

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

IMMIGRATION FILE

No. 523

In re. CHOW LEM
of
QUONG HOP LUNG & Co.,
Merchants,
No. ³³¹ Clark st (Base't),
Chicago, Illinois.

AGE:- Fifty Years.

HEIGHT:- 5 Feet, 6-3/4 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 said division and district, Do hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described CHOW LEM for upwards of Ten (10) years last past, during which time he has been a reputable resident chinese merchant of the said City of Chicago, and neither a huckster, peddler, laundry-man or laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said CHOW LEM has been the managing member of the firm of chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "QUONG HOP LUNG & CO.", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Provisions and general american, chinese and japanese merchandise, at No. ³³¹ Clark street in the said City of Chicago; that the said firm was established in business in the same vicinity many years ago, and has, to our personal knowledge, been so engaged in business for upwards of ten (10) years last past.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said time of our acquaintance with him, the said CHOW LEM 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, he, the said Chow Lem, 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, herewith attached, together with the description above, is a true and correct likeness and personal description of the said Chow Lem.

We have been credibly informed, and verily believe, that the said Chow Lem has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and upwards in



the business and assets of the said firm of "Quong Hop Lung & Co."; and from our frequent visits to the said place of business, and our general acquaintance with the various members of said concern, we have become well satisfied that he is actively engaged in the business of the said firm, and exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of the said firm, enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof, and is a bona fide member of the same.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., November 1, 1906.

E. Spingald & Co.
(Address) 337-339 S. Clark St.
Chicago, Illinois.

H.C. Hildebrand & Co.
(Address) 427-29 Dearborn St.
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Adolph Gastman, 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 Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, where I follow the occupation of a Merchant and member of the above-named firm of E. Spingald & Co.

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
7th day of November, A.D., 1906,
before me.

Adolph Gastman
E. Spingald & Co.

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

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

H.C. Hildebrand, 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 Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, where I follow the occupation of a Merchant and member of the above-named firm of H.C. Hildebrand & Co.

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
7th day of November, A.D., 1906,
before me.

H.C. Hildebrand
H.C. Hildebrand & Co.

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

The United States of America.)

Northern District of Illinois Set:

Eastern Division

I, Mark A. Foote, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am acquainted with Adolph G. Gostman and H. C. Hildebrand, the signers of the foregoing and annexed certificate and affidavits; that they are not Chinese persons; that they are citizens of the United States, and residents of the City of Chicago, in said division and district; that they are reputable persons, of good character; and that in my opinion their statements are entitled to full credence and belief.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at the City of Chicago, in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, this 7th day of November, A.D., nineteen hundred six (1906).

Mark A. Foote,

U. S. Commissioner, N. D. Ill's.

APPLICATION
for
ENDORSEMENT
of accompanying affidavits under Rule 25, Regulations approved Feb. 5th, 1906.

Chicago, Illinois,
November 1, 1906.

To
Lorenzo T. Plummer, Esq.,

Chinese Inspector in charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

My name is CHOW LEM. I am a native and subject of China. I first came to the United States Twenty Seven (27) years ago, or thereabouts; and have not since visited China. I have resided in Chicago all the time I have been in the United States.

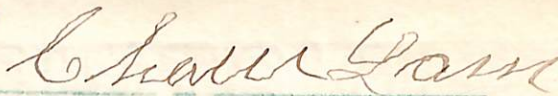
During the period of Registration under the act of November 3, 1893, I was registered as a Merchant of Chicago, but have lost my Certificate of Residence.

I am the Managing partner in the firm of Chinese merchants doing business at No. 321 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid; and have sustained that relation to said firm for upwards of Fifteen (15) years last past. Said firm was located for a time at No. 328 Clark street; for a time at No. 345 Clark street; and for the last Ten (10) years at No. ³³¹~~321~~ Clark street, in the said City of Chicago.

My share and interest in the business and assets of said firm is worth, reasonably and at least, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

I desire to visit China and to return, upon the completion of my visit, to resume my present residence and business relations in the said City of Chicago: 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,



(Basement) No. ³³¹~~321~~ Clark st.,

Chicago, Illinois.

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

No. 3754-C.

Aug. 25, 1909.

Chinese Inspector in Charge,
115 E. Adams Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 15, 1906, I have to report
that Chow Lem was readmitted at this port on the 14th instant.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Smith

Commissioner.

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Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

No. 3754-C.

Nov. 21, 1906.

Chinese Inspector in Charge,
855 Federal Building,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 15th instant, you are advised
that the application of Chow Lem has been approved, and that he
will be permitted to depart as a merchant at any time in the
near future.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Smith
Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF,
CHINESE INSP. IN CHARGE.

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SUBJECT

CHICAGO

November 13, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
CHOW LEM, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
Mer. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?
A Chow Lem.
Q What is your business?
A I am a merchant, in the Chinese grocery business.
Q Of what firm are you a member?
A Quong Hop Lung & Co., 331 S. Clark St., Chicago.
Q Are you registered?
A Yes. (Produces certificate No. 8059, issued at Chicago, April 21, 1894, to Chow Lum.)
Q Are you the manager of the firm of Quong Hop Lung?
A Yes, sir.
Q Has there been any change in the partners in this firm since the list you furnished me on September 30, 1905?
A No.
Q At that time you had ten partners. Have you that same number now?
A Yes, sir.
Q What would you say is a fair value of the property of your firm?
A About \$6,000.00.
Q Is that the value of the stock on hand?
A \$6,000.00 on the goods only. It does not include cash or debts due the firm.
Q How long have you been manager of Quong Hop Lung?
A I was manager of the firm since it was organized.
Q When was that?
A Since K.S. 17th year, over 15 or 16 years ago. We opened this store across the street from where we are now. We have moved several times.
Q Who are the partners in your firm now whose entire time is devoted to its business?
A Chow Dock, Chow Pund, Chow Lin, and myself. Three besides myself.
Q Who will have charge of the firm while you are gone?
A Chow Dock.
Q Have you done any manual labor of any kind during the past year?
A No.
Q How long have you known Mr. Hildebrand?
A 6 or 7 years.
Q How long have you known Mr. Gastman?
A I have known him a good many years, but I have rented the house from him for about three years.
Q Are you going to China on personal business or on business of the firm?
A On my own personal business.
Q What will you do when you return from China?
A I will come back to Quong Hop Lung again.
Q How much of an interest have you in Quong Hop Lung?
A \$1,000.00.
Q How long have you had that \$1,000.00 invested in the firm?
A Since we opened this firm.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) CHOW LAM, Applicant.
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, CHOW DOCK, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
 A Chow Dock.
 Q What is your business?
 A Chinese merchant.
 Q Of what firm are you a member?
 A Quong Hop Lung, 331 S. Clark St., Chicago.
 Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
 A Yes, it is Chow Lum.
 Q How long have you been connected with the firm of Quong Hop Lung?
 A I became a member of this firm when we organized the firm, but I did not take part in the business until I returned from China about ten years ago.
 Q How long has Chow Lam been manager of the firm?
 A He has been manager of the firm ever since it was organized.
 Q Do you know how much of an interest he has in the firm?
 A \$1,000.00.
 Q Who is going to manage the firm while he is in China?
 A I will take his place.
 Q When he returns from China will he come back into the firm?
 A Yes.
 Q Who are the other partners of the firm besides yourself and Chow Lem who are engaged in the business of the firm all the time?
 A Chow Pund and Chow Lin. Chow Pund is a general salesman in the store and Chow Lin delivers goods. Also Chow Lem and myself; four in all.
 Q Do you intend to continue the business of this firm during Chow Lem's absence in China the same as it has been run in the past?
 A Yes.
 Q What is your full Chinese name?
 A Chow Lung Mun.
 Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
 A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) CHOW TUCK, Witness.
 (Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
 (Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.