

Department of Commerce and Labor

STATEMENT OF REGISTERED CHINESE LABORER ABOUT TO DEPART FROM THE UNITED STATES WITH THE INTENTION OF RETURNING THERE TO.

Made in compliance with the treaty between the United States and China, concluded and signed March 17th, 1904, ratified December 7th, 1904, and proclaimed by the President of the United States December 8th, 1904, 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 and persons of Chinese descent", approved April 23rd, 1902, and the rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

I, LIM TOM, being a Chinese Laborer, duly registered as such under the act of November 3, 1903. My certificate of Residence 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 2nd, 1907, and numbered 124157; which said Certificate of Residence, I attach hereto.



HERETO AFFIXED IS A TRUE LIKENESS OF ME AND

MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

NAME:-- LIM TOM.  
AGE:-- Thirty-seven (37) Years.  
RESIDENCE:-- 1893 No. Clark St. Chicago  
OCCUPATION:-- Laundryman.  
HEIGHT:-- 5 Feet, 7 Inches, Chinese Dress.  
EYES:-- Dark Brown. COMPLEXION:-- Light.  
HAIR:-- None.

THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS BELOW:

Assets:-- None, except the Personal Property described below, and Money in hand.

DEBTS:-- Payable by one WONG WONG, Laundryman, of No. 721 South Clark street, in the City of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois, for Money loaned, the sum of Four Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$475.00).

AND I HAVE AN INTEREST in The SAM HING Laundry, No. 1893 North Clark street, in the City of Chicago, aforesaid, actually and reasonably worth Six Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$630.00).

Said property and debts aggregate, and are actually and reasonably worth at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Such debts are unsettled and unascertained, and the same are not covered in whole or in part by promissory note or notes, deed, mortgage, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

I HEREBY AGREE That the said property and debt shall not be diverted, transferred, assigned or collected during my absence, but 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 SUMAS, Washington, one month from the date hereof, or as soon hereafter as I may; and to return to the United States at the same port of SUMAS, Washington, within one year thereafter.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, May 1, A.D., 1907.

Lim Tom

Subscribed and sworn to, by the above-named LIM TOM, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, this 1st day of MAY, nineteen hundred seven, before me.

B. J. Hummer

Chinese & Immigrant Inspector,  
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

See letter dated April 3, 1908 Portal, N.D.  
in Moy Schuck's file No. 484  
admitted on the above date and Port.



CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 12, 1907.

Case of : W.E. Thompson, Examining Inspector,  
LIM TOM, :  
Lab. Ret.

Witness, WONG WON, sworn by Inspector Thompson, testified, in English:

Q What is your name? A Wong Won.

Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)? A Yes, it is Lim Tom.

Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes, \$475; just the same amount as when he went away.

Q Have you paid him any since his departure? A No.

Q When will you pay him? A Sometime after his return.

Q Have you understood my questions? A Yes.

(Witness signed his testimony in English)

(Signed) Wong Won, Witness.

(Signed) W.E. Thompson, Inspector



# SAM HING ..HAND LAUNDRY..



1893 NORTH CLARK STREET

CHICAGO, ..... 190.....

Name .....

**Terms Cash.**

Residence .....

No.	GENTLEMEN'S LIST	AM'T	No.	LADIES LIST	A'MT
.....	Shirts, plain .....	6	.....	Collars .....	3up
.....	“ dress or fancy .....	7	.....	Cuffs, per pair .....	4up
.....	“ with collar .....	7	.....	Bosoms .....	5 up
.....	“ new .....	7	.....	Dresses .....	25 up
.....	<b>COLLARS</b> .....	2	.....	“ children's .....	10 up
.....	<b>CUFFS</b> , per pair .....	4	.....	Skirts .....	15 up
.....	Drawers .....	5	.....	Waists .....	15 up
.....	Undershirts .....	5	.....	“ boys .....	10 up
.....	Nightshirts .....	6	.....	Corset Covers .....	10up
.....	Socks, per pair .....	4	.....	Chemise .....	10 up
.....	Handkerchiefs .....	2	.....	Drawers .....	8 up
.....	“ Silk .....	3	.....	Nightdresses, .....	8 up
.....	Neckties .....	2-5	.....	Undervests .....	5 up
.....	Coats .....	10 up	.....	Underdraws .....	5 up
.....	Vests .....	15	.....	Stockings, per pair .....	5
.....	Pants, .....	25-50	.....	Aprons .....	5 up
.....	Jackets .....	10	.....	Wrappers .....	25 up
.....	Overalls .....	10	.....	Curtains .....	25 up
.....	Aprons .....	4	.....	Pillow shams pair .....	25 up
.....	Counterpanes .....	10 up	.....	Sheet Shams .....	15 up
.....	Sheets .....	4	.....	Blankets .....	25 up
.....	Pillow Slips .....	2	.....	Table Covers .....	5 up
.....	Towels .....	1½	.....	Napkins .....	1½
.....	Rollers .....	3	.....	Side Board Scarfs .....	3 up
.....	Bed Ticks .....	25	.....	Lunch Cloths .....	3 up
.....	Tidies .....	5 up	.....	Quilts .....	25
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Family Washing 50-75c per doz. Rough dry 35c. per doz.  
 Goods not called for within 30 days will be sold for charges.  
 Parcels called for and delivered.







May 2, 1907.

Case of : Ward E. Thompson, Examining Inspector.  
LIM TOM, :  
Lab. Dep. : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Thompson, testified:

Q What is your name? A Lin (Lim) Tom.  
Q How old are you? A I am 37 years old.  
Q Where were you born? A In China.  
Q When did you first come to the United States? A K.S. 8th year.  
Q Have you ever been back since on a visit? A No, sir.  
Q What is your occupation? A I am a laundryman.  
Q Whose photograph is that (showing photograph of applicant)?  
A That is my picture.  
Q Do you own a laundry? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where is it? A No. 1893 North Clark St., Chicago.  
Q Have you a partner, or are you the sole owner?  
A I am the sole owner. I have no partner.  
Q How long have you owned that laundry? A About two years.  
Q How many men, including yourself, are employed in that laundry?  
A I employ two other men and also work myself.  
Q What do you consider your laundry is worth?  
A About \$630 or \$700.  
Q Have you a lease or do you rent from month to month?  
A I have a lease of my own.  
Q What rent do you pay? A I pay \$25 a month rent.  
Q Who pays the rent? One of your men? A No, I pay it myself.  
Q How much business do you do in that laundry?  
A I take in \$70 to \$80 a week on an average.  
Q Do you pay your two men a straight salary or a percentage?  
A I pay both of them salaries.  
Q Do you intend to sell that laundry or will you keep it yourself?  
A I intend to keep it.  
Q Who will you leave in charge while you are away on this trip?  
A My brother, Lin Dai, will conduct the business until I return.  
Q Is he to have all the profits for running it for you?  
A No, he will give me what is made when I come back.  
Q Don't you think you will sell that laundry?  
A No, I will not sell it. I will come back to it.  
Q How much insurance have you on the laundry?  
A I carry no insurance, but am going to take out some before I go.  
Q Have you a wife, parent, or child in the United States? A No.  
Q You were a witness for Charley Tom? A Yes.  
Q You testified that you owed him \$550.00 at that time? A Yes.  
Q Do you still owe him?  
A Yes. He has not yet returned from China, so I couldn't pay him, but I have left the \$550.00 with my brother to pay him when he comes back.  
Q Does anybody here owe you money? A Yes.  
Q Who owe you? A Wong Won, 321 South Clark St., owes me \$475.00.  
Q State the circumstances surrounding this indebtedness?  
A He borrowed \$475.00 of me K.S. 31, 7, 15 at the store of Quong Yuen & Co., to buy a laundry.  
Q Did he give you a note? A No, sir; no note given.  
Q Does the loan draw interest? A No, sir.  
Q Where did you get this money you loaned him?  
A I made it in my laundry and saved it.  
Q When do you expect he will pay you?  
A He will not pay me before I return to this country.



(218ueq) MONG VTOX' Interpretet.

(218ueq) M. E. THOMPSON' Interpretet.

(218ueq) TEN LON' Interpretet.

Interpretet at the time of the hearing:

Q Have you understood Interpretet MONG VTOX? V Yes, sir.  
A I have a \$200.00 interest in MONG VTOX Co. 218 S. Clark St.  
Q Have you any other property in this country?  
A No, sir. I am alone.  
Q How do you know he will pay you when you return?  
A I will come back.  
Q Suppose you never come back to this country? What would he do?



Witness, WONG WON, sworn by Inspector Thompson, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Wong Won.  
Q How old are you? A I am 40 years old.  
Q What is your occupation?  
A I was a laundryman, but I am out of business now.  
Q Whose photograph is that (showing photograph of applicant)?  
A I recognize it as the photograph of Lim Tom.  
Q How long have you known him? A Ten years.  
Q What does he do? A He is a laundryman.  
Q Does he own a laundry or work for somebody else?  
A He owns a laundry.  
Q Where? A No. 1893 North Clark St.  
Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes, sir.  
Q How much money do you owe him? A \$475.00.  
Q When did you borrow it? A K.S. 31, 7, 15.  
Q Where did you borrow it? A Quong Yuen & Co.  
Q Why did you borrow it? A I wanted it to buy a laundry with.  
Q Did you give him any note for the loan? A No, sir.  
Q Do you pay him any interest? A No, sir.  
Q When do you expect to pay him? A I will pay him when he returns to this country.  
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) WONG WON, Witness.

(Signed) W. E. THOMPSON, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.



CHICAGO

May 6, 1907.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Lim Sam Sing.

Q Do you own this laundry? A No; my brother does.

Q Whose photograph is that (showing photograph of applicant)?

A It is my brother, Lim Tom. He owns this laundry.

Q Who is going to run it while he is away?

A I will take charge of it while he is on his visit to China, but will give it back to him upon his return to this country.

Q Don't you own it? A No, sir.

Q Who signed the lease for this laundry?

A I never saw a lease for the place.

Q What do you have to pay for this laundry?

A \$25.00 a month.

Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) LIM SAM SING, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.