

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 704

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In re.
TOY SOY.
of
"QUONG WAH SING",
Merchants,
181 Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois,
U. S. A.

AGE:- 38 Years.
HEIGHT:- 5 Ft., 4 In.
MARKS:- None.

MERCHANT'S
APPLICATION
FOR
READMISSION.

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 TOY SOY 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 Toy Soy has been a member of the firm of Chinese persons trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "QUONG WAH SING", Importers and Dealers in Chinese and Japanese Fancy Goods, Proprietors of a Bazaar, at No. 181 Wabash Ave., in the said City of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said Toy Soy has been engaged and occupied 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, 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 said 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 TOY SOY; and that, the foregoing is a true description of said Toy Soy.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That we have been credibly informed, and believe, the said Toy Soy has a financial interest of \$1,000.00 in the business and assets of said "Quong Wah Sing"; that said concern has been established in said city of Chicago for many years, is a bona fide merchandising concern; and from our general acquaintance with the various members thereof, and from frequent visits there, we are well satisfied that the said Toy Soy is actively engaged in the business and affairs of the said firm, enjoys his proper share of the profits of said business, and is a bona fide member of said "Quong Wah Sing".

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, Sept. 26, 1908.

A. C. Pava
(Address) 159 La Salle St
Chicago, Illinois.

A. L. Johnson
(Address) 3-15 State St
Chicago, Illinois.



APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF ACCOMPANYING AFFIDAVITS AS PROVIDED
BY REGULATION.

To
LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 26, 1908.

Chinese Inspector In Charge,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

My name is Toy Soy. I am a native and subject of China; 38 years of age; have resided in the United States 25 years, and 12 years in said City of Chicago. I am a Merchant, unregistered; and have never revisited China. I am a member of "QUONG WAH SING", No. 181 Wabash ave., Chicago; where I also reside.

With my brother, Toy Get Fond, when I was about twelve years old, I first landed in the United States at the port of San Francisco. We immediately proceeded to Riovista, California. That was in the 8th K.S.-3rd month. Thence, as proprietor of "Hi Sang", a medicine and grocery concern, my brother lived there until the 21st K.S. I lived with him, first attending school, and as a partner in the business after the 18th K.S.

K.S. 21st, my brother and I moved to Chicago, Illinois; and we opened a Drug Store in the Basement of No. 323 Clark street, under the name of "Poe Sang"; which concern we sold in the 26th K.S. and my brother went th China. I was a Tea Agent then for four years.

In the 30th K.S., I paid Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) for a share and interest in the "Quong Wah Sing" Company, Proprietors of a Chinese and Japanese Bazaar, at No. 181 Wabash avenue; and I have been an active member of said "Quong Wah Sing" continuously to the present time; and my said interest therein is now worth upwards of the price which I paid for it. I have not been engaged or interested in the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind for upwards of one year last past, except such as has been necessary in the conduct of my said business.

I am about to visit China, with the intention of returning upon the completion of my visit, to resume my present residence, occupation and status in the United States. Wherefore, I transmit herewith the affidavits of two credible witnesses; and pray endorsement thereof as provided by proper Regulation in that behalf.

Very respectfully,

Toy Soy

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
ROOM 522, COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

No. 704.

August 4, 1910.

Commissioner of Immigration,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 27th ultimo, No. 25,830, certificate of identity No. 2,281 was delivered to Toy Soy on August 7, 1910, and I inclose herewith his receipt for same.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Howard D. Ebey.

Incl. 24945.

Acting Inspector in Charge.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 704

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
ROOM 522, COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

August ^{4th}~~1st~~, 1910.

RECEIVED from Mr. H. D. Ebey, Acting Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service, Chicago, Illinois, certificate of identity
No. 2,281, issued by the Commissioner of Immigration, at Seattle,
Washington, to Toy Soy being admitted at the port of Seattle, Wash.,
July 19, 1910, as a returning merchant of the firm of Quong Wah
Sing Co., of Chicago, Illinois.

Signature in Chinese 道 蔡

Signature in English Toy Soy

Witness

Edward B. Kane

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Seattle, Washington, July 18, 1910.

Immigration Service,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Inspector in Charge.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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TOY SOY, merchant, Quong Wah Sing, one eight one Wabash Avenue.

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Seattle, Wash., July 18, 1910.

Inspector in Charge,
U. S. Immigration Service,
Chicago, Illinois.

The above is an official copy of telegram sent you
this day.

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Ellis D. Bruler
Commissioner.

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No. 704.

October 31st, 1908.

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

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers in the case of TOY SOY, 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 Toy Fong, the manager of the firm of Quong Wah Sing, of which applicant claims to be a member.

This firm deals in Chinese crockery, fancy goods and bric-a-brac with the white people and does a good business. I believe that the statement of the manager as to the value of the goods on hand is a very fair one. The bona fide members of this firm are without doubt entitled to the privileges of merchants. Applicant claims to have been engaged in the work of this store for the past three years or more, and both the white witnesses are positive as to his connection with the firm.

Upon my examination, I am of the opinion that applicant is what he claims to be, a bona fide merchant, and would recommend that the privilege requested be granted. Would you please inform me what your

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probable decision will be in order to save applicant an unnecessary trip to Portal should your decision be adverse?

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO October 29th, 1908.

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

Witness, TOY TONG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Toy Tong.
Q Are you the manager of the firm of Quong Wah Sing, 181 Wabash Ave.? A. Yes sir.
Q Has there been any change in the membership of your firm since a partnership list was furnished me on January 4th, 1907? A. No, just the same.
Q About what is the value of the goods your firm has on hand at the present time? A. Between forty and fifty thousand dollars.
Q How many members of your firm devote their entire time to its business? A. Ten.
Q Give me their names. A. Myself, (Toy Tong), Toy Toon, Toy Han, Toy Hung Tuk, Toy Shuk, Toy Soy, Toy Wing On, Toy Yung, Toy Pak Lun and Toy Lung Jan.
Q Is Toy Pak Lun in the store? A. Yes, he just came in.
Q I don't see him on the list. A. He is not on the list. He has promised to come into the firm, and we expect him to do so in a short time.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant) A. Yes, it is my partner, Toy Soy.
Q What interest has he in the store? A. \$2,000.00.
Q How long has he had that interest? A. Nearly four years now.
Q How long has he been in the store devoting all his time to the firm's business? A. Over three years.
Q The partnership list I refer to shows Toy Soy as being in Chicago but does not show him as being employed in the store. Was he in the store at that time, January, 1907? A. He was in the store at that time. He was going out and getting orders.
Q Where is Lum Chow who was in the store when the list was furnished? A. He is not devoting his time to the store at all, now.
Q What work has Toy Soy been doing for the past year? A. He is the one that takes care of the goods and stock. He also goes out to get Chinese customers.
Q For how long has he been in the store devoting his entire time to the firm's business? A. Over three years.
Q Ever since he bought an interest there? A. Yes.
Q What is his full Chinese name? A. His boyhood name is Toy Soy. He has a nick name of Toy Get Li.
Q Is he married? A. Not yet.
Q What salary does he receive? A. \$450.00.
Q Does that include his dividends? A. No, that is separate.
Q Is he going to China on his own business or on business of the firm? A. The main point is business of his own. If there is any firm's business that we want him to attend to, we can correspond with him later on.
Q Are you positive that during the three years which he has been in your store that he had done no manual labor in laundries, restaurants or any work outside of the store? A. Yes, he has been in the store all that time.
Q Is \$450.00 the salary of most of the men working in the store? A. There isn't much difference in the salaries? They all get about that amount.
Q About how much business does your firm do a year? A. Between fifty and sixty thousand dollars a year.
Q Does your firm do business largely with Americans or with the Chinese? A. Mostly with the Americans.

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Testimony of witness, TOY FONG, continued:

Q What kind of work would Toy Soy be doing when he was working outside of the store? A. Getting orders.

Q What is your full Chinese name? A. Toy How Yick.
I have nick name of Yee Hong.

Q Is Toy Fong your boyhood name? A. Yes.

Q Have you understood my questions? A. Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in both English & Chinese.

(Signed) Toy Fong,

Witness.

(Toy How
Yick)

Toy Fong

(Toy Fong)

Yee Hong

(Yee Hong)

(Signed) Charley Kee,

Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.

Case of TOY SOY.

Applicant, TOY SOY, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A. Toy Soy.
Q Is that your boyhood name? A. Yes, my boyhood name.
Q What is your marriage name? A. I am not married.
Q Are you known by any other name than by the name of Toy Soy? A. I always go by the name of Toy Soy.
Q What is your business or occupation? A. Japanese and Chinese silks and groceries.
Q What is your business? A. My duties are to take charge of the goods in the store.
Q Are you a member of any firm? A. Yes, I am a member of the firm of Quong Wah Sing, 181 Wabash Ave.
Q How long have you been a member of that firm? A. Over three years, going on four.
Q How much of an interest have you there? A. \$2,000.00.
Q Have you had a \$2,000.00 interest there ever since you became a member? A. I started with \$2,000.00. It might be worth more than that now.
Q What salary do you draw? A. \$550.00.
Q Does that include your profits? A. No profits have been divided yet. That is all salary.
Q What have you been doing since you put this money into the firm? A. I take care of the stock.
Q Have you been working in laundries or restaurants or elsewhere? A. Before I went into this firm, I was peddling teas, etc.
Q Since you have been in this firm what have you been doing? A. Of course I pile the stock up on the shelves and examine the goods in the store.
Q During the past year have you done any work in laundries or restaurants, or anywhere else except such as was necessary to the firm's business? A. No, I have devoted all my time to the business of the store during the past year.
Q Are you registered? A. No, because I was in business then, I did not get any certificate.
Q Give me the names of your partners who devote their entire time to the firm's business? A. Toy Fong, Toy Hong, Toy Toon, Toy Pak Lun, Toy Shuk, Toy Hung Tuk, Toy Wing On, Toy Yun, Toy Lung Jan and myself, Toy Soy.
Q How long has Toy Pak Lun been in the store? A. He went into the store to work this year.
Q What are the goods your firm has on hand, worth? A. Between forty and fifty thousand dollars.
Q Are you going to China on your own business or on business of the firm? A. Business of mine own.
Q What will you do when you return from China? A. If I come back, I will go back into the store if the firm wants me.
Q Who will take your place in the store while you are gone? A. I believe they will hire a girl or two to take my place.
Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in Chinese.

 (Toy Soy)

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