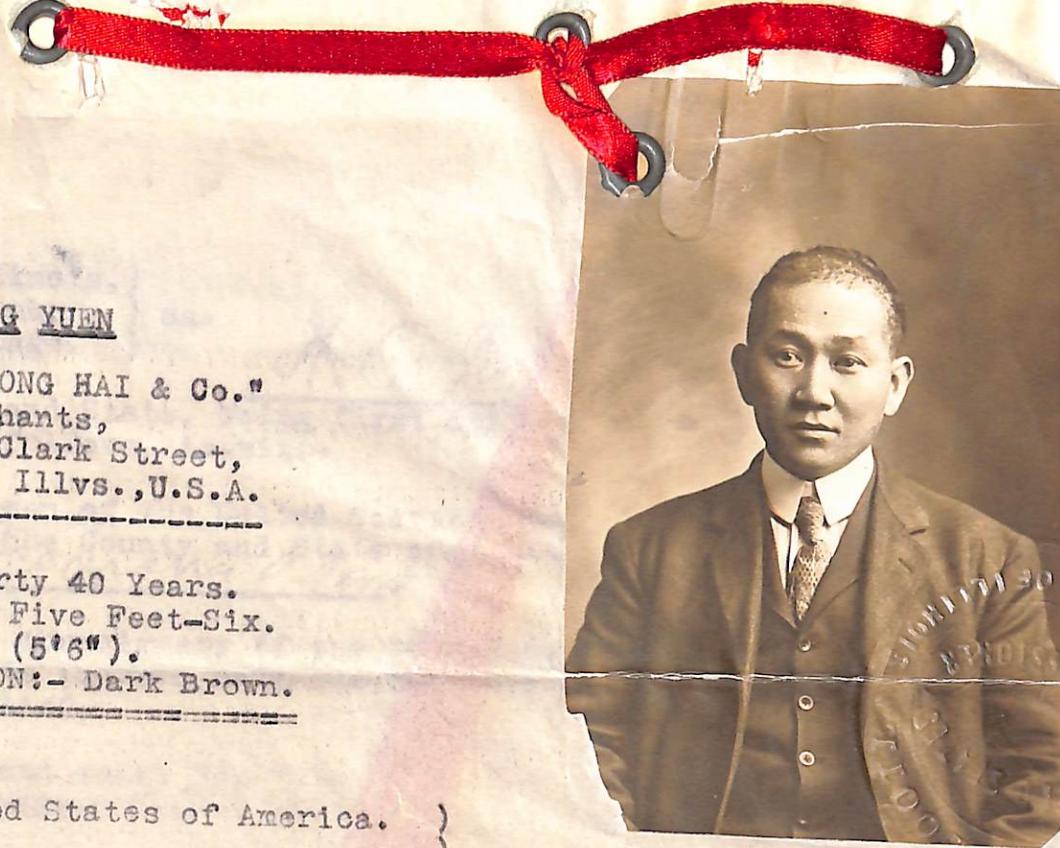


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No. 660



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 CHIN WING YUEN 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 CHIN WING YUEN has been a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "WING CHONG HAI & CO", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Drugs, Groceries, Provisions, and General Chinese and Japanese Merchandise, at No. 319 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 CHIN WING YUEN 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 CHIN WING YUEN 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, we have been credibly informed, and believe, that the said CHIN WING YUEN has a financial interest of \$1000.00 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 CHIN WING YUEN is actively engaged in the business of the said firm, exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of the said "WING CHONG HAI & CO", 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 CHIN WING YUEN.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., May 28, 1908.

A. L. Stevenson  
3-15 Mab St Chicago, Ill.

N. L. Dana  
159 LaSalle St Chicago, Ill.

State of Illinois,)  
County of Cook, } ss.  
City of Chicago. }

H. L. Danna of the City of Chicago, in  
said County and State, 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 and State aforesaid, where I follow the occupa-  
tion 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 know-  
ledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to, this }  
28th day of May, A.D., 1908, be- }  
fore me.

H. L. Danna

Mark A. Foote  
Notary Public, Cook Co.

State of Illinois,)  
County of Cook, } ss.  
City of Chicago. )

A. 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:-

陳永源

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

I am one of the signers of the foregoing Certificate and the statements  
therein made are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and be-  
lief.

Subscribed and sworn to, this }  
28th day of May, A.D., 1908, be- }  
fore me.

A. L. Henson

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

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

I, Mark A. Foote, United States Commissioner for the Northern District  
of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am acquainted with

Han C. Hana and Hudson 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, in the Eastern Division of  
the Northern District of Illinois; that they are reputable persons of  
good character; and that in my opinion their statements are entitled to  
full credence, I believe.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed my official seal, at the said City  
of Chicago, in the said division and district  
aforesaid, this 29th day of May, A.D., nineteen  
hundred and eight-1908.

Mark A. Foote

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



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

Chicago, Ill's.,

May 28, 1908.

To

LORENZO T. PLUMMER, Esq.,  
Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

My name is CHIN WING YUEN. I am a native and subject of China; forty years of age; have resided in the United States since the year eighteen hundred eighty-six, seven years in the City of San Francisco, California and the past fifteen years in the City of Chicago, Illinois; during all the time of my residence in the City of Chicago I have been a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants doing business as "WING CHONG HAI & Co", at No. 319 So. Clark street.

I arrived at the Port of San Francisco at the age of eighteen aboard the S.S."CHINA", remaining in said city seven years, during which time I was connected with the firm of Chinese Merchants known as "CHAN NING TONG CO", of No. 704 Dupont street.

Early in the spring of 1893, just before the opening of the Chicago "WORLDS FAIR", I removed to Chicago, Illinois, purchasing an interest of \$1000.00 in the firm of "WING CHONG HAI & Co", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Drugs, Groceries, Provisions, and General Chinese and Japanese Merchandise, at No. 319 S. Clark St., Chicago aforesaid; which said share and interest I have ever since retained and now hold and it is worth, reasonably and at least, One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00).

During my residence in Chicago, I have not been engaged in the performance of manual labor of any kind; but have been a bona fide merchant as aforesaid.

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

Wherefore, I present herewith the affidavits of two credible witnesses other than Chinese, and pray that the same may be endorsed as provided in the Regulations above cited.

*Very respectfully,* 陳永源

No. 2663.

Sept. 24, 1909.

Chin Wing Yuan,  
C/O Kwong Shung Tai,  
24 Wing Lock St.,  
Hong Kong, China.

Sir:-

Replying to your request for an ad interim investigation of your case prior to your intended return to the United States, I have to advise that this investigation has been made, and after carefully considering all the evidence presented my decision is, that you will be admitted, provided you do not, upon your arrival here, controvert any of the statements contained in your application.

Respectfully,

(Signed) John J. Abel,

OBH/a Inspector in Charge.  
Copy respectfully furnished L.T. Plummer, Inspector  
in Charge, Chicago, acknowledgment being made of  
the receipt of his letter of the 22nd inst. Nos.  
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

*John J. Abel*  
Inspector in Charge.  
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Nos. 650 & 660.

September 22nd, 1909.

Mr. L. T. Plummer,  
Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

Referring to the letter of Inspector in Charge at Fortau, North Dakota, No. 2662, dated September 7th returning the papers in the cases of CHIN DICK and of CHIM WING YUEN for further investigation along the lines suggested by the Commissioner of Immigration at Montreal, as to whether it was the fault of the applicants that this firm of Wing Chong Kai went out of business.

I have taken an additional statement from Chin F. Foin, the former manager of the firm of Wing Chong Kai & Co. in which these two applicants claim membership, and a transcript of his testimony is hereto attached. It appears from the same that the principal reason why the firm discontinued business was on account of the trouble in Chinatown at the time, that is, that there was a factional war among the Chinese which resulted in a falling off of business. It is a well known fact that a factional war did exist here among the Chinese at the time referred to.

Upon a further investigation, I find that at the time the firm went out of business, there were five of its members in China, Chin Dick and Chin Wing Yuen, being two of them. There was an agreement drawn up in Chinese between Wing Chong Kai & Co. and Wing King Kong (the latter being a name taken by the buyers who later organized the

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firm of Lun Chung Co.) covering the transfer of the stock of goods and location, and I have seen a translation of it. In this agreement, the interests of five members of the firm of Wing Cheng Hai & Co. who were absent in China, were provided for, that is, that the new firm was to do all in their power to expedite the landing of these five absent members. For a full understanding of the contract, you will find a copy of an English translation of it attached to the papers in the case of CHIN DER BOW, our file No. 612, who was admitted through Portal, No. Dak. May 6th, 1909.

At the time I made previous reports in the cases of these applicants, I had no knowledge of this contract or agreement, and in view of the same it seems that it would be justice to these applicants to admit them.

Respectfully,

H. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector.

Respectfully approved and forwarded to Inspector in Charge, Immigration Service, Portal, North Dakota.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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522 Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO September 23rd, 1909.

Cases of : H. R. Tippett, Examining Inspector.  
CHIN WING YUEN & CHIN DICK :  
Merchants returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, CHIN F. FOIN, sworn by Inspector Tippett, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Chin F. Foin.

Q You were the manager of the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co. 319 So. Clark St., were you not? A. Yes sir.

Q How long were you the manager of that concern? A. Since 1897.

Q That firm went out of business, did it not? A. Yes.

Q When did it go out of business? A. July, 1908.

Q What part of July? A. 18th of July, 1908, it went out of business.

Q What was the cause of this store going out of business?

A. Chin Toy was sick and went to China, a year ago last August. Five partners were in China. Members of the Chin family were getting all excited and were leaving town. There were five partners here and they were leaving town too.

Q Did they leave you in charge of the store? A. Yes.

Q Did you sell the store yourself? A. Myself and two brothers.

Q What are their names? A. Myself, Chin Foin, Chin Yin Quai and Chin F. Toy.

Q Did Chin Toy sell out before he went to China? A. Yes.

Q How much stock did you three brothers control? A. We controlled \$7,000.00.

Q Whom did you sell the store out to? A. Lun Chung Co.

Q That was an absolute sale, was it? A. That was a sale of the stock of goods and the lease.

Q But they didn't take the name of the firm? A. No, we expect to resume business.

Q You speak about trouble. What was that trouble? A. The Chin and Moy families were in a factional war. During this factional war, one of the leading men in the Chin family, Chin Wey was shot and killed by one of the Moys.

Q Did you have any trouble? A. My brother was sick and couldn't take of the business. So Chin Wing Yuen went with him to China to take care of him. The rest of the partners had left town.

Q Was the fault of Chin Wing Yuen that the store was sold? He was here to agree to the sale. A. At the time we sold out, we intended to resume business when the partners came back from China.

Q You haven't started business yet? A. Not yet.

Q Did this man, Chin Wing Yuen, have anything to do with the selling out of the store? A. No.

Q Why didn't he? He was a partner. A. He was going to China with my brother. He hasn't got any money for his interest yet.

Q Why didn't he have anything to do with the selling out of the store? A. He was here at the time the store was sold out, but he didn't have anything to do with it. He just went back with my brother to take care of him. I hold the money for his interest.

Q Why do you hold his money? A. Because we expect to resume business again.

Q If you don't resume business will you give him his money?

A. Yes.

Q Was it any fault of Chin Dick's that the store was sold out? A. No.

Q Was he here when the store was sold out? A. No, in China.

Q Has he received any money for his interest? A. Not yet.

Q What you have said in regard to Chin Wing Yuen interest applies to Chin Dick's? A. Yes.

Witness signed only in English.

(Signed) Chin F. Foin, Witness.

(Signed) H. R. Tippett, Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 2662.

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

PORTEL, N. DAK.

Sept. 7, 1909.

Mr. H.E. Tippett,  
Acting Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

Advertising to my letter of the 25th ult., acknowledging receipt of your letter of Aug. 21st, No. 650, forwarding all papers in the case of CHIN DICK,, together with your report on ad interim investigation, I return herewith all papers in this case, supplemented by a letter from the Commissioner of Immigration at Montreal, and would respectfully request that a further investigation be made along the lines suggested in the Commissioner's letter.

Respectfully,

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Inspector in Charge.  
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Chinese Inspector,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

August 24th, 1909.

Mr. John J. Abel,  
Inspector in Charge,  
Bismarck, North Dakota.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter No. 2663 of August 21, 1909 inclosing papers in the case of CHIN WING YUNN, alleged merchant of this city for an ad interim investigation, I respectfully report that the same has been made.

The statement of the manager of this firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co., Chin F. Foin, has been taken and a transcript of the testimony is attached to the papers. You will note by the testimony of Chin F. Foin that the firm of Wing Chong Hai discontinued business July, 1908, and have been out of business ever since with the exception that he is collecting some debts still due to the old firm. This applicant's case was made the subject of a report June 26th, 1908 just prior to closing out of the firm in which he claimed to have an interest. I note from you records that he departed July 12th, 1908.

This firm is out of business and has been for more than a year although it is claimed by Chin Foin that they intend to again enter the mercantile business, but his testimony shows that some have received their portion of the proceeds of the sale while others have not. No definite arrangements have been made by them to start business again; nor have they leased a building or a store for the pur-

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pose of resuming.

Applicant may have been a bona fide merchant in this concern when the firm was in existence, but as above stated, they are no longer in business.

This applicant claims to have a membership in the same firm as Chin Dick whose case was reported in our letter No. 650 of August 21st, 1909, your file number No. 2662.

Respectfully,

H. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector, Acting in Charge.

522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO August 24th, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippett, Examining Inspector.  
CHIN WING YUEN, :  
Merchant returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, CHIN F. FOIN, sworn by Inspector Tippett, testified:  
(in English)

Q What is your name? A. Chin F. Foin.

Q How many names have you? A. Two.

Q What is your other name? A. Chin Yin Seke is my marriage name.

Q How many children have you? A. One at present.

Q Where is that child? A. 277 So. Clark St.

Q Where was it born? A. Chicago.

Q Where is your wife? A. At 277 So. Clark St.

Q What is your occupation? A. Manager of a restaurant, 277 and 279 So. Clark St.

Q What was your occupation before that? A. Merchants, importers of general merchandise.

Q What firm? A. Wing Chong Hai & Co., 319 So. Clark St.

Q You were manager of that concern, wern't you? A. Yes.

Q When did you cease to be the manager of that concern?

A. Last July.

Q Is Wing Chong Hai & Co. in business now? A. No. on account of the trouble which we had down on Clark St. we sold out July, 1908.

Q Did some other firm take over the business? A. Just the location and the stock, not the name. Wing Chong Hai & Co. collects the debts that were due at the time of the sale. Not all the money has been collected yet. Some of the partners have not got their money yet. We have not settled up entirely yet.

Q At the present time you have not any business? A. No.

Q What is the name of the firm that bought your business?

A. Lun Chung Co.

Q Who is the manager of that business? A. Chin Mow Hai.

Q You have no interest in that store? A. No.

Q Any of your old partners interested in that store? A. No.

Q I will show you a photograph on this certificate here, marked Exhibit A and will ask you if you know that man? (Showing photograph of applicant) A. Yes, Chin Wing Yuen.

Q Do you know what his occupation was before he went to China? A. He was a druggist in the store, prepared and packed medicines.

Q Does he still have an interest in the firm? A. He still holds that interest.

Q What was the amount of that interest? A. \$1,000.00. There are about \$10,000.00 worth of debts still outstanding yet, due the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co.

Q Who takes care of the money that is collected? A. I do.

Q Have you that money deposited in a bank? A. Yes. Some of the partners have got their money. Some of the members are in China and have their money over here.

Q How much money of the old firm have you in your possession?

A. In all about \$25,000.00.

Q All cash? A. \$15,000.00 in cash and about \$10,000.00 in debts.

Q Does Chin Wing Yuen know that the firm sold out? A. We wrote him about it, but his money is still here.

Q Does he have anything to do with the firm of Lun Chung?

A. No.

Q Did this man give his whole undivided attention to the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co. for twelve months prior to his going to China? A. Yes.

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Case of CHIN WING YURN.

Place: same.

Testimony of witness, CHIN F. FOIN, continued:

Q Have you got any room or store now? A. We have an office in King Joy Lo restaurant, 102 Randolph St. We have had our mail forwarded there.

Witness signed in English and Chinese.

(Signed) Chin F. Foin, Witness.  
(Signed) Chin Yen Shake, Witness.

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(Signed) L. T. Tippett, Inspector.

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522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO

June 25, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
CHIN WING YUEN, : J.G.C. Longchallion, Interpreter.  
Merchant departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, CHIN F. FOIN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:  
(In English)

Q What is your name?

A Chin F. Foin.

Q You are the manager of the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co.  
319 So. Clark St., are you not?

A Yes sir.

Q How long have you been connected with the firm?

A Since 1897.

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

A Yes, he is my partner.

Q What's his name?

A Chin Wing Yuen.

Q Has there been any change in the membership of your firm  
since a partnership list was furnished me in 1897?

A No sir.

Q What would you say is a fair estimate of the value of  
the goods you have on hand in your store at the present time?

A Goods in the store are worth about \$25,000.00 now.

Q Goods?

A Goods and money.

Q How many partners have you who devote their entire time  
to the business of the firm?

A Twelve.

Q Give me their names.

A Chin Foin, Chin Yen Quai, Chin F. Toy, Chin See, Chin Hor,  
Chin Leng, Chin Wing Yuen, Chin Der, Chin Wing, Chin Fung, Chin Sun  
Cheong, and Chin Lee.

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

A Yes.

Q What interest has Chin Wing Yuen?

A \$1,000.00.

Q How long has he been connected with your firm? as a member?

A Since 1893.

Q What work does he do in the store?

A Preparing medicines, and packing them ~~in~~ ~~on~~ ~~in~~.

Q What salary does he receive?

A \$60.00 a month.

Q Does that include his dividends?

A No.

Q Has he had a \$1,000.00 interest since he came into the  
firm in 1893?

A Yes.

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

A He is going to China with my brother. As my brother is  
sick, he is going along to take care of him and his family.

Q Will he come back into the store when he returns from  
China?

A Yes sir.

Q During the past year, has he done any manual labor in  
restaurants, or laundries, or anywhere else outside of the store?

A No.

Q Is he married?

A No.

Q What amount of business does your firm do in the course  
of a year?

A About \$60,000.00.

Q Have you understood my questions? A. Yes sir.

Witness signed his testi- (Signed) Chin F. Foin, Witness.  
mony in English. (Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

Applicant, CHIN WING YUEN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?  
A Chin Wing Yuen.

Q What is your occupation?  
A I am the druggist of Wing Chong Hai & Co.  
Q How much of an interest have you in that firm?  
A \$1,000.00.

Q How long have you had a one thousand dollar interest?  
A For a long time. Since the Chicago Fair.  
Q Have you been a member of the firm since that time?  
A Yes.

Q Are you registered?  
A No.

Q Why not?

A I have always been a merchant.

Q What do you do in that store? What class of work?  
A I am a druggist.

Q Do you compound medicine or just sell them?  
A I compound medicine as they come in and order it.

Q What salary do you receive?  
A \$60.00 a month.

Q Does that include your dividends?  
A No, only salary.

Q During the past year, have you done any manual labor such as working in laundries or restaurants, or any labor outside of the store?

A No.

Q Why are you going to China?

A I am going out with Chin Toy, as he is sick.

Q Where is Chin See who went to China with Chin Toy the last time?

A He is in the store?

Q Give me the names of the partners in the store that devote all their time to the firm's business?

A Chin F. Foin, Chin Yen Quai, Chin Toy, Chin Hor, Chin See, Chin Wing, Chin Fung, Chin Leng, Chin Sun Cheong, Chin Lee, Chin Ber, Chin Wing Yuen.

Q What is the value of the goods that your firm has on hand?  
A \$25,000.00.

Q Goods or capital?

A The capital of the firm is \$25,000.00, but there is about \$10,000.00 worth of goods on hand.

Q Are you married in China?

A No.

Q What is your full Chinese name?

A Chin Wing Yuen.

Q Is that all the name you have?

A Yes.

Q How long do you intend to stay in China?

A Not very long.

Q What will you do when you come to the United States?

A I will go back to Wing Chong Hai & Co.

Q Do you intend to bring a wife back with you?

A No.

Q Have you understood the interpreter?

A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) Chin Wing Yuen, Applicant.  
(Signed) J.G.C. Longchillion, Interpreter.  
(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.