

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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H O N G Y I C K,
of
"SAM LUNG & CO."
Merchants,
299 Clark street
Chicago, Ill's. U.S.A.

AGE:-20 Years.

HEIGHT:-5 Ft.,7-1/2 In.



The United States of America.)
Northern District of Illinois.) Sct:
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 HONG YICK 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 or laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said HONG YICK has been a member of the firm of chinese merchants doing business under the trade-name and style of "SAM LUNG & CO.," Importers and Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Provisions and general chinese and japanese merchandise, at No. 299 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid; and

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY that during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said HONG YICK has been engaged in buying and selling merchandise at the said fixed place 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 the said HONG YICK 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 attached, together with the personal description above, is a true and correct likeness and description of the said HONG YICK.

We have been credibly informed that said HONG YICK has a financial interest of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) in said firm, and from our frequent visits to the said place of business and general acquaintance with the various members of the said firm, 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 "SAM LUNG & CO", and enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof, as a bona fide member of said firm.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., March 28th, 1906.

N. L. Dana
(Address) 157 La Salle St
Chicago, Illinois.

A. L. Stenson
(Address) 3-13 State St
Chicago, Illinois.

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

N. L. 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)
30" day of March, A.D., 1906, before me.)

N. L. Dana

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

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

A. L. Stenson, 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 Salesman, Buyer

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)
30" day of March, A.D., 1906, before me.)

A. L. Stenson

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

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Application
for
Endorsement
of accompanying affidavits under Rule 25, Regulations approved Feb. 5, 1906.

To

Lorenzo T. Plummer, Esq.,

Chinese Inspector in charge,

Chicago, Ill.

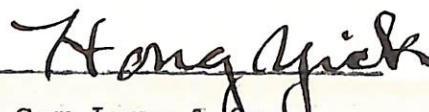
Sir:

My name is HONG YICK, and I was born in Evanston, Wyoming, in the United States of America, Twenty years ago. When I was about three years of age, I removed to China with my parents. Later, I was adopted by my uncle, one Hong Sling, of No. 299 Clark street, Chicago, Illinois, United States of America, a Merchant, with whom I have lived since my arrival in the United States of America, May 3, 1898, at which time I landed from the steamship "Gaelic", at the port of San Francisco.

I have never in my life been employed in manual labor of any kind, but was always a student, in China and, afterwards, in the United States, until I became a member of the firm of "Sam Lung & Co.", Chinese Merchants, at No. 299 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid. I am now, and for upwards of one year last past have been a member of said firm; and my interest and share in the business and assets thereof are worth, reasonably and at least, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

I desire to visit China, with the intention of returning within a reasonable time to resume my present occupation and abode here; 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 Regulation cited above.

Very respectfully,



Of Sam Lung & Co.,
No. 299 Clark st., Chicago, Ill.

February 25th, 1908.

Hon. H. H. North,
Commissioner of Immigration,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:-

Hong Sling, the manager of the firm of Sam Lung & Co., 299 So. Clark St., Chicago, informed me yesterday that he had received a letter from Hong Yick stating that he was about to return to the United States.

In order to save delay upon Hong Yick's arrival, I have examined Hong Sling and enclose a transcript of the notes taken. From this examination it appears that conditions remain the same as they did at the time of Hong Yick's departure.

This case was reported to you in my letter of April 6th, 1906 at the time of applicant's departure from the United States.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

CHICAGO

February 24th, 1908.

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

Witness, Hong Sling, was examined without an interpreter.
After being sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?

A Hong Sling.

Q You are the manager of the firm of Sam Lung, 299 So.
Clark St., are you not?

A Yes sir.

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

A Yes sir; that is my adopted son, Hong Yick.

Q Does he still retain the same interest in the firm of Sam
Lung as he did at the time of his departure?

A Yes sir.

Q Would you say that the business of your firm is worth as
much now as it was at that time?

A It is worth a great deal more.

Q Will he come back into the store upon his return to the
United States?

A Yes sir.

Q Have you understood my questions?

A Yes sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) H. Sling. Witness.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer. Chinese Inspector.

CHICAGO April 3, 1906.

Case of Hong Yick, : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
Mer. Dep. : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
: D. Arthur Plunly, Stenographer.

Witness, HONG SLING, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified in English:

Q What is your name?
A Hong Sling.
Q What is your business?
A Manager of the firm of Sam Lung Co.
Q How long have you been manager?
A 8 or 9 years.
Q What is the capital of your firm?
A Between \$16,000 and \$20,000.
Q How many partners have you?
A 21.
Q Has there been any change in the partnership since the last list you furnished this office?
A No.
Q Who are the partners now in the store all the time?
A Jin Ham, Soo Hoo, See, Hong Fat, Hong Yick, Hong Jark, Hong Gee, Jin Yit Quong, Hong Woo, and myself.
Q How long has Hong Yick been in the store devoting his time to the business?
A He went to school 3 or 4 years and came back and staid at the house 3 or 4 months, and then he went into the store and has been there ever since.
Q Is this Hong Yick (showing a photograph of applicant)?
A Yes.
Q How long have you known him?
A Ever since he was born.
Q Where was he born?
A Evanston, state of Wyoming.
Q When?
A I think K. S. 12th.
Q Who was his father?
A Hong Tuck.
Q Was he any relation to you?
A My brother.
Q What do you know of his going back to China?
A He went back with my brother and my brother's wife when he was 2 or 3 years of age.
Q How long did he remain in China?
A He remained until the last time I went back.
Q About what year was that?
A I think I went back in the latter part of 1897.
Q When did you return again to the United States?
A 1898.
Q Did you bring Hong Yick back with you?
A Yes, sir.

- Q When he came back to the United States what kind of papers was he admitted on?
- A (Witness produces a section six certificate issued to Hong Yick, former occupation or profession student in San Ning, present occupation or profession student--son of H. Sling--; certificate vised by R. Wildman, U.S. Consul at Hong Kong; landed May 3, 1898, ex s/s "Gaelic" April 30, 1898, San Francisco, Cal.)
- Q While you were in China at that time did you adopt Hong Yick as your son?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q How does it happen, if such is the case, that when Hong Yick entered the United States he entered as a student instead of as your adopted son?
- A Because, as I understood it, that was the only kind of paper on which I could bring him in. Before I left the United States for China I wanted to make out a paper in the United States upon which I could bring my wife and family with me to the United States when I returned, but at that time I was informed that such a paper could not be made out in this country and would have to be made out in China. I went to Washington, D.C., and saw Secretary of the Treasury Lyman J. Gage and he was going to sign a paper upon which I could bring in my wife and family, but he asked the advice of one of his assistants and he said that it would be impossible to make out such a paper in this country and that it would have to be made out in China.
- Q At the time you returned to the United States who returned with you?
- A My wife and Hong Yick, my adopted son, and Hong Hee, my adopted daughter.
- Q What kind of papers were your wife and adopted daughter landed on?
- A The same kind of papers as Hong Yick.
- Q Where did you get these papers?
- A In Hong Kong, of the American consul and the English consul also.
- Q Where did Hong Yick go to school after he came to this country?
- A At the Jones school in Chicago.
- Q How long did he attend school?
- A 3 or 4 years.
- Q How long a time elapsed after he left school before he became a member of your firm and took an active part?
- A After he left the school and staid at my home for a few months, and then I took him into the store to learn the business.
- Q What has been the nature of Hong Yick's business in the store?
- A He does everything; deliver goods, salesman, etc.
- Q Has he ever done any manual labor, such as work in restaurants or laundries?
- A No, sir.
- Q What salary does he draw in the store?
- A We don't pay him any regular salary; we divide up the profits.
- Q How much of an interest has he in the firm?
- A \$600.
- Q Who put that money into the firm?
- A I put it in for him.
- Q Do you know of any reason why Hong Yick is not entitled to the privileges of a merchant?
- A No.
- Q How long has Hong Yick had that \$600 interest in that firm?
- A Ever since I started that store, 8 or 9 years ago.
- Q What will Hong Yick do when he returns to the United States?
- A He will come back into the store.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) H. SLING, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified in Chinese:

- Q What is your name?
A Hong Yick.
Q What is your business?
A Merchant.
Q Of what firm are you a member?
A Sam Lung Co.
Q How old are you?
A 20 years old.
Q How much of an interest have you in Sam Lung?
A \$600.00.
Q How long have you had that interest?
A Since the store opened.
Q Did you put that money in there yourself?
A My father put it in for me.
Q Who is your father?
A Hong Sling.
Q Is he your adopted father or your own father?
A My adopted father.
Q When were you adopted by him?
A About 8 years ago.
Q Where were you born?
A Evanston, Wyoming.
Q When?
A I don't know what month.
Q What year?
A K.S. 12th year.
Q What is your own father's name?
A Hong Tuck.
Q Were you ever in China?
A? Yes, I went to China when I was three years old.
Q How did you go back; through what port?
A I do not know.
Q When did you return to the United States?
A K.S. 24th year.
Q How did you return; through what port?
A San Francisco.
Q Is that the paper you had with you at the time you returned (showing witness section six certificate issued to Hong Yick, age 12, height 4 ft. 5-3/4 in., no marks or scars, former occupation student in San Ning, present occupation student, son of H.Sling; vised by R. Wildman, U.S. consul March 9, 1898; landed May 3, 1898, ex s/s "Gaelic" April 30, 1898, San Francisco, Calif.)?
A Yes, sir; this is the paper.
Q When were you adopted by Hong Sling as his son; before you left China or after you arrived in the United States?
A While I was in China.
Q What blood relation are you to Hong Sling?
A He is my father's brother.
Q What have you been doing since you landed in the United States?
A I went to school a few years and then I went into Sam Lung Co.
Q How long did you go to school?
A 3 or 4 years.
Q Which was it; three years or four years?
A Not quite four years.

- Q How long after you stopped going to school did you go into Sam Lung & Co.?
- A For a few months.
- Q Why didn't you continue to go to school longer?
- A I went to school long enough to learn English and then I wanted to learn the business of a merchant.
- Q What school did you go to?
- A The Jones school on Harrison St., Chicago.
- Q What are the names of the partners of your firm who are engaged in its business all the time?
- A Hong Fat, Hong Gee, Soo Hoo & See, Jin Ham, Jin Yit Quong, Hong Sling, and myself.
- Q What are your duties in the store?
- A I do everything in the store and sometimes go outside to collect bills.
- Q What salary do you draw in the store?
- A I draw no salary; I receive dividends.
- Q What dividends have you ever received?
- A I don't know; my adopted father attends to that.
- Q Have you ever done any work in laundries or restaurants or any other manual labor since you came to Chicago?
- A No, sir.
- Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
- A Yes, sir.

Applicant signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) HONG YICK, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.