

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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Form 410
Department of Commerce and Labor
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STATEMENT 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 _____ district of

New York, at New York City, N. Y.
dated March 20th, 1894, and numbered 118491



Name, HO LUNG

Present age, Forty-six years.

Local residence, 31-1/2 E. Forty-third St.

Occupation, Laundryman.

Height, 5 feet, 3-1/2 inches. (in stocking feet) Weight, _____ lbs.

Color of eyes, Dark brown Complexion, _____

Physical marks or peculiarities for identification: None.

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, _____

Value, \$ _____

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 GONG SING, of 115 Harrison St.

Ten hundred and fifty (\$1050.00) dollars, for money loaned.

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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of Aug., 1908

(Name) H. C. Phipps

(Title) Chinese & Immigrant Insp.

No. 2633.

July 1st, 1909.

Ho Hung,
#261 Des Vaux Road,
Hong Kong, China.

Sir:-

Replying to your request for an ad interim investigation of your case prior to your intended return to the U.S., I have to advise that such investigation has been made and report thereof is favorable. You will therefore, be permitted to re-~~main~~ at this port, provided you do not, upon your arrival here, controvert any of the statements contained in your application.

Respectfully,


(Signed) P. J. Thue

T/a

Acting Chinese Inspector in Charge.

OFFICIAL COPY respectfully furnished Mr. L. I. Plummer, Chinese Inspector in Charge, Chicago, acknowledgment being made of his letter of the 29th ult., No. 675, and enclosing all papers in above named case.

T/a


Acting Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

No. 675.

522, Commercial National Bank Bldg. CHICAGO

June 28th, 1909.

Case of :
HO HUNG, : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.
Laborer returning. :

Witness, GONG SING, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Gong Sing.

Q How many names have you? A. Two, Gong Yee Shi is my other name.

Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A. Yes that is Ho Hung.

Q Do you owe him any money? A. Yes,

Q How much? A. \$1050.00.

Q Has there been any change in this debt? A. No.

Q What is your address? A. 9027 Commercial St., South Chicago.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Gong Sing) 12 4/1 12 4 5 4 (Gong Yee Shi)

Subscribed and sworn to before me June 28th, 1909.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet.
Inspector.

522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO September 3rd, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
HO HUNG, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Lab. departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, HO HUNG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?
A Ho Hung.
Q What is your full Chinese name?
A That is my real name.
Q What family do you belong to?
A Ho family.
Q What is your occupation? A. Laundryman.
Q Do you own a laundry now?
A I have no laundry now. I am working for other people.
Q When did you own a laundry last, or own an interest in one?
A I did own a laundry up to last year.
Q Where was the laundry? A South Chicago.
Q Upon what do you base your right to a return certificate?
A That friends of mine owe me some money.
Q Give me the name of your debtor and the circumstances of the
debt?
A Gong Sing owes me \$1,050.00.
Q When did he borrow this money?
A K.S. 25 at New York, he borrowed \$500.00.
Q What for?
A For laundries.
Q Did he buy a laundry or to open one?
A To buy one.
Q Where did the loan take place, the street and number and
the store?
A I do not recall.
Q When did he become indebted to you for the other \$550.00?
A He got it from me here, in this city.
Q When was that?
A In the basement of Li Wong Kee at 115 Harrison St.
Q What did he borrow this money for, this \$550.00?
A The \$550.00 that he borrowed from me, some went back to
China, and some was spent in looking for business.
Q When? A. Last year, about Christmas time.
Q Did he go back to China? A. No.
Q What was his occupation at the time he borrowed this \$550.?
A Laundryman.
Q Was he working in a laundry at that time? A. Working for
other people then.
Q Why wasn't he able to pay his own expenses without asking
you for money?
A It was only because of our friendship. I had the money and
he needed it and I gave it to him.
Q Did he buy a laundry with the first \$500.00 in New York?
A He ran a laundry with it.
Q Why hasn't he ever paid you at least a part of this money?
A Afterwards, the business failed and had no money to pay me.
Q What is his full Chinese name? A Gong Yee Shi. He
always goes by the name of Yee Shi.
Q Then why did you call him Gong Sing when you made your
application?
A Chinese people have two names. One a marriage name and one
a boyhood.
Q What is this man's boyhood name? A Gong Sing.
Q Did he give you a note for this money?
A Nothing like that. I do not think there is a note.
Q How long have you known Gong Sing?
A I met him in New York. I have known him a long time.
Q Did you put this debt down in your book? A Yes.

Case of HO HUNG.

Testimony of Applicant, Ho Hung, continued:

Q Have you the book with you?

A Yes, (Witness produces a book containing numerous items.

Interpreter reads, "K.S. 25, Gong Sing borrowed \$500.00. K.S. 33, Yee Shi borrowed \$550.00".

Q Have haven't you used the same name in both cases?

A I do not know Gong Sing's false name or real name, but people calls him Yee Shi.

Q Why didn't you charge him with the same name in both cases?

A It was done in different years.

Q When did you put those items down in your book?

A At the time the transactions took place, I put them in my book.

Q Have you understood the interpreter?

A Yes sir.

Applicant signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) Ho Hung, Applicant.

(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

Case of HO HUNG.

Place: same.

Witness, GONG SING, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Gong Sing.
Q What is your full Chinese name?
A Gong Yee Shi.
Q Is that your marriage name? A. Yes.
Q What is your boyhood name? A. Ah Nam.
Q What is your business? A. Laundry.
Q Do you own a laundry at the present time?
A I am not doing anything now.
Q How long have you been out of employment?
A Not long.
Q Do you know this man? A I do.
Q How long have you known him?
A About ten years.
Q How much more than ten years? A. I do not recall. It is nearly twenty years.
Q Why do you owe him any money?
A Because I borrowed it from him as I needed the money to run a laundry.
Q How much did you borrow altogether?
A \$1,050.00.
Q Did you borrow this money all at one time?
A On two occasions.
Q Give me the dates when these two loans were made?
A K.S. 25, the first of May, I borrowed \$500.00 in New York.
Q When was the second loan made?
A Last year, \$550.00, in this city.
Q What did you borrow that \$500.00 in New York City?
A For a laundry.
Q To buy a laundry or to open one? A. To buy one.
Q Where? A. 546, Ninth Ave., New York.
Q How long did you run it? A. I ran it over a year.
Q Why haven't you been able to pay some of this money back?
A The laundry failed, and I couldn't get any money.
Q Haven't you been working since then? A Yes, but not much.
Q When did you make this second loan? A Last year.
Q What for? A. To run a laundry.
Q Where was the laundry? A. South Chicago.
Q What street and number? A. 9027 Commercial Ave.
Q When did you borrow this \$550.00? A. Sometime near Christmas, last year.
Q Did you give a note for it? A. No.
Q Did you put it down in your note book? A. Yes, but I didn't bring my book with me.
Q How much did you put into that laundry? A. \$1,000.00.
Q Where did you get the balance of the money? A. I was in partnership with another fellow.
Q Do you still own it? A. I am not running it now.
Q Did you close it up or sell out? A. Sold it out.
Q Why didn't you pay back Ho Hung part of the money?
A. I haven't got the money.
Q When did you sell it out? A. I sold it last month.
Q What did you get for it? A. The whole laundry I sold for \$300.00, last month.
Q Did you send of that money to China? A. I sent some home to China.
Q Did you send part of the money you borrowed, or the proceeds from the sale of the laundry? A. I sent some money home to China, after I sold the laundry.
Q Did you send of that which you borrowed to China? A. Yes, some of it.
Q Don't you think Ho Hung was very foolish to let a man like you take that much money with so little security?

Case of HO HUNG.

Testimony of witness, GONG SING, continued:

A No. He had my word for it.

Q Have you understood the interpreter?

A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) Gong Sing, Witness.

(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

No. 675.

August 31st, 1908.

Hon. F. P. Sargent,
Commissioner-General of Immigration,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith original certificate of residence No. 118491, purporting to have been issued March 20th, 1894, at New York City, N. Y., to Ho Hung, a laborer, and would thank you to have same compared with the duplicate now on file at the Bureau and advise me if it is genuine.

Said Chinaman has made application for a laborer's return certificate.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

Enc. 1231.