

Department of Commerce and Labor

In re. MOY NEE KUNG, Laundryman, of No. 119 W. 39th st., Chicago, Illinois.
STATEMENT OF REGISTERED CHINESE LABORER,
ABOUT TO DEPART FROM THE UNITED STATES WITH THE INTENTION OF RETURNING THERE TO.

See letter dated July 27, 07.

in Moy Sin's file No. 48

Made in compliance with the treaty between the United States and China, concluded and signed March 17th, 1894, Ratified December 7, 1894, and proclaimed by the President of the United States December 8, 1894, and the act of Congress entitled "An Act to prohibit the coming into, and to regulate the residence within the United States, its Territories, and all territory under its jurisdiction, and the District of Columbia, of Chinese Persons and persons of Chinese descent", approved April 29, 1902, and the Rules and Regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

I HEREBY DECLARE that I am a Chinese Laborer, duly registered as such under the act of Congress approved November 7, 1893. My Certificate of Residence is attached to this Statement. It was issued to me by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Illinois, at the City of Chicago, in said District, April 9, 1894, and is numbered "6497".



MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: - MOY NEE KUNG.

AGE: - Forty-Two (42) Years.

HEIGHT: - Five Feet, Seven and One-Half (7-1/2) Inches.

LOCAL RESIDENCE: - No. 119 W. 39th st., Chicago, Illinois.

OCCUPATION: - Laundryman.

COMPLEXION: - Dark.

I have shallow scars on Left Jaw; and Small Mole on Right Side of Chin.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS BELOW:-

PROPERTY: - None except the personal property described below, and money in hand.

DEBTS: - Payable by one Moy Back Gan, Laundryman, of No. 309 Clark street, Chicago, Illinois, for money loaned, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

Payable by one Moy Foo Nio, Laundryman, of No. 303 Clark street, Chicago, Illinois, for money loaned, the sum of Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00).

Said debts aggregate at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). They are unsettled and unascertained, and are not covered by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

I HEREBY AGREE that none of such property and debt shall be diverted, transferred or collected during my absence and that the above-described property and debts shall remain as they now exist until my return to the United States.

I intend to depart from the United States at the sub-port of Portal, North Dakota, one month from the date hereof, or as soon hereafter as I may, and to return to the United States at the same sub-port of Portal within one year thereafter.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request a Certificate of my right to return to the United States.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., July 27, 1906.

Subscribed and sworn to, by the above-named MOY NEE KUNG, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, this 27 day of July, A.D., 1906, before me.

[Signature]
Chinese Immigrant Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N. DAK.

August 17, 1906.

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

Sir:

I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of papers in the case of Moy Nei Kung who requests that a return certificate be granted him, claiming to have debts due him to the amount of \$1050.

Owing to your favorable report the said Moy Nei Kung will be granted a return certificate on application at this port. If possible, please notify him that if he desires to sail on the boat leaving Vancouver September 3rd he should leave Chicago Wednesday evening, August 29th, at about 6:30.

Respectfully,



Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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CHINESE INSP. IN CHARGE.

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August 6, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
MOY NEI KUNG, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
Lab. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Witness, MOY FOO NIE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Moy Foo Nie.
Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
Q Where is your laundry located? A I have no laundry now.
Q When was the last time you worked? A 2 months ago.
Q Where was that? A No. 807 47th St., Chicago.
Q How long were you there? A Two weeks.
Q When and where was the last laundry you owned?
A No. 225 North Ave., year before last.
Q How long did you own that laundry? A A year and a half.
Q When did you sell that laundry? A K.S. 29th year, 12th month.
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes; it is Moy Nei Kung.
Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes; I owe him \$550.
Q What do you owe him \$550 for?
Q I wanted it to send back home to build a house with it.
Q When did you borrow that \$550? A K.S. 30, 5, 1.
Q How much money did you send back to China? A All I borrowed.
Q Did you send back any of your own money?
A No. My father wrote that they did not have enough money to
build the house and I borrowed it of this man.
Q Didn't you have any money at that time?
A No; I was working but I didn't have any money.
Q What did you get for your laundry? A I sold it for \$450.
Q Why didn't you pay back that loan?
A I bought that laundry for \$550 and when I sold it I didn't have
money enough to pay what I borrowed before.
Q Why would you borrow a lot of money to send home?
A At the time I sold this laundry I didn't owe Moy Nei Kung any
money. I got a letter from home and they wanted money to
help build the house, and as I didn't have any money of my own
I borrowed it of Moy Nei Kung.
Q Why haven't you repaid Moy Nei Kung?
A I have only worked for other people as I could get work, and what
money I earn I use to support myself and my family in China.
Q Why haven't you any money? You have been in this country a
long time.
A I have had hard luck since I have been here and you know that
a few years ago wages were not as high as they are now.
Q Did you give him a note for the money? A No, sir.
Q Do you pay him any interest? A No, sir.
Q Did you put the loan down in any book? A No, sir.
Q What security has he? A Nothing but confidence in each other.
Q Where did the loan take place? A Tai Wah Co., 303 S. Clark St.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes, sir.
Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:
(Signed) MOY FOO NIE, Witness.
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Applicant, MOY NEI KUNG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Moy Nei Kung.
- Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
- Q Where is your laundry? A I sold out a few months ago.
- Q Where was your laundry before you sold it out?
- A No. 119 West 39th St.
- Q When did you sell that out?
- A Third month this year, Chinese date.
- Q What do you base your right to a return certificate on?
- A On the grounds that I am registered and also people in this country owe me money.
- Q Who owe you money?
- A Moy Foon Nie and Moy Back ~~gan~~ Gan
- Q How much does Moy Foon Nie owe you? A \$550.
- Q What does he owe you that for?
- A He told me he wanted it to send to China to build a house with.
- Q When did he borrow it? A K.S. 30, 5, 1.
- Q Where did this loan take place? A Tai Wah Co., 303 S. Clark St.
- Q What is Moy Foon Nie's business? A Laundryman.
- Q Where is his laundry? A He has no laundry now.
- Q Why not? A He sold out his last one and he hasn't money to buy another.
- Q When did he sell his last laundry? A I don't know where it was.
- Q But when did he sell his ~~z~~ last laundry?
- A I don't know when he sold out his last one but he told me some time ago.
- Q Well, was it before or after he borrowed this money of you?
- A I cannot recall just now and I wouldn't say either way.
- Q Why wouldn't he have any money of his own?
- A At the time he asked me to let him have this money he wasn't doing anything and he needed it in a hurry and I let him have it.
- Q How long have you known him?
- A Ever since we were boys in China.
- Q Why hasn't he let you have any of this money back since he borrowed it?
- A In the first place he wasn't working very much and in the second place I didn't ask him for it as I should.
- Q When do ~~x~~ you think he will pay you?
- A He agreed when I come back from China he will pay me if he has it.
- Q Now, how much does Back ~~Gan~~ owe you? A \$500.
- Q When did he borrow this? A K.S. 29, 8, 10 I sold him a laundry. He owes this money on that account.
- Q Where was the laundry that you sold to him?
- A No. 763 West Van Buren St.
- Q I thought your laundry was on 39th St.?
- A After I sold this one on West Van Buren St. I came to this 39th St. laundry.
- Q How long did you own this laundry on Van Buren St. before you sold it? A A little over 3 years before I sold out.
- Q Who was the landlord?
- A At the time when I ran this laundry the agent lived on West ~~xxx~~ Harrison St., 800 and something, but I don't understand English very well and I don't remember his name.
- Q How much rent did you pay? A \$15 a month.
- Q How many men did you have working?
- A I employed two men besides myself.

- Q What did you get for that laundry when you sold it?
A \$800.
Q Did Moy Back ~~San~~ pay you \$300 cash? A Yes.
Q Well, why hasn't he been able to pay you part of this debt before this?
A He got a letter from China most every month or so and he sent most of the money to China.
Q Have you any notes as evidence of either of these loans?
A No.
Q Do they pay you any interest? A No, no interest.
Q What security have you got for them?
A No security at all; only trust.
Q Suppose Moy Back ~~Gan~~ didn't pay you; couldn't you take his laundry? A No.
Q Did you put either of these items down in your account book?
A No.
Q Are these debts true debts or are they trumped up to enable you to go to China?
A No, sir; not false; they are true debts.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) MOY NIE KUNG, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, MOY BACK GAN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Moy Back Gan.
Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
Q Where is your laundry? A I sold my laundry now.
Q Where was your laundry? A No. 763 West Van Buren St.
Q When did you sell it?
A K.S. 31st year, last part of 10th month or first part of 11th month.
Q When did you buy that laundry? A K.S. 29, 8, 10.
Q Who did you buy it of? A Moy Nei Kung.
Q What did you pay him for it? A \$800.
Q Who is this (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Moy Nei Kung.
Q How much of that \$800 was cash?
A At the time I agreed ~~to~~ to pay him \$800 we understood each other that I was to pay him \$300 cash and a little later on I was to pay him \$500, but I got word from China that my youngest brother was going to get married and I sent money home to China, and Moy Nei Kung asked me for money from time to time but I couldn't pay him.
Q Where did the transaction take place? A In the laundry.
Q How long was Moy Nei Kung in that laundry before you bought it?
A I don't know.
Q How long have you known Moy Nei Kung? A 17 or 18 years.
Q What rent did you pay for that laundry?
A When I first took possession of the laundry it was \$15 a month and then they raised to \$16 a month.
Q When did you sell it?
A I sold it last year, last part of 10th month or first part of 11th month.
Q What did you get for it? A \$730.
Q Why didn't you pay Moy Nei Kung then?
A When I sold the laundry I was in debt a good deal and also received a letter from home that my father was very sick and I sent money home, and afterwards I received word that my father was dead.
Q When do you expect to pay Moy Nei Kung?
A I will pay him when I have it.
Q Do you expect to pay him before he goes to China?
A I will pay him when he comes back.
Q Did you give him any note for that money or do you pay him any interest?
A No; no note; no interest.
Q What security has he got for that debt?
A No security at all; only trust.
Q Is this a true debt that you owe him or have you trumped it up to enable him to go to China?
A No, sir; it is not a false debt; it is a true debt.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) MOY BACK GAN, Witness.
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

Wong Wei Kwang Aug 6-06
Department of Commerce and Labor

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Business.
Laundering
Where.

not working now,
When last time you worked
2 weeks ago.

Where. 807-47 St.

How long with there.

2 weeks.

When would laundry you own?

225 W. Am. year before last.

How long own that.

1 1/2 years.

When sell that laundry.

K.S. 29-12 month.

Know this man

Yes it is Wong Wei Kwang.

own ^{his} any money

yes 550

What for

Wanted to build house with

Department of Commerce and Labor

Why borrow any money. You have been in this
country a long time?

I have had hard luck since I have been here and you
know that a few years ago wages would be higher

* they are now.

understood. Interference

* Give any note

no

any interest

no.

Put down in book

yes.

any security

nothing only we have confidence in each other

Where did loan take place

at Tai Wah Co 303 So Belord St.

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Wong Aloy

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