How Gun Yen.

Q I do not find in the partnership list the name of How Gee Dock, or How Gun Yen, but I find the name of How Tee Ok. Is that the same man? A Same man.

Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant, On Fot)? A This is On Fot.

Q How long have you known him? A About fifteen years. He used to be with Mow Lung Co., 307, in the basement.

Q What is his other name besides On Fot? A How Schu Chung.

Q Where is he at the present time? A In China.

Q When did he depart for China? A October 19 K. S. 31 (Chinese date).

Q How did he depart? A Through Portal and Vancouver.

Q What interest has he in your store? A Over \$900.00.

Q How much did he originally put into the firm when he became a member of it? A \$500.

Q What had been his occupation prior to his departure? A He was working at a store.

Q How long had he been working in the store before he departed? A More than five years.

Q What did he do in the store? A Salesman and general work.

Q Had he been working in the store for five years prior to his departure, and during that time doing no manual labor, except such as was necessary to the conduct of the business of the firm? A Always been doing general work in the store.

Q Any work in laundries or restaurants during that time?

A No.

Q Why did he depart from the United States without any examination? A Because his mother was sick and they wrote him to go write away, and he had no time to report, as it would take some time after he made his application before he could go.

Q Do you know whether he is registered? A No, he is not registered.

Q Do you know that he is registered, or don't you know?

A I do not know whether he is or not. never asked him. In Chinese custom we don't like to ask this question of our members. When we take a man into partnership we never ask the man that question, because he may get angry.

Q Do you know what his occupation was at the time the other Chinamen in Chicago were registered? A At that time he was at Mow Lung.

Q Do you know whether he had an interest in Mow Lung?

A I don't know whether he had an interest, but he was working there.

Q How does it happen that part of those affidavits were sworn to in January, but the paper was not presented to me until this month? A At that time I was sick and it was snowing, and the doctor forbid me to go out.

Q What has On Fot been doing in China, do you know? A I know he is in China. I don't know what he is doing.

Q What will On Fot do if he is permitted to return to the United States? A He will work in the store.

Q Have you business enough in your store so that you require the services of five men? A Yes.

Q Is there anything further that you care to say? A Know that is all.

Q What salary did On Fot get while he was in the store? A \$30.00 a month.

Q Did that include his dividends? A Not his dividends. Only salary.

Q You understood the interpreter? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) GEORGE HOW WONE, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

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

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N. DAK.

June 23, 1907.

L. T. Plummer,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 26th, forwarding all papers relating to ON FOT, alleged merchant of your city, claiming to be a member of the firm of Kong Yee Kee, 313 South Clark street, who is now in China and desires to return to the United States.

Relative to the above would say that in view of your favorable report ON FOT will be admitted on application at this port, provided he substantiates the statements made by the witnesses, on his arrival here.

There is no record of his departure in the files of this office, but as he departed without having prepared papers of any kind it is quite probable that no record would have been made.

Respectfully,

Ames M. Paine
Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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OFFICE OF,
CHINESE INSP. IN CHARGE

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N. DAK.

November 19, 1907.

L. T. Plummer,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I beg leave to inform you that ON FOT, merchant of your city, member of the firm of Kong Yee Kee Co., was admitted at this port on the 15th instant.

Respectfully,

O. B. Helton
Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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