

"In the enforcement of the provisions of Section II of the Act of November 3, 1893, relating to the application for admission of alleged returning Chinese merchants, it will not be enough to have witnesses testify that an applicant for at least one year before his departure from the United States was not engaged in the performance of any manual labor except such as was necessary in the conduct of his business as such merchant, but the testimony should show specifically the kind of work the Chinaman has done during the entire year, and, after detailing the character of such work, should say that he has not performed any other labor than that specifically set forth." (UNITED STATES TREASURY DECISION NO. 21,039.)

- 1 What is your name? Joe R. Reutzel
- 2 What is your business? Salesman
- 3 What is your business address? 21 Grant St
- 4 Who is the person represented by the photo. shown you? Yick Kim Wo
- 5 How long have you known him? For 4 years
- 6 What is his occupation? Merchant
- 7 Of what firm is he a member? Kow Kee Jan Co
- 8 Has the store any connection with a laundry, restaurant, lodging house, barber shop or pawn shop? No
- 9 Where is the store located? 840 Clay St
- 10 What kind of business do they conduct? General Merc
- 11 Does the firm engage in manufacturing of any description? No
- 12 Having read Treasury Decision No. 21039 (cited above) which governs our procedure, are you able to state specifically the kind of work he performed during the entire year prior to date? (Yes or no) Yes
- 13 If so, what was such work? Buyer & salesman etc
- 14 Do you know whether or not during the period referred to the applicant worked as a laundryman, peddler, servant, farmer, ranch hand, cook, fisherman, miner or at any other labor? He did not
- 15 Can you state that you know he performed no other labor during that period than that stated in question 13? Yes
- 16 Upon what do you base your knowledge of the above? Business dealings
- 17 How frequently did you visit the store of applicant during the year prior to date? About 6 times a year
- 18 During the said period did you always find the applicant engaged in said store? Yes
- 19 Can you name any other partners in this firm? Sam Kow
- 20 If not, why not? _____

(Signature of witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of Aug, 1903

L. K. Kenna
Immigrant Inspector.