

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 218

SUBJECT: _____

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WHEREAS, LEE HOP, hereunto attached, from the United on a visit to Chi- of returning into the purpose of re- cupation as a Mer-

WHEREAS, the said entitled to so ed States, pursu- Congress approv- Act of Congress 1893, and the Con- 1894, between the merica and the provide as fol-



whose photograph is is about to depart States, temporarily, up- na, with the intention the United States for suming his present oc- chant therein; and

LEE HOP is lawfully return into the Unit- and to the Act of ed May 2, 1892, and the approved November 3, vention of December 7, United States of A- Empire of China, which lows, namely:-

" A merchant is a person engaged in buying and selling mer-
"chandise at a fixed place of business, which business is con-
"ducted 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 tes-
"timony 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 perform-
"ance 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 November 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, teach-
"ers, students, merchants, or travellers for curiosity or pleas-
"ure, but not laborers, of coming into the United States and re-
"maining therein." (Convention of Dec. 7, 1894, between the
United States and China.)

NOW, THEREFORE, and for the better identification of the said LEE HOP, and in order to facilitate his reentry into the United States upon his said return hereto for the said purpose,

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 said LEE HOP for upwards of one year last past, during which said year he has been a reputable resident merchant of the said City of Chicago, and has been neither a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind.

ance with him, the said LEE HOP has been a member of the firm of
chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name
and style of "WAH CHING LUNG & CO.", Dealers in Groceries, Provis-
ions, Clothing and general chinese and japanese merchandise, at No.
261 South Clark street, in the said city of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaint-
ance with him, the said LEE HOP ~~was~~ 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 mem-
ber; and that during the said year the said LEE HOP has not been
engaged in the performance of any 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.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That the said trade-name and style is
arbitrary and fanciful, and does not indicate the names of the mem-
bers 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 mer-
chants generally, in the said city of Chicago, and elsewhere through-
out the United States so far as we are aware.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, January 21st, 1899.

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(DESCRIPTION OF LEE HOP :-)
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(AGE:-Thirty Three Years.)
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(HEIGHT:-5 Ft., 5 In.)
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J. H. Whitney
212 So. Clark St.
Chicago, Illinois.
J. H. Hoover
First National Bank
Chicago, Illinois.

Northern District of Illinois, S

I, Oliver E. Pagin, Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, do Hereby certify that I am acquainted with Gilbert S. Whitman & Frank F. Glover, the signers of the foregoing affidavit certificate and affidavits; that they are not Chinese; that they are citizens of the United States, and residents of the City of Chicago, in the said Northern District of Illinois; that they are reputable persons, of good character; and in my opinion their statements are entitled to full credence.

In witness my hand and seal, at the said City of Chicago, in the Northern District of Illinois, this 23rd day of January, eighteen ninety nine.

Oliver E. Pagin

Asst. U.S. Att'y, N.D. Ill's

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