

In re
CHAN JUNG
of
"S.DING & CO",
No. 270 E. 55th St.,
Chicago, Illinois,
U. S. A.

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NAME:--CHAN JUNG.
AGE:--36 Years.
HEIGHT:--5', 7 1/2".
TWO Eyeteeth
Gold Crowned.

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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 and vicinity, in said division and district, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above described CHAN JUNG for upwards of one year last past, during which time he has not been a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind, but during which time he has been a reputable resident Chinese Merchant of the said City of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said CHAN JUNG has been a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "S.DING & COMPANY", at No's. 288 E. 55th street, Chicago, Illinois, and No. 270 E. 55th street in said City, Dealers in Teas and Coffees.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said CHAN JUNG has been engaged in buying and selling merchandise at the said fixed places of business under the 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 he 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 business as such merchant as aforesaid.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That the foregoing photograph, hereunto affixed is a true and correct likeness of the said CHAN JUNG; and that the foregoing description is a true description of the person of the said CHAN JUNG.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we have been credibly informed, and verily believe, that said CHAN JUNG has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.) in the business and assets of said firm. From our frequent visits to the said place of business and our general acquaintance with the various members of the said concern, we have been well satisfied that the said Chan Jung is actively engaged in the business of the said firm, exercises a voice in the management and affairs thereof, and that he is a bona fide merchant and member of said "S.DING & COMPANY".

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., October 14th A.D., 1908.

A. L. Aderson

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Chicago, Illinois.*

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APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF ACCOMPANYING AEE EVIDENCE
UNDER RULE 25, REGULATIONS OF FEBRUARY 5, 1906.

To

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 14, 1908.

LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

My name is CHAN JUNG. I am a native and subject of China; 36 years of age; have resided in the United States 30 years - The last 16 years in Chicago; and have never revisited China.

I am a Merchant and member of the firm of S. DING & CO., Importers and Dealers in Teas and Coffees, at No. 270 (Lately at No. 288) East 55th street, Chicago; and have been so engaged in business there the ten years last past.

At the age of 6 years, I landed at the port of San Francisco with my father, Chan Sun. He was a merchant and member of the "Kwong Wah Ying" Company, of Dupont street, San Francisco; and I lived there with him until I was 20 years old. Then I removed to Chicago, and have lived in Chicago since.

In the 24th K.S., I purchased for upwards of \$1000 a share and interest in the said firm of "S. Ding & Co.," No. 288 East 55th street, Chicago; and have been a member thereof continuously ever since. My said interest is now worth upwards of \$1200. And for upwards of one year last past, I have not been engaged or interested in the performance of manual labor.

I desire to revisit China, temporarily, and to return upon the completion of such visit, to resume my present residence, occupation and status in the United States.

Wherefore, I transmit herewith the evidence of two credible witnesses other than chinese, and pray that the same may be endorsed for my return into the United States as provided by Regulation.

Very respectfully,

C/o S. Ding & Co.,

No. 270 E. 55th st.,

Chicago, Ill.

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No. 699.

522, Commercial National Bank Bldg. CHICAGO

June 22nd, 1909.

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

Witness, SEID DING, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Seid Ding.

Q What is your full Chinese name? A. Seid Sing Fay is my marriage name. Seid Ding is the name I am known by.

Q Are you still the manager of the firm of S. Ding & Co., 270 E. Fifty-fifth St., Chicago? A. Yes.

Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A. Chan Jung.

Q Does he still have an interest in your store? A. Yes.

Q Does he have the same interest that he did when he went away? A. All the same.

Q Have you sent him any money while he has been in China? That is to buy up any part of this interest? A. No.

Q Is your store about the same now as it was when he went away? A. All the same.

Q What will Chan Jung do when he returns from China?
A. He will come back into the store.

Q Have you understood my questions? A. Yes.

Witness signed his names in English, unable to write Chinese.

(Signed) Seid Ding.

(Signed) Seid Sing Faith, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

No. 699.

October 31st, 1908.

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

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers in the case of Chan Jung, merchant of this city who desires to visit China and return to the United States.

I enclose the sworn statements of the two white witnesses upon the regular forms used. I regard them both as credible witnesses. I also enclose a transcript of the notes taken at the examination of applicant and of Seid Ding, the manager of this firm.

This firm of S. Ding & Co. runs a store on Fifty-fifth St. a few miles distant from Chinatown of this city, and deals largely in teas, ~~coffees~~ and Chinese notions with white people. It does, however quite a laundry ^{supply} business among the Chinese, its goods being delivered mostly by the wholesale houses. I would judge that the firm has the amount of goods on hand claimed for it by the manager.

Miss Cora Colwell, the young lady who worked at this store quite a period of time and who is spoken of by the manager in his examination, informs me that applicant was around the store nearly every day late in the afternoon or evening, and that she had always regarded him as a partner in the concern. Both the white witnesses state that they have known applicant for more than the required year, and are of

the opinion that he a bona fide merchant.

From my examination, I am of the opinion that applicant is entitled to the privilege which he requests. Will you please inform me what your probable decision will be in order to save applicant an unnecessary trip to Portal should you decide adversely?

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
CHAN JUNG, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Mer. departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, SEID DING, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:
(In English)

Q What is your name? A. Seid Ding.
Q What is your occupation? A. Tea and coffee business.
Q Are you the manager of the firm of S. Ding & Co., 270 E. 55th St.? A. Yes.
Q How long have you been the manager? A. Over thirteen years.
Q How long has the firm of S. Ding & Co. been in existence? A. Over thirteen years.
Q Did you organize this concern? A. Yes.
Q How long have you been located at 270 E. 55th St.? A. About two months.
Q Where were you located before that? A. 288 E. 55th St.
Q How long were you located there? A. Three years.
Q Where were you before that? A. At 284 E. 55th St.
Q How long were you at 284? A. About eight years.
Q Then you have been in that neighborhood on 55th St. about eleven years, have you? A. I, first began business at 275 E. 55th St.
Q How many partners have you in that firm now? A. Five.
Q What is the total capital stock of the concern? A. \$5,750.00.
Q Have you had that amount of capital ever since you first organized the firm? A. First we didn't have that. At first, we had three partners, myself, Hor Gow San and Soo Hoo Sun.
Q How many partners have you at the present time? A. Five.
Q Give me their names? A. Myself, Hor Gow San, Soo Hoo Sun, Seid Way and Chan Jung.
Q How long have Seid Way and Chan Jung been connected with the firm? A. Seid Way about four years. Chan Jung about ten years.
Q What is the value of the goods that your firm has on hand at the present time? A. I do not know exactly, about five thousand dollars or something like that.
Q Is there any laundry or restaurant or boarding house connected with your store? A. Nossir.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant) A. It is Chan Jung.
Q You say that he has been a member of the firm about ten years? A. Yes.
Q How much of an interest has he in it? A. \$1,000.00.
Q Has he had a one thousand dollar interest ever since he became a member of the firm? A. Yes.
Q How many partners work in the store all the time? A. Myself, Chan Jung. One partner is in California working on a farm.
Q How many work in the store? A. Myself and Chan Jung, and a girl.
Q How many partners have you in the store all the time? A. Myself and Chan Jung are the only partners. We employ a clerk and a girl.
Q What is the name of the young man? A. I have just got a new man to take the place of the one that left.
Q What is the name of the other one? A. I do not know his name. He just delivers some of our goods. He is a boy.
Q What is the name of the young lady whom you employ? A. I do not believe that I know her name. The one we have now only came in this morning. The one before her was only with us a week; but I know the name of the one before her. It was Miss Cowell.

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Testimony of witness, SEID DING, continued:

Q How long was she in the store? A. She was in the store over two years, something like that.

Q How long has Chan Jung been working in the store? A. He has been there ten years.

Q What does he do? A. In the day time he goes out and sell goods. In the evening he comes back and gives me the orders.

Q Where does he sell goods? A. To Chinese restaurants and laundries.

Q While he is selling goods to restaurants and laundries, does he do any work in them? A. No, he don't work in them.

Q What salary do you pay him? A. \$40.00.

Q Where does Miss Cowell live? A. I think she lives in Woodlawn.

Q What is her first name, do you remember? A. Cora is her first name. She has quit me.

Q Where does she live? A. She lives on 55th St. corner of Woodlawn Ave.

Q What part of the day does Chan Jung work in the store? A. He comes back to the store about five or six o'clock.

Q Does he work in the store in the evening? A. Yes, sometimes.

Q Does he work in there at all during the day? A. No, he goes out.

Q Is he going to China on his own business or on business of the firm? A. He is going himself, his mother wants to see him.

Q What will he do when he comes back from China? A. He will come back into the store.

Q Will you swear that during the past year he has done no manual labor in restaurants, laundries or anywhere else except in the store? A. Yes.

Q What rent do you pay? A. \$55.00.

Q What rent did you pay at the store where you were before? A. I paid \$80.00.

Q About how much business do you do a year? A. About fifteen thousand dollars.

Q On an average? A. Over ten thousand dollars any way.

Q Do you keep a team? A. No.

Q How are your goods delivered? A. They are delivered by the wholesale house.

Q That is you get orders and you send them to the wholesale house, and they deliver them? A. Yes.

Q Have you understood my questions? A. Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Seid Ding,

Witness.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.

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Applicant, CHAN JUNG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A. Chan Jung.
- Q What is your full Chinese name? A. That is the only name I have.
- Q Are you married? A. No.
- Q What is your occupation? A. I am a merchant.
- Q What firm are you a member of? A. The firm of S. Ding & Co., 270 E. 55th St.
- Q How long has your firm been located at that number? A. About two months.
- Q What rent do you pay there? A. \$55.00.
- Q Where were you located before you moved to 270? A. 288.
- Q How long were you there? A. About three years.
- Q What rent did you pay there? A. \$80.00.
- Q Where were you located before that? A. 284.
- Q What rent did you pay there? A. I do not know what rent was paid there. The store was started before I went into it.
- Q When did you go into the firm? A. About ten years ago.
- Q At what number was this store at the time you joined the firm? A. At this number, 284.
- Q What interest have you in the firm? A. About twelve hundred dollars.
- Q How much did you put in when you first became a member? A. One thousand dollars.
- Q Have you paid any money in addition to that or does \$1,200.00 represent the increase in value of your investment? A. I value my interest at twelve or thirteen hundred dollars.
- Q What is the value of the goods that your firm has on hand? A. Pretty close to \$6,000.00.
- Q What has been your work for the firm since you first became a member? A. Ever since I have been in that firm, I have always gone out to laundries and restaurants and other places to sell goods.
- Q How many partners are there in the store? A. Myself and Seid Ding. We hire a girl and a boy.
- Q What is the name of the girl in the store now? A. We hired one today. Last we had one who stayed only a couple of days and then went away. Today we just got another one.
- Q What was the name of the girl before the one that you hired last week? A. I do not know her name. I only called her little girl.
- Q How long was she in the store? A. Over a year, going on two years.
- Q What name did you call her by? A. Girl, that is all.
- Q Was her first name, Cora? A. I have never called her by name.
- Q What part of the day, did you put in at the store? A. In the day time, I am out. Generally late in the afternoon, I come back to the store, about five o'clock in the evening.
- Q Do you stay there in the evenings? A. No, I don't stay there then.
- Q What do you do in the evenings? A. I sleep up at 19th St.
- Q Aren't you in the store at all in the evening? A. I am there till they close.
- Q Are you going to China on your own business or on business of the firm? A. Business of my own.
- Q How do you deliver goods that you sell? A. When the restaurants call for coffee in small packages, I deliver them myself. When it is quite a distance away, as some laundries are, I send the boy. But when it is rice, starch or coffee in large quantities, I tell Henson (Salesman for McNeil & Higgins Co.) and he has the goods delivered from the wholesale house.

Testimony of applicant, CHAN JUNG, continued:

Q When you are out in laundries or restaurants, selling goods, do you do any work for them? A. No sir.

Q Have you done any work in restaurants or laundries since your first became a member of this firm ten years ago? A. No sir.

Q Are you registered, A. No.

Q Why not? A. I first came here with my father when I was very young.

Q When did you first come to Chicago? A. About sixteen years ago.

Q Have you been a merchant ever since you have been in Chicago? A. I have not been a merchant ever since I came to Chicago, but I went into the laundry of one of my cousins and helped in the work of the laundry.

Q How long were you in Chicago, before you joined this firm of S. Ding & Co.? A. I was here about six years, before I went into business.

Q How old are you now? A. Thirty-six.

Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English.

(Signed)	Chan Jung,	Applicant.
(Signed)	Charley Kee,	Interpreter.
(Signed)	L. T. Plummer,	Inspector.