

IMMIGRATION FILE

## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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No.

SUBJECT:



WHEREAS, MOY TONG,  
hereunto attached,  
from the United States,  
on a visit to China,  
of returning into the United States for the purpose of resuming his present occupation as a Merchant therein; and WHEREAS, the said MOY TONG is lawfully entitled to so return into the United States for the said purpose, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved May 5, 1892, as amended by the Act of Congress approved November 3, 1893, and the Convention of December 8, 1894, between the United States of America and the Empire of China, which provide as follows, to-wit:-

" A merchant is a person engaged in buying and selling merchandise "at a fixed place of business, which business is conducted in his "name, and who, during the time he claims to be engaged as a merchant "does not engage in the performance of any manual labor, except "such as is necessary in the conduct of his business as such merchant".

" When an application is made by a Chinaman for entrance into the "United States on the ground that he was formerly engaged in this "country as a merchant, he shall establish by the testimony of two "credible witnesses other than Chinese the fact that he conducted "such business as hereinbefore defined for at least one year before his departure from the United States, and that during such "year he was not engaged in the performance of any manual labor, except such as was necessary in the conduct of his business as such merchant; and in default of such proof shall be refused landing." (Act of Nov. 3, 1893, amending the Act of May 5, 1892.)

" The provisions of this convention shall not affect the right at present enjoyed of Chinese subjects, being officials, teachers, ~~students~~, "students, merchants, or travellers for curiosity or pleasure, but not laborers, of coming into the United States and remaining therein." (Convention of Dec. 8, 1894, between the United States and China.)

NOW, THEREFORE, and for the better identification of the said MOY

MOY TONG 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 laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said MOY TONG has been a member of the firm of ~~Chinese, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, where I follow~~ Chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "HIP LUNG", Importers and dealers in Teas, Fancy-Goods, Provisions and general Chinese and Japanese merchandise, at No. 323 South Clark street, Chicago aforesaid, in and about which said premises no laundry, factory or other business than that of merchandizing is carried on.

*Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.*

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said ~~XXXXXX~~ MOY TONG 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 the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said MOY TONG 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 said business as such merchant to independent and safe as follows, to-wit:- as aforesaid.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That the said trade-name and style is arbitrary and fanciful, and does not indicate the names of the members of the said firm, or of any of them; and that such use of such trade-names and styles is customary amongst Chinese and other merchants generally, in the said City of Chicago, and elsewhere throughout the United States so far as we are aware.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, October 12th, 1899.

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(DESCRIPTION OF MOY TONG :-) H. B. Lattee  
(AGE:-Thirty-Nine Years.)  
(HEIGHT:-5 Ft., 6 In., Barefooted)  
(Thickly Pock-Marked.  
(Two Small Moles, Right Side of)  
(Neck.)  
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*signed*  
North Trust Bank  
*Ill's.* Chicago, Illinois.

*John M. Kavanaugh*  
138 Monroe St.  
*Illinois.*