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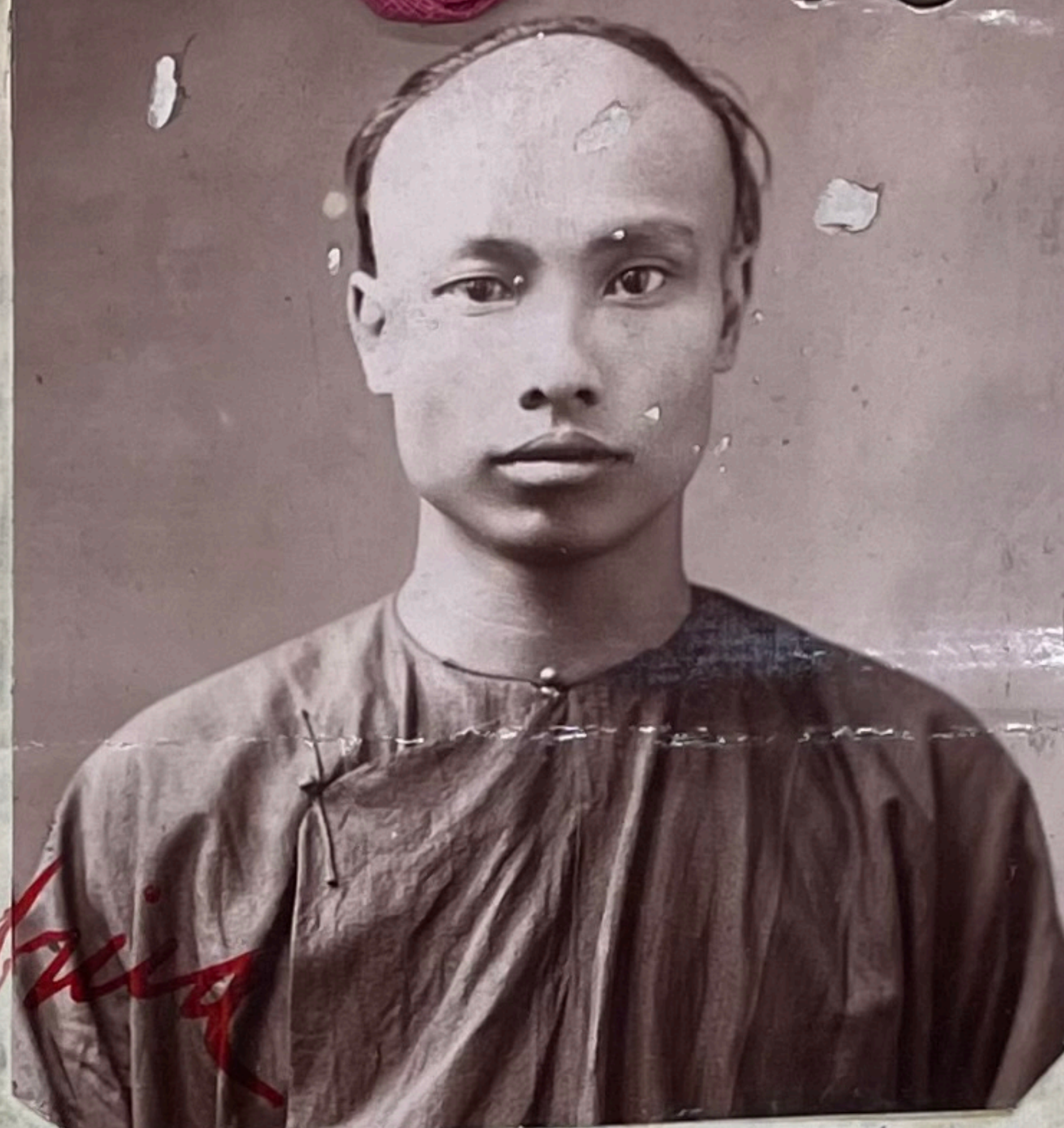
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IMMIGRATION FILE

SUBJECT:

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WHEREAS, LEE WING,
is hereunto attach
depart from the U-
porarily, upon a
with the intention
the United States
of resuming his
tion as a Merchant



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nited States, ten-
visit to China,
of returning into
for the purpose
present occupa-
therein; and

WHEREAS, the said LEE WING is lawfully entitled to so return into
the United States for the said purpose, pursuant to the Act of Con-
gress approved May 5, 1892, as amended by the Act of Congress ap-
proved November 3, 1893, and the Convention of December 7, 1894, be-
tween the United States of America and the Empire of China, which
provide as follows, to-wit:-

"A merchant is a person engaged in buying and selling merchandise
at a fixed place of business, which business is conducted in his
name, and who, during the time he claims to be engaged as a mer-
chant, does not engage in the performance of any manual labor, ex-
cept such as is necessary in the conduct of his business as such
merchant.

"When an application is made by a Chinaman for entrance into the
United States on the ground that he was formerly engaged in this
country as a merchant, he shall establish by the testimony of two
credible witnesses other than Chinese the fact that he conducted
such business as hereinbefore defined for at least one year be-
fore his departure from the United States, and that, during such
year, he was not engaged in the performance of any manual labor, ex-
cept such as was necessary in the conduct of his business as such
merchant; and in default of such proof shall be refused landing."
(Act of November 3, 1893, amending the Act of May 5, 1892.)

"The provisions of this convention shall not affect the right at
present enjoyed of Chinese subjects, being officials, teachers, stu-
dents, merchants, or travellers for curiosity or pleasure, but not
laborers, of coming into the United States and remaining therein."
(Convention of December 7, 1894, between the United States & China.)

NOW, THEREFORE, and for the better identification of the said LEE
WING, and in order to facilitate his re-entry into the United States
upon his said return hereto for the said purpose,

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 said LEE

for upwards of one year last past, during which said year he
has been a reputable resident 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 acquaint-
ance with him, the said LEE WING has been a member of the firm of
Chinese persons trading and doing business under the trade-name and
style of "WAH CHING LUNG", Dealers in Provisions, Groceries, Silks,
Teas, and general Chinese and Japanese merchandise, at No. 292 293
South Clark street, in the said City of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaint-
ance with the said LEE WING, he has been so 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
LEE WING 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.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That the said trade-name and style is
arbitrary and fanciful, and does not indicate the names of the mem-
bers of the said firm, or of any of them; and that such use of such
trade-names and styles is customary amongst Chinese and other mer-
chants generally, in the said City of Chicago, and elsewhere through-
out the United States so far as we are aware.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, August 10, 1899.

(DESCRIPTION OF LEE WING :-)

(AGE:-Thirty Years.)

(HEIGHT:-5 Ft., 4 In.)

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