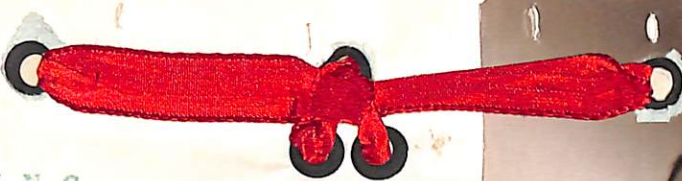


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No. 545


CHIN WING,of
"WING CHONG HAI" Company,
Merchants,No's 281 & 283 Clark st.,
Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.AGE: -Forty (40) Years.
HEIGHT: -5 Ft., 9-1/2 In.
Front Teeth Gold-crowned.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 said division and district, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described CHIN WING 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 that the photograph herunto affixed is a true likeness of him.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said CHIN WING has been a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "WING CHONG HAI", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Clothing, Drugs and other legitimate merchandise at No's 281 & 283 Clark street, in the said City of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said CHIN WING 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 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 that said CHIN WING has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and upwards in the business and assets of said firm, and 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 he is actively engaged in the business of the firm and exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of the said "WING CHONG HAI", and enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof, as a

bona fide partner therein.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 14, A.D., 1907.

N. C. Dana

(Address) 159 La Salle St
Chicago, Illinois.

A. L. Henson

(Address) 19-29 Market St
Chicago, Illinois.

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

N. 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 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 knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to, this }
21st day of March, A.D., 1907, be- }
fore me. }

N. C. Dana

Mark A. Foote,

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

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

A. L. Henson, 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 }
21st day of March, A. D., 1907, }
before me. }

A. L. Henson

Mark A. Foote,

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

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

I, Mark A. Footes, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, do hereby Certify that I am acquainted with Nudson S. Johnson and Harry C. Alana, the signers of the foregoing and annexed certificate and affidavits; that they are Chinese persons; that they are citizens of the United States; 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 and belief.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at the City of Chicago, in said division and district, this 21st day of March, A.D., 1907.

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



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

To

Chicago, Ill., Mar. 14, 1907.

Lorenzo T. Plummer, Esq.,

Chinese Inspector in charge,

Sir:

Chicago, Ill.

My name is CHIN WING. I am a native and subject of China. I have lived in the United States since the year 1885, all of that time in Chicago.

During my residence in the United States, I have made one visit to China: In or about September, 1890, I sailed from Vancouver, B.C., aboard the steamship "Empress of China"; and returned the same way, on the steamship "Empress of India", in or about September, 1893.

During all my residence in the United States, previous to such visit to China, I was the Druggist for the firm of "Wing Chong Hai", of No. 319 Clark street, and had a small financial interest in that concern.

In the year 1893, the said firm of "Wing Chong Hai" was reorganized; and at that time I paid in, for a share and interest in the business and assets of said "Wing Chong Hai", the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). I have been an actual and active member of the said firm and continuously occupied with the business and affairs of the said firm ever since; and my said share and interest therein is now worth much more than one thousand dollars. We are now located at No's 231-233 Clark street.

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

Very respectfully,

Chin Wing

c/o Wing Chong Hai,

No's 231 & 233 Clark st.,

Chicago, Ill's.

No. 545.

May 20th, 1908.

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

Sir:-

Chin F. Foin, the manager of the firm of Wing Chong Hai, 281 So. Clark St. informed me today that CHIN WING, a member of his firm who departed through your port in the month of April, 1907, had left Hong Kong on his return trip to the United States.

In order to avoid delaying this man at your port on his return, I have examined Chin F. Foin and enclose a transcript of the notes taken. In this examination, I have used a copy of Chin Wing's papers which I have on file. Chin Foin states that the applicant retains the same interest that he had at the time of applicant's departure, and that the store is substantially in the same condition.

From observation, I am of the opinion that the store is substantially in the same condition as at the time of applicant's departure, and would recommend that he be admitted upon his return.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

No. 545

522 Com'l Nat'l Bank Bldg., Chicago

May 19th, 1908

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
CHIN WING, : A. T. Wilson, Stenographer.
Mer. Ret.

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

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

Q You are one of the managers of ~~Chong~~ Wing Chong Hai & Co., at 319 South Clark Street, are you not?

A Yes.

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

A Yes, sir, Chin Wing, my partner.

Q Does he still retain the same interest in your firm as he had at the time of his departure?

A Yes.

Q What is that interest?

A One thousand dollars.

Q Would you say that your firm is in substantially the same condition as it was at that time?

A Yes.

Q What will he do upon his return?

A He is the druggist.

Q Will he go back into the store?

A Yes.

Q Have you understood my questions?

A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English

(Signed) Chin F. Foin,

Witness.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.

March 25, 1907.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
 CHIN WING, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
 Mer. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Chin Wing.
 Q What is your full Chinese name?
 A Chin Ming Wing is my full Chinese name.
 Q What is your business?
 A I have been connected with Wing Chung Hai & Co. ever since it was opened just after I came to the United States.
 Q Are you registered?
 A I went to China in 1890 via Vancouver.
 Q When did you return?
 A I came back in 1893.
 Q Why didn't you get registered after your return?
 A I arrived in this country in September. At that time registration was all over.
 Q If you arrived in this country in September 1893, you had a chance to register up to May 5, 1894?
 A At the time Chin Duck was manager and interpreter for our firm and he advised us not to get registered, as we were merchants.
 Q Were you a merchant at that time?
 A Yes, sir, I was a member of Wing Chung Hai & Co.
 Q When did you first come to the United States? A 1885.
 Q What kind of papers did you come in on at that time?
 A I came on a merchant's paper.
 Q Where did you get that paper; in China or in the United States?
 A I got it in China.
 Q Was it a paper issued by the Chinese government or was it a paper issued to you as a member of a firm in the United States?
 A I was 18 years old at that time and it was issued to me by the Chinese government in China.
 Q Were you a merchant in China before you came to this country?
 A Yes, I was a merchant in China before I came to this country.
 Q How long have you been a member of Wing Chung Hai & Co.?
 A 17 years.
 Q How much of an interest have you there? A \$1,000.00.
 Q Did you put \$1,000.00 into the firm at the time you became a member, or is \$1,000 the value of your share at the present time?
 A I invested \$1,000 in this firm at the time it was organized.
 Q Who are the members of your firm whose entire time is devoted to its business at the present time?
 X A Chin Chung Quai, Chin Fahn Foon (or Chin F. Foin), Chin Gen, Chin Quong, Chin Ha (Hor), Chin Ham, and Chin Wing (myself).
 Q What other name has Chin Ham?
 A This is the only name I know him by.
 Q What other name has Chin Gen?
 A I don't know what other name he may go by. This is the only name I know him by.
 Q What other name has Chin Quong?
 A I don't know what other name he goes by. I only know him as Chin Quong.
 Q What is your business about the store?
 X A I am doing buying and selling among the Chinese mostly, and I spend considerable time looking after the ~~rents~~ *drugs*
 Q What salary do you receive? A \$45 a month.

- Q Does that include your dividends or is it exclusive of your dividends?
A We divide our profits twice a year.
Q Does that \$45 a month include your dividends?
A No, sir; it is only my salary.
Q Are you going to China on your own business or on business of the firm?
A I am going on my own personal business and also to get some drugs for the firm.
Q Are you married?
A Yes, I am married in China.
Q What is your married name?
A Ching Ming Wing is my marriage name.
Q What is your boyhood name?
A Chin Suey Ting is my boyhood name.
Q During the past year have you done any work in laundries, restaurants, or any other manual labor except such as was necessarily incident to your business as a merchant?
A I have only worked in the store.
Q Do you know Chin Der Bow?
A I gave his name as Chin Hum (Ham).
Q Do you know Chin Fung Kee?
A Yes, he is in the store all the time and goes back and forth a good deal of the time.
Q What name did you give him?
A Chin Quong is the name I gave for him.
Q Do you know Chin Ning?
A Yes, Chin Ning is in the store now.
Q What name did you give for him? ~~A Chin Gen.~~ A Chin Gen.
Q Why did you say that Chin Gen, Chin Quong, and Chin Hum were the only names that you knew these men by when you knew them by other names, apparently?
A Those are the names we call them by when they are working in the store and I didn't know what names they gave here.
Q But why did you say you didn't know them by any other names?
A Those are the names I knew they used.
Q Are these names that you have given me of these three men the names of those men or have you made a guess at it?
A No, sir, I am not guessing at it, because the names I gave are the names we know them by in the store.
Q Is the \$45 a month salary you receive gold or silver?
A Gold; United States money.
Q How long have you been receiving \$45 a month?
A I received \$45 a month some little time before we moved to this present location.
Q Do you intend to retain your interest in the store while you are in China? A Yes.
Q How long do you intend to remain in China?
A At least over a year anyway, because I will ship some goods to this country first and then remain there some little time.
Q How many children have you in China?
A I have no children yet.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) CHIN WING,	Applicant.
(Signed) WONG ALOY,	Interpreter.
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER,	Inspector.

Witness, CHIN F. FOIN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified
(~~announced~~ in English):

- Q What is your name? A Chin F. Foin.
- Q What is your business?
- A General merchandise. Merchant, manager of the firm of Wing Chung Hai & Co., Chicago.
- Q Has there been any change in the membership of your firm since the partnership list which you furnished me August 30, 1905?
- A Nothing since that.
- Q What would you say at the present time is a fair value of the stock of goods, debts, and other assets of your firm?
- A \$50,000.00.
- Q How long have you been connected with the firm?
- A Since 1896 or 1897.
- Q Who are the partners in your firm whose entire time is devoted to its business?
- A Chin Chung (Yung) Quai, Chin Foin (myself), Chin Ning, Chin Wing, Chin Der Bow, Chin Hor (Ha), and Chin Fung Kee.
- Q Are these all the members of your firm whose entire time is devoted to its business?
- A Yes.
- Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
- A Yes, it is Chin Wing.
- Q What is his occupation?
- A Buying and selling in Wing Chung Hai & Co.
- Q How long has he been a member of your firm?
- A He was in it before I became a member.
- Q During the time that you have been a member of this firm has this man been engaged in its business all the time?
- A Yes.
- Q How much of an interest has he in that firm?
- A \$1,000.00.
- Q Is that \$1,000 the value of his interest at the present time or the amount he originally invested?
- A He put in ~~the~~ \$1,000.00 when he came into the firm.
- Q Is he married?
- A I don't know whether he is married or not. I know he hasn't got a wife here.
- Q Is he going to China on business of the firm or on his own personal business?
- A On his own business, I think.
- Q Who will take his place while he is in China?
- A I haven't selected a man yet.
- Q Will he retain this same interest in the firm while he is gone?
- A Yes.
- Q What work does he do about the store?
- A Buying and selling, and general work in the store.
- Q During the past year has he done any manual work in restaurants or laundries?
- A No.
- Q What salary does he receive?
- A \$60.00 a month.
- Q Is that besides his dividends?
- A Yes.
- Q Is there any laundry, lodging house, boarding house, or restaurant connected with your store?
- A No.
- Q These seven men whose names you have given are all the men who are at present engaged in the store?
- A Yes.

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- Q Do you know whether Chin Wing is registered?
A At the time of registration he was in China.
Q Would you say that the \$1,000.00 he has in your firm is worth more or less now than at the time he put it in?
A It is worth more. If it was worth less we would have to close it up.
Q Is there anything more you care to say?
A No, that is all I can say.

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Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) CHIN F. FOIN, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

Witness, recalled, testified:

- Q How much salary do you pay this man (indicating applicant)?
A \$60.00 a month.
Q How long have you been paying him \$60.00?
A Since last fall.

To applicant:

- Q What have you to say about your salary? Chin Foin says you get \$60.00 and you say you get \$45. What do you get?
A I haven't received any salary since last year a little before New Year's. It may be that the boss intends to give me more and hasn't told me yet.