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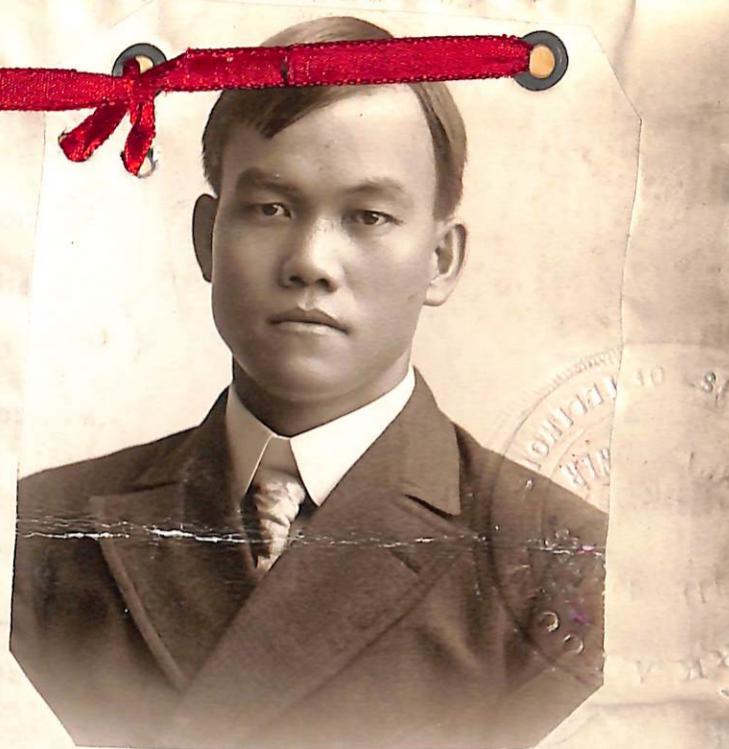
GOON YUEN,

"SHU CHONG LUNG & CO."
 Merchants,
 341 Clark St.,
 Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

AGE:-Twenty-Five (25) Years.

HEIGHT:-5 Ft., 9-1/2 In., in
American Shoes.

No Marks or Scars visible.



The United States of America. }

Northern District of Illinois. } Sct:

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 Goon 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 or laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said Goon Yuen has been a member of the firm of Chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "Shu Chong Lung & Co.", Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Provisions and general Chinese and Japanese merchandise, at No. 293 Clark street (Lately removed to No. 341 Clark street), in the said City of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said Goon 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 Goon Yuen 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 the foregoing photograph, hereunto annexed, together with the personal description above, is a true and correct likeness and description of the said Goon Yuen.

We have been credibly informed that said Goon Yuen has a financial interest of Thirteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,300.00) in said firm, and from our frequent visits to the said place of business and general acquaint-

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ance with the various members of said concern, we have become well satisfied that he is actively engaged in the business of the firm and exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of said "SHU CHONG LUNG & Co.", and enjoys his proper share of the profits thereof, as a bona fide member of said firm.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., July 17th, A.D., 1906.

WILLIAM BLAIR

(Address) 157 Harrison Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

WILLARD J. HENRY

(Address) 605 Fisher Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

WILLIAM BLAIR, 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 Department Mgr G W Sheldon Co.

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
18th day of July, A.D., 1906, be-)
fore me.)

WILLIAM BLAIR

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

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

WILLARD J. HENRY, 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 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
18th day of July, A.D., 1906, be-)
fore me.)

WILLARD J. HENRY

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

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APPLICATION
FOR
ENDORSEMENT

of accompanying affidavits under Rule 25, Regulations approved Feb. 5, 1906.

To

Lorenzo T. Plummer, Esq.,

Chinese Inspector,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

My name is Goon Yuen. I was born in the City of Seattle and State of Washington, one of the United States of America, on or about March 15, 1881, and am Twenty Five (25) years of age. In or about the year 1885, when I was Four (4) years of age, my Father, Goon Mon, a merchant of Seattle, took me to China to be educated; and, with a certificate of those facts (Which I now exhibit to you), I returned to the United States, landing at Seattle from the steamship "Tacoma", January 20, 1897. I have not been out of the United States since.

I resided in Seattle, Washington, for six (6) years; then removed to New York, where I remained for about three (3) months; whereupon, I came to Chicago, and have resided here ever since.

Upwards of two (2) years ago -- That is to say, about two (2) years and three (3) months ago, I purchased a share and interest in the business and assets of "SHU CHONG LUNG & Co.", Merchants, of No. 293 Clark street, in the said City of Chicago, who removed in January, 1906, to No. 341 Clark street aforesaid.

My share and interest in such business and assets of said "SHU CHONG LUNG & Co.", cost, and is worth, reasonably and at least, Thirteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,300.00).

I desire to visit China and to return, upon the completion of my visit, to resume my said residence and occupation in the 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 in the regulations cited above.

Very respectfully,

GOON YUEN
of "Shu Chong Lung & Co.",
No. 341 Clark St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

I, Mark A. Foote, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, Do Hereby certify that I am acquainted with William Blair and William Henry, the signers of the foregoing and annexed Certificate; 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 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 18th day of July, A. D., 1906.

MARK A. FOOTE,

S E A L

U. S. Commissioner, N.D.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, hereby certify that the foregoing three and one half pages are a true, full and correct copy of a certain original document this day produced to, and carefully compared by me at my office, in the City of Chicago, in said division and district.

I further certify that the photograph hereunto affixed and impressed with my official seal is a duplicate of the photograph affixed in like manner to said original.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Chicago, in the said City of Chicago, in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, this 2d day of April, nineteen hundred eight.

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

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Bureau of
Immigration and Naturalization.
Washington.

No. 15,185/19-C

March 22, 1903.

Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Portal, N. Dak.

Sir:

The Bureau acknowledges receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, with which you transmit papers in the case of Goon Yuen, a Chinese person who has applied for an ad interim investigation of his status claiming to be a Chinese merchant of Chicago, Illinois, and also a native born citizen of United States, and in which you state that as the papers presented in support of his claim of nativity are apparently fraudulent giving rise to the suspicion that his former residence in this country was illegal, you have advised the Chinese Inspector in Charge at Chicago, who investigated the case, that Goon Yuen would be admitted at your port only on condition that he submit proof of his nativity, and ask to be advised whether the Bureau approves of your action in the matter.

It appears from the papers that the mercantile status of this Chinaman is satisfactorily proved. He has, therefore, complied with the requirements of the law in case of domiciled merchants, that they shall establish by certain specified evidence that they were engaged as merchants at least one year prior to their departure from the United States. This case is practically on all fours with that of Mar Yuen, Department Decision No. 47, a copy of which is enclosed; and also the case of Lee Fook decided June 27, 1905, but

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not printed, wherein it was held "The question as to the lawfulness of the applicant's original entry in the United States, raised by his own testimony, given at Malone, June 6, 1905, to the effect that he had gained admission in 1900 "on merchant's papers sent to him from New York" is not properly before the Department".

As it will be seen from the foregoing that the Department has held that if a domiciled merchant meets with the requirements of law regarding his status, the question of his previous admission or residence cannot be raised and you should, therefore, govern yourself accordingly in this case.

The papers in the case are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

F. P. Sargent,

Commissioner-General.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N. DAK.

March 3, 1903.

L. T. Plummer,

Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 29th ultimo accompanied by all papers in the case of GOON YUEN, alleged Chinese merchant, member of the firm of Shu Chong Lung of your city, who also claims to have been born in the United States and desires to return thereto from a visit to China.

The mercantile status of Goon Yuen is satisfactorily established, since it is proven by the testimony of two credible witnesses other than Chinese, and your investigations, that he was a bona fide merchant for one year prior to his departure.

In the event that he applies for admission at this port he will be required to submit proof of his nativity, or of the legality of his former residence in the United States, and if same is corroborated by investigation he will be admitted, otherwise he will be rejected and advised of his right to appeal.

Respectfully,

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Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

O. B. Holton
Chinese Inspector in Charge.

February 29th, 1908.

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

Sir:-

I hand you herewith the papers in the case of Goon Yuen, an alleged merchant formerly of Chicago but now in China, who desires to have his case pre-investigated before his return.

This man made an application before me July 19th, 1906, in the usual form, as a merchant departing. The papers enclosed herewith containing the affidavits of the applicant and his two white witnesses were filed at that time.

As you will notice in his affidavit he claims to have been born in Seattle, but departed for China in 1885 when he was four years of age with his parents. He claims to have returned to the United States, landing at Seattle from the Steamship "Tacoma" January 20th, 1897. When he filed this application with me, he showed me a paper with his photograph attached purporting to be affidavits of two white witnesses that he was born in Seattle, and across this paper was written, "Arrived Ex. Str. Tacoma, Jan. 20, 1897." (Signed) J. C. Sanders, Collector of Customs. I wrote the Chinese Inspector in Charge at Seattle to verify Goon Yuen's port record, and he informed me that no Chinaman of such a name was landed at that time. From further conversation with Goon Yuen, I was satisfied that the paper was fraudulent, and I

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informed him that I did not believe he would be re-admitted to the United States if he should depart. He decided to abandon the trip. Some months afterwards, I learned that he had gone to China.

At the time he appeared before me, I was satisfied he had been a bona fide member of the firm of Shu Chong Lung for considerably more than a year, and that he had done no manual labor during that year, as I had nearly always seen him employed about the store when I called and I called there frequently. But from the fact of his having this fraudulent paper in his possession, I did not believe that he was born in the United States, as he claimed.

George Sing, the manager of this firm has requested me to make an investigation to see whether or not he would be admitted on his return. I therefore, enclose the sworn statements of the two white witnesses upon the regular forms used, and I regard them both as credible witnesses. As you will notice both of those witnesses had known the applicant considerably more than the required year prior to his departure, as a member of the firm of Shu Chong Lung. I have examined George Sing, the manager of this firm and enclose a transcript of the notes taken. I also enclose a copy of the partnership list furnished to me by the manager. This firm of Shu Chong Lung was organized and began business in June, 1904, and since its organization has done a very fair business here among the Chinese. I believe that its bona fide members are entitled to the privileges of a merchant. The name of Goon Yuen has appeared in all of the partnership lists furnished me, and in each one it is stated that his occupation was "working in the store". From what I had seen of him here in Chicago, I am of the opinion that he had

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been for more than a year prior to his departure a bona fide member of the firm of Shu Chong Lung and had done no manual labor except such as was necessary to the conduct of the firm's business.

As you will notice George Sing states that he first saw Goon Yuen in Seattle when Goon Yuen was a baby and that he was informed that Goon Yuen was born in Seattle. He states that Goon Yuen had never been outside of the United States, but that in K.S. 25 that Goon Yuen wrote to him asking him to send money with which to go to New York. He says that Goon Yuen came to New York and remained with him in the firm of Quong Wing at 11 Mott St., New York, until K.S. 29 when he came to Chicago to take charge of the restaurant at 98 E. Randolph St. In his affidavit attached to these papers Goon Yuen states that he landed from the Steamship "Tacoma" Jan. 20th, 1897, and that he resided in Seattle, Washington for six years. Then he moved to New York where he remained three months, whereupon he came to Chicago and has resided here ever since. If Goon Yuen had been born in the United States as he claims, I do not believe that he would have in his possession the fraudulent paper which he presented to me; and although I am of the opinion that for considerably more than a year prior to his departure he was a bona fide merchant, yet I do not believe that he is entitled to re-admission upon his return.

Would you please inform me what your decision will be in the matter, and if you decide that he is entitled to re-admission I will have the manager of this firm notify him in China, of your decision?

Respectfully,
(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

CHICAGO

February 28th, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer Examining Inspector.
Goon Yuen,
Merchant returning.: W. B. Calkins. Stenographer.

Witness, George Sing, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:
(In English)

- Q What is your name?
A George Sing, or Goon Lung Sing.
Q What is your business?
A General merchandise.
Q What firm are you connected with?
A Shu Chong Lung Co.
Q What is your position with that firm?
A I am the manager.
Q How long have you been the manager of Shu Chong Lung Co?
A Since we started in K. S. 30.
Q Where is your store located?
A We started in 1904 at 293 So. Clark St. in the basement.
We moved to 341 So. Clark St. in 1906, where we are now.
Q What would say is the value of the goods your firm has
on hand at the present time?
A \$6,000.00.
Q Does that include the fixtures?
A No. Just the goods.
Q How many partners have you at the present time? who
devote their entire time to the firm's business?
A Now we have only nine. Geo. Sing, (myself), Moy Bow,
Chin Loon, Goon Sue, Goon Bon Kee, Goon Fong Chick, Chin Dock
Ying and Chin Tong.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A Yes. It is Goon Yuen. His full name is Goon Shuck Yuen.
Q Is he or has he been a member of your firm?
A Yes sir.
Q How long has he been a member?
A Since we started in 1904, K.S. 30.
Q What interest has he in your store?
A \$1,000.00
Q How long has he had a \$1,000.00 interest?
A Since we started.
Q Where is he now?
A In China.
Q When did he go to China?
A He left in 1906. (Chinese reckoning), K.S. 30-11-5.
Q How did he go? Through what port?
A Through Portal. He went via Vancouver. The boat's
name was the "Empress of India".
Q Prior to the time he went away, what had been his business?
A He was in the same store of Shu Chong Lung Co.
Q Had he been in the firm of Shu Chong Lung since the firm
was organized in 1904?
A Yes sir.
Q What had been his work about the store?
A General work in the store.
Q Had he done any work outside of the store from the time
the firm was first organized until he left for China?
A No. He was always in the store.
Q At the time he left for China, what was the value of the
goods that your store had on hand?
A At that time, I think about \$5,000.00.
Q You didn't have as many goods then, as you have now?
A No. Now we have a little more.
Q At the time of his departure, how many men were employed
in the store? Do you remember?
A At that time, we had six.
Q Did your firm do business enough to justify the employ-
ment of six men in the store?

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Testimony of George Goon, continued.

A Yes. Now we have a drug department, so that we had to put more in.

Q Can you swear, that for more than one year before Goon Yuen went to China that he did no work except such as was necessary to the conduct of the firm's business?

A Yes sir.

Q You are willing to swear that during a year prior to his departure that he did no work in laundries or restaurants, or any work outside of the store?

A Yes sir. He did no work outside of the store.

Q Did he do any outside work between the time his firm was organized and the time of his departure?

A No. He did no work outside at all.

Q At the time he came before me when he was thinking of making this trip to China, he had a paper which purported to show that he was admitted to the United States through Port Townsend as a native. Do you know where that paper is now?

A No. I do not know.

Q Do you know anything about Goon Yuen's birth?

A When I went home in K.S. 9, I made a visit to Seattle. He was a baby one or two years old at that time.

Q Who was his father?

A Goon Hong.

Q What was his business in Seattle at that time?

A He had a little grocery, and ran a little farm in the rear of his store where he raised pigs and chickens.

Q Where was Goon Yuen's mother at that time?

A She was with her husband.

Q Did anyone at that time, tell you where this baby was born?

A He was born at that place.

Q At that time, when you saw him in Seattle, did any one tell you that he was born there?

A His father told me that he was born in Seattle.

Q When did you see him again after that?

A I next saw him in New York City.

Q How old was he then?

A I don't remember exactly. At that time, I think he was sixteen or seventeen years old. I think it was in K.S. 25.

Q How did you know that this boy you saw in New York City was the same boy that you saw in Seattle as a baby?

A Because when he saw me he called me uncle, and I sent him money to pay his fare from Seattle to New York.

Q At that time were you living in New York City?

A Yes sir.

Q Why would you send him money to bring him to New York?

A Well. We belonged to the same family, and he wrote me to send him the money.

Q Who wrote to you? He or his father?

A He did.

Q Where were his parents then?

A At that time, they lived in China.

Q Do you know whether Goon Yuen, himself, has ever been in China before this trip that he is now on?

A This is the first trip that he has made to China, when he went home in 1906.

Q What did he do when he came to New York?

A Well. He worked for the store in the same business with me, the firm of Quong Wing at 11 Mott St.

Q Were you the manager of Quong Wing, at that time?

A Yes sir.

Q How long was he in the store?

A He started in K.S. 25. Well, it was not quite four years.

Q Until about K.S. 29?

A Yes sir.

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Testimony of George Goon, continued.

Q Did you sell out or close up the store of Quong Wing?

A We closed up.

Q How long after that did you open up the store of Shu Chong Lung in Chicago?

A A little over a year.

Q Well, what was Goon Yuen doing in that year?

A At first, I made a visit to Chicago in the latter part of K.S. 28, and I bought a restaurant at 98 East Randolph St. When I got back to New York, I sent him out here to be the manager of that restaurant. I closed up the store of Quong Wing and came back to Chicago the next year.

Q Then he was the manager of that restaurant at 98 East Randolph St. from the time he left the firm of Quong Wing until the time you opened this store of Shu Chong Lung?

A Yes sir.

Q Why did he leave the restaurant to come into the store of Shu Chong Lung?

A When we opened this firm of Shu Chong Lung, we needed money. So, we sold half the restaurant.

Q What was the name of this restaurant?

A Quen Ying Kue.

Q You do not know of your own knowledge what he was doing between the time you first saw him in K.S. 9, and the time he came to your store of Quong Wing in K.S. 25?

A No. I do not know.

Q Where did he get the money (\$1,000.00) to put into the firm of Shu Chong Lung?

A He had part of it, and I gave him part.

Q Is he closely related to you?

A Yes sir. His grandfather and my father are brothers.

Q Is he married now?

A Yes. I got a letter from him a few weeks ago.

Q Was he married before he went to China on this trip?

A No.

Q What will he do if he is admitted to the United States, now?

A He will come back into the store of Shu Chong Lung.

Q Is there any one in Chicago besides yourself who knows of Goon Yuen's birth in the United States?

A I do not know.

Q How much business has your firm done yearly since it was first organized?

A The first year, we did a little over \$16,000.00. The second year, about \$21,000.00. The third year, about \$27,000.00. This year we have not entirely figured up, but I think it is more than the year before.

Q Is there any laundry, restaurant, or lodging house connected with your store?

A No.

Q Does Goon Yuen at the present time own any interest in the restaurant at 98 East Randolph St.

A No.

Q Did he at the time he went to China?

A No.

Q Does your firm own any interest in that restaurant?

A No.

Q Did it at the time Goon Yuen went to China?

A No.

Q How much of his own money did he put into the firm of Shu Chong Lung, and how much did you let him have at that time?

A He put in \$600.00 of his own money. I let him have \$400.00.

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

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) George Sing Witness.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Chinese Inspector.