

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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LEE BING
of
"SING YICK & CO.,
Merchants
313 Clark street,
Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.

AGE: -Thirty Seven (37) Years.
HEIGHT: -5 Feet, 5-1/2 Inches.
(No Marks Visible.)

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, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described LEE BING 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 LEE BING has been a member of the firm of chinese persons trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "SING YICK & CO.", Importers and Dealers in Groceries, Provisions and general chinese and japanese merchandise, at No. 313 Clark street in the said city of Chicago. We have known the said firm and the said place of business upwards of sixteen years, and know that the same were conducted and styled as "Quong Yut Chong & CO;" formerly, and still earlier as "Quong Yuen Lung & CO."

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said LEE BING has been engaged in buying and selling merchandise at the said fixed place of business under the said trade-name and style of "Sing Yick & Co.", the said firm of which he is a member; and that during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said LEE BING 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 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 LEE BING; and that the foregoing description is a true and correct description of his person.

We have been credibly informed that the said LEE BING has a financial interest of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500⁰⁰) in said firm; and from our frequent visits to the said place of business and general acquaintance with the various members of said concern, 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 "Sing Yick & Co.", and enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof as a bona fide member of, and partner in the said firm.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., July 16th, A.D., 1907.

H. C. Dana

(Address) 154 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

S. L. Henson

(Address) 19-29 Market St., Chicago, Ill.

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

H. 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)
27th day of July, A.D., 1907, be-)
fore me.)

H. C. Dana

Mark A. Foote, Notary Public.

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

Hudson L. Henson, 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 Buyer & Salesman

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)
27th day of July, A.D., 1907, be-)
fore me.)

S. L. Henson

Mark A. Foote, Notary Public.

The United States of America
Northern District of Illinois, et:

Eastern Division.

I, Mark A. Foote, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am acquainted with Harry C. Hall and Hudson L. Hanson, the signers of the foregoing and annexed certificate and affidavits; that they are not fictitious persons; that they are reputable persons, of good character, citizens of the United States, residents of the City of Chicago, in the Eastern Division and district aforesaid; and that in my opinion their statements are entitled to full credence and belief.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, at the City of Chicago, in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, this 27th day of July A.D., nineteen hundred seven.

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



Chicago, Ill.
July 26, 1907.

To
Lorenzo T. Plummer, Esq.,
Chinese Inspector in charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

My name is Lee Bing. I am a native and subject of the Chinese Empire. At or about the age of thirteen years, I came to the United States with my uncle, one Lee Won, who afterwards died in California. We landed and lived a while in San Francisco, afterwards in Los Angeles, and still later in San Bernardino, California.

In or about the 16th Kwanghsii, I removed to this city of Chicago and purchased an interest in the stock, business and all other of the assets of "Quong Yuen Lung & Co.", Importers and Dealers in Groceries, Provisions and general chinese and japanese merchandise, at No. 313 Clark street in the said City of Chicago; and have retained my said share and interest therein up to the present time. (The name and style of said firm was changed, in or about the 22d K.S., to "Quong Yut Chong & Co.", and, in or about the 31st K.S., to "Sing Yick & Co.") And during my said residence in Chicago and membership in said firm, I have 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 my said business as such merchant as aforesaid.

During my said residence in the United States and in the said city of Chicago, I have made one visit to China: In or about the year 21, Kwanghsii, I sailed from the port of Vancouver, and returned via the same port aboard the steamship "Wong Ho", *in or about the 24th K.S.*

I desire to visit China again and to return, upon the completion of my visit, to resume my said residence and business in the said City of Chicago. In that behalf, I do further, upon my said oath, depose and say that my share and interest in the said stock, business and all other of the assets of said "Sing Yick & Co." is worth, reasonably and at least, *Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500⁰⁰)*; and I also 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,

木 大 丙

(Lee Bing)

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SUBJECT:

OFFICE OF

PORT OF Port of N. D.

February 17, 1909.

Lee Bing, c/o Wing Lee Yuen,
46 Bondhams Pand, Hong Kong.

Sir:

Replying to your request for an ad interim investigation of your case prior to your intended return to the United States, I have to advise that such investigation has been made, and the report thereof is favorable. You will, therefore, be permitted to reenter the United States through this port, provided you do not, on your arrival here, controvert any of the statements contained in your application.

Respectfully,

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Chinese Inspector in Charge

OFFICIAL COPY respectfully furnished to L. T. Plummer, Chinese Inspector in Charge, Chicago, Ill., acknowledgement being made of his letter of the 15th instant, No. 531, enclosing therewith all papers in the above named case

W. B. Nelson

Chinese Inspector in Charge

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Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
LEE BING, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Merchant returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, LAW SAM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Law Sam.
Q What is your full Chinese name? A. Law Fun Sue.
Q Is Law Sam your boyhood name? A. Yes.
Q What is your business? A. Chinese groceries.
Q Are you still the manager of the firm Sing Yick & Co.,
313 So. Clark St., in the basement? A. Yes.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A. Yes, I know him. He is a partner of mine.
Q What's his name? A. Lee Bing.
Q Does he still have the same interest in your firm that
he did at the time of his departure? A. Yes.
Q Is your store in substantially the same condition as it
was at that time? A. I am a little short of stock
just now; but I have sent for goods from home and in about a month
or so my stock will be as large as ever.
Q What will Lee Bing do when he comes back to this country?
A. He will come back into the store. One of my partners wants to
go back to China, and when Lee Bing comes back he will take his
place.
Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Witness signed his names in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Law Sam,

Witness.

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

CHICAGO, July 29, 1907.

Case of :L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector,
LEE BING, :J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter,
Mer. Dep. :A.T.Wilson, Stenographer.

Applicant, LEE BING, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Lee Bing.
Q What is your full Chinese name? A Lee Ah Bing.
Q Are you married? A Yes, but my wife is dead.
Q What is your marriage name? A Lee Ling Leung.
Q What is your business? A merchant.
Q What firm? A Sing Yick, 313 South Clark Street.
Q How long have you been a member of Sing Yick? A About two years.
Q What did you do before you were a member of Sing Yick? A I was a member of Quong Yet Chung, before this firm was organized.
Q Have you any children? A Not now.
Q How much of an interest have you in Sing Yick? A \$1500.
Q How long have you had that \$1500 interest? A From the time the firm was organized.
Q How much of an interest did you have in Quong Yet Chung? A The same, \$1500.
Q When did you put that \$1500 into Quong Yet Chung? A About K.S. 20 or 21.
Q How many partners are there in the firm of Sing Yick whose entire time is devoted to its business and what are their names? A Lee Hung Sick; Fan Hung; Ng Roy; Law Sam, and myself.
Q What is the capital of your firm? A Over \$30,000. We fix it at that.
Q How is that capital divided at the present time? How much in goods and how much in debts? A I dont know. The man who sees about the accounts knows.
Q Who has charge of the accounts? Law Sam.
Q How much would you say the goods in your store are worth now? A About \$1,000 to \$2,000.
Q Dont you think you have got a good many men employed in the store for the amount of goods you have on hand? A No, because we expect some more goods.
Q When did you first come to the United States? A About K.S. 12 or 13.
Q How did you come in at that time? A I came in through the port of San Francisco.
Q On what kind of papers did you come? A No; I came with my uncle. I had no paper.
Q What was your uncle's business? A My uncle is a merchant.
Q Are you registered; if not, why not? A A No. At that time merchants were not required to be registered. I was a merchant at the time.
Q Where were you a merchant; with what firm, and how much of an interest did you have in that firm? A I was a member of Quong Yuen Leung, Chicago; I had \$1500 in that firm.
Q Are these stores of Quong Yet Chung and Sing Yick successors to Quong Yuen Leung? A Yes.
Q What other partners were in the store at that time; in Quong Yuen Leung? A I do not know, but I know there were a good many, of them that did not register. I do not know how many.
Q Who was the manager and who were the man in the store at that time? A Lee Yuen was the manager.
Q Were you working in the store at that time? A Yes.
Q Have you made any trip to China? A Yes, one.
Q Have you the papers on which you made that trip? A When I went I had no paper, but Law Sam sent me a paper after I got to China.

Q Where is that paper? A (Witness produces a merchant's application in the name of Lee Bing dated July 5, 1898, showing that he was a member of Quong Yuen Leung & Co. at that time; that he departed from the United States for China about May 3, 1898; signed by Chas. B. Wright and R. M. Barnes.)

Q You say this paper was sent to you in China? A Yes.

Q When did you leave the United States on that trip and through what port did you come? A About K.S. 21 and 22.

Q What month? A I don't remember the month. I went by way of Vancouver.

Q Cannot you recall about what month it was, and the exact year?

A It was about, as near as I can remember, K.S. 21, and the ninth or tenth month.

Q When did you return and through what port? A K.S. 24, about one week before American Christmas, by way of Vancouver.

Q Through what port did you come into the United States? A By way of Vancouver and Moose Jaw.

Q How long were you held up there before you were admitted? A About a week or so.

Q What have you been doing during the past year? A Merchant.

Q Have you done any work in laundries, restaurants, or otherwise, except in the store? A No; only in the store.

Q Why are you going to China? A I am going to see my parents, and meanwhile I am going to see about a shipment of goods.

Q Why are you going to see about a shipment of goods? Cannot you arrange it by mail just as well? A We have sent \$2,000 to China for goods, and they have not sent the goods, so I am going over to see about it, why they have not shipped them.

Q How long are you going to be gone? A About one or two years.

Q Have you understood the interpreter? A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter,

(Signed) L.T. Plummer, Inspector.

CHICAGO, July 29, 1907

Case of :L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector,
LEE BING, :J.G.C.Longchallan Interpreter,
Mer. Dep. :A.T.Wilson, Stenographer.

Witness, LAW SAM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Law Sam.
- Q What is your business? A Sing Yick & Co.
- Q How long has the firm of Sing Yick & Co. been in existence?
- A Not quite two years.
- Q What was the name of your place before it was called Sing Yick?
- A First it was called Yuen Lung; second time Quong Yuen Leung; third, Quong Yet Chung; now it is Sing Yick.
- Q When was it changed from Quong Yuen Leung to Quong Yet Chung?
- A That is too long ago; I cannot remember.
- Q About when? A About K.S. 22.
- Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)? A Yes, my partner, Lee Bing.
- Q How long has he been a partner of yours? A All the time.
- Q Through all these changes? A Yes.
- Q How much of an interest has he in Sing Yick now? A About \$1500.
- Q Is this \$1500 which you speak of, which Lee Bing has in the firm of Sing Yick now, the money that he originally put into the firm of Yuen Lung, and do you hold that the interest in the firm remains the same even though the value of the property has fluctuated a great deal since the original organization of Yuen Lung? A He had at the beginning \$600 in Yuen Lung, but since the business has been changed, his interest has increased to \$1500.
- Q What would you say is the fair value of the goods you have on any there? A About \$600 or \$700. I have got about \$2,000 to \$3,000 in the safe.
- Q Who are the partners whose entire time is devoted to the business now? A Fan Hung; Lee Hung Sick; Ng Hoy; Law Toy; myself; Lee Bing.
- Q What interest have these men? A From \$1,000 to \$1600.
- Q What salary does Lee Bing draw, if any? A \$30.
- Q Do you have business enough in your firm to keep these men employed all the time? A Yes, as there are some going out to sell goods and some going out to collect money. They all come down Sunday, but are generally out.
- Q What is Lee Bing going to China for? A As we have sent \$2,000 to China for goods and the shippers have not sent them, I am sending him over to see about it, and to see about the other members in Hong Kong, and the shares.
- Q During the last year has he done any work in laundries, restaurants or anywhere outside of the store? A No.
- Q Have you understood the interpreter? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) Law Sam, Witness,
(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallan, Interpreter,
(Signed) L.T.Plummer, Inspector.