

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 359

SUBJECT:

14-204

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 March 17, 1894, ratified on 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 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 Illinois, at Chicago, Illinois dated April 24, 1894, and numbered 6939

Name, Moy Gau.Present age, 42 years.Local residence, 1080 Willard Av (Lawndale), Chicago, Ill.Occupation, Laundry man.Height: 5 feet, 4 1/2 inches. Weight: 125 lbs.Color of eyes: Brown. Complexion: Light.Physical marks or peculiarities for identification: Teeth very even and regular.Ears very small, no scars or marks, except small, faint scars, left cheek-bone and left temple.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS the debts, described below:

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 Moy Sun, of 780 E. 47th St, Chicago, Ill.Five Hundred Fifty dollars, for Purchase Money for Laundry.Due from Moy Lung, of 1748 Clark St, Chicago, Ill.Six Hundred dollars, for Money Loaned to open Restaurants.

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 29 day of July, 1904.

Signature of applicant.)

Moy Gau

L. T. Blumman
Chinese Inspector in charge.

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Chicago, Illinois, July 29, 1904.

WITNESS SWORN:

L. T. PLUMMER.....INSPECTOR,
WONG ALOY.....INTERPRETER.

- Q.: What is your name?
A.: Moy Lung.
Q.: What is your business?
A.: Restaurant.
Q.: What restaurant?
A.: Wee Ying Lo, No. 174 S. Clarke St.
Q.: How much money have you in this?
A.: \$2000.00.
Q.: Are you registered?
A.: Yes. (Shows Certificate No. 236, issued at Chicago.)
Q.: Do you know Moy Gam?
A.: Yes.
Q.: How long have you known him?
A.: Nearly 20 years.
Q.: Where?
A.: In Chicago where I ran a laundry.
Q.: How long have you been in the restaurant business?
A.: Since last year.
Q.: Where did you get the \$2000.00 that you put into this restaurant?
A.: I borrowed some, and had some of my own.
Q.: How much did you borrow?
A.: \$600.00.
Q.: Is that all?
A.: Yes.
Q.: Who of?
A.: Moy Gam.
Q.: What was he doing at that time?
A.: Running a laundry.
Q.: Where?
A.: Some where on the west side; I don't know the street or number.
Q.: When did he pass this \$600.00 over to you?
A.: At Tai Wah Co.
Q.: Was it all at one time or separate payments?
A.: At one time.
Q.: Did you give him any note for it?
A.: No.
Q.: Are you going to pay any interest?
A.: No.
Q.: How much money have you made out of your interest?
A.: We have not made any statement yet.
Q.: You work in the restaurant, don't you?
A.: Yes.
Q.: How long have you been in the United States?
A.: Over 22 years.
Q.: When are you going to pay this money back?
A.: As soon as I make it, and he returns.
Q.: What did you do before you borrowed this money and went into the restaurant?
A.: I owned a laundry.
Q.: Where?
A.: #55 E. Chicago Avenue for a few years.
Q.: Did you make any money up there?
A.: Not very much.

- Q. How long did you run that place?
A. Five or six years.
Q. Where did you get \$1500.00 of your own that you put into this restaurant?
A. I had some and Tai Wah put in the balance for me.
Q. You said that you put in \$1400.00 of your own money, didn't you?
A. Yes.
Q. Then what do you mean by Tai Wah Co. loaning you some?
A. I put in all the money I could get, and what ~~went~~ ^{was not} in up to \$2000.00 is taken out of my wages.
Q. How much money of your own did you put in at first?
A. About \$800.00 of my own; borrowed \$600.00 of Moy Gam, and Tai Wah Co. put in the balance.
Q. Then you put in \$800.00 of your own money, and borrowed \$1200.00 in order to have a \$2000.00 interest in this restaurant did you?
A. No, I had about \$900.00 of my own, and I borrowed \$600.00 of Moy Gam. Tai Wah Co. put in the balance. I am to pay it back from my wages.
Q. Tell me the truth. Did you ever borrow any money from Moy Gam?
A. Yes, I borrowed money as I said for the Wee Ying Lo Co.
Q. When did you borrow this money?
A. K.S. 29, 12th Month, 1st Day.
Q. Did you ever go back to China?
A. No.
Q. Were you ever a witness on another man's paper that you owed him money?
A. No.
Q. What do you do in the restaurant?
A. I take charge of the goods that come in and sometimes do the cutting.
Q. Do you have charge of any men?
A. No, no one in particular.
Q. How many men are there working in that restaurant?
A. 23.
Q. Did you ever work in a restaurant before?
A. No.
Q. Do you have charge of the Chinese kitchen?
A. I have charge of the Chinese cooking and look after goods that come in.
Q. What do you mean by to have charge of the Chinese cooking?
A. I mean that I cook for the help.

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- Q. What is your name?
 A. Moy
- Q. What is your business?
 A. Laundryman.
- Q. Where is your laundry?
 A. #1080 Willow Avenue.
- Q. How long have you owned that laundry?
 A. Over two years.
- Q. Do you own it now?
 A. I sold out.
- Q. When?
 A. Over a month ago.
- Q. Who to?
 A. Moy Sing.
- Q. Did he pay you cash for it?
 A. Yes.
- Q. What have you for property or debts?
 A. Moy Sun owes me \$550.00, and Moy Lung owes me \$600.00.
- Q. What does Moy Sun owe you that money for?
 A. He borrowed it to buy a laundry with.
- Q. Where is the laundry?
 A. On 47th Street, I forget the number.
- Q. When did he borrow this money?
 A. Chinese May 1, K.S. 30.
- Q. This year?
 A. Yes.
- Q. What were you doing when he borrowed this money of you?
 A. I was running a laundry.
- Q. Did you own the laundry you were running?
 A. Yes.
- Q. Where was it?
 A. #1080 Willow Mill Ave.
- Q. Did you lend him this money all at one time?
 A. Yes.
- Q. Where were you when you gave it to him?
 A. Tai Wah Co., #303 S. Clarke St.
- Q. Who did he buy the laundry of, do you remember?
 A. He was a member of the Chan family.
- Q. What did he pay for the laundry?
 A. I don't know.
- Q. Did he give you any note for it?
 A. No.
- Q. Is there any interest paid on the loan?
 A. No.
- Q. Did you put it down in any book?
 A. Yes, I put it down in my book.
- Book. "K.S.29,12 Month, 1st Day,
 Moy Lung borrowed of me \$600.00, used for res-
 taurant, Wee Ying Jo."
- K.S. 30 - 5 - 1 Moy Sun borrowed \$550.00, used
 for bought a laundry, money paid over at Tai
 Wah Co."
- Q. Is that all the book you have that you keep accounts in?
 A. Yes, the only one I have with them two items in.
- Q. Have you any other book that you keep your accounts in?

- A. This is the only book I have with these items in, but I have some at home with others.
- Q. When did you put those items down in that book?
- A. When I loaned the money.
- Q. Where did you get this money that you loaned these men.
- A. I ran a laundry at different times and saved up.
- Q. Where was the money when you loaned it, - in a bank?
- A. No, I didn't keep it in the bank.
- Q. Where was it then?
- A. Most money I leave at Tai Wah to keep for me.
- Q. When did you sell that laundry on ~~Willow~~ Ave., before you loaned this money or after?
- A. I sold the laundry after I loaned the money.
- Q. What did you get for the laundry when you sold it?
- A. \$1000.00.
- Q. When do you expect these debtors will pay you back?
- A. I think about by the time I come back from China they will have the money saved up and pay me.
- Q. How much does Moy Lung owe you?
- A. \$600.00.
- Q. What did he borrow it for?
- A. To put into WeeYing Lo Restaurant.
- Q. Where did you keep this money you loaned him?
- A. Tai Wah Co. was keeping it for me, and I got it there.
- Q. Did you lend it all at one time?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How long have you known Moy Lung?
- A. A long time; since I have been in Chicago.
- Q. How long have you been in Chicago?
- A. Over 20 years.
- Q. Have you ever been back to China?
- A. No.
- Q. Why didn't you put \$600.00 into the Restaurant yourself instead of lending it to Moy Lung without interest to put in?
- A. I didn't understand the restaurant business myself.
- Q. Moy Lung doesn't understand the business either, does he?
- A. No.
- Q. What does Moy Lung do in the restaurant?
- A. He takes charge of the Chinese kitchen.
- Q. Is he a good cook?
- A. I don't know.

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- Q. What is your name?
A. Moy Sun.
Q. What is your business?
A. Laundryman.
Q. Where?
A. #780 47th Street.
Q. How long have you been there?
A. Over a month.
Q. Do you own the laundry?
A. Yes.
Q. Who did you buy it of?
A. The man's name is Charlie Chow.
Q. What did you pay for it?
A. \$750.00.
Q. Where did you get the money?
A. I borrowed it from Moy Gam.
Q. The whole \$750.00?
A. No, I borrowed \$550.00 from him.
Q. When did you borrow it?
A. K.S. 30 - 5 - 1.
Q. How long before you bought the laundry did you borrow the money?
A. Not very long.
Q. What day did you buy the laundry?
A. Over a month ago, I don't remember the day.
Q. But you remember the day you borrowed the money; how does this happen?
A. I marked it down in my book the day I borrowed it.
Q. Didn't you mark down in a book the day you bought the laundry?
A. No.
Q. You borrowed \$550.00 and marked that down in a book and can remember it, but you bought a laundry for \$750.00 less than a month afterwards and didn't put down anything about it. Is that true?
A. Yes.
Q. Don't you think that is a little strange?
A. The custom of Chinamen is never to put down in a book when they buy a laundry. I have been there over a month now.
Q. How long have you been in Chicago?
A. About 20 years.
Q. What have you been doing all that time?
A. Laundry work.
Q. Was \$200.00 all the money you had when you bought this laundry?
A. Yes.
Q. Where has all your money gone to?
A. I never had much money.
Q. Have you ever been back to China?
A. No.
Q. Have you ever been a debtor to another man before?
A. No.
Q. Did you own a laundry before you bought this one on 47th St.?
A. Yes.
Q. Where?
A. #1866 Madison St. or #1966 Madison.
Q. When did you sell that?
A. It failed and closed up.

Q. When?

A. Two or three years ago.

Q. What have you been doing since?

A. I worked for different places when I could get a chance.

Q. Are you registered?

A. Yes. (Shows Certificate No.6483 issued at Chicago.)