

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

Pacific Mail Steamship Co.,  
Occidental & Oriental Steamship Co.  
AND  
Toyo Kisen Kaisha.  
(Oriental S. S. Co.)  
ROUTE VIA SAN FRANCISCO.

## STATEMENT.

Of Registered Chinese Laborer about to depart from the United States with the



intention of returning thereto, made in compliance with the treaty between the United States and China, concluded and signed on the 17th day of March, 1894, ratified on the 7th day of December, 1894, proclaimed by the President of the United States, December 8th, 1894, and the Regulation of the Secretary of the Treasury, dated December 28th, 1894.

Chong Kit, WHOSE PHOTOGRAPH is hereunto attached, desiring to leave the United States with the intention of returning thereto, and claiming a certificate of his right to return under said treaty and in conformity therewith, deposits as a condition of his return his certificate of registration No. 6019 and his photograph in triplicate, and a full and true description of himself and of his family, property or debts due him in the United States, as follows, to-wit:—

Name (Family and Individual): Chong Kit

Age: 35

Height: 5 foot 3 1/2 inches

Local Residence: 541 E. 63rd St., Chicago, Ill.

Occupation: Laundry Man

Color of Eyes: Dark Brown

Complexion: Dark Brown

Physical Marks: No marks

Description of Family Property or Debts: I hereby certify that I am the proprietor of the laundry known as Chan Jim, 541 E. 63rd St., Chicago, Ill. which I have owned for the last four years and in which I have employed on an average of five men including myself during that time; that the gross receipts have been about \$80.00 per week since I have owned it; that at present I value the same including fixtures, good-will, etc. and \$1150.00 and I firmly believe that if I desired to sell the same I could get \$1000.00 for it to-day; that I intend to leave said laundry in charge of my cousin Ghan Gee during my absence. I do further declare that I own laundry at #3841 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill. Weight at Present: 105 pounds.

How long resided in the United States: 20 years.

WHEREFORE applicant prays to be furnished with such certificate of his right to return under said treaty as the laws of the United States may prescribe.

It is my intention to depart from the United States by way of San Francisco.

Chong Kit

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of September 1902

and that I owe no debts; that I intend to leave said laundry in charge of my cousin Chan Young during my absence.

John Kitt - Special Deputy Collector

I hereby certify that the above statement, made by the said

is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and

that the photographs accompanying this paper are those of the said

Collector.



CUSTOMS SERVICE,  
OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR,

CHICAGO, ILL., Sept 29th, 1902.

Hon William. Penn. Nixon.

Collector of Customs.

Chicago Ills.

Sir:-

Complying with your instructions to investigate the enclosed sworn statement of CHONG KIT, a Chinese laborer, who makes application to depart from the United States via San Francisco, Cal., in accordance with the provisions contained in Treasury Decisions S.21.446, I beg to report that I visited the laundry, at 3841 Cottage Grove Ave, which CHONG KIT in his application claims to own and values at \$ 850.00 with no incumbrances, to interview the said CHONG KIT, who was not in and could not then be located. I looked the place over, asked a few questions of the person I found in charge, as to the ownership of the laundry, and was not long in discovering that Charlie Wah, is the owner and proprietor of the laundry.

I examined the laundry and found four men employed, including the person I was talking with also a Chinaman, and found that there were three ironing tables, three wash tubs, one gass mangle, and two laundry stoves and other paraphernalia such as is usually in use in an average Chinese laundry. The value of which could not in my opinion exceed \$300. In taking my leave of the person I found in charge I requested him, to ask CHONG KIT, to call upon me at my office, as I wanted to talk with

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him about his proposed visit to China. I also called at the laundry 541-East 63rd Street., which place CHONG KIT claims to be owner, and upon which he places a value of \$1150.00, and says his gross receipts amount to \$ 80.00 per week.

The facts are, I found CHAN JIM, in charge of the laundry, he told me that he owned the place, and had for the last four years, that he had never had any one interested in the business with him. I inquired what he valued the fixtures at, he answered promptly that he paid \$ 150.00, for the gass mangle, and that the rest of the fixtures were <sup>with</sup> about \$90.00, making \$240.00 in all.

There are five persons employed in the place. The room is very small, about twelve feet front running back about seventy five feet. I desire to call your attention to the strange part of CHONG KIT'S statement. He places a value of \$850.00 on the laundry located at # 3841-Cottage Grove Ave, which is a much larger and more pretentious place in every respect than the laundry at # 541-East 63rd St, upon which he places a value of \$1150.00, the idea is an absurd one.

Two hundred and fifty dollars is all the place is worth, and is a generous price to place upon the fixtures. As to the good will part of the suggestion, there is not much in that. The laundry to be a success, should have the good will of all its patrons, and will have just so long as it does satisfactory work. I, of course, have no means of getting at that amount of business done by these laundries, as I cannot examine the

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books, however I am of the opinion that an exaggerated value has been placed upon the fixtures of the laundries in question.

The result of this investigation, is a flat contradiction of the statement made by CHONG KIT, but I am thoroughly convinced, that the true state of existing conditions have been ascertained.

Respectfully.

*Chas. R. Stone*  
Chinese Inspector.

Inclosures.