

APPLICATION OF A LAWFULLY DOMICILED CHINESE MERCHANT, IT, TEACHER,
OR STUDENT, FOR PREINVESTIGATION OF STATUS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

Office of _____

Port of _____

To Commissioner of Immigration, _____, 1916
Chinese and Immigrant Inspector

San Francisco, California.

Sir: It being my intention to leave the United States on a temporary visit abroad, and to depart and return through the Chinese port of entry of San Francisco, Cal, I hereby apply, under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Regulations of the Department of Labor, for preinvestigation of my claimed status as a lawfully domiciled Merchant



I submit herewith the names of two (or more) "credible witnesses other than Chinese" who can testify of their own knowledge that for at least one year immediately preceding the date of this application I have been engaged in the occupation of a Merchant, and have not performed any manual labor except such as was necessary in the conduct of my said occupation. I am prepared to appear personally and to produce before you at such time and place as you may designate the said witnesses and (if a merchant) the partnership or other books of the firm in which I claim membership.

The names and addresses of my witnesses are:

TO BE FILLED OUT IF MERCHANT

The firm in which I claim membership is known as Wong Chong Chan Co,Address No. Chinatown St. City San Francisco State California.

My partners in said business are as set forth in the partnership list of our firm filed _____

My interest therein amounts to \$ 500.00. and was acquired in December, 1911

It is not my intention to dispose of such interest while absent from the United States. During the entire year last past I have performed no manual labor other than that necessary to the conduct of the said mercantile business.

TO BE FILLED OUT IF TEACHER OR STUDENT

I have been engaged during the entire year last past in the occupation of teaching or studying (name branches taught or studied) _____

at the following place or places _____

and during the said time have not engaged in the performance of manual labor.

Signature in Chinese

歐陽帝寬

Signature in English

Ouyong Dai Hoon

Address _____

Height Five feet nine inchesPhysical marks or peculiarities Scar on neck

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this

21st day of December,1916L. H. Hamner

Chinese and Immigrant Inspector.

Sacramento, Cal.December 26, 1916

Respectfully forwarded to

COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION or INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, Port of San Francisco
accompanied by triplicate hereof, transcripts of testimony and report, in accordance with Rule 15.L. H. Hamner

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Applicant's name
Chen Hong Chan

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The names and addresses of my witnesses are:

FROM SAN FRANCISCO
STEAMER.
Jikenbang

TO BE FILLED OUT IF MERCHANT

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SAN FRANCISCO
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This is to certify that the Chinese person named herein, and whose photograph is attached, under the signature of the investigating officer and under my signature and seal, to the above application, has filed in my office the duplicate of this application, and evidence in corroboration, of his claimed status. Upon his return to this port and his identification as the person to whom this paper, thus approved, is delivered, he will be permitted to reenter the United States, unless pending such return it has been found that his claim is false.

Edward White
Commissioner of Immigration and Inspection in Charge

COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION
PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO

Form 2001

*Our Young Dai Hoon
Micht Courtland Kwong Chong Chan Co.
San Francisco, Calif.*

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

Immigration Service
(Chinese Division)

Office of the Commissioner,
San Francisco, Cal.

Name:

Our Young Dai Hoon

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Class:

Micht Courtland Kwong Chong Chan Co

Serial No.:

12017/ 8384

Attorney for applicant:

Same

(Application of above-named Chinese person has been approved.)

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INSTRUCTIONS:

This memorandum to be handed to registering officer at
wharf prior to embarkation,

This memorandum becomes void after sixty (60) days
from above-date.

C. M. Sturm

Record Clerk.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Sacramento, Cal.
Dec. 26, 1916.

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Commissioner of Immigration,
Thru Chinese Inspector in Charge,
San Francisco, Cal.

In re Ow Vong Dai Hoon,
Applicant for Form 431.

I am inclosing herewith the record in the case of Ow Vong Dai Hoon, Applicant for Form 431.

The Kwong Chong Chan Company of Courtland is a bona fide firm with none of the prohibitive features. They carry a large stock of Chinese merchandise and have assets commensurate with the capital claimed to be invested.

The applicant's employment as a merchant for more than the statutory period is testified to by Messrs. Elliott and Runnell, both of whom qualify.

This applicant presents a section six certificate, the indorsement thereon showing his landing at Sumas, Washington on November 23, 1905 as a Section Six Canton Merchant.

I believe that he should be granted Form 431.

Edw. H. Hamman

Immigrant Inspector.

Inc.
GHH/HS



INSPECTOR'S ABSTRACT OF RECORD AND REPORT

Domiciled Chinese Merchant.

No. _____ S.S. _____ (Date) _____ 191 _____

Record name and aliases Ow Yang Hai Hoon, Ow Yang Koon Chong
Age 37Destination ChinaDate of original entry to U.S. Nov. 1905 As what? C 6 Sect.Was applicant registered, and if so, as what? —How many trips to China since original entry? NoneAs what? —Last trip, when? —As what? —Name present firm Kwong Chong Lian Character Chinese GroceriesLocation Courtland, Cal.Length of applicant's membership Nov. 1911Capitalization \$5000 - No. partners 4 active 6 silent.Approx. value stock \$2000 Annual business \$26000 -Applicant's duties in business Salesman General HelpAny doubt as to bona fides of store's mercantile character? NoHow many partnership lists filed and when? Dec 22, 1914Feb. 1, 1915

What do they show in connection with applicant? *active*

Do statutory witnesses fully qualify? *Yes*

Do applicant's and manager's statements agree? *Yes*

What was demeanor of witnesses? *Good*

Are any of them substantially discredited before this office? *not to my knowledge*

Do you consider applicant's mercantile status proved? *Yes*

Special features of case

Attorney

L. H. Hammon

Inspector

Date *Dec. 26. 1914*

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Immigration Service

Courtland, Cal., Dec. 21, 1916

No. _____
Ow Yong Dai Hoon,
Merchant to depart

Inspr... C.H.Hannum
Steno... H.Schmoldt

- witness sworn -

- Q What is your name? A. A. A. Elliott
Q What is your occupation? A Contractor and Deputy Sheriff here
Q Do you know this man here? (applicant in person) A Yes
Q How often do you visit this store? (statement taken at store of Kwong Chong Chan Co.) A Oh at least a couple of times a week
Q What do you come here for? A I see him nearly every morning and driving a wagon
Q What do you come down to this store for? A I come all thru here, very near to all these houses, on business and as an officer
Q Do you ever transact any business with him here? A Yes
Q What nature? A Buying goods from him
Q How long have you known him? A I have known him I guess three years or more
Q Has he always been here in the store since you knew him? A Yes
Q Do you know him sufficiently well to testify that he is a bona fide merchant and not a laborer? A Yes
Q That he has performed no labor during the past year except such as would be incident to a mercantile occupation? A He has been on this delivery wagon the only times I have seen him away from the store
Q If he had have performed other labor would you have been likely to have known it? A Yes
Q What portion of the time do you find him in the store? A He is generally here. I come in the evening generally after supper.
Q Do you come here in the day any? A Yes quite often

Signed:- A. A. Elliott
12/26/16

(Note:- Witness is known to Chinese as Chick Elliott)

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No. _____
Ow Yong Dai Hoon,
Merchant to depart

Inspr... C.H.Hannum
Steno...H.Schmolzt

- witness sworn -

- Q What is your name? A -- C. E. Runnell
Q What is your occupation? A Blacksmith. I own this shop up here
Q Do you know this man here? A (applicant in person) A Yes
Q How long have you known him? A I have known him I guess three or four years, three years anyway
Q Since you have known him what has been his occupation? A He has been in this store ever since I knew him. I don't know whether he was around here (Note:- Statement taken at store of Kwong Chong Chan Company) before that or not.
Q How often do you visit this store here? A About once a month. I come down to collect my bills
Q Do you ever transact business with him? A He pays me the bills generally, sometimes him and sometimes the other fellow
Q Do you know him sufficiently well to testify that he is a bona fide merchant and not a laborer? A He has been in this store ever since I have known him.
Q His occupation has been that of a merchant? A Yes, in here
Q If he had have performed other labor in the past year would you have been likely to have known it? A Yes I think I would. He is generally in the store here, or driving to get something from the wharf. I see him ever day or pretty near every day.

Signed:- C.E. Runnell
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Immigration Service

Courtland, Cal., Dec. 21, 1916

No. _____
Ow Yong Dai Hoon,
Merchant to depart.

Inspr..... C.H.Hannum
Inter..... Geo.A.Chan
Steno..... H.Schmoldt

- applicant sworn -
(witness speaks Heung Shan Dialect - Interpreter qualified)

- Q State your names. A Ow Yong Dai Hoon, Ow Yong Koon Chung
Q Your age and place of birth? A Age 37; born in China
Q When did you come to the U.S.? A First came in K.S. 31-10 (Nov. 1905) thru the Port of Sumas. I made no trips. I came under the name of Ow Yong Dai Hoon, Canton Section 6 Merchant.
(Note:- Presents Canton Section Six Certificate 962 issued by Seung Van, Supt. of Chinese Customs on the 1st day of July 1904 and vised by Robert McWade, U.S. Consul General on the 22nd day of July 1904. The certificate bears the photograph of the witness and is indorsed, Admitted, Nov. 23, 1905 at Sumas, Wash. by H. Edsell, Chinese Inspector in Charge. Retained. Certificate is made out to Ao Yong Dai Hoon)
Q Are you married? A Married to Jee Shee. She had natural feet. Died Jan. 15, 1916 in China
Q Is she the only wife you ever had? A Yes
Q How many children have you? A One boy, Ow Yong Dung Wah, born in K.S. 27-5-13 (June 28, 1901); at home in China
Q Is that the only child you ever had? A Yes
Q What occupation have you followed since you came to the U.S. in 1905? A When I first came to the U.S. I made my headquarters with Sang Wah Sang Co. on Jackson St., San Francisco. I stayed there a little while and came to Courtland looking for something to do, some business. I could not find anything to do and I went back to Sang Wah Sang again and stayed there until K.S. 33 (1907) and became a member in the firm of Dock Sang Wah Company, Jackson St. I was only there a little over a year when the firm went out of business. Then I came to Courtland in S.T. 1 (1909) and then I became a member in the firm of Hung Lee Shee store here in Courtland until this firm organized and then I became a member here
Q When did this firm organize? A -- C.R. 3-10-1 (Nov. 21, 1911). I am here over five years
Q Has there been any change in the partnership list since the firm was organized? A No
Q How many partners are there in the firm and what is the capital? A Ten partners; \$500. each
Q How many of the partners are active? A Four actives
Q Name them with their duties. A
Go Vee Sing Manager
Ow Yung Leung Hing General Help
Jee Puey Chin General Help
myself General Help
Q How long have the present four actives been active in the firm? A I was here ever since the firm organized. Jee Puey Chin the same. Go Vee Sing the same. Ow Yung Leung Hing only became active when Jeung Hin went to China last year,

(Ow Yong Dai Hoon-merchant to depart)
(applicant testifying)

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- 2nd month, 2nd day, American reckoning (Feb. 2, 1915)
- Q Name the silent partners with their whereabouts and occupations. A
Ng Dung You, merchant in the Canton Dry Goods Store, Oakland.
Ng Jo Dock, merchant for himself, traveling all around and peddling.
Lai Quong Sing, peddler.
Lee Ing, peddler.
Chun Cheung, the same, peddler.
Jung Hin, in China.
- Q Does your firm carry any insurance? A \$3,200.
Q How is that divided? A Goods at the store \$2,000.; this wooden building,
\$500.; goods in the warehouse \$700.
- Q Who do you rent the ground from where the building stands? A Chauncy Chew
Q Who does Chauncy Chew rent it from? A The landlord where the ranch is
Q What assets has the firm? A Goods on hand about \$2100.; debts due us about
\$7,000.; a little over \$2,000. in the bank; I don't know what cash on hand.
The manager looks after that. The building about \$1,000.
- Q Do the active members of the firm receive a salary? A Yes \$30. per month each
active
- Q What amount of business did the firm transact last year? A A little over
\$25,000.
- Q Did the firm pay a dividend? A No. We got 4% on our money as interest
Q Was there any profit in the business last year? A No, except we increased the
goods
- Q What white men visit the store and know you are a merchant? A - M.C. Runyon,
Johnny "Doherty", Charley from the blacksmith shop; Bower and Miller, grocery-
men; Jack Elliott.
- Q How often does Jack Elliott come to the store and what for? A He drops in
every night but he comes here probably once or twice a week during the day
time. Sometimes he comes in to talk and sometimes to make purchases. I have sold
him goods
- Q How often does Johnny "Doherty" come to the store and what for? A Once to
four times a month to make purchases. I have sold him goods
- Q How often does Charley from the blacksmith shop come? A He comes once a month
to collect
- Q Do you pay him? A No the manager pays him
- Q Do you ever do any business with him? A I have taken horses up there and
the wagon
- Q How often does M. C. Runyon come here? A Once to three times a month to buy
things, lard, etc. I have sold him goods
- Q Have you anything further to state? A No
- Q Have you understood the interpreter? A Yes

Demeanor good
Signed:-
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歐陽澤祥

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Immigration Service

Courtland, Cal., Dec. 21, 1916

No. _____
Ow Yong Dai Hoon,
Merchant to depart.

Inspr.... C.H.Hannum
Inter.... Geo.A.Chan
Steno.... H.Schmoldt

- Manager sworn -

(witness speaks Heung Shan Dialect & Interpreter qualified)

- Q State your names. A Go Yee Sing, Go Goon Jee
Q Your age and place of birth? A Age 50; born in China
Q When did you come to the U.S.? A First came in K.S. 25-1-7 (Feb. 16, 1899)
on the ss China under the name of Go Yee Sing as a Section Six Macao
Merchant. Made no trip.
(Note:- Presents Section 6 Certificate issued to Kon Sing by the Colonial
Secretary for the Portuguese Government and visced by the U.S. Consul
General Feb. 2, 1899, signed R. Wildman, Consul General. The certificate
bears the photograph of the witness. He is the proper holder thereof.
Same is indorsed, Landed March 29, 1899 ex ss China, March 17, 1899, signed
J.P.Jackson, Collector. Returned)
Q Has there been any change in your family since you were examined by me on
Feb. 1, 1915, any births or deaths? A No
Q How long have you been manager of the Kwong Chong Chan Co.? A Ever since
S.T. 3-10-1 (Nov. 21, 1911)
Q When did you file your last partnership list with this service? A In my son's
case the latter part of C.R. 3 (Feb. 1915)
Q Has there been any change in the partnership list since that time? A No
Q Are the same partners active now who were active then? A No, one change in the
partnership list. Jung Hen went to China and Ow Yong Leung Hing took his place
as an active
Q When? A Feb. 15, 1915
Q How many partners are there in the firm and what is the capital? A 10 partners;
\$500. each
Q How many of the partners are active? A Four actives
Q Name them. A
Ow Yong Leung Hing, Buyer, Salesman, Delivery & Solicitor
Jee Foy Chin General Help
Ow Yong Dai Hoon General Help
myself Manager
Q Name the silent partners with their whereabouts and occupation? A
Jung Hin; went to China.
Ng Dung You. He is a merchant in the Canton Dry Goods Store in Oakland.
Ng Jo Dock. He is a traveling salesman for himself, or a peddler.
Lai Quong Sing, also a peddler.
Lee Ing, peddling.
Chun Cheung, farmer. That is all.
Q Does your firm carry any insurance? A \$3,200.
Q What premium do you pay on it? A Stock is \$7.50 per \$100. The building is
\$7. per \$100.
Q How much is on the stock? A \$2,000. on this stock in the building;
\$500. on the building; \$700. on the stock in the warehouse.

(Ow Yong Dai Hoon-merchant to depart)
(Go Yee Sing testifying)

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- Q Who do you rent the ground from where the building stands? A From Chauncy Chew and he rents it from Mr. Dimon
- Q What assets has the firm? A Goods on hand about \$2,100. debts due us now about \$7,000.; cash on hand about \$1,000.; about \$3,700. in the bank; building and horses and wagon \$1,000.
(Note:- Presents account 254 of the American National Bank of San Francisco in account with Kwong Chong Chan Co. showing balance Sept. 6, 1916 of \$3,708.86)
- Q How long has Ow Yong Dai Hoon been active in the firm? A Ever since the firm organized
- Q Has he always been employed in the store? A Yes
- Q What white men visit the store and know that he is a merchant? A M.C. Runyon, Johnny "Doherty"; Jack Elliott; Charley from the blacksmith shop; Charley "Bowes"
- Q How often does Charley from the blacksmith shop come here and what does he come for? A He comes every month to collect for work done, horse shoeing
- Q Does he do business with Ow Yong Dai Hoon? A No, only he takes the horses up there to have them shod
- Q What portion of Ow Yong Dai Hoon's time does he spend on the road? A He goes out soliciting twice a week, sometimes all day and sometimes comes back here at two or three o'clock in the afternoon
- Q How often does Jack Elliott go to the store? A From once to four times a month. He is a policeman here. He makes a purchase once in a long while, maybe some eggs or other things
- Q Does he do business with Dai Hoon? A Dai Hoon has sold him goods
- Q How often does Mr. Runyon come to the store? A Sometimes once a week, once a month, once in two months. He comes to buy lard, eggs, etc.
- Q Does he come every month? A He usually comes about once a week or about every other week but once in a long while he misses a month
- Q Does he do business with Dai Hoon? A Yes Dai Hoon has delivered goods and sold him goods
- Q How often does Johnny "Doherty" come to the store? A About once a month, sometimes oftener. He comes to buy goods
- Q Does he come as often as once a month? A Yes at least once a month
- Q Does he ever do any business here with Dai Hoon? A Dai Hoon has sold him goods
(Note:- Presents partnership book which interpreter states shows names as testified to and contains following notations:- 12939/325 Whoe Tong; 14071/12-27 Feb. 1, 1915 Geo. A. Chan; merchant departing Dec. 22, 1914 Geo. A. Chan)
(Presents account book which interpreter states shows monthly receipts and expenditures. Total receipts for C.R. 4 (1915) \$25,992.74. Total expenditures, \$26,894.20)
- Q Did the firm pay a dividend? A No. We lost money on the cash deal but we have profits in the accounts, \$3,000.
- Q Do the active members of the firm receive a salary? A Yes \$30. per month each active
- Q Have you anything further to state? A No
- Q Have you understood the interpreter? A Yes

Demeanor good
Signed:-
12/26/16-HS

高觀鏄 商裕成

Partnership list filed this 21st day of December
1916, and signed by the manager of Kwong Chong Chan
Co, Courtland, California.
In the case of Owyong Dai Hoon, merchant to depart.

Go Ye Sing	500.00.	manager.
Owyong Leung Hing	500.00.	buyer, salesman.
Gee Pey Cheen	500.00.	gen help.
Owyong Dai Hoon	500.00.	gen help.
Jeung Hin	500.00.	in China.
Ng Dang Yow	500.00.	silent.
Ng Joe Duck	500.00.	silent.
Lai Quong Sing	500.00.	silent.
Lee Ying	500.00.	silent.
Chan Teung	500.00.	silent.

Translated by George A. Chan, Interpreter.

REFERENCE

1918

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NUMBER	NAME	STEAMER	DATE	RELATION	INSPECTOR'S NAME	CHECKED BY
17887/14-3	Ow Yeong Ahn	Nanking	2/9/19	witness for her	Wm H. Tomkins	Wt. 86
18431/5-4	Chiu Chow Lin	Tenyo	9/19/19	wife	J. F. Hunter	Wt. 86
18431/5-10	Ow Yong Dung Wah	Tenyo-Maru	8/19/19	son	A. S. Hemstreet	Wt. 86
20123/3-1	Chuck Fook Luon	Hile	5/19/21	Wit. for	C. E. Messling	