

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICESTATEMENT OF REGISTERED CHINESE LABORER ABOUT TO DEPART FROM THE UNITED STATES WITH
THE INTENTION OF RETURNING THERETO

Made in compliance with 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 Commerce and Labor in conformity therewith.

I HEREBY DECLARE that I am a Chinese laborer, duly registered as such, under the act of May 5, 1892, as amended by the act of November 3, 1893. My certificate of residence which is attached to this statement was issued by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the First district of California, at San Francisco dated March 16, 1894, and numbered 87527

Name, Lem FookPresent age, 44 years.Local residence, 815 Pierce Ave. Marinette Wis.Occupation, SaniclymanHeight: 5 feet, 4 1/4 inches. Weight, 150 lbs.Color of eyes, brown Complexion, lightPhysical marks or peculiarities for identification: Three moles on right side of neck. Pit mark on right cheek.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS the family, or property, or debts described below:

FAMILY: Wife, named _____, residing _____

Child or children, named _____, residing _____

Parent, named _____

residing _____

PROPERTY: Full description, House & lot No 815 Pierce Ave. Marinette Wis.
Lot 57' x 78' x 97' Value, \$ 2000.00

DEBTS: Aggregating at least \$1,000, which are unsettled and unascertained, and not covered by promissory notes or other evidence of ascertained liability:

Due from _____, of _____

_____ dollars, for _____

Due from _____, of _____

_____ dollars, for _____

Due from _____, of _____

_____ dollars, for _____

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

I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST a certificate of my right to return to the United States.

Lem Fook
(Signature of applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of December, 1907Sumas.(Name) L. F. Fook

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November 16th, 1908.

Recorder of Deeds,
Marinette County,
Marinette, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Will you please inform me whether or not there has been any transfer of or incumbrances placed upon a lot of land at the corner of Pierce Ave and Stevenson St., Marinette, Wis. which was deeded to Lum Sam by Mary J. Williams and her husband Eber L., November 2nd, 1901?

The owner of this property, Lum Sam, went to China about a year ago, and at that time Inspector Ward E. Thompson of this office called upon you and examined the records and found the title clear. The Chinaman now desires to return to the United States, and in order to do so must show that no sale has been made nor encumbrance placed upon the land since he departed.

I enclose self-addressed franked envelope, and would thank you very much for your kindness in the matter.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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SUMAS, WASH.

November 9, 1908.

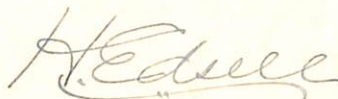
No. 1793.

Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith all papers in the case of LHM FOOK, Chinese laborer of Marinette, Wisconsin, who has advised this office of his intention soon to apply for readmission at this port. Kindly ascertain, by correspondence if you think it advisable, whether said Chinese is still the owner of the property on which his application for a return certificate was based.

Respectfully,



Chinese Inspector in Charge.

(Enclosure)

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Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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January 15th, 1908.

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Sumas, Washington.

Favorable report case Lem Fook, laborer departing, mailed today. Will you issue return certificate on copy application if presented before report reaches you? Wire.

Plummer, Inspector.

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OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
CHICAGO, ILL.

January 14th, 1908.

SUBJECT:

Mr. H. Edsell,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Sumas, Washington.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers in the case of Lem Fook, laborer of Marinette, Wisconsin, applicant for laborer's return certificate.

The certificate of residence has been compared with the duplicate on file at the Bureau and found to be genuine. The descriptive statement is accurate and the photograph is a true likeness. This man bases his right to return on his ownership of a piece of land in Marinette, Wisconsin. I have examined the applicant on this claim and enclose a transcript of the notes taken. In his examination before me, he produced a deed to him for a consideration of \$1,150.00.

At my request, Inspector Ward E. Thompson has made an investigation at Marinette and I enclose his favorable report.

From my examination and Inspector Thompson's report, I am of the opinion that this man is entitled to the certificate that he requests, and would recommend that it be issued to him.

I will hand one copy of these papers to the applicant with instructions to present them to you at his departure through your port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge

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January 7th, 1908.

Mr. Ward E. Thompson,
Chinese & Immigrant Inspector,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

In accordance with authority contained in Department letter No. 14612-87-C, dated December 27th, 1907, you are hereby detailed to proceed to Marinette, Wisconsin to investigate the case of Lem Fook, a Chinese laborer residing at that place who claims to have property located there and who has made application for a return certificate.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICEOFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
CHICAGO, ILL.

December 23, 1907.

Commissioner-General of Immigration,
Department of Commerce and Labor,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

A Chinaman by name of Lem Fook of Marinette, Wisconsin, has made an application to me for a laborer's return certificate. He bases his right upon the ownership of a house and lot of land in Marinette, Wisconsin, which he says is worth two thousand (\$2,000) dollars. In his examination he produced a deed dated November 2, 1901, in which the consideration is stated as \$1150.00. He informed me that he is well known by the grantor and his wife and has been for a number of years, and he referred me to them in case I desired to investigate his ownership.

Would the Bureau please inform me whether this man's ownership could be properly verified by letters to the grantor and to the County Recorder, or shall I make a personal investigation? If a personal investigation is deemed necessary, would you please grant me letter of authority covering the expense of a trip to Marinette, Wisconsin.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

Case of : L. T. PLUMMER, Examining Inspector.
LEM FOOK, : J. G. C. LONGCHALLON, Interpreter.
Lab. Dep. : D. ARTHUR PLUMLY, Stenographer.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Lem Fook.
Q What is your full Chinese name? A Lem Sam Fook.
Q What is your business or occupation? A Laundryman.
Q Do you own that laundry at Marinette, Wisconsin?
A No, I have turned it over to my brother to work.
Q On what do you base your right to a return certificate?
A I own a house and lot of land at Marinette, Wisconsin.
(Witness produced deed from Mary J. Williams and her husband
Eber L. to Lum Sam of a three-cornered piece of land 78 feet by
57 feet by 97 feet on Pierce Avenue and Stephenson Street, consid-
eration of \$1125; dated November 2, 1901.)
Q This deed is made to Lum Sam, whereas your name is Lem Fook.
How do you explain that? A My name is Lem Fook but to make it
sound better in American I made it Lum Sam.
Q Are there any improvements on this land? A Yes, there
is a house on it.
Q What kind of a house? A A wooden house.
Q How many stories? A One story.
Q Who occupies the house? A I have my laundry there.
Q What is that house and land worth to-day, in your opinion?
A I value it at over \$2,000.00.
Q How much tax do you pay on it? A Last year I paid a lit-
tle over \$32.
Q Do you intend to keep this land until you come back from
China? A Yes, I will keep it; I will not sell it.
Q Are there any incumbrances on it; that is, any mortgages or
claims against the property? A No, it is clear.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) LEM FOOK, Applicant.

(Signed) J. G. C. LONGCHALLON, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

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