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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 First district of

Illinois, at Chicago, dated April 9, 1894, and numbered 6488



Name, Moy Foo

Present age, 46 years.

Local residence, 1626 Irvington Ave. Evanston Ill

Occupation, Laundryman

Height: 5 feet, 7 inches. Weight, _____ lbs.

Color of eyes, brown Complexion, medium

Physical marks or peculiarities for identification: scars on chin & fox marks about face

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 Half interest in Charles Moy Laundry at No 1626 Irvington Ave Evanston Ill Value, \$ 1000.00

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 _____

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_____ 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.

梅富
(Signature of applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of December, 1907

(Name) L. J. Hummer

(Title) Chinese Immigrant Inspector

No. 637.

1626 Orrington Ave.,

Evanston, Ill.

June 10th, 1908.

Case of

MOY FOO,

Lab. returning.

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H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.

Witness sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified.

Q What is your name?

A Moy Teung Nie.

Q Do you know this applicant? (Showing photograph attached to application)

A Yes, that is Moy Foo. He is my partner.

Q Has he an interest in this laundry, "Charley Moy"?

A Yes. He is the owner of one-half interest.

Q Does he still retain that interest?

A Yes.

Q Are you a partner of Moy Foo?

A Yes, we own this laundry together.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Moy Tung Nie.

Subscribed and sworn to, before me, this 10th day of June, 1908.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet.

Chinese and Immigrant Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

CHICAGO, ILL.
December 18, 1907.

Mr. O. B. Holton,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Port of New York, N. D.

Sir:

I hand you herewith papers in the case of Moy Foo, laborer of this city, applicant for a 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 a true likeness.

This was based on his right to a return certificate on the fact that he owns a half interest in a laundry at 1626 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, Ill., and that his interest is worth \$1,000. Upon this claim I have examined applicant, also Moy Teung Nie and Moy Kee, and enclose transcript of the notes taken. Both applicant and Moy Teung Nie, who is now in the laundry, apparently in charge, informed me that applicant purchased his interest of Moy Nie Sam when he went to China, K.S. 32, 10th month. The lease to the premises stands in the name of Charles Moy Kee. The witness Moy Teung Nie states that Charles Moy Kee signed the lease at his request, as neither he or Moy Nie Sam understood English very well.

Robert Koen, the landlord of these premises, informed me that Moy Teung Nie had paid the rent of the premises for two years, but that he thought the owner was Charles Moy. He recognized the photograph of the applicant and stated that he had been in that place

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about a year, although he never paid the rent. He further stated that Charles Moy, whom he thought to be the owner, had not paid the rent, although he did sign the lease.

It was after my interview with Mr. Koen I decided to examine Charley Moy Kee, and from his statement and the statements of the other Chinamen, I am of opinion that, although he signed the lease, he was acting as agent of the two owners, Moy Teung Nie and Moy Nie Sam. It not infrequently occurs that Chinamen who do not understand English or our ways of doing business will get another Chinaman to do this work for them, and it is my opinion that this is one of the cases. This is a first class laundry, and at the time of my visit was employing four men, and I believe it does the amount of business claimed. Although applicant paid but \$750 for his interest a little over a year ago, I am of opinion that the price given in the applicant of \$1,000, is not excessive, and I would recommend that he be granted the certificate which he requests.

I will hand one copy of his papers to applicant, with instructions to present same to you upon his departure through your port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge

Enc.

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

CHICAGO, ILL.

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

SUBJECT:

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

CHICAGO, ILL.

December 16, 1907.

Moy Lee,

c/o Tai Wah Company,

303 South Clark Street, City.

Sir:

I hand you herewith copy of your application for a laborer's return certificate, and would instruct you to present the same to the Inspector in Charge at Portal, N.D., upon your departure through that port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Enc.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 16, 1907.

Case of : L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector,
MOY FOO, : J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter.
App. to Dep.

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Applicant, MOY FOO, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Moy Foo.
Q What is your full Chinese name? A Moy Ju Nie is my marriage name.
Q What is your occupation? A Laundryman.
Q How long have you owned that interest in the Evanston laundry?
A Since K.S. 32, 10th month.
Q Did you buy it? A Yes.
Q Who of, and how much did you pay? A Moy Jung Dow, or Moy Nie Sam; I paid \$750 for it.
Q Cash? A Yes.
Q How did you happen to buy it? A I had't anything to do, and Moy Teung Nie being a good friend of mine asked me if I would take a half share in that laundry as Moy Nie Sam was going to China. I asked him if it was a good business and he told me that if it wasn't he wouldn't ask me to buy it, so I bought Moy Nie Sam's interest for \$750.
Q What is that worth now? A I would not sell it for a \$1,000.
Q What rent do you pay? A \$35.
Q How much business do you do? A From \$ 140 to \$150 a week.
Q Moy Teung Nie says \$110? A It may be that business wasn't very good this week, but we have usually done from \$140 to \$150 a week.
Q Who id your landlord? A The man next door, he sells cigars; I dont know his name.
Q How many men are employed? A Sometimes four, sometimes five, altogether.
Q Will you come back into that landdry when you return? A Yes.
Q Are you sure that Moy Teunt Nie does'nt own the whole of it?
A He owns one half.
Q Do you know a Chinaman named Charley Moy Kee? A Yes; he went down and signed the lease.
Q Why did he sign the lease? A I dont know; I heard that he signed it.
Q Does he own the laundry? A No; he only signed the lease.
Q Are you sure of that? A Yes, I know I own one half.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

(Witness signed his testimony in Chinese)

(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon,
(Signed) L.T.Plummer

Interpreter,
Inspector.

Wong Terry in says \$10. It may be that the
business wasn't very good this week but we have
usually done for 140 to 150 a week.

Who is your landlord. ~~It is the owner~~. The
man next door. He sells cigars. I don't
know his name.

How many men are employed, sometimes 4
sometimes 5 altogether.

Will you come back into that laundry when you
return? Yes.

Are you sure that Wong Terry will do it for the
whole of it - He owns $\frac{1}{2}$.

Do you know a Chinese named Charles Wong
Kee. Yes. he went down & signed the lease.
Why did he sign the lease. I don't know I heard
that he signed the lease.

Doesn't he own the laundry? No he only signed
the lease.

Sure of that? Yes I know I own $\frac{1}{2}$,
understood interpretation - Yes

梅富
J. B. Longchallin
L. J. Plummer

CHICAGO, ILL., December 16, 1907.

Case of : L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector,
MOY FOO, : ~~Exchanged with XXXXX~~
App. to Dep.

Witness, MOY KEE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

in English:

Q What is your name? A Moy Kee.

Q Did you sign the lease for that laundry at No. 1626 Orrington Ave., Evanston? A Yes, I signed Charles Moy Kee.

Q Why did you sign it? A Moy Teung Nie and Moy Nie Sam, they were cousins of mine and they asked me to attend to the lease, as there was a change in the ownership of the premises.

Q Didn't you own the laundry at that time? A No.

Q Sure of that? A Sure.

Q Have you owned it at all since you signed this lease? A I never owned it at all; they asked me to sign the lease and I did it for them.

Q You were acting for them when you signed the lease, were you?

A Yes.

Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?

A Yes, it is Moy Foo; I have known him for a long time.

Q Do you know of your own knowledge whether he has any interest in that laundry? A No I dont know whether he has or not; he has never told me.

Q Where is Moy Nie Sam now? A He has gone back to China.

Q Do you know whether he sold out to Moy Foo? A No I dont; I only signed that lease; I signed that lease and that is all I know about the place.

Q Where do you live? A 311 South Clark Street.

Q What is your occupation? A I run a cigar store.

Q Have you understood my questions? A Yes.

(Signed) Moy Kee
(Signed) L.T.Plummer,

Witness,
Inspector.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 16, 1907.

Case of : L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector,
MOY FOO, : J. G. C. Longchallon, Interpreter,
App. to Dep.

Witness, MOY TEUNG NIE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Moy Teung Nie.
Q What is your other name? A Moy Sing Quong.
Q Do you own this laundry? A Yes, half.
Q Who owns the other half? A Moy Foo.
Q Who is that (showing photo of applicant) A Moy Foo.
Q How long have you been here? A Two years.
Q How long have you owned an interest in this laundry? A Two years.
Q How did Moy Foo happen to get an interest in it? A At first Moy Nie Sam and I owned it, and when Moy Nie Sam went to China I asked him to buy Nie Sam's half.
Q When did he buy it? A K.S. 32, 10th month.
Q How much did he pay for it? A \$750.
Q Is it worth more now than it was then? A I dont think he would sell if for \$1000; it is worth that.
Q How much business do you do? A About \$110 a week.
Q How much rent do you pay? A \$35.
Q Have you any lease? A Yes. (Produces lease May 1, 1906 to May 1, 1909, to Charles Moy Kee from Robert Koon, rent \$35.
Q Who signed that? A Moy Kee. I dont know much about such thing and I sent him to Chicago to make the paper.
Q Where is he now? A At Quong Wing Kee.
Q Who do you pay rent to? A Mr. Koon.
Q Who pays the rent? A I do.
Q Who knows Moy Foo here, among the American people? A I dont thin anyone does, as he doesn't go out, as he cannot speak English so he works inside all the time.
Q Who is going to run this place while Moy Foo is away? A I am.
Q Will he come back into it when he returns? A Yes.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

(Signed) Moy Ching Nie,
(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon,
(Signed) L.T.Plummer,

Witness
Interpreter,
Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

SUBJECT:

OFFICE OF
December 11, 1907.
IMMIGRANT INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
CHICAGO, ILL.

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

Sir:

I enclose herewith original certificate of residence No. 6488, purporting to have been issued to Moy Foo at Chicago, Ill., April 9, 1894, and would thank you to compare it 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.