

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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In re.
LEE HING
 of

"WING TANK" COMPANY,
 Merchants,
 No. 301 South Clark st.,
 Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

MERCHANT'S APPLICATION
 FOR
 READMISSION.

AGE:-Forty Three Years.

HEIGHT:-5 Feet, 5 1/2 Inches.MARKS:-Upper Lid, Right Eye, "Drooping."

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

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Citi-
 zens of the United States
 and residents of the City
 of Chicago, in the County
 of Cook and State of Ill-

inois, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with
 the above-described LEE HING for upwards of one year last past, dur-
 ing which time he has been a reputable resident Chinese Merchant
 of the said City of Chicago, and neither a huckster, peddler, laun-
 dryman or laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaint-
 ance with him the said LEE HING has been a member of the firm of
 Chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name
 and style of "WING TANK", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Groceries,
 Drugs, Provisions and general Chinese and Japanese merchandise at
 No. 301 Clark street, in the said city of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That during the said year of our acquaint-
 ance with him the said LEE HING 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 of our acquaintance
 with him he has not been engaged in the performance of manual la-
 bor, skilled or unskilled of any kind, except such as has been
 necessary in the conduct of his business as such merchant as afore-
 said.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That the foregoing photograph, hereunto af-
 fixed, is a true and correct likeness of the said LEE HING; and that
 the foregoing Description is a true description of the person of
 the said LEE HING.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we have been credibly informed,
 and verily believe, the said LEE HING has a financial interest of
 at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in the business and as-
 sets of said "Wing Tank" Company. From our frequent visits to the
 said place of business and our general acquaintance with the va-
 rious members of the said concern, we have become well satisfied
 that the said LEE HING is actively engaged in the business of said
 firm, exercises a voice in the business and affairs thereof, en-
 joys his proper share in the profits of said concern and is a bona
 fide member of said "Wing Tank" Company.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, August 14th, 1908.

John L. Marshall
 (Address) 444 So Clark St
Chicago, Illinois.

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

I desire to visit China again and to return, upon the completion

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

John L. Mahanah, 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 Laundry Supply Dealer.

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
17th day of August, A.D., 1908, be-

fore me.

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

John L. Mahanah

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

J. L. Anderson, 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 Purveyor & 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
17th day of August, A.D., 1908, be-

fore me.

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

J. L. Anderson

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

I, Mark A. Foote, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that I am acquainted with

John L. Mahanah and Hudson L. Heinson, 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 and vicinity, in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois; 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 hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at the City of Chicago, in said division and district, this 17th day of August, A.D., one thousand nine hundred eight (1908).

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



except such as has been necessary
"Wing Tank".

I desire to visit China again and return, upon the completion

APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF ACCOMPANYING AFFIDAVITS AS PROVIDED
BY REGULATION.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 13, 1908.

H. E. Tippet, Esq.,

Acting Chinese Inspector in charge,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

My name is LEE HING. I am a native and subject of China; 43 years of age; a Merchant and member of "Wing Tank", No. 301 Clark st., Chicago, Ill. I have resided in the United States 30 years (During which time I have made two visits to China); and in Chicago about 5 years. I have been a member of said firm of "Wing Tank" since its organization; and my share and interest therein is now worth upwards of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

In the 4th K.S., when I was about thirteen years old, I landed at Portland, Oregon, from a sailing vessel upon which I was a passenger with my father, Lee Cone Yuen. My father had a share in the "Kong Sang Wah", Chinese Merchants, of No. 143 Second street, in Portland; and I lived there with my father until his death in the 18th K.S.

K.S. 13th I sailed from San Francisco, upon a visit to China, and returned by the way of the same port of San Francisco in the 14th K.S., but I cannot recollect or learn the names of the vessels upon which I sailed to make that visit.

After my father's death in the 18th K.S., I was employed as a laundryman in Portland; and was registered accordingly, during the period of registration under the act of Congress approved November 3, 1893.

K.S. 24th, 10th month, I started upon a visit to China, sailing from Portland, Oregon, aboard a steamship the name of which, as well as I can speak it, was "Monmusa". After visiting in China, I returned to Portland aboard the steamship "Columbia".

I remained in Portland until the 24th K.S., and then removed to Niles, Michigan, where I lived about three years - Then removed here, to Chicago, Illinois, and looked for an opportunity to engage in business.

In the 30th K.S., the firm of Chinese Merchants, trading under the name of "Wing Tank" at No. 301 Clark street, Chicago, was organized and I was one of the original co-partners, or shareholders, as has been shown by the statements made by said concern for the files of your office from time to time. I paid five hundred dollars for my share and interest in the said firm of "Wing Tank"; and the same is now worth, reasonably and at least, One Thousand Dollars (\$1000). I have been actively, actually and continuously engaged in the business and affairs of said "Wing Tank" for the three years last past; and during the said three years I have not been engaged or interested in the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind, except such as has been necessary in the conduct of the business of "Wing Tank".

I desire to visit China again and to return, upon the completion

of such visit to resume my present residence, occupation and status in the United States. Wherefore, I present herewith the affidavits of two credible persons other than Chinese and pray that the same may be endorsed for my return to the United States as provided by proper Regulation.

It is now my intention to be accompanied by upon such return to the United States by my son, LEE SHEU DIN, Nine (9) years of age; and in that behalf, upon my honor and reputation, I do further state that in the 13th K.S. I was married in the village of Lin-tong, in Sin-ning, Kwong-tung, China; and I have maintained and supported my wife and mother, and my said son, there, well and continuously, ever since. I have the one child only.

I therefore respectfully apply for the due admission into the United States, with me, of my said son, Lee Sheu Din, as the Minor Son of a Merchant; and it is now my intention to submit hereafter such proofs of his identity as may be required for the purpose of such admission.

Very respectfully,

Lee Hing

c/o WING TANK,

301 Clark st.,

Chicago, Illinois.

Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 670.

(Extra copies for #2292)

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

ROOM 622, COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

CHICAGO, ILL.

May 28, 1910.

Dr. P. L. Prentis,
Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

In the matter of LEE HING, alleged merchant in the Wing Tank Co., Chicago, returning from a visit to China, I beg leave to report that I have examined the manager of this firm who testifies that the firm is still in business and that Lee Hing still retains his interest in the firm. The testimony of the manager and that of Lee Hing contains no material discrepancies.

In view of the favorable consideration of the case upon its pre-investigation and the favorable report rendered in the ad interim investigation, I believe that upon the showing made applicant is entitled to admission.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Howard D. Ebey.
Chinese Inspector.

Respectfully approved and forwarded to Commissioner of Immigration, Seattle, Wash. in reply to his letter No. 5781-C of the 19th inst., returning all papers forwarded therewith together with transcript of the testimony of the present investigation.

(Signed) P. L. Prentis
Inspector in Charge.

WBC

Incl.

5/25/10
10:30 A.M.

Case of LEE SHEU DIN.

2 extra copies
for case of LEE HING (670)

Witness, LEE WON YAWN, sworn by Inspector Ebey, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Lee Won Yawn. That is my marriage name. Lee You Ot is my boyhood name.

Q Are you manager of the Wing Tank Co., 301 So. Clark St., Chicago? A. Yes.

Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph ^{father of} of applicant) A. Yes I know him, it is Lee Hing.

Q Has he any other name than Lee Hing? A. Lee Hing is his boyhood name. Lee Sling Goon is his marriage name.

Q Is he connected with your firm? A. Yes.

Q What is his interest in the firm? A. He invested \$500.00 in the beginning but it is worth one thousand dollars now.

Q How long has he been a member of your firm? A. Since K.S. 30.

Q Has he ever visited China as a member of your firm before? A. No, it is the only time.

Q When did he go this time? A. K.S. 34, the 8th month.

Q What was his employment during the year before he went to China? A. General work in the store.

Q Has he followed any employment outside of the store? A. No.

Q Is your firm still in business? A. Yes.

Q Does Lee Hing still retain his interest in the firm? A. Yes.

Q Have you sent Lee Hing any profits in China? A. No.

Q How often does the firm devide the profits? A. We haven't divided any yet.

Q Can you tell me the amount of the undivided profits? A. Over fifteen thousand dollars.

Q Did you write Lee Hing to that effect? A. I did not think of it.

Q How many partners in the firm? A. Eighteen.

Q How many employed in the store? A. Nine.

Q Are the same ones in the store now as were there when Lee Hing went to China? A. Yes.

Q Can you name them. A. Ng Yee Shu, Leo Cheung, Ng Shee Goon, Lee Doo, Lee Hen, Lee Won Chong Lee Gin and myself, and Woo Jung Yin.

Q Is your firm also known as the Wing Chung Co.? A. Wing Tank.

Q Is that a difference in the pronunciation between Wing Tank and Wing Chung? A. Yes, the same character in Chinese used to represent both. That is only a difference in pronunication.

Q Did you come from the same village in China as Lee Hing? A. Yes.

Q How long since you have been in that village? A. About thirteen years ago.

Q What is the name of the village? A. Len Hong village.

Q Do you know anything about Lee Hing's family? A. I knew he had a boy when he left China. He was so little then that I do not think I could recognize him now.

Q Was he a baby at that time? A. I think he was about seven or eight years old then, but I can't remember how old he was.

Q You know what house he lived in? A. He lived on the west side of the village known as Suey Hong. The alley he lived on is known as Gup Gy Hong.

Q You do not know the number of the alley? A. Counting from the west end, about the third alley.

Q Which direction did the alley run, east and west or north and south? A. The alleys run north and south. Counting from the west end it would be the third alley and from the east end about the tenth.

Q Which direction does the village face? A. Faces kind of north.

Q You are positive are you that at the time you were in China he had a boy about seven years of age? A. He had only one at that time.

Q Do you know the boy's name? A. I forgot his name.

Q When did you return from China on that trip? A. I returned in K.S. 33. I started from China in the 2nd month and arrived in Chicago

5/25/10.

Testimony of witness, LEE WON YAWN, continued:

about the fourth month.

Q Was Lee Hing in your village during your visit? A. No, he was here.

Witness signed his name in English and Chinese.

(Signed) Lee Won Yawn,

李雲晏

Witness.

#2636.

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INVESTIGATION SERVICE
OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N.DAK.
BUREAU, W.DAK.

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N.DAK.

July 17, 1909.

Lee Ming, C/O Wing On Lung,
#107 Connaught Road,
Hong Kong, China.

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 inform you that such investigation has been made, and the report thereof shows that your interest in the firm of Wing Tank & Co., is the same as at the time of your departure from the United States, in view of which you will be permitted to re-enter the United States, provided you do, upon your arrival here, controvert any statements contained in your application.

Respectfully,

John J. Thel
Inspector in Charge.

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OFFICIAL COPY respectfully furnished L.T. Plummer, Chinese Inspector in Charge, Chicago, Ill., for his information, acknowledgment being made of the receipt of his letter of July 15, 1909, No. 670.

OEH/a

John J. Thel
Inspector in Charge.

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Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

No 670

July 15 1909

Inspector in Charge
Immigration Service
Port of N.Dak.

Sir.

In reply to your letter of July 6th No. 2636 forwarding for ad interim investigation papers in the case of Lee Hing merchant of this city I submit the following.

I have examined Lee Won Yon manager of this firm of Wing Tank & Co. and enclose a transcript of the notes taken. He states that applicant still retains his interest in this firm and that he will come back into the store upon his return, also that the store is in substantially the same condition as when applicant departed. The store is in the same condition as at that time and from my examination I believe that applicant is still a member of this firm and is entitled to admission.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Chinese Inspector in Charge

No.670

522 Commercial Nat'l Bank Bldg. Chicago Ill.

July 15 1909

L.T.Plummer Inspector

Case of

Lee Hing

Merchant returning

Witness Sworn:-

Q. What is your name? A. Lee Won Yon.

Q. Are you still the manager of Wing Tank Co. at No.301 So.Clark St?

A. Yes

Q. Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant Lee Hing)?

A. Yes it is my partner Lee Hing.

A. Is he still a member of your firm? A. Yes

A. Have you sent him any money that would decrease his interest
in your firm?

A. No.

Q. Does he still have the same interest as at the time of departure?

A. Yes.

Q. Is your store in substantially the same condition as at the
time he departed?

A. Yes.

Q. What will he do when he returns?

A. Come back into the store.

Q. Will he bring any of his family with him on his return?

A. He may, he thought he would like to but I dont know whether HE
his wife will let him.

Q. Have you understood my questions?

A. Yes

Signed (in English) Lee Wonyawn

L.T. Plummer

No. 6870

Office of Immigration
Chinese Inspector in Charge
August 29, 1908
CHICAGO, ILL.

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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CHICAGO, ILL.

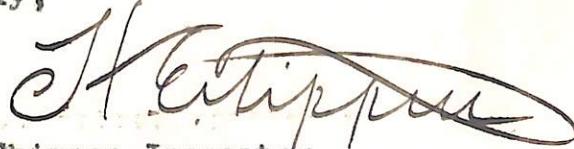
Mr. L. T. Plummer,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I respectfully report that I have investigated the case of LEE HING, merchant, applicant to depart. He claims to be one of the members of Wing Tank & Co., 301 South Clark Street, this city. I have taken the statements of the two white witnesses, John L. Manahan and H. L. Hensen, and attach the same to the papers. Their statements make the applicant a merchant. I also took the statement of Lee Won Yuen, manager of this concern. He identified applicant as one of his partners, and states that he has been one of the members of this concern since its organization.

This is quite a good Chinese mercantile establishment, dealing in Chinese groceries and general merchandise, and carrying a fair sized stock, estimated to be worth anywhere from ten to eighteen thousand dollars.

Respectfully,


Chinese Inspector

Enc.

Chicago, Ill., August 22, 1908

Case of H. E. Tippett, Examining Inspector;
LEE HING, J. G. Longchallon, Interpreter;
Mer. Dep. A. T. Wilson, Stenographer.

Applicant, LEE HING, sworn by Inspector Tipper, testified:

Q. Is your name Lee Hing? A. Yes.

Q. Have you any other name? A. No.

Q. This is your photograph attached to this paper (showing applicant his application papers)? A. Yes.

Q. What is your occupation? A. Merchant.

Q. Where? A. At Wing Tank & Co., 301 South Clark St.

Q. What do you do in that store? A. Do general work in the store.

Q. You mean by that you do anything pertaining to the business? from clerking to bookkeeping?

A. No, I do not have anything to do with the books; I only do general work in the store.

Q. How long have you been one of the partners? A. Five years.

Q. When was the company organized? A. K. S. 30.

Q. And were you one of the original members? A. Yes.

Q. What is the capital stock of the company? A. \$14,000.

Q. And what is your interest in the firm? A. \$500.

Q. I see that your witnesses testify that they believe you have an interest in this concern of \$1,000? A. I originally put \$500 in the store, but now we have done a good business and I think my share now is worth more than \$1,000.

Q. Do you stay at the store all the time; that is, give the mercantile business your whole and undivided attention? A. Yes.

Q. Who is the manager of this firm? A. Lee Won Yuen.

Q. How many members are there in the firm? A. Eighteen.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes.

Q. Is your wife in this country? A. In China.

Q. Have you any children? A. Yes, I have got one boy ~~about~~, ten years old this year.

Q. Is that all that you have? A. Yes, that is all.

Q. Was he born in China? A. Yes sir.

Q. When? A. K. S. 25.

Q. Were you in China at that time? A. No, I was in the United States.

Q. When were you in China last? A. K. S. 24.

Q. What month, day, and what boat, and where from?

A. I left Portland, Oregon, in K. S. 24, on the ten month; I don't remember the day, on the "Mormewshir" (I may not pronounce it correctly, but it sounds like that.)

Q. When did you return from that trip? A. K. S. 25.

Q. Come back by Portland, Oregon? A. Yes.

Q. What vessel did you come in on? A. "Golden Pear".

Q. What day and month? A. I arrived at Portland, Chinese 4th month; I don't remember the date.

Q. How did you go and return; as a merchant or laborer?

A. On laborer's certificate.

Q. Where were you living at that time? A. I lived in Portland, in Chinatown.

(Applicant produces certificate of residence No. 46843, Lee Hing, laborer; issued at Portland, Oregon, March 2, 1894.)

Q. When did you come to Chicago? A. I came into Chicago K. S. 26; I went to Niles, Mich. I ran a laundry there.

Q. Then you were not a merchant until you joined this firm of Wing Tank when it was organized in K. S. 30?

A. At that time the laundry work was too hard for me, so I came to Chicago at the time Wing Tank was organized, and I took an interest in it.

Case of Lee Hign,
Mar. Dep.

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Q And you have been one of the members of this firm, and had at that time, and still have, an interest of not less than \$500 in this concern?

A Yes, and I had \$500, but now the business is good, and my share is worth more than \$1,000.

Q And you give this store and mercantile business your whole undivided attention, do you? A Yes.

Q You have done so ever since you have been a member of this concern? A Yes.

Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

(Witness signed his testimony in English)

(Signed) Lee Hing,

Applicant,

(Signed) H. E. Tippett,

Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

Chicago, Ill., August 22, 1908

Case of : H. E. Tippett, Examining Inspector;
LEE HING, : Lee Hing, Clerk,
Mer. Dep. : A. T. Wilson, Stenographer.

Witness, LEE WON YUEN, sworn by Inspector Tippett, testified (in English):

Q. Do you know the man that just went out of this office? A. Yes.

Q. What is his name? A. Lee Hing.

Q. Is this his photograph (showing photo of applicant)? A. Yes.

Q. You are a merchant, one of the members of Wing Tank & Co.? A. Yes sir.

Q. Are you the manager of that firm? A. Yes.

Q. When was the company organized? A. K. S. 30.

Q. How many members of your firm? A. 18 members.

Q. What is the capital of the company? A. \$14,000.

Q. What kind of business are you engaged in? A. Chinese general merchandise.

Q. How much stock did you carry on an average? A. On an average the goods in the store are worth \$20,000.

Q. Is any other business connected with this concern except merchandise? A. Only Chinese merchandise.

Q. Lee Hing states that he was one of the original members; that he took a \$500 interest at the time the company was organized; is that so? A. Yes.

Q. What does he do in the store? A. He does everything, sells goods and general work pertaining to the business.

Q. Does he stay at the store all the time? A. Ever since we started he has given the business his whole attention.

Q. He states that his original share was \$500, but now it is worth upwards of \$1,000 or more; is that true? A. A little more than \$1,000, yes.

Q. You vouch for this man Xing being one of your partners? A. Yes.

Q. And that his interest in the store originally was \$500? A. Yes.

Q. And he gives this store his whole, undivided attention, and is not a laborer or laundryman? A. Yes sir; nothing of that kind.

(Witness signed his testimony in English)

(Signed) Lee Won Yuen, Witness;

(Signed) H. E. Tippett, Chinese & Immigrant Inspector