

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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IMMIGRATION FILE

TOY BOW SANG,
of
"QUONG WAH SING" & CO.
181 Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.
Merchants.

AGE:- Thirty Six Years.

HEIGHT:- 5 Feet, 7-1/2 In.

(No Marks)



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-named TOY BOW SANG 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 TOY BOW SANG has been a member of the firm of Chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "QUONG WAH SING" Company, Importers and Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Provisions and general Chinese and Japanese merchandise, at No. 181 Wabash Avenue, in the said City of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said TOY BOW SANG 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 TOY BOW SANG 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 as aforesaid.

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

We have been credibly informed that the said TOY BOO SANG has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) in said firm; and from our frequent visits to the said place of business and general acquaintance with the various members of said concern, we have become well satisfied that he has been and is actively engaged in the business of the firm, and exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of the said "QUONG WAH SING" Company, and enjoys his proper share of the profits thereof, as a bona fide member thereof.

At Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., October 31, 1907.

H. C. Dana
Address 159 La Salle St Chicago, Ill.

Arthur W Chapman
Address 212 Clark St Chicago, ILL.

State of Illi.)
County of Cook } ss.
City of Chicago }

H. C. Dana, of the City of Chicago, in the county state aforesaid, 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 }
6th day of Nov., A.D., 1907, }
before me.

H. C. Dana
John J. Foster
Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

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

The United States of America. }

Northern District of Illinois. }

Eastern Division. }

Chicago, Ill., October 31, '07.

Sct:

To

Lorenzo T. Plummer, Esq.,

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

MY NAME IS TOY BOW SANG. I am a native and subject of China:

I arrived in the United States at the port of San Francisco, in the second month of the eighth Kwang Sui from a steamship of the "O & O" line, the name of which I cannot recollect. At the said time of my arrival I was eleven years of age and came in company with my father, TOY TUI, a member of "QUONG WUH LET", merchants, of No. 625 Dupont St., in said City of San Francisco.

In the twenty-third year of Kwong Sui my father retired to China, leaving his said business with me under the name of "TOY SHEAR TONG".

In the year nineteen hundred I visited China with a "Merchant Paper", sailing from the port of San Francisco ~~on the thirteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and one~~ on the sixth day of January, nineteen hundred, and returning to the same port of San Francisco on the thirteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and one. After my return from China, I remained in San Francisco, in said store little more than a year, removing to the City of Chicago, Illinois, where I purchased a Fifteen Hundred Dollar interest in the stock, business and all other of the assets of the "QUONG WAH SING" Company, proprietors of Chinese and Japanese Bazaar, of No. 181 Wabash avenue, in the said City of Chicago; and have been a member of the said "QUONG WAH SING" Company, continuously, ever since, that is to say, for over four years last past. And during the said time I have not been a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind, but have been exclusively engaged in buying and

selling merchandise at the said fixed place of business and under the said trade-name and style of the said firm of which I am a member.

My share and interest in the said "QUONG WAH SING" Company, now, is worth Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00), and upwards.

I desire to visit China, and to return, upon the completion of my visit, to resume my said residence and business in the said City of Chicago.

Wherefore, I transmit herewith the affidavits of two credible witnesses, other than chinese, and pray that the same may be endorsed as provided by the Regulations above cited or other regulations in lieu thereof.

Very respectfully, **TOY BOW SANG**

c/o Quong Wah Sing Company.

No.181 Wabash Avenue.,

Chicago, Illinois.

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Chicago Inspector

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

No. 630.

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CHICAGO

March 16th, 1909.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
TOY BOW SANG, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Merchant returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, TOY FONG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:
(Partly in English and partly in Chinese)

Q What is your name? A. Toy Fong.

Q Are you the manager of the firm of Quong Wah Sing, 181
Wabash Ave., Chicago? A. Yes sir.

Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A. Yes, that is Toy Bow Sang.

Q Is he still a member of your firm? A. Yes.

Q What interest does he have there? A. \$1,500.00.

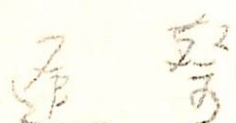
Q Is that the same interest that he had at the time he went
away? A. Yes, just the same.

Q What is the condition of your firm now as compared with
the time that he went away? A. About the same.

Q What will Toy Bow Sang do upon his return to Chicago?
A. Come back to the store?

Q Have you understood my questions and the interpreter?
A. Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English & Chinese.



(Signed) Toy Fong, Witness.

(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

No. 630.

March 16th, 1909.

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

Sir:-

In reply to your telegram of March 15th, 1909 in regard to Chinaman Toy Bow Sang, merchant of this city now in China, I will report that I have today examined Toy Fong, manager of this firm of Quong Wah Sing & Co. of which applicant claims to be a member, and inclose a transcript of the notes taken.

Toy Fong informs me that applicant still retains the same interest as at the time of his departure. From my observation I am of the opinion that the store is substantially in the same condition as at that time, and I would recommend be admitted.

I telegraphed you yesterday, as follows:

"Status Toy Bow Sang, merchant returning same as at departure.
Letter follows tomorrow."

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

November 13, 1907.

Mr. O. B. Holton,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Portal, N. D.

Sir:

I hand you herewith papers in the case of Toy Bow Sang, merchant of this city, who desires to visit China and return to the United States. I enclose the sworn statement of the two white witnesses upon the regular forms used, and I regard them both as credible witnesses. I have examined applicant and also Toy Fong, the manager of this firm, and enclose transcript of the notes taken. As you will notice applicant departed from and returned to the United States via San Francisco, as a member of the firm of Quong Wah Lee of that city, in 1901. This firm of Quong Wah Sing is a bona fide mercantile establishment and is easily the largest concern of its kind in Chicago. I should say that its stock of goods is worth the sum stated by the manager in his examination. It does a very large business, principally with the white people, although it does considerable among the Chinese. There is no doubt that its bona fide members are entitled to the privileges of merchants, and from my examination I am of opinion that applicant is a bona fide member of this firm.

Will you please inform me what your decision will probable be^y in this matter, in order that I may notify applicant prior to his departure.

Respectfully, (Signed) L. T. Plummer.

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Chinese Inspector in Charge

CHICAGO, ILL., November 12, 1907.

Case of : L.T. Plummer, Examining Inspector,
TOY BOW SANG, : J.G. Cloughall, Interpreter.
Mer. Dep.

Applicant, TOY BOW SANG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Toy Bow Sang.
Q What is your occupation? A Merchant.
Q What firm? A Quong Wah Sing, 181 Wabash Ave., Chicago.
Q How long have you been a member of that firm? A I put \$500
into it K.S. 22 and K.S. 30 I put \$1000 more, so I have \$1500 now.
Q What is the value of the goods your firm has on hand now? A About
\$50,000.
Q How long have you been employed in the store? A Since the
latter part of K.S. 30.
Q What were you doing before that? A I was a merchant at Quong
Wah Lee, of San Francisco.
Q What do you do in this store? A I attend to the Chinese custom-
ers.
Q Cannot all the men in the store attend to the Chinese customers?
A Yes, but some stay in the store while others go out, while I at-
tend to the Chinese customers. I do out sometimes to see about Chinese
customers outside and when they come to the store I attend to them.
Q What do you mean by that; what is your work? A I go out to
look for Chinese customers and I fix the shelves and do general work
in the store.
Q What do you mean by going out to look for Chinese customers. A I
go out about the city and drum up trade for the store, when I have time,
but the most of my time I put in in the store.
Q How many partners work in the store all the time? A Ten.
Q Name them? A Toy Fong, Toy Toon, Toy Wing Ark, Toy Wing On,
Lim Chow, Toy Hong, Toy Lung Jan, Lim Jew, self, Toy Hung Tuck.
Q What salary do you get? A \$50 a month.
Q Why do you say \$50 a month, while Toy Fong says \$500 a year?
A I am allowed \$500 a year to spend. I thought you meant how much
do I get a month. If you had asked how much I get a year I would
have said \$500.
Q Are you married? A Yes.
Q What is your marriage name? A Toy Bow Sang.
Q What is your boyhood name? A Toy Shear Tong.
Q When were you married? A K.S. 26.
Q Any children? A No.
Q Wife living? A Yes.
Q Are you registered? A No.
Q Why not? A At the time of registration I was a merchant, so I
didn't register.
Q What firm were you a member of? A Quong Wah Lee of San Francisco.
Q When did you first come to the United States? A K.S. 8th,
2nd month; I came with my father, Toy Ti, member of Quong Wah Lee. I
was 11 years old. We landed at San Francisco. I don't remember the
name of the ship.
Q Have you any paper showing what your status has been.

(Witness produced application of departing merchant,
Toy Shear Tong, member of Quong Wah Lee, 625 Dupont St., San
Francisco, dated January 2, 1900, stamped "Departed per SS "Gaulic",
January 6, 1900". On face "Landed January 13, 1901, ex SS "Gaulic",
January 5, 1901, W.B. Hamilton, Collector."

Q Why is that paper made out Toy Shear Tong? A That was my
childhood name.

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Q Have you worked in laundries, or restaurant, or done any manual labor outside the store since you have been in Chicago? A A No.

Q What will you do when you return to the United States? A I will come back into the store.

Q Are you going to China on your own business, or that of the firm?

A On my own business.

Q How long have you been in Chicago? A Three years.

Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

(Signed) Toy Bow Sang,

Applicant,

(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon,

Interpreter,

(Signed) L.T.Plummer,

Inspector.

CHICAGO, ILL., November 12, 1907.

Case of : L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector,
TOY BOW SANG, : ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~.
Mer. Dep.

Witness, Toy Fong, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified, in English:

Q What is your name? A Toy Fong.

Q You are the manager of the firm of Quong Wah Sing, 181 Wabash Ave., are you not? A Yes.

Q Has there been any change in the membership of your firm since the partnership list was furnished January 4, 1907? A No.

Q What would you say is the value of the goods your firm has on hand at the present time? A About \$40,000.

Q How many partners has you firm whose entire time is devoted to its business? A Nine or ten; next month we will put on a few men.

Q Give their names? A Toy Fong (myself) Toy Toon, Toy Hong, Lim Chow, Lin Jew, Toy Lung Jan, Toy Wing Ark, Toy Bow Sang, Toy Hong Tuck, Toy Wing On.

Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)? A Yes, it is Toy Bow Sang.

Q How long has he been a member of your firm? A Nearly ten years; he formerly had \$500 in the firm, but about three years ago when he came to Chicago he put in \$1000, so he has \$1500 interest now.

Q What are his duties about the store? A General work about the store, but he mostly attends to the Chinese customers.

Q During the past year has he worked in laundries or restaurants or done any manual labor outside of the store? A No, since he has been in Chicago, he has been in the store.

Q What salary does he receive? A \$500 a year.

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

A His own.

Q When he returns from China will he come back into the store? A Yes

Q Do you know whether he is registered? A I dont think he is. He was formerly a member of Quong Wah Lee of San Francisco. His father was a member of that firm and brought applicant to this country with him.

Q Have you understood my questions? A Yes.

(Signed) Toy Fong,
(Signed) L.T.Plummer,

Witness,
Inspector.