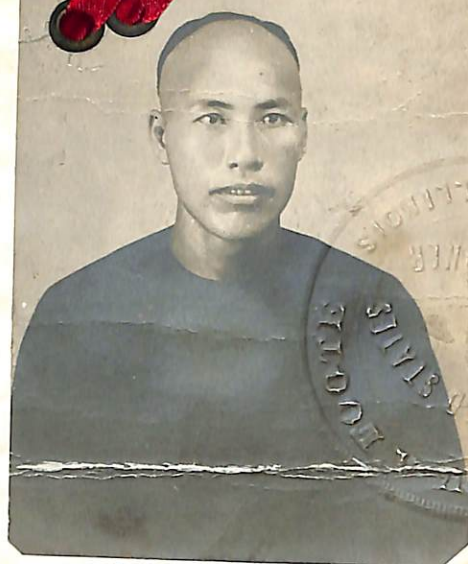


In re.  
YUEN TANK SING,  
 of  
 SHU CHONG LUNG & COMPANY,  
 Merchants,  
 No. 341 Clark street, Chicago,  
 Illinois, U.S.A.

RETURNING MERCHANT'S  
 APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.



YUEN TANK SING.

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 said Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, Do hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with one YUEN TANK SING for upwards of two years last past; and that the foregoing photograph, herewith attached, is a true and correct likeness of the said YUEN TANK SING: That is to say, the said YUEN TANK SING was a member of the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the name and style of SHU CHONG LUNG & CO., formerly of No. 295, and latterly at No. 341 Clark street, in the said City of Chicago; and we knew him as such Merchant and member of said firm for upwards of one year prior to his departure, in or about the month of September, nineteen hundred five, from the said City of Chicago for China, for the benefit of his health.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said YUEN TANK SING was 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 was a member; and that, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, he was not engaged in the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind, except such as was necessary in the conduct of his said business as such merchant as aforesaid, and was neither a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That we have been credibly informed, and verily believe that, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said YUEN TANK SING had, and has yet, a financial interest of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) in the stock, business and other assets of the said



... of business, and our  
general acquaintance with the various members of said firm, we have  
become well satisfied that he, the said YUEN TANK SING, was, during the  
said year of our acquaintance with him, actively engaged in the business  
of the said SHU CHONG LUNG & CO., exercised a voice in the management  
thereof, and enjoyed his proper share in the profits thereof as a bona  
fide member of the same.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, December 27, 1903.

Edwin B. Tuteur

(Address) 103 State St.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Willard J. Henry,

(Address) 1605 Fisher Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

WILLARD J. HENRY, 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 Chi-  
cago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, where I follow the oc-  
cupation of a 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 knowl-  
edge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to, this  
27<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D., 1903,  
before me.

Willard J. Henry



Jacob Miller,

Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.

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

EDWIN B. TUTEUR, 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 Chi-  
cago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, where I follow the oc-  
cupation of a Physician.

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 knowl-  
edge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to, this  
27 day of December, A.D., 1903,  
before me.

Edwin B. Tuteur.



Lillian B. Lang,

Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill's.



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

GEORGE SING, of the City of Chicago, in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says as follows, to-wit:-

I am a native of China; forty-three years of age; have resided in the United States twenty six years; and I reside at No.341 Clark street, in the City of Chicago aforesaid.

With others, about three years ago, I organized the firm of Chinese Merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of SHU CHONG LUNG & COMPANY, formerly at No.292, latterly at No.341 Clark street, in the said City of Chicago. My said firm carries on the business of Dealers in Groceries, Laundry Supplies, and other legitimate merchandise. My share and interest therein is worth, reasonably and at least, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). I am not occupied or interested in the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind, nor dependent upon such manual labor for a livelihood, directly or indirectly, but am a bona fide Merchant.

During my said residence in the United States, I have visited China two times: (I).-In the year 1893, I sailed from the port of San Francisco, California, aboard the steamship "City of Peking", and returned in the year 1894, landing at the said port of San Francisco, from the steamship "San Pablo". (II).-In or about August, 1892, I sailed from Portland, Oregon, aboard an English freight-boat, the name of which I have forgotten; and returned in 1894, the same way. (Owing to circumstances which I did not clearly understand, freight-boats were doing much passenger business at that time.)

I am well acquainted with one YUEN TANK SING; and the photograph attached to the foregoing affidavits of Willard J. Henry and Edwin B. Tutour is a true and correct likeness of him. I knew him when we were little boys, in China; and we are related, but not very closely. I came to the United States before he did.

I came to this city of Chicago from the City of New York about four years ago, with the view of going into business here; and visited the said YUEN TANK SING for the purpose of learning if he would engage in such business with me and others. He agreed to do so; and accordingly when the said firm of SHU CHONG LUNG & COMPANY was organized, that is to say, on or about June 8, 1904, he, the said YUEN TANK SING, was one of the partners and members, with me, who organized the said firm; and he has been a member thereof, continuously, up to the present time. The said YUEN TANK SING gave Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for his share and interest in said concern at the time the same was organized, and later purchased another interest from a member who sold to him. I do not know what he paid for it. I am the leading and managing member of the said concern, and from my own knowledge am able to state, and state, that the said interest of the said YUEN TANK SING in the stock, leasehold, business and all other of the assets of the said SHU CHONG LUNG & COMPANY is now worth, reasonably and at least, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). He has not sold or disposed of it or any part of it.

From the said organization of the said SHU CHONG LUNG & COMPANY, in June, 1904, until September (or thereabouts), in the year 1905, the said YUEN TANK SING gave his entire time and attention to the business of the said firm. During the latter part of said period, for about seven weeks he was afflicted with an ailment and treated by a physician, who advised him to go to a dryer and steadier climate than the climate here. And under that advice he went to China in or about the month of September, 1905. He quickly recovered his health in China, and for about one year has been strong and healthy. My said firm is arranging to expand its business, and carry on business as Importers and Wholesalers, and is desirous that each member shall perform his share of the work and take his share of the responsibility.

Acting, therefore, for my said firm as well as for my said partner, I



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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
PORTAL, N. DAK.

January 23, 1907.

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

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th instant, in reference to Yuen Tank Sing, alleged merchant of your city who is now in China and desires to return to the United States, would say that we have examined the files of this office and can find no record of his departure through this port on the date specified, or any other date.

So far as the investigation you have made goes to show, it would seem to me that it was rather doubtful as to whether or not Yuen Tank Sing was a Merchant at the time of his departure, as alleged, in 1905.

As the investigation now stands, I would hardly be willing to give him the benefit of the doubt.

Respectfully,

*Amel H. Cairns*  
Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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CHICAGO

January 17, 1907.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
 YUEN TANK SING, :  
 Mer. Ret. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Witness, GEORGE SING, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified  
 (in English):

Q What is your name?  
 A George Sing.  
 Q What is your full Chinese name?  
 A Goon Lung Sing.  
 Q ~~Mr~~ What is your business?  
 A Chinese merchant.  
 Q Are you the manager of the firm of Shu Chung Lung & Co.?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q How long has that firm been in existence?  
 A We started K.S. 30th, in Chinese April.  
 Q What is the value of the stock of goods you have on hand?  
 A \$11,000 or \$12,000 at least.  
 Q How many partners have you?  
 A Eleven partners besides myself.  
 Q When your firm was organized where was it located?  
 A No. 293 S. Clark St., Chicago.  
 Q State where it is now located and when you moved?  
 A We moved to 341 S. Clark St. in last January.  
 Q Has there been any change in the members of your firm since the  
 partnership list you gave me August 6, 1904.  
 A Yes, we changed it. We had 18 members and now we have only  
 12. Some sold out to others.  
 Q Will you furnish me a new partnership list before I make this  
 report?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?  
 A Yes, sir; it is Yuen Tank Sing.  
 Q How long have you known him?  
 A Oh, well! I have known him since I was a little bit of a boy  
 in China.  
 Q How long have you known him in Chicago?  
 A When I first visited Chicago in K.S. 27th I saw him then.  
 Q Where is Yuen Tank Sing now?  
 A In China.  
 Q When did he go to China?  
 A He left here about the last part of August and he left Vancouver  
 September 3, Chinese date, K.S. 31st.  
 Q What was his business at the time he left the United States?  
 A He was a partner with me in the firm of Shu Chung Lung & Co.  
 Q How long had he been connected with that firm?  
 A Since we started.  
 Q How much of an interest did he have in your firm at the time?  
 A He had two shares of \$500 each, or \$1,000.  
 Q Is he registered?  
 A Yes, sir; he has made two trips to China with a laborer's paper.  
 Q Why didn't he have his case examined before he went to China on  
 this trip?  
 A He was sick and he never expected to come back.  
 Q How long has he been well?  
 A After he had been home about a month he wrote me that he was  
 getting stronger.



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- Q What was the trouble with him?
- A The ~~man~~ doctor said he was hoarse, had catarrh, and trouble with his stomach.
- Q What were Yuen Tank Sing's duties about the store during the year preceding his departure for China?
- A General work in the store.
- Q What other name has he besides Yuen Tank Sing?
- A Yuen Toon Yen.
- Q At the time you furnished me your partnership list August 6, 1904, the name of Yuen Tank Sing does not appear. The name of Yuen Toon Yen does appear as having \$500 interest and being in a laundry at 3750 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago. What have you to say to that?
- A At that time he owned that laundry.
- Q At that time he was not employed in the store according to the statement made in the partnership list. He owned an interest in the store but was not employed in the store?
- A He owned an interest in the store and he owned that laundry.
- Q At the time you furnished this partnership list you gave the names of four men employed in the store; George Goon Sing (yourself), Goon Yick Mon, Fong Chick, and Goon Yuen or Goon Shuck Yuen, and these were the only men employed in the store according to the partnership list. What have you to say to that?
- A George Sing, and Goon Yick Mon, and Goon Quen Die, and Goon Shuck Yuen, and Goon Fong Chick, and Goon Toon Yen were employed in the store.
- Q Why didn't you so state to me when you made your partnership list?
- A He was the big fellow standing by the side of Interpreter Wong Aloy at that time.
- Q Why didn't you give me his name as one of the men employed in the store at that time if he was so employed?
- A At that time you said not to give too many men as employed in the store, but we had these five or six men.
- Q But I didn't ~~xxxxx~~ tell you not to give men employed in the store as engaged in some other occupation. I don't remember the circumstances now, but I didn't want you to give me all your members as employed in the store, because I was satisfied you couldn't employ all of them there. I wanted you to give me an accurate list and what men were actually employed in the store was your business, but you shouldn't give me men employed in the store as not employed, or men outside as employed in the store?
- A The men I said were employed in the store were employed there. This man owned a laundry on Cottage Grove Ave. all right. The same thing with Goon Yuen at that time. We just do this. I don't know anybody else but my own business, but sometimes fellows come into our place to borrow money on their laundry \$300 or \$400, and when the fellow don't pay right up to date, we make a statement every four weeks to pay \$30 or \$40; if he don't pay for one or two months we put him out of the laundry and take the laundry.
- Q Yes, but what has that got to do with this partnership list? Why did you state that Goon Yuen Yen was a laundryman when he was employed in the store?
- A He owned the laundry.
- Q Didn't he work in it?
- A No, he didn't work in it. He worked in the store.
- Q How many men have you employed in your store now all the time?
- A We have five.



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- Q Who are they?
- A Goon Yick Mon, Goon Shuck Yuen, Goon Fong Chick, Goon Quen Die, and myself.
- Q At the time you gave me this partnership list 2-1/2 years ago, your firm wasn't doing as much business as it is now doing, was it?
- A It is doing more now than it was before.
- Q Why did you need to have six men employed in the store then, as you now state, and only five men now, when you are doing more business?
- A At that time we owned the ~~xxxx~~ restaurant at No. 98 E. Randolph St., and there were some of the men who were looking after that restaurant.
- Q Did this applicant, Goon Tank Sing or Goon Yeck Yuen, work in that restaurant at that time?
- A No.
- Q In this partnership list you gave the name of two partners, Goon Min and Goon You Lung, as employed in the restaurant at No. 98 E. Randolph St.?
- A They are down there yet.
- Q Then, at the time you gave me this partnership list this applicant was employed in your store and not in the laundry?
- A He was in the store and not in the laundry.
- Q Was he continuously employed in the store and not occasionally in the laundry?
- A He was in the store.
- Q Was he in the store all the time?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q If this man returns from China what will he do?
- A He will work in this store.
- Q Does he still own that laundry on Cottage Grove Ave.?
- A No, he sold.
- Q When did he sell it?
- A I forget exactly when he sold that place.
- Q Isn't it a fact that he worked in that laundry up to about the time that he was taken sick before going to China, and now he is making application to return as a merchant because he didn't make out a laborer's papers when he departed?
- A He worked in the store all right. He owned a laundry all right at that time, but he didn't work there.
- Q When you furnish me a new partnership list I want you to be careful and not make any such mistakes as this, and give me the actual occupations of the members of your firm, so that in a year or two years from now you won't again state that you have made a mistake in ~~xxx~~ your partnership list?
- A I never did that thing before and it was strange to me. I never did anybody's business but my own. You went down there and investigated the business, and I understood that you wanted to know if a man owned any other business besides his interest in the store, so I gave you the true facts in the case, that this man owned a laundry on Cottage Grove Ave.
- Q When I got that partnership list of you I intended that you should give me the occupation of the men and not what property they owned. If you stated that a man was a laundryman on Cottage Grove Ave. I supposed that you were stating that that was his occupation, and not that he had an interest in the laundry or owned it but ~~x~~ did not work in it.
- When was he taken sick; that is, how long before he went back?
- A He was sick for 7 weeks before he went home.



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- Q What do you know of his making any trips to China as a laborer before this?
- A He wrote me at that time, I remember.
- Q Well, when and what did he write?
- A He said "I am going home to visit and anything you want to see the folks, and write to me."
- Q When was that?
- A I forget.
- Q About when?
- A I think K.S. 25th or 26th; about that time.
- Q How did he go on these trips? as a laborer? through what ports?
- A I don't remember. He didn't say anything about it to me.
- Q What do you know about any of the trips that he made to China or what did he ever write you or tell you?
- A I know he went home via San Francisco on one trip, and returned via San Francisco on the last trip, and his laborer's certificate just expired at the time, and when he came back to Chicago he wrote to me and told me that he had come in just before his laborer's certificate expired.
- Q Do you know what name he was registered under?
- A No, I don't know.
- Q Are these two names all the names you know him by?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q You swear, do you, that for more than a year before he went back to China he was engaged all the time in the store, and engaged in no manual labor~~xx~~ as a restaurant man or laundryman or elsewhere except in the store?
- A Yes, sir, he was in the store all the time.
- Q Where was this photograph taken (referring to photograph of applicant)?
- A He sent it to me from China. I suppose it was taken in China.
- Q Is there anything more you want to say about the case?
- A No, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) GEORGE SING, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.