

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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CHIN DICK

of

"WING CHONG HAI & CO."
Merchants,
#319 S. Clark Street,
Chicago, Ill's. U.S.A.

AGE:- Thirty-six 36 Years.
HEIGHT:-Five Feet-Six 5'6".
Complexion:- Dark Brown.



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 the County of Cook and State of Illinois, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that we have been well acquainted with the above described CHIN DICK 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 DICK 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, Groceries, Provisions, and General Chinese and Japanese Merchandise, at No. 319 South 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 DICK 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 DICK 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, we have been credibly informed, and believe, that the said CHIN DICK has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$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 DICK 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, hereto annexed, together with the personal description above, is a true and correct likeness and description of the said CHIN DICK.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., January 30, 1908.

A. L. Johnson

3-15 State St

Chicago, Illinois.

H. C. Daya

159 La Salle St

Chicago, Illinois.

APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF ACCOMPANYING AFFIDAVITS AS PROVIDED
BY RULE 25, Regulations Adopted February 26, 1907.

Chicago, Ill., March 27, 1908.

To

LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,

Chinese Inspector in charge,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

My name is FONG SUE (Also CHIN DICK); and I was born at No. 708 Dupont street, in the City of San Francisco, State of California and United States of America, August 1, 1872, at which time and place my Father, Chin Fong, residing with my Mother there, was a Merchant. In or about the month of February, 1878, my parents returned to China with me; and I resided there, in China, until I was twenty six years of age. Then, with proper papers showing my standing and right to admission, I returned to the United States at Malone, New York. (I have made diligent effort to procure record of such admission, by inquiry at the Bureau of Immigration and through an attorney at law in Malone, but am unable to get any.) Upon my admission, and for several years prior thereto, I had been a member of the firm of Chinese merchants trading and doing business at No. 319 Clark street, in Chicago, Illinois. I had paid Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) for such share and interest in the said firm; and have been such shareholder and member of that concern, continuously up to the present time.

Said Wing Chon Hai did not need my assistance and had not requested me to come to the United States. Therefore, upon my admission at Malone, above-mentioned, I took up my residence with my Father-in-law, Lee Heu Jung, Merchant and member of "Sin Yuen Hing", No. 340 Harrison avenue, in the City of ~~BOSTON~~ Boston, State of Massachusetts; and resided with him there for five (5) years; and for the last five (5) years I have taken an active part in the business of my said firm, "Wing Chong Mai", and resided there, at No. 319 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid (And other quarters in that city, which were occupied by said firm a short time).

During said five years last past I have been continuously and exclusively engaged in buying and selling merchandise at the said fixed

places of business, and have not been engaged or interested in the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind, except such as has been necessary in the conduct of my said business as such merchant as is above described.

I desire to re-visit China, and to be away from the United States about one year - Perhaps a little longer - and then to return to the United States, accompanied by my minor son, Chin Fung, now Fourteen (14) years of Age. I desire that my son, Chin Fung, may be educated in the schools and business methods of the United States, and join me in my said business.

And I desire the privilege of re-admission into the United States, upon the completion of my intended visit to China, to resume my present status and business occupation and residence in the United States. Wherefore, I pray that the accompanying affidavits may be endorsed as provided by law and regulation in that behalf.

Very respectfully,
Chin Dick

C/o Wing Chong Hai,

No. 319 Clark st.,

Chicago, Ill.,

U. S. A.

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N. DAK.

2662 and 2666.

December 6, 1909.

L. T. Plummer,
Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I have to advise that the following Chinese merchants
have been admitted at this port:

Name	Your File No.	Date of Admission	Destination.
Chin Dick	650- 600	Dec. 4/09	Chicago.
Chan Jung	699	Dec. 5/09	Chicago.

Respectfully,

John J. Abel
Inspector in Charge.

OBH/t

No. 2662.

Sept. 24, 1909.

Chin Dick, C/O Man Sun Wang,

No. 9 Connaught Road, West,

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,

OSB/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. 650 and 660.

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John J. Abel
Inspector in Charge.
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No. 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 Portal, North Dakota, No. 2662, dated September 7th returning the papers in the cases of CHIN DICK and of CHIN 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 Chong 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.

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

Cases of : H. E. 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~~ 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 care 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

Q ~~What you have said in regard to Chin Wing Yuen interest~~? A. Yes.

Witness signed only in English.

(Signed) Chin F. Foin, Witness.

(Signed) H. E. Tippett, Inspector.

No. 650.

August 21st, 1909.

Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service,
Porter, North Dakota.

Sir:-

Receipt of your letter No. 2662 of August 5th, 1909, inclosing papers of CHIN DICK, alleged merchant of Wing Chong Kai & Co. of this city for an ad interim investigation, is hereby acknowledged.

The testimony of Chin F. Foin who was manager of this concern has been taken and a transcript of the notes is attached to these papers.

You will see by the testimony of the witness, CHIN F. FOIN, that the firm of Wing Chong Kai & Co. discontinued business July, 1908, and have been out of business ever since with the exception of collecting some debts. This applicant departed for China in the forepart of April, 1908 just prior to the discontinuing of business by this firm. It is claimed by Chin F. Foin, ex manager of this concern that the applicant at the present time has no mercantile status in this country, although he does state that they intend some time in the future to enter the mercantile business again, but there is no definite arrangements, nor have they leased any property to conduct such business.

I am firmly of the belief that this applicant together with

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the rest of the members of this concern has received his part of the money for his interest in this firm, if he ever had such an interest. In view of the fact that this concern has voluntarily gone out of business and that, within a very short time after applicant departed for China; that they have never resumed business from that time to the present; and that they have made no definite arrangements to again enter the mercantile field, I do not believe that applicant is entitled to again enter the United States.

Respectfully,

A. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector, Acting in Charge.

Inc.

No. 650.

April 8th, 1908.

Mr. O. E. Holton,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Pottaw, North Dakota.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers in the case of Chin Dick, a 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 on the regular forms used. I regard them both as credible witnesses.

I have examined the applicant and also Chin F. Foin, who is the manager of the firm of Wing Chong Kai, of which the applicant claims to be a member, and enclose a transcript of the notes taken. This firm of Wing Chong Kai & Co. is one of the leading Chinese stores here and does a very good business in groceries, general merchandise and laundry supplies. I believe that its bona fide members are entitled to the privileges of merchants.

The statements of both Chin Foin and the applicant show that he has had an interest in this store since 1893 and has been in the store for the past five years and thereabouts, devoting all his time to its business.

While it is true, there are some discrepancies between

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the statements of the applicant and the manager, as to the applicant's occupation and the proportion of his time that he puts in the store; yet, on the statements of the two white witnesses, I am satisfied he is what he claims to be a bona fide member of this firm and entitled to the privilege which he requests.

Will you please inform me what your probable decision will be, in order that I may save the applicant the expense of a needless trip to Portal should your decision be adverse?

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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April 1st, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
Chin Dick, : J.G.C. Longchallion, Interpreter.
Mer. departing.: W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Chin F. Foin, witness, could talk English very well, and was therefore examined without the aid of an interpreter. After being sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?

A Chin F. Foin.

Q What is your occupation?

A Merchant.

Q What firm?

A Wing Chong Hai.

Q What is your position with that firm?

A President.

Q Do you know this man?

A Yes, I do. It is Chin Dick.

Q What is his full Chinese name?

A Ching Fong Sue.

Q What is the capital of the firm?

A \$25,000.00.

Q How is that divided? That is, what part is represented by the value of the goods on hand, and what part is in debts?

A \$15,000.00 in goods on hand. About \$8,000.00 in debts due the firm, and \$2,000.00 in cash.

Q How many partners have you who devote all their time to the firm's business?

A Thirteen.

Q Give me their names.

A Chin F. Foin, Chin Yen Quai, Chin Toy, Chin See, Chin Hor, Chin Hing, Chin Lun, Chin Sing Tun, Chin Der, Chin Dick, Chin Lee, Chin Leng, and Chin Wing Yuen.

Q How long have you been associated with this firm?

A I have been a stock-holder since 1893. I entered the firm in 1897, and last year, I was elected to be president of the firm.

Q What interest has Chin Dick in your firm?

A \$1,000.00.

Q How long has he had that interest?

A He bought it in 1893 in Hong Kong. Chin Suey sold his share to Chin Dick in Hong Kong. Chin Suey was an old man, and had gone to China and did not expect to return.

Q Was Chin Dick in Hong Kong at that time?

A Yes sir.

Q What has been Chin Dick's work in the store?

A He goes out and sells chop suey supplies and restaurant supplies.

Q What part of his time does he spend in the store?

A He comes in about once a week. Sometimes it is two weeks.

Q Where does he sell goods? In Chicago?

A In Chicago, in Milwaukee and in different places in Wisconsin.

Q What salary does he receive?

A \$60.00 a month.

Q Does that include his profits?

A No. That is only his wages.

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

A On his own affair. His father is old now, and as he has not been home for so long, he is going home.

Q If this man has been out of the store the greater part of time, how do you know he has not been working in laundries or restaurants?

A I know he don't work in laundries or restaurants. I know that in Boston that he was working in his father-in-law's store.

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Q If he has not been in the store a greater part of the time, how do you know that he has not been working in laundries or restaurants during the last year?

A No, he has not.

Q How do you know it?

A He has been in the store selling.

Q Yes, but he has been out of the store?

A He has been out taking orders for laundry supplies and chop suey supplies.

Q Are you positive that he has not been doing any manual labor in Restaurants or laundries, or anywhere else outside of the store?

A Yes I am sure he has not.

Q What will he do when he returns from China?

A He will come back into the store again.

Q Who will take his place while he is gone?

A Chin Lun.

Q Why is it that this man's name on your partnership list appears as Chin Dick, when his actual name is Chin Fong Suey?

A Fong Suey is his given name.

Q Why does his name appear on the partnership as Chin Dick?

A His marriage name is Chin Dick.

Q Have you understood my questions?

A Yes sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Chin F. Foin, Witness.

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

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Applicant, Chin Dick, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? Your marriage name.
A My marriage name is Chin Dick.
Q What is your full marriage name?
A That is the only name I have.
Q What is your full marriage name?
A Chin Fong Suey is my childhood name.
Q What is your full marriage name?
A Only Chin Dick.
Q What is your occupation?
A Salesman for the firm of Wing Chong Hai & Co.
Q How long have you been a member of the firm of Wing Chong
Hai?
A A little over ten years.
Q Well, when did you first buy your interest there?
A In 1893, American date.
Q How much of an interest have you?
A \$1,000.00.
Q Where did you buy that interest?
A I bought it in Hong Kong. Wing Chong Hai people told me
that there was a share for sale, and my father gave me the money
to buy it.
Q Of whom did you buy it?
A Chin Suey.
Q What sort of work do you do in the store?
A I am an outside salesman. Sometimes I am in the store to
help them to do general work.
Q Where do you sell goods?
A Boston and Providence.
Q Where else do you sell goods?
A Allston, Mass., Gloster.
Q When did you sell goods in these towns?
A I go there twice a year.
Q When were you there last?
A I was there, last, year, 5th month.
Q Do you sell goods around Chicago?
A Yes.
Q How much of your time do you put in at Chicago?
A In one month, I am at Wing Chong Hai. Sometimes I sell
goods about Chicago.
Q How many months of the year are you in Chicago?
A Ten months in Chicago.
Q Do you sell goods anywhere around, near Chicago?
A Yes. Sometimes in Milwaukee.
Q Now, where do you sell around Chicago?
A Detroit.
Q Where do you sell goods in Chicago?
A Sometimes, 63rd St. on the South Side. Madison St., and
on the North side. I don't remember the names of the streets on
the North side.
Q What other streets besides these you have named?
A Halsted St. Those are the only streets I can remember.
Q What kind of goods do you sell?
A Chinese groceries.
Q What class of groceries?
A Tea, dried vegetables, dried fish, Chinese rice, dried bean
stick.
Q How frequently do you come back to the store?
A I have been in the store for about five years.
Q You have been selling goods outside of the store, haven't you?
A Sometimes I go out. Sometimes I remain in the store.
Q What part of your time do you put in at the store?
A About five days in a week.

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Testimony of applicant, continued.

Q In the store?

A Yes.

Q Don't you put in more than two days a week on the road, outside selling goods?

A Two days.

Q What salary do you draw?

A \$60.00 a month.

Q What do you do when you are in the store?

A I sell goods when I am in the store.

Q Where was the last laundry that you worked in?

A I have never been working in a laundry.

Q Where was the last restaurant that you worked in?

A I have not been working in a restaurant.

Q Give me the name of your partners who devote all their time to the firm's business?

A Chin F. Foin, Chin Yen Quai, Chin Toy, Chin See, Chin Hor, Chin Hing, Chin Leng, Chin Sing Tun, Chin Wing Yuen, Chin Der, Chin Lee, and myself, Chin Dick.

Q Who is going to take your place in the store while you are gone?

A Chin Lun. He is one of the partners who is in the store. I forgot to name him.

Q Do these men that you have named devote all their time to the firm's business?

A Yes.

Q What is the name of the son of Chin Yen Quai?

A Chin Hor.

Q What would you say, is the value of the goods that your firm has on hand?

A About \$20,000.00.

Q What was your share of the profits of your firm, last year?

A I don't know. Chin Foin knows.

Q What were your profits the year before last?

A I don't know. Every shareholder gets so much for every hundred dollars.

Q Well, what was your share the year before last?

A I got \$300.00. The dividend was \$300.00 to every thousand dollars, last year. It is about the same every year.

Q Are you registered?

A No. I am not.

Q Why not?

A As I was a merchant, I did not get registered.

Q Were you a merchant at the time of registration?

A Yes. I was in Boston.

Q Were you there, when the other Chinamen got registered?

A At that time I was with the firm of Sing Yuen Hing.

Q How long were you with the firm of Sing Yune Hing?

A A little over five years.

Q How much over five years?

A Two months.

Q Did you come from this firm in Boston to Chicago?

A Yes.

Q How long have you been in Chicago?

A Five years.

Q This year is K.S. 34, is it not?

A Yes.

Q You have been five years in Chicago, and you have been in Boston five years, which makes ten years. Ten years subtracted from 34 makes 24, and K.S. 24 was four years after registration. How could that be?

A I was a little over 23 years old when I came to the United States.

Q How old are you now?

A Thirty six, this year.

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Testimony of applicant, continued.

Q That would be thirteen years ago instead of ten years ago.
How do you account for the other three years?

A I came to the United States in K. S. 24.

Q How could you have been in Boston at the time the other Chinamen were getting registered, if you had come to the United States in K.S. 24?

A At that time when the Chinamen took their certificates, I was not in the United States.

Q Where were you born?

A San Francisco.

Q Where abouts in San Francisco?

A Du Pont St.

Q What number?

A 708.

Q What is your father's name?

A Chin Tong.

Q When did you go to China?

A 1878, American date.

Q When did you return from China?

A 1897.

Q Where did you come into the United States?

A Malone.

Q What kind of a paper did you come on?

A Native paper.

Q Where did you get that paper?

A San Francisco.

Q Before you went away?

A Yes, I got it when I went to China.

Q How old were you when you came into the United States?

A Twenty five.

Q You stated before that you were twenty-three?

A I was between twenty-three and twenty-four.

Q Cannot you give me more definitely, the time that you arrived in the United States?

A K.S. 23 or 24, the second month.

Q What was the name on your paper?

A Fong Suey.

Q Are you married?

A Yes.

Q Any children?

A Yes. One child.

Q What is it? Boy or girl?

A A boy.

Q How old is it now?

A Fourteen years.

Q What is his name?

A Chin Fahng.

Q Have you been to Boston since you came here five years ago?

A Yes. I have been back to sell goods.

Q Have you understood the interpreter?

A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) Chin Dick,

Applicant.

(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallion, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.