

CERTIFICATE -of- INCORPORATION

of the

CHINESE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION.

State of New York :

City of New York : ss:

County of New York :

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, of full age, residents of the City of New York, and citizens of the United States, being desirous of associating ourselves together for Social, Mutual Benefit, Benevolent and Patriotic purposes, as hereinafter is more particularly described, pursuant to and in conformity with an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed May 8th, 1895, entitled "An Act relating to Membership Corporations" and the several Acts of the said Legislature amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, do hereby certify and declare as follows:

F I R S T :

THAT the particular objects for which said Corporation is formed are as follows, viz: The mutual benefit and improvement of the members thereof, the promotion of social intercourse, the development of the spirit of patriotism and benevolence.

S E C O N D :

THAT the corporate name by which said Corporation

hereby to be formed shall be known and distinguished, is  
and shall be

CHINESE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION.

THIRD:

THAT the territory in which the operation of said  
Corporation is to be conducted shall be in the City and  
County of New York.

FOURTH:

THAT the principal office of said Corporation shall  
be and is located in the City of New York, County of New  
York, and State of New York.

FIFTH:

THAT the number of directors of said Corporation  
shall be five, and that in order to better promote and fur-  
ther the objects and interest of the proposed corporation  
each of said Trustees contribute the sum of Twenty-five  
(\$25.00) Dollars thereto.

SIXTH:

THAT the names and places of residence of the per-  
sons to be the directors of said Corporation until its  
first annual meeting, are

THOMAS L. LEE,	161st Street & Morris Ave., N. Y.
JAMES WHITE,	No. 18 Mott St. N. Y.
MOY CHUNG SHING,	No. 14 Mott St. N. Y.
LI JING,	No. 38 Mott St. N. Y.

LEE LOY

No. 18 Mott St. N. Y.

S E V E N T H :

THAT the annual meeting of the said Corporation shall be held on the second Monday of March, in each and every year.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have made and signed this Certificate in duplicate, and have hereunto set our hands and affixed our respective seals, this *24<sup>th</sup>* day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

*Li Jing*

*Lee Loy*

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*Lee Loy*

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*Lee Loy*

State of New York :

City of New York : 88:

County of New York :

I, PHILIP WALDHEIMER, a Notary

Public duly commissioned and qualified, hereby certify, that  
on this *27th* day of January, in the year one thousand  
eight hundred and ninety-seven, personally appeared before  
me, Thomas L. Lee, James White, Moy Chung Shing, Li Jung,  
and Lee Hoy, to me severally known and known to me to be  
the individuals named in and who executed the foregoing  
certificate, and they thereupon severally acknowledged  
before me that they did execute the same for the purposes  
therein set forth.

*Philip Waldheimer*  
Notary Public,

N. Y. Co.

State of New York

City and County of New York

: ss:

I, *Roger A. Pryor* — a Justice

of the Supreme Court, of the State of New York, of the

First Judicial District, do hereby approve the foregoing

certificate of incorporation, and consent that the same be

filed.

Dated, *February 1<sup>st</sup>* 1897.

*Roger A. Pryor*

Justice Supreme Court

First Judicial District.