

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION FILE

No. 720

Subject: CHIN LEN

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In accordance with Rule 31 of the Chinese Regulations of the Department of Commerce and Labor, you are hereby notified that, in order to avoid as far as possible the risk of making an unnecessary trip, which would result from a failure to establish your right to admission, you should, at least ninety days and not exceeding four months prior to your intended arrival at this port, notify the Commissioner.

No. 28,526.

November 25, 1911.

Inspector in Charge,

U. S. Immigration Service,

Chicago, Illinois.

S i r:

Referring to your file No. 720, I beg to report that CHIN LEN arrived at this port today on the s. s. "Luceric", and that he has been landed as a returning domiciled merchant of Chicago, Illinois. Please see your letter of December 10, 1908.

Respectfully,

HAM-TS.

Commissioner.

#2 Ex s. s. Luceric, November 24, 1911. Case No. 28,526

In the Matter of the Application of)

CHIN LEN) Seattle, Washington,

for readmission to the United States) November 25, 1911.
as a returning domiciled Chinese mer-)
chant of Chicago, Illinois.)

J. V. Stewart, Examining Inspector,
J. A. Helke, Stenographer,
Quan Foy, Interpreter.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT: Age 43 years; height in shoes 5'4"; marks, pit outer corner each eye, brown spot right cheek bone, mole on left jaw, scar above right temple; occupation, salesman in store of Sang Yuen Co., 610 South Clark St.
Family name Chin. Speaks fair English.

Applicant, being sworn, testified as follows:

INSPECTOR:Q What is your full name?

APPLICANT:A Chin Len.

Q What other name or names have you ever been known by?

A Chin You Len is my childhood name. Kong Joon is my marriage name. I am of the Chin family.

Q How old are you and where were you born?

A I am forty-three years old; born in China.

Q When did you first come to the United States?

A K. S. 7, through the Port of San Francisco.

Q Have you a certificate of registration?

A Yes, I have a certificate of registration as a merchant, which I left in the store in Chicago.

Q How many trips have you ever made to China?

A Two times, altogether.

Q Was there any change in your family while you were in China on your last trip?

A I had a boy born to me the 1st day, 10th month, S.H. 1. His name is Fat Jo; three years old according to Chinese calendar.

Q What was your occupation prior to your departure for China?

A I was a merchant member of the Sang Yuen Co., 307 South Clark St., Chicago, Ill. The store has moved since my departure to 610 South Clark St.

Chin Len

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Case No. 28,526

- Q How much interest do you own in the store?
A \$1,000.
Q Have you disposed of your interest in that firm?
A No.
Q What do you expect to do if readmitted?
A I expect to return to my business in Chicago.
Q Did you ever bring any children to the United States?
A No.
Q How many children have you in China now?
A Two boys; no daughters.
Q Is there any relative travelling with you on the boat?
A No.
(Stenographic notes signed by applicant, in English and Chinese,
of which the following is a copy of the Chinese:

APPLICANT ADMITTED.

陳 廣
Chen Kuang

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct
transcript of the shorthand notes taken by the undersigned at
the time of this examination.
November 25, 1911.

J. A. Helke
Stenographer.

Chin Len has a cert. of
Residence at his store
in Chicago

J. W. S.

No. 203
Ed. 9-22-10—300,000

DS-2640.

October 16, 1911.

CHIN LEN,

TUNG HING LUNG COMPANY,

No. 10 (17) Praya West,

Hongkong, China.

S i r:

This will advise you, in response to your request for a reinvestigation of status prior to returning to the United States, that under our present regulations you may be admitted as a returning merchant on identification, unless pending your return it should appear that your claim is false.

Respectfully,

HAM-TG.

C o m m i s s i o n e r .



Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION FILE

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SUBJECT: Chin Len Mer.

Chicago, Ill

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Admitted Nov. 25, 1911.

Form 408

CHINESE MERCHANT'S DECLARATION OF INTENTION TO REENTER THE UNITED STATES

Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

Inspector in Charge.

OFFICE OF

PORT OF

SEATTLE, WASH.

Chin Len

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In accordance with Rule 31 of the Chinese Regulations of the Department of Commerce and Labor, you are hereby notified that, in order to avoid as far as possible the risk of making an unnecessary trip, which would result from a failure to establish your right to admission, you should, at least ninety days and not exceeding four months prior to your intended arrival at this port, notify the undersigned officer of your intention to return, the approximate date thereof, giving your name and foreign address, and a statement of your claims to the right of admission, on the subjoined blank. You may now, or within the time above mentioned, submit the evidence required by law to establish your mercantile status. The said claims will, on receipt of such notice, be promptly investigated and a formal notification of the result of such investigation will be sent to you at the address given. This decision is not final, and you are not precluded, if such result is adverse, from obtaining upon your arrival at a port of the United States a further investigation of your claims.

Respectfully,

(NAME OF OFFICER.)

S.S. 2640

(TITLE OF OFFICER.)

John H. Sargent.

Inspector in Charge.

Officer in Charge Enforcement Chinese Exclusion Laws,

Port of SEATTLE, WASH.

Sir: In compliance with the above notification, delivered to me prior to my departure from the United States, you are informed that I intend to return thereto, through your port, per

Seattle, Wash., on or about Oct 1, 1901

I departed from the United States on the steamship Success, which sailed from your port on DEC 20 1908, 190

I have filed with you the evidence required by law to support my claim of right to readmission. I am a merchant and member (or proprietor) of the store of Sang Yuen Co., at Chicago, Ill., in which my interest was, and still remains, \$1000.00. One thousand dollars.

I respectfully request that my claim be preinvestigated, and that I may be notified before Oct 1, 1901, at the address given below, whether I will be permitted to reenter the United States, and, if so, upon what condition.

Respectfully,

(NAME.)

(ADDRESS.)

Chin Len

11 Praya West

Hong Kong Island

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No. 4845-C.

December 14, 1908.

Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th of this month, No. 720, enclosing papers of one CHIN LEN, alleged merchant of your city, member of the firm of Sang Yuen Company, #307 S. Clark St., received this day. Accompanying said paper was the report of Chinese Inspector H. E. Tippett, dated the 10th instant, in which it is noted you concur. In view thereof the applicant will be given the desired endorsement as to his mercantile status on departure from the United States through this port, as provided by our regulations.

Respectfully,

CHM

(Signed) John H. Sargent.

Inspector in Charge.
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Room 522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO December 7th, 1908.

Case of : H. E. Tippett, Examining Inspector.
 CHIN LEN, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
 Mer. departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, CHIN LEN, sworn by Inspector Tippett, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Chin Len.

Q How many names have you? A. Chin Goon Joon is my marriage name.

Q How old are you? A. Forty.

Q What is your business? A. Merchant.

Q What is the name of the store? A. Sang Yuen.

Q Where is it located? A. 307 So. Clark St. in the basement.

Q What is the nature of the business? A. Chinese groceries, and merchandise.

Q How many members are there in the firm? A. Twelve members altogether. Four tend to the business. There are only twelve listed in the partnership list filed in this office; but there would be thirteen if we counted the firm in Hong Kong who has an interest in our store.

Q How much stock have you in the store at the present time? A. About \$3,000.00. Sometimes a little less. Sometimes a little more. We have some goods in the custom house now.

Q What is the capital of the firm? A. A little over \$8,000.00. We put it down as \$8,100.00 in the partnership list.

Q How much interest have you in this firm? A. \$1,000.00.

Q What do you do in the store? A. Buy and sell goods in the store.

Q How long have you been a member in the store? A. Over a year.

Q Do you know when you went in there? What date? A. Chinese date, 10th month, K.S. 33.

Q So you have been in the store a year? A. Yes.

Q You have been always in the store, tending to nothing else?

A. Yes.

Q What did you do before? A. I ran a restaurant.

Q At what street and number? A. I had a restaurant in the People's Theatre Bldg. at Leavett and Van Buren Sts. That restaurant was burned out. Then I ran a restaurant on Thirty-fifth St. Then I came to this store.

Q Are you registered? A. Yes, but I have not my certificate in my pocket. Mr. Plummer has seen it.

Q Who is the manager of the store? A. Goon Fong.

Q How many work in the store all the time? A. Four.

Q Yourself and Goon Fong. Who are the other two? A. Chin Loy and Chin Fock.

Q All four of you people are constantly employed in the store? Have no occupation outside of it? A. Yes.

Q Is there any other business connected with the store except that of selling merchandise? A. No.

Q Where were you born? A. In China.

Q Are you married? A. Yes.

Q Where is your wife? A. In China.

Q Is she living? A. Yes.

Q Any children? A. One boy.

Q Any girls? A. No.

Q How old is the boy? A. If you figure it out in the American way it would be eleven years. By Chinese figuring, he is twelve years old.

Q When did you first come to the United States? A. K.S. 7.

Q When were you in China last? A. K.S. 22.

Q When did you come back from that visit? A. I stayed there awhile. I came back in the last part of the 22nd year. I got here in time to spend New Year's day here.

Case of CHIN LEN.

Testimony of applicant, continued:

Q Did you go out as a laborer? A. At that time I went out as a merchant.

Q What firm were you a member of? A. Quong Wing Sing, 20 Mott St., New York City.

Q Do you know the witnesses who signed this affidavit for you? A. Yes, Mr. Dana---

Q What is his occupation? A. He is our insurance man.

Q Has he any insurance on your stock? A. Yes.

Q How much insurance do you carry? A. Over \$2,000.00.

Q What is the name of the other man on your paper? A. Charlie Wright.

Q What is his business? A. He is our custom house broker.

Q Does Mr. Dana and Mr. Wright know that you have been in the store for the past twelve months? A. Yes.

Q You are there every day tending to the business of the store? A. Yes, mostly every day.

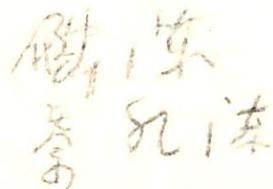
Q Have you any other business except this in the store, A. No.

Q Have you understood my questions? A. Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Chin Len,

Applicant.



(Signed) H. E. Tippett, Inspector.

Case of CHIN LEN.

Witness, CHIN KONG FONG, sworn by Inspector Tippett, testified:

- Q What is your name? A. Chin Kong Fong.
Q How many names have you? A. Two names.
Q What is your other name? A. Chin Fong Kee.
Q How old are you? A. Forty-three.
Q Are you registered? A. Yes, but I didn't bring my certificate with me.
Q What is your occupation now? A. In business.
Q What is the name of your store? A. Sang Yuen, 307 So. Clark St., in the basement.
Q What part do you take in the store? A. I go out from the store with the wagon and receive orders. I am the manager also.
Q What is the nature of the business? A. Chinese groceries rice, etc.
Q When was the firm organized? A. K.S. last year, 10th month, 10th day.
Q Have you been in this store ever since? A. Yes.
Q How many partners are there? A. Twelve.
Q What is the capital? A. \$8,100.00.
Q How much stock do you carry in the store now on an average? A. In the store about two or three thousand dollars. There is some coming.
Q How many members of the firm give the store their entire attention? A. Four.
Q Yourself is one. Name the other three. A. Chin Len, Chin Loy and Chin Fook.
Q All four of you stay at the store and give the store your attention all the time? A. Yes.
Q How much interest have you in the store? A. \$2,000.00.
Q Do you identify the picture on this certificate? (Showing photograph of applicant) A. Yes, it is Chin Len.
Q Is he the Chin Len that you say gives the store his attention? A. Yes.
Q How much of an interest has he in the firm? A. \$1,000.00.
Q What does he do there? A. Buy and sell. He waits on the American people at the store.
Q Did he go into the store at the time it was organized? A. Yes.
Q Has he given the business his attention daily ever since then? A. Yes.
Q Has he had any occupation outside of the store since then? A. No sir.
Q Have you insurance on your stock? A. Yes.
Q Whom is it insured with? A. Mr. Dana.
Q About how much insurance have you? A. Over \$2,000.00.
Q Is there any other business connected with this store, such as lodging house or gambling? A. No, only that business. Nothing else.
Q Is there any one in Hong Kong that has an interest in this store in any way? A. Yes, Man Sun Lung of Hong Kong have a \$2,000. interest in our store.
Q Do they appear in the partnership list? A. No. After we organized the firm we sent some money to Hong Kong and told them to send us some goods. They then said that they wanted some stock in our firm.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese & English.
(Signed) Chin Kung Fong, Witness.

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(Signed) Charley Kee,
(Signed) H. E. Tippett,

Interpreter.
Inspector.

Case of Chin Lin, Chinese Merchant departing.

- 1 What is your name? Charles D Wright
- 2 What is your business? Customs Broker
- 3 What is your business address? 98 Jackson
- 4 Who is the person represented by this photograph? Chin Lin
- 5 What is his business? Gen Chinese Merchandise
- 6 Of what firm is he a member? Sang Yen
- 7 Where is their store located? 307 Clark
- 8 What kind of business do they conduct? Genl Mgr
- 9 Is there any laundry, restaurant, lodging house, or barber shop connected with their store? No
- 10 What has been the nature of this applicant's personal employment in conducting said business during the past year? Genl Manager
- 11 Has this applicant during the said year, engaged in any manual labor except such as was necessarily incident to the conduct of such business? No
- 12 How long have you known this applicant as a member of this firm? over one year about 13 months
- 13 Please state in a general way, what opportunity you have had for observing the applicant during the past year? Pay bills for Duties to Mr and always
see him at place of business when I call
about 2 times per week
- 14 How often have you visited this store during the past year? 20 times at least
- 15 At the time of your visits, was the applicant engaged in the store? Yes
- 16 Give the names of any other members of the firm whom you know? Can't remember any names

(Signature of witness)

Charles D Wright

Subscribed and sworn to before me
at Chicago, Illinois this

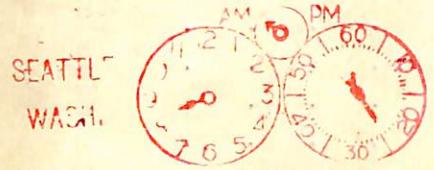
7th day of December 1908.

L. K. Flanagan

Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

U. S. IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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In re.
CHIN LEN,
of
"SANG YUEN",
307 Clark street
Chicago, Illinois,
since U. S. A.

AGE: -40 Years.
HEIGHT: -5 Ft., 3 In.
No Marks.

APPLICATION FOR READ-
MISSION.

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 and vicinity in said division and district, Do Here
by certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described
CHIN LEN for upwards of one year last past, during which time he has
not been a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind, but dur-
ing that time he has been a reputable resident Chinese Merchant of the
said city of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That during the said year of our acquaintance
with him, the said CHIN LEN has been a member of the firm of Chinese
Merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style
of "SANG YUEN", Dealers in Groceries, Teas and general merchandise, at
No. 307 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance
with him the said CHIN LEN has been engaged in buying and selling mer-
chandise 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 he has not been engaged in
the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind, ex-
cept 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, hereto affixed,
is a true and correct likeness of said CHIN LEN; and that the fore-
going description is a true description of the person of said CHIN
LEN.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we have been credibly informed and
believe the said CHIN LEN has a financial interest of One Thousand



Dollars (\$1,000.00) in the business and assets of said firm. From our frequent visits to the said place of business and our general acquaintance with the various members of said concern, and with other merchants in the same vicinity, we have been well satisfied that the said CHIN LEN is actively engaged in the business of said firm, exercises a voice in the business and affairs thereof, enjoys his proper share in the profits of the same, and is a bona fide member of said "SANG YUENS

Dated, Chicago, Illinois, November 23, 1908.

N. C. Dana

(Address) 159 La Salle St
Chicago, Illinois.

(Address) 98 Jackson St
Chicago, Illinois.

State of Illinois.)
County of Cook. } ss.
City of Chicago.)

N. C. Dana, of the City of Chicago in said County and State 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
25th day of November, A.D., 1908,
before me.

N. C. Dana

Mark A. Foote, Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

State of Illinois.)
County of Cook. } ss.
City of Chicago.)

Charles B. Wright, of the City of Chicago, in said County and State, 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 Customs Broker.

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
25th day of November, A.D., 1908,
before me.

Charles B. Wright

Mark A. Foote, Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF ACCOMPANYING AFFIDAVITS UNDER RULE

_____, Regulations of _____, 1907.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 23, 1908

To

LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

My name is CHIN LEN. I am a native and subject of China: 40 years of age; a Merchant, and member of "SANG YUEN" Company, of No. 307 Clark street, Chicago. My share and interest in said concern is worth One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00). I have lived in the United States 27 years (During which time I visited China once) and in Chicago the last 4 years. I hold Merchant's "Certificate of Residence" No. 143372, issued at Washington, Mar. 21, 1905, in lieu of No. 125376 issued to me in New York, N.Y., Apr. 27, 1894.

Landing in the 7th K.S. at San Francisco, when young, I lived with an uncle, Ong Mun Ott, of Chatham Square, New York. My uncle died after I grew up, and I engaged in business for myself, having been a member of the following concerns in New York: "Quong Yuen Chung", No. 33 1/2 Mott st., and "Quong Wing Sing", No. 20 Mott st. Upon my trip to China, I left the United States at Malone, N.Y., about March, K.S. 22, and returned the same way about February 4, K.S. 23.

In Chicago, for a time, I conducted a restaurant in the Peoples Theatre Building, cor. Leavitt & Van Buren sts., also at No. 309 35th st. November 14, 1907, with others I organized the firm of "Sang Yuen" Chinese Merchants, of No. 307 Clark street. Since then I have given my entire time and attention to the business of "Sang Yuen", and have not been engaged or interested in the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind.

I desire to visit China again, to return upon the completion of my visit and resume my present residence, occupation and status in the United States. Wherefore, I transmit herewith the affidavits of two credible witnesses other than Chinese and pray that the same may be endorsed as provided by current Regulation in that behalf.

Very respectfully,

John Len

No. 307 Clark st.,

Chicago, Ill.

No. 4845-C
SEATTLE

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Dep. Serial No. _____
Name Chin Jen
Class MEN.
Residence Chicago, Ill
Papers filed Dec. 14, 1908
Referred _____
Report Rec'd. } Pre-drawn
Cert. Ref. Rep.
Ret. Cert. No. _____
Indorsed by _____
Ref. for Reinv. _____
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Final Disposition

U. S. IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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Dec. 25/08
The within case having been
prima facie determined, the
applicant may be admitted upon
return to this port, after identi-
fication, if no adverse conditions
changing his status, arise in the
interim.

John H. Sargent
Supervising Agent
IDENTIFIED AND DEPARTED THIS
DAY OF Dec 25 1908