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No. 512

TOY WAH HOP,
of
"QUONG WAH SING"
Merchants,
181 Wabash avenue,
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

AGE:- Twenty Eight (28) Years.
HEIGHT:- Five Feet, Ten Inches,
In Chinese Sandals.

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 one TOY WAH HOP, above-described, 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 TOY WAH HOP has been a member of the firm of chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "QUONG WAH SING" at NO. 181 Wabash avenue, Chicago aforesaid; that the said firm was established in business in the same vicinity, as we know by its reputation, upwards of Ten (10) years ago; and has to our personal knowledge been so engaged in business that long.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with the said TOY WAH HOP, he 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, the said TOY WAH HOP 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, hereunto annexed, is a true and correct photographic likeness, and the description above is a true and correct, personal description of the said TOY WAH HOP.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we have been credibly informed, and verily believe that the said TOY WAH HOP has a financial interest of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in the stock, business and other assets of the said firm and from our frequent visits to the said place of business, and our general

acquaintance with the various members of the said firm, we have become well satisfied that he, the said TOY WAH HOP, is actively engaged in the business of said concern, exercises a voice in the management of said "Quong Wah Sing and enjoys his proper share in the profits thereof, as a bona fide member thereof.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., September 26th, A.D., 1906.

Hudson L. Henson

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

Edward Edwin Pratt

(Address) Chicago American
Chicago, Illinois.

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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)
5th day of October, 1906,)
before me.

Hudson L. Henson

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

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

Edward Edwin Pratt, 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 Freightman.

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)
5th day of October, 1906,)
before me.

Edward Edwin Pratt

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

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

I, Mark A. Foose, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, do hereby Certify that I am acquainted with Hudson, Hanson and Edward E. Pratt 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 credit and belief.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at the City of Chicago, in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, this 5th day of October, A.D., nineteen hundred six (1906).

Mark A. Foose,

United States Commissioner for the
Northern District of Illinois.



APPLICATION
for
ENDORSEMENT
of accompanying Affidavits under Rule 25, Regulations of February 5, 1906.
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Chicago, Ill., September 26/06.

Lorenzo T. Plummer, Esq.,

Chinese Inspector in charge,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

My name is TOY WAH HOP. I am a native and subject of China.

I first came to the United States in or about the Tenth Kwanghsii, and have resided in the United States about Twenty-two (22) years. During the said twenty-two years, I have not re-visited China.

During the period of registration, namely, from November 3, 1893, to May 3, 1894, I did not register, because I was not a laborer; and I was advised that it was not necessary for me to register.

I have resided in this City of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, for Fourteen (14) years last past.

Three (3) Years ago, or thereabouts, I purchased an interest in the firm of "Quong Wah Sing" Company, of No. 181 Wabash avenue, in the said City of Chicago; and have been a member of said firm, continuously ever since; and my share and interest in the stock, business and other assets of the said "Quong Wah Sing" Company is worth, reasonably and at least, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

The said firm of "Quong Wah Sing" Company are well-known Importers and Dealers in Chinaware, Bric-a-Brac, Fancy-Goods and other legitimate wares and merchandise, at the place aforesaid.

I desire to visit China; and to return upon the completion of my said visit, to resume my said residence and business in the said City of Chicago. Wherefore, I transmit, herewith, the affidavits of two credible witnesses; and pray that the same may be endorsed as provided in the Regulations cited above.

Very respectfully,

No. 181 Wabash av.,
Chicago, Illinois.

CHICAGO

October 15, 1906.

Case of : Ward E. Thompson, Examining Inspector.
TOY WAH HOP, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
Mer. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Witness, TOY FONG, testified (mostly in English):

- Q What is your name?
A Toy Fong.
Q How old are you?
A 46.
Q What is your business?
A Manager of Quong Wah Sing & Co., 181 Wabash Ave., Chicago.
Q How long have you been manager of that firm?
A Nearly ten years now.
Q What kind of a business is it?
A Chinese and Japanese goods.
Q About how much of a stock do you carry?
A It will average \$50,000.00.
Q How many partners have you in this firm now?
A About 31 members now.
Q How much interest have you in the firm?
A \$5,000.00 myself.
Q How many men do you usually have working in the store?
A 10, 11, or 12.
Q Can you give me the names of your firm who are spending all their time in the store?
A Myself (Toy Fong), Lim Jow, Toy Toon, Toy Hong, Toy Jan, Toy Wah Hop (applicant), Toy Sam Hing, Toy Shuck, and Lim Shu Goon; nine in the store now.
Q What is the capital stock of your firm?
A \$50,000.00.
Q Do you recognize this photograph (showing photo of applicant)?
A Yes, sir; that is Toy Wah Hop.
Q Is he a member of your firm?
A Yes, sir.
Q How much of an interest has he in your firm?
A \$1,000.00.
Q How long has he been a member of your firm?
A About three years.
Q What does he do in the store?
A Salesman; general work around the store.
Q Does he do any work outside of the store?
A No.
Q Has he done any work outside of the store for the last year?
A No.
Q Do you know what year and what ~~the~~ month he came into the store?
A I don't remember.
Q What year did he come into the firm?
A I think it was K.S. 29th year.
Q Did he buy somebody's share or just buy an interest in the firm?
A He invested \$1,000.00 in the firm.

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- Q Do you know what this man did before he came into your store?
A I don't know.
Q On March 20, 1903, you filed a partnership list in our office which gave this man's name as a member, and gave his location at that time as in Ohio. Do you know what he was doing in Ohio at that time?
A I don't know.
Q Is this man going to keep his interest in your store while he is in China?
A Yes, sir; he will not sell it out.
Q Will he return to your store after his return from China?
A Yes, sir; he is a very good man to work and take care of the business.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Thompson, signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) TOY FONG, Witness.

(Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.

Applicant, TOY WAH HOP, testified (in Chinese):

- Q What is your name?
A Toy Wah Hop.
Q How old are you?
A 28.
Q Where were you born?
A China.
Q When did you first come to the United States?
A K.S. 8th year.
Q What is your occupation?
A I am a merchant.
Q With what firm are you connected?
A Quong Wah Sing & Co., 181 Wabash Ave., Chicago.
Q What kind of a firm is that?
A Chinese ware and Japanese goods.
Q Who is the manager of that firm?
A Toy Fong.
Q How much money have you invested in that firm?
A \$1,000.00.
Q What do you do?
A I am a general salesman and do general work in the store.
Q Have you done any work outside of that store during the past year?
A No, sir.
Q How many partners are there in all in the firm of Quong Wah Sing?
A 31 in all.
Q Do you know the capital stock of the firm?
A About \$50,000.00.
Q How large a stock of goods do they carry on an average?
A I do not know. I can't tell.
Q Have you any idea how much stock you generally carry in that store?
A I can't give you any idea, as goods are coming in all the time and being sold.
Q When did you first buy your \$1,000 interest in that firm?
A About three years ago.
Q Do you know what K.S. year it was when you bought your interest?
A The last part of K.S. 28th.
Q You bought \$1000.00 interest in the firm at that time, did you?
A Yes.
Q What did you do before you entered that firm?
A Most of the time before that I worked in a Chinese store.
Q Were you ever a merchant before you became a member of Quong Wah Sing?
A Yes, sir.
Q Are you registered?
A No, sir.
Q What were you doing in K.S. 19th and 20th years?
A I was in Chicago at that time. I was in a Chinese store.
Q Did you own an interest in that store?
A Yes, sir.
Q What store were you connected with in K.S. 19th and 20th?
A Po San & Co.
Q What number was that?
A No. 323 South Clark St., in the basement.

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- Q How much interest did you have in that firm?
A \$400.00.
Q Have you had an interest in a firm ever since K.S. 19th?
A Yes, sir.
Q Are you going to retain your interest in Quong Wah Sing until you return from China?
A Yes, sir.
Q What are you going to do when you come back from China?
A I will come back to the store.
Q How many men are there in the store now staying there all the time?
A 9 or 10.
Q Who are they?
A X Toy Fong (manager, Toy Toon, Toy Hong, Toy ~~Man~~ Jan, Toy Sam Hing, Toy Wing On, Lim Jow, Lim Sho Goon, and myself (Toy Wah Hop).
Q Is that your photograph (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes, sir.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in ~~Chinese~~ English:

(Signed) TOY WAH HOP, Witness.

(Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.