

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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No. 605

SUBJECT:

LAM KAY

of

"QUONG YUEN CHONG KEE & CO"

Merchants,

#321 S. Clark street,
Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.AGE:- Forty One Years.
HEIGHT:- 5 Ft., 4 In.
Large Mole on Left Side
of Chin.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 LAM KAY 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 LAM KAY has been a member of the said firm of "QUONG YUEN CHONG KEE & CO", Importers and Dealers in Chinaware, Chinese and Japanese Merchandise, Teas, Groceries and Provisions, at No. 321 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.

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

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, as we have been credibly informed and verily believe, the said LAM KAY has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) in the business and assets of his said firm; and from our frequent visits to his said place of business, and general acquaintance with various members of his said firm, we have become well satisfied that he is actively engaged in the business of his said firm, and exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of the said "QUONG YUEN CHONG KEE Company, enjoying his proper share in the profits thereof, as a bona fide copartner in said firm.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, October 8, 1907.

(Address)

N. C. Dana
159 La Salle St
Chicago, Illinois.

(Address)

A. L. Henson
19-29 Market St
Chicago, Illinois.

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

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)
8th day of October, A.D., 1907,)
before me.

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

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

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)
8th day of October, A.D., 1907,)
before me.

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

A. L. Henson, of the City

A. L. Henson

APPLICATION
for
Endorsement
of accompanying Affidavits under Rule 25, Regulations Approved Feb.

To
Lorenzo T. Plummer, Esq.,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill's.

Sir:

My name is LAM KAY; I am a native and subject of China. I was born at Canton in the Province of Canton China forty-one years ago.

I first came to the United States when I was Fifteen years of age in the 8th K.S., landing at the port of San Francisco, where I remained only a short time, removing across the bay to Alameda, California, where I became engaged in the gardening business with my Uncle. In the 16th K.S. I removed with my Uncle to San Francisco where we became engaged in the Grocery and general chinese and japanese merchandise business under the firm-name and style of "Gue Lung" Co., at No. 733 Dupont street. I remained in said business eight years, until the 24th K.S., at which time I disposed of my interest in said business and removed to Chicago, Illinois where I purchased an One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) interest in the business and assets of the firm of "QUONG YUEN" Co., Chinese Merchants of No. 321 Clark Street, in said City of Chicago, which interest I have retained ever since.

Eight years later, in 32nd K.S., 1906, said firm changed its firmname and style to "QUONG YUEN CHONG KEE" Co., which is the trade-name and style and title of said firm at the present time.

My said share and interest in the business and assets of said firm is now worth, reasonably and at least, Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1200.00); and I do not intend to sell or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof.

I desire to visit China, and upon the completion of my visit to return into the United States and resume my residence and business occupation therein.

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,

林其 Lam Kay

No. 321 Clark St., Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICEOFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N. DAK.

July 9, 1908

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

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the
7th instant, No. 605 forwarding transcript of notes taken
in pre-investigation of LAM KAY, merchant of your city.

In view of your favorable recommendation, this
person has been advised this date that he will be permitted
to re-enter the United States, in accordance with Rule 25.

Respectfully,



Chinese Inspector in Charge

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Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

No. 605. 522, Commercial Nat'l Bk. Bldg., CHICAGO, July 7th, 1908.

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

Witness, LIM S. LETT, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:
(In English)

Q What is your name?
A Lim S. Lett.
Q You are the manager of the firm of Quong Yuen Chung Kee,
at 321 So. Clark St., are you not?
A Yes sir.
Q You know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A Yes, it is my partner, Lam Kay.
Q Does he still retain the same interest in your firm that
he did at the time of his departure?
A Yes sir.
Q What is that interest worth?
A \$1,000.00.
Q Would you say that your firm is substantially in the same
condition as at the time of his departure?
A Yes.
Q What will this man do when he arrives in Chicago?
A About the same as he did.
Q Will he come back into the store?
A Yes, he will come back to his old place in the store.
Q There has been no change in the ownership of his interest
since he departed for China?
A No sir.
Q Have you understood my questions?
A Yes sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Lim S. Lett,

Witness.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.

No. 605.

July 7th, 1908.

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

Sir:-

The enclosed Chinese merchant's intention to return to the United States was handed to me this morning by Lim S. Lett, the manager of the firm of Quong Yuen Chung Kee Co., Chicago.

In order to save delay, I have examined Lim Lett, and enclose a transcript of the notes taken. In making my examination I used a copy of Lam Kay's application which I have in my files.

Lim Lett states that the applicant still retains the same interest as at the time of his departure from the United States, and that the business is in substantially the same condition as at that time. From my knowledge of the business, I should say that his statement is true, and I would recommend that Lam Kay be admitted upon his return.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

October 23, 1907.

Mr. O. B. Holton,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Portal, N. D.

Sir:

I hand you herewith papers in the case of Lam Kay, 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 upon the regular forms used, and I regard them both as credible witnesses. Both these men have known applicant in the store for a number of years, as their sworn statements show.

I have examined applicant and Lim S. Lett, the present manager of this firm, and enclose transcript of the notes taken. This man's name appears on the partnership list of the firm for the past four years as being employed in the store, and as having an interest of \$1,000. I have seen him frequently about the store for sometime. This firm of Quong Yuen Chong Kee is a bona fide mercantile establishment and does a large business. I should say that the statement of the manager as to the amount of goods on hand at the present time is a very fair one. The bona fide members of this firm are entitled to the privileges of merchants.

From my examination and investigation, I am of opinion that applicant is a member of this firm and entitled to the privilege which he requests.

I will hand one copy of his papers to him, with instructions to

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present same to you upon his departure through your port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

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Chinese Inspector in Charge.

CHICAGO, ILL., October 22, 1907.

Case of : L.T. Plummer, Examining Inspector,
LAM KAY, : J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter,
Mer. Dep. : A.T. Wilson, Stenographer.

Applicant, LAM KAY, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Lim Kay.
- Q What is your full Chinese name? A Lim Kay Hen.
- Q Are you married? A No.
- Q What is your business? A I am a member of the firm of Quong Yuen Chung Kee.
- Q How long have you been a member of Quong Yuen Chong Kee? A Since K.S. 24. I had a \$500 share from K.S. 24 to K.S. 28, and now I have \$1,000.
- Q When did you put in the other \$500? A K.S. 28.
- Q What would you say is the value of the goods you have on hand at the present time? A I do not know, but the bookkeeper will know.
- Q What is your estimate of the value? A I have no idea, as it is not a part of my business.
- Q What was the value of the goods last New Year's when you squared up accounts? A They do not tell the other members of the firm what the value of the stock is.
- Q How long have you been working in that store all the time? A I have been working in the store from the time I came into the firm, K.S. 24.
- Q Then you must have some idea of the value of the goods? A Those who keep the stock books do not let me know, but I know we have a lot of goods in the store.
- Q Well, you have \$10,000, haven't you? A Well, I do not know. I do not exactly know and I don't want to say.
- Q What have been your duties about the store? A I see about the goods of the store that comes in and go out, and sometimes I do general work around the store.
- Q Give me the names of the partners whose entire time is devoted to the firm's business? A Eight, including myself; Lim Lett; Lim Bon; Lim Yuen; Lim Yook; Lim Hong; Lim Day; Lim Gay; Lim Kay.
- Q How long have these men been working in the store? A Some of them very long, and some of them not long.
- Q Who are the men who have only been working there a short time? A Lim Bon is there a long time and Lim Lett has been there a long time, and the others I have seen them in the store, how long they were there I don't know.
- Q How long has Lim Yuen been in the store? A A little over a year; since Chinese 8th month, last year.
- Q Lim Gay - how long has he been there? A Began Chinese New Year, this year.
- Q How long has Lim Yook been there? A Sometime this year.
- Q Did Lim Yuen come from San Francisco? A Yes.
- Q How long has he been working in the store all the time? A Last year, 8th month.
- Q What pay do you get in the store? A \$24 or \$25 a month.
- Q Does that include your dividends, or profits? A Wages only.
- Q What are you going to China for? A I am going home to see my family.
- Q What will you do when you come back? A I will come back to the store to help them to do general work.
- Q Who will take your place in the store while you are gone? A The other members of the firm; any other one may.
- Q Have you done any work in laundries or restaurants during the past year? A No.
- Q Have you done any other manual labor outside of the store? A I am working in the store all the time.

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Witness Lam Kay, cont.

- Q Have you owned any laundries or restaurants in Chicago? A No.
Q Are you registered? A No.
Q Why not? A Because I was a merchant during the period of registration.
Q Where were you a merchant; what firm? A Hoy Lung.
Q Where was it? A San Francisco, 733 Dupont St.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

(Witness signed his testimony in Chinese)

(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon,
(Signed) L.T.Plummer,

Interpreter,
Inspector.

CHICAGO, ILL., October 22, 1907.

Case of : L.T. Plummer,
LAM KAY, : A.T. Wilson,
Mer. Dep.

Examining Inspector,
Stenographer.

Witness, LIM LETT, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified in
English:

Q What is your name? A Lim Lett.

Q Are you the manager of the firm of Quong Yuen Chong Kee Co., 321
So. Clark St.? A Yes sir.

Q How long have you been manager of that firm? A I have been
manager since April a year ago, 1906.

Q How long have you been a member of that firm? A I had an in-
terest there at least five years before I went in as manager. I made
a trip to China and on my return Lam Chee, manager of this firm, died
during my absence, and on my return I came into the store as manager.

Q Has there been any change in the membership of this firm since
October 1, 1906, when you gave me your last partnership list? A No;
there has been no change since I have been in as manager.

Q How much would you say the goods you have on hand at the present
time are worth? A \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Q How many partners have you whose entire time is devoted to the
business of the firm? A From 7 to 8.

Q Give me the names of the men who are now in the store? A Lim
Bon; Lim Lett; Lim Yuen; Lim Day; Lim Yook; Lim Kay; Lim Gay, and Lim
Hung.

Q How long has Lim Yuen been in the store? A Since last Fall.

Q How long has Lim Day been in the store? A Only lately.

Q How long? A About ten months.

Q How long has Lim Yook been in the store? A Nearly a year.

Q How long has Lim Gay been in the store? A Seven or eight months.

Q Where is Lim Doo Fung? A He has charge of a restaurant now.

Q Who takes his place in the store? A No one especially, anyone of
the others.

Q Do you know this man? (showing photo of applicant) A Yes, Lim
Kay, my partner.

Q What is his full Chinese name? A Lim Kay Hen.

Q How long has he been a member of your firm? A Before I came
into it.

Q How long has he been in the store all his time devoted to its
business? A Since he has been in Chicago.

Q How long is that? A Before I came back.

Q What are his duties about the store? A Taking care of the
goods coming in and going out; general work.

Q How much of an interest has he? A \$1,000.

Q Has he had a \$1,000 interest in the firm as long as you know he
has been a member? A Yes.

Q Who will take his place in the store while he is in China? A No
one in particular; we won't bring anybody from the outside unless we
need them.

Q Do you know whether he is registered? A I don't think so.

Q Is he going to China on his own business, or business of the firm?
A Just for a visit; if there is a chance to buy anything, he may buy
something for us; he has authority to do it.

Q What will Lim Kay do after he returns from China? A He will
come back in the store.

Q How much salary does he receive? A About \$300 a year.

Q Does your firm have any laundry, restaurant or lodging house con-
nected with it? A No sir.

Q During the time you have known Lim Kay as a member of this firm,
has he done any manual labor, such as working in restaurants or laundries,
or any work outside of the business of the store? A No sir. Since I

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Witness Lim Lett - cont.

have known him he has been in the store.

Q What would you say Lim Kay's \$1,000 interest in your firm is worth to-day? A It may be worth more, but I could not tell how much more.

Q Have you understood my questions? A Yes.

(Witness signed his testimony in English)

(Signed) Lim Lett,
(Signed) L.T.Plummer,

Witness,
Inspector.