

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 *Frist*  
*Illinois*, at *Chicago*,  
dated *March 13*, 1894, and numbered *5836*

Name, *Mooy Kee*  
Present age, *sixty* years.  
Local residence, *Indianapolis*  
Occupation, *Restaurateur*  
Height: *5* feet, *4* inches. Weight, \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.  
Color of eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ Complexion, *light*  
Physical marks or peculiarities for identification:  
*none*



I CLAIM TO POSSESS the family, or property, or debts described below:

FAMILY: Wife, named *Lelin Fung Kee*, residing *Indianapolis*  
Child or children, named \_\_\_\_\_, residing \_\_\_\_\_

Parent, named \_\_\_\_\_

residing \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY: Full description *Half interest in restaurant No 506 E Washington St Indianapolis worth \$2500.*  
*Also half interest in lots 142 & 143 Vaines St Brookville* Value, \$1900  
*addition of Indianapolis Valleyford St. worth \$1300*

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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*.

*Mooy Kee*  
(Signature of applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_

9 day of *October*, 1907

(Name) *John H. Morrison*

(Title) *Chinese Immigration Inspector*

Seattle, Wash., April 21, 1909.

In the matter of the admission to the United States of MOY KEE AND CHIN FUNG KEE as returning registered Chinese laborers.

H. A. Monroe, Inspector, Examiner;

Witness sworn, testified:

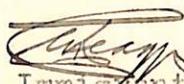
- Q What is your name? A Joseph E. Callihan, residing at 2008 East Union, Seattle.
- Q How long have you lived in Seattle? A Since October, 1907.
- Q What is your occupation? A Manager of the National District Telegraph, with the Western Union Tel. Co.
- Q Prior to coming to Seattle where did you reside? A Chicago for one year.
- Q Did you live in Indianapolis? A Ten years.
- Q Of whom is this a photograph (indicating)? A Moy Kee.
- Q And this (indicating)? A His wife.
- Q How long have you known Moy Kee? A Ever since I lived in Indianapolis and came west with him at the time he was going to China.
- Q Do you know anything of Moy Kee's business affairs in Indiana?
- A I knew he had a restaurant there in Indianapolis under the name Moy Kee and it was wellknown throughout the state as well as the city, and he was as well known as John Miller (mayor) of Seattle is here; he has been a great deal of help to the authorities and in the city and has conducted all his business affairs on a legitimate plan.
- Q Is he popular with the Chinese? A Yes there being very few there
- Q It appears from the record in this case that he probably has certain enemies among the Chinese?
- A He left his business coming to Seattle on the train with me and he told me on the train his three nephews there intended to run the place and he intended to be away for a year or more; he said an attorney there by the name of Cass Connaway had ~~fixed~~ fixed things for him and he had left his restaurant in the name of his nephews saying he would return and take full charge when returning from China.
- Q Did Moy Kee during this trip to the coast say anything to you about a bill of sale for the restaurant and fixtures and supplies on hand to these three nephews? A He mentioned nothing about a bill of sale to me.
- Q Do you know anything about his property interests in Indianapolis aside from this restaurant? A In his restaurant he had a store connected with it selling Chinese wares and popular souvenirs; he was the most desired citizen of the Chinese people and was wellknown to Fairbanks (Vice-President) and entertained Prince Pu Lun and the Commercial Club and he received a high token through the Chinese Minister from this Prince.
- Q Is it not a fact that the Chinese Minister at Washington later took from him his rank on account of keeping out certain money he had collected for the sufferers of San Francisco during the earthquake and certain floods in China?
- A I know nothing about that.
- Q Do you know anything of this Mr. Cass Connaway in a business way? A I have known him; I was collector for the Western Union Telegraph Company and had considerable trouble in getting money due us from him, dodging me all the time and I would not put any of my business in his hands.

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- Q What was his reputation in Indianapolis as a business man?  
A His name is quite familiar before the police court, taking up criminal cases, he being a criminal lawyer.  
Q Is he a trustworthy man in a business way so far as you know?  
A He has never handled any cases for me; I don't think he is the proper man to handle business cases.  
Q I have here a letter written by N. Williams, President of the Farmers Trust Company of Indianapolis written to Mr. John E. Humphries of Seattle in which he says "I understand when he left for a visit to his native land that some attorney undertook to set up some kind of a job on him to have him deported, in order that they might in a way confiscate his property", of course Mr. Williams referred to Moy Kee in this sentence and quite likely to Cass Connaway as the attorney.  
A Yes, he got on a considerable drunk many times.  
Q Do you know of Mr. Cass Connaway in a professional way ever having taken advantage of those probably not so well up in business affairs as himself, have you any reason to believe that he misrepresented Moy Kee in drawing this will of sale? A Yes, he tried every way to win Moy Kee's friendship by having him entertained at his home and trying to enforce confidence on Moy Kee through those channels.

Signed, Joseph E. Callahan.

The above is a correct transcript of the examination of witness hereinbefore mentioned.

  
Immigrant Inspector

R.S.2077.

Seattle, Wash., April 17, 1909.

In the matter of the application of CHIN FUNG KEE for admission to the United States as a returning registered Chinese laborer of Indianapolis, Indiana. (Female) Applicant accompanied by husband Moy Kee.

H. A. Monroe, Acting Inspector in Charge, Examiner;  
Frank Louis, Interpreter.

(Witness sworn)

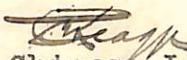
- Q What is your name?  
A Chin Fung Kee.  
Q How old are you? A 53 years.  
Q You were born in China? A Yes.  
Q When did you first come to this country? A When I was 23 years old; I forgot what year, KS 3 or 4.  
Q Were you married before coming to the United States?  
A Yes, I have been married since I was 17 years old.  
Q Did your husband live with you in China for any length of time prior to coming to this country? A No.  
Q Did you have any children born to you in China before coming here the first time? A Yes, two.  
Q What are their names and ages? A They are dead.  
Q Did you have any children born to you in this country?  
A Yes, three sons and a daughter, the daughter has since died.  
Q Would you mind giving me the names and ages of the three boys and the years in which they were born?  
A Mong Bin, 28 years old; Moy Ming Gen 25 years; and Ning Fong 24 years.  
Q Where is the eldest one now? A In China.  
Q Where are the other two? A He was in Cincinnati when I left I don't know where they are now. They were bad boys and left home.  
Q Do you know in what year KS the girl was born? A I forgot.  
Q Where were these children born? A San Francisco.  
Q From San Francisco you moved where? A Chicago.  
Q Can you tell me what year KS you first went to Chicago?  
A I forgot.  
Q How long had you lived in San Francisco before Mong Bin was born? A About 10 months.  
Q Can you give me the year KS in which anyone of these four children ~~were~~ born? A No.  
Q How old was your youngest child when you went to Chicago?  
A About 3 years old.  
Q Did you take these children with you to Chicago? A No.  
I sent them home to China with my sisterinlaw.  
Q When did you next see your children? A I don't remember the year.  
Q How long did you remain in Chicago before going to China from there?  
A I didn't go to China from Chicago.  
Q Is this the first time you have been back to China to see your children?  
A Yes.  
Q If I remember correctly without reviewing the record, your husband testified that you have made 2 or 3 trips to China since that time?  
A I made one trip from San Francisco and this trip, but he has made three.  
Q Have you any children living with you now? A No.  
Q Have your children ever lived with you since you sent them home from San Francisco when small except when you were in China? A Yes, in Indianapolis.

- Q When did they come back to America? A Before the St. Louis Fair.  
Q Are you not referring to the two boys who were arrested and admitted by the Commissioner at Port Huron and who lived with you a short time in the restaurant at Indianapolis?  
A (No answer) Yes  
Q Then your children never lived with you in Chicago?  
A No.  
Q In which village did you live when in China?  
A Wing Wah Lee.  
Q Have you a house there? A Two.  
Q When you were back to China on a visit did you live in one of your houses? A You bet I have two nice houses & there.  
Q Where have your children been living in China?  
A In the same village in my house.  
Q How does it come that since small you have not given your children your personal care as a mother usually does her child  
A We were traveling around and was it was hard for us to take them around and I sent them back to their grandmother; I had a mother in China dna Moy had a mother in China and Moy has two sisters there; it was cheaper them to keep them there.  
Q Do you know Moy Sing in Chicago? A Yes; I know him he is a mean fellow he get mad at Moy Kee.  
Q How do you account for the fact that Moy Sing also known as Moy You Bong and some other Chinese of the same family in Chicago have testified before our inspector that they have known you and your husband not only all the time you have lived in Chicago but in China and that you have never had any children?  
A He lie, when he went back to China he told Moy's brother that we were opium fiends.  
Q Is there any other reason why this man should seek to injure you? A They don't want Moy to come back to the United States because Moy was very prominent among the white people; they were jealous of him.  
Q What does Moy Sing do in Chicago? A I don't know; he was a gambler.  
Q Did he ever have any trouble with your husband on account of your husband being opposed to gambling? A He has always been afraid of my husband.  
Q Do you know of this gambler having been arrested and having charged your husband as being responsible for his arrest?  
A (No answer) no.  
Q You have been married only once and this man Moy Kee whose photograph I show you is your only husband?  
A You bet you, just one husband, live long life.  
Q In Indianapolis you and your husband kept a restaurant there?  
A Yes.  
Q How long had you owned this restaurant? A I don't remember. I was cashier in the restaurant.  
Q Just before leaving the United States did you sell the restaurant to the three boys who are now in it? A No.  
Q Didn't you in October, 1907, sign your name by mark here below that of your husband, Moy Kee, (exhibiting to witness bill of sale executed before Cass Connaway, Notary Public, for certain stock of goods, wares and merchandise together with all furniture belonging to the restaurant known as the Moy Kee Restaurant 506 Washington Street, Indianapolis, Ind.)  
A I don't know.

- Q Were you not consulted about selling this restaurant to Dong Gum Hong, Moy Bing Hee, and Moy Hun just a day or two before leaving for China? A No.
- Q What arrangements did you and your husband make for the management of this restaurant while he was absent in China?
- A My husband told me that he had arranged to pay \$10 per week to each of the three boys to conduct the restaurant until we returned?
- Q Did your husband not tell you that he sold to them the stock of goods on hand? A Yes; they bought the stock from us.
- Q And is this not a bill of sale for that stock?
- A My husband told me they had paid him for the stock.
- Q Did you have some diamonds that you turned over to Dr. Bachfield in Indianapolis? A Two diamond rings, my husband's was worth \$150, and mine worth \$125; they wrote to me that they gave \$25 to Moy Hun to pay taxes for me.
- Q Both Moy Hun and Dr. Bachfield say that no money passed between them? A Moy Hun couldn't talk and he don't know what to say.
- Q Instead of the doctor paying \$25 to Moy Hun as you say are you not trying to tell me that the doctor should advance certain money to Moy Hun to pay certain taxes on your property? A Yes.
- Q How did you learn that Moy Hun gave him \$25?
- A Moy Hun wrote and told us.
- Q Have you any ~~legal~~ letters you received from Moy Hun or the other partners? A No.
- Q Have you any other property in Indianapolis? A Two lots and some stock in an ~~ice~~ plant; I don't know the value of these lots.
- Q If you return to Indianapolis what do you intend to do?
- A Go into the restaurant.
- Q If you return to Indianapolis will these boys surrender the restaurant to you and your husband? A Yes; we will buy the stock they have on hand; I don't know how much it will cost.
- Q What interest at the present time has each one of these three boys in the restaurant and stock on hand?
- A Moy Hun is the only one that has any interest in it, but I don't know how much it is.
- Q How is it that these two boys of yours when admitted at Port Huron did not continue to live with you and help you in the restaurant in Indianapolis? A They try to learn American ways.
- Q Don't you think the fact that these boys did not go to live with you and help you in Indianapolis tends to support the conclusion that they may not be your actual children.
- A Witness refused to answer, rushing from the room apparently insulted at question asked.

Signed, by her mark, X.

The above is a true copy of the examination of Chin Fung Kee.

  
Chinese Inspector.

Ex. S/S "Suveric", March 12, 1909; R. S. Number 2076-77.

In the matter of the application of )

) MOY KEE, and his wife,  
CHIN FUNG KEE )

Seattle, Washington,

April 14, 1909.

for admission to the United States )  
as returning registered Chinese lab- )  
oriers, of Indianapolis, Indiana. )

Reexamination of Moy Kee.

H. A. Monroe, Acting Inspector in Charge, Examiner;  
Frank Louis, Chinese Interpreter.

Witness sworn.

Q. What is your name?

A. Moy Kee.

Q. I have examined you twice already have I not?

A. Yes.

Q. We are in receipt of quite a lengthy report from our  
inspector <sup>who</sup> has reinvestigated your case; I desire to  
ask you some few questions along the line of his report;  
in answering I hope you will tell me correctly just how  
these business matters stand between you and the people  
you did business with in Indianapolis; I want if possible  
to get your answers without resorting to leading questions?

A. I understand.

Q. Mr. Cass Connaway when examined stated that the bill of sale  
for your restaurant in Indianapolis was regular in all  
respects; that it was read to you and your wife and assented  
to by you and your wife, is that correct?

A. I wasn't willing to sign the bill of sale at the time but  
Cass Connaway told me everything was alright so I signed it.

Q. Did you understand at the time ~~that~~ you went to China that  
you were not only selling the supplies but also the fixtures  
and furnishings?

A. I thought I was only selling the supplies of goods on hand.

Q. Isn't it a fact that the object of this bill of sale was to  
give these three boys title in case you did not return to  
America? A. Yes.

Q. Therefore you have to admit that the transaction was regular  
do you not? A. I never received any money for my business, I  
cannot say it was sold to them.

Q. You received some money for the stock of goods on hand?

A. Yes, Moy Hee and Dong Gom Hong each gave me more than \$200.  
I don't remember just how much, between \$300 and \$200.

Q. Have you any memorandum of this transaction? A. I don't  
remember whether I put it in my books or not.

Q. Where ~~are~~ your books?

A. That is in my trunk which was lost.

- Q Was Cass Connaway judge at the time Dong ~~Gum~~ Hong's murderer was having trial? A (Yes) *No*
- Q Cass Connaway in a statement before our inspector says that he was special judge to try that case?
- A He was not, I don't know who was judge.
- Q You said that you were employed as an interpreter in that case for about 2 years, Cass Connaway states that the case lasted about three hours and that Ching Pok Sun acted as interpreter is that correct? A Chin Pok's son interpreted for Chin He; they arrested Chin He first for the murder.
- Q Who did you interpret for? A I interpreted for Dong ~~Gum~~ Hong at the police court. *who was*
- Q And it was Dong ~~Gum~~ Hong's brother murdered? A Yes.
- Q There was more than one trial was there? A Yes.
- Q Did you act as official court interpreter?
- A I interpreted in court, but I never received any fees.
- Q Isn't it a fact that you only acted as interpreter for this Dong Gom Hong in the investigation of the case by his attorneys
- A Yes, both.
- Q You still insist that you appeared in court as interpreter before a judge other than Cass Connaway? A Yes.
- Q Cass Connaway states that it is generally known among the Chinese of Indianapolis and as well among white people having to do with Chinese that these two boys admitted by a commissioner at Port Huron on your testimony and that of your wife as to being their parents were not your children at all and that that you confined them in the basement of your restaurant for 4 or 5 weeks until the persons who were interested in securing their admission to this country paid you a certain amount of money, is that not correct and if not, why should Mr. Cass Connaway make such a statement?
- A I don't know; I left all my affairs with Cass Connaway; I cannot account why he makes such a statement; Moy Yow Bong or Moy Sing was an enemy of mine and he came to Indianapolis from Chicago and was arrested several times for gambling and he always blamed me for his arrest; I don't know whether he is there now or not.
- Q What has that to do with this story that you held these two alleged sons for a ransom? A I never held anybody for a ransom.
- Q Why did Cass Connaway tell this?
- Q I guess they want to get me into this trouble and made that story up.
- Q You are acquainted with Dr. E.C. Bachfield? A Yes.
- Q He is the man to whom your wife sold or gave a diamond ring?
- A Yes, two rings.
- Q Did you ever have any conversation with him regarding the value of these two diamonds? A *Yes*.
- Q Dr. Bachfield says that he never had such a conversation with you? A I don't know why he say that.
- Q What figure did you agree as to the value of these diamonds?
- A The ring that belonged to me I valued at \$150 and the one to my wife \$125; they were worth more.
- Q Now at the time you and Dr. Bachfield were together and you handed him these rings was it understood between you that you should take as consideration therefor stock in a certain broom company in which the doctor seems to have been a leading promoter?
- A I told him to give the money to Moy *Hem* to pay taxes on my property.

- Q How then do you account for the fact that Dr. Bachfield when examined in Chicago by Inspector Plummer March 26th of this year exhibited to the said inspector certificate No. 14, of the Indiana Broom Company, capital stock \$25,000, for forty shares, par value \$25 per share, this stock was issued to you E. C. Bachfiled November 18, 1907 and indorsed on the back thereon is a transfer to Moy Ah Kee November 28, 1907, by Dr. E. C. Bachfiled in the presence of C. A. Patterson?
- A I don't know about it.
- Q Were you present when this transaction took place? A No.
- Q What day did you leave Indianapolis to go home?
- A October 20, 21, I left Indianapolis.
- Q If this transaction took place November 28, you were not a party to it? A No; I left Seattle on October 26 on the steamer.
- Q The doctor states that this stock is worth now about 75c on the dollar and if you have had assigned to you forty shares of a par value of \$25 you must have some interest in this broom company in consideration for those two diamonds, have you not been advised of this matter in some way? A No.
- Q Dr. Bachfiled also states that you had paid him \$560 on account of stock held in this Indiana Broom company, is that correct?
- A No.
- Q The doctor also states that this bill of sale was intended as a mortgage on your restaurant? A Yes it was.
- Q This doctor also testifies that a Mr. Young told him that you had two fifty-dollar shares in the Mutual Ice Company, is that correct? A Yes, I paid \$300 or \$350.
- Q Was that company doing business at the time you left?
- A Yes, I think it was.
- Q You testified the other day that you send a bill of lading of these trunks that were supposed to have been shipped by freight to you in Seattle to Dr. Bachfield, now the doctor says that you did not send them to him, but that you sent them to the boys in the restaurant? A Yes.
- Q And that he ~~then~~ did not ever have possession of them but did see them in the possession of Moy Hom? A Yes, Moy Hom got them.
- Q Do you know whether Moy Hom or anyone for Moy Hom ever made application to the railway for damages for the loss of these trunks? A Moy Hom wrote to me and told me that Dong Hom Hong and Dr. Bachfiled went to the railroad company and made an application for damages and that they agreed to pay when I come back to the United States.
- Q Are you sure that they filed a written claim for damages?
- A I don't know.
- Q So far as you know nothing has been done by way of tracing this property or recompensing you for this loss? Do you know to whom the freight was consigned in Seattle? *Ans. no.*
- A Boston Steamship Company.
- Q Did you go back to China on the steamer of the Boston Steamship Company? A Yes, "Tremont".
- Q Your trunks were then probably shipped by freight over the N.P. to Tacoma? A I don't know. They were given to the Pennsylvania freight office in Indianapolis.
- Q Would you mind going down town with out interpreter and make an inquiry of the Boston Steamship Company as to whether or not this freight reached Seattle and what became of it, if it did? A I sent the bill of lading to Indianapolis and it would be of no use to go without the bill of lading.

- Q They might be able to locate it from the date and the circumstances which you might be able to relate? A I will try.
- Q You may go down to the office of the Boston Steamship with interpreter Louis the first opportunity he has of getting away.
- Q You stated in your former examination that the rings were given to Dr. Bachfield in consideration for paying certain taxes for you?
- A He was to pay it over to Moy Hom and Moy Hom was to pay it for me.
- Q The doctor says that this statement by you was not true and that there was no such agreement, is that right? A No.
- Q Dr. Bachfield also states that you told him that the three boys who purchased the restaurant paid you one-thousand dollars for that right? A No.
- Q Dr. Bachfield says that he also heard the story about your holding these two boys in your basement for a ransom of \$750?
- A Dr. Bachfield was up and down at my place all time, I don't know why he should make such a statement.
- Q Do you know a Mr. Hoffman at Indianapolis the receiver of the Mutual Ice Company?
- A I don't know Mr. Hoffman.
- Q Didn't you know the company had gone into the hands of a receiver? A No.
- Q Did you get ice cheaper by reason of being a member of that ice company? A Yes.
- Q How much money did you put into the ice company?
- A First \$250 then \$50 more.
- Q Did you ever hear of Howard Sloan connected with the Pittsburgh Chicago and St. Louis Railway? A No.
- Q Were you ever acquainted with the assessor of Marion County, James E. Berry? A No.
- Q Assessor Berry states that your two lots are now assessed at \$240 and that the cash value of the lots at the present time is about \$375 each? A I paid \$385 each for these lots and have paid taxes and assessments since that time amounting in all to more than one-thousand dollars and I believe the lots to be worth more than Mr. Berry states.
- Q Mr. Wood states that your lots are worth from \$1200 to \$1400 while you state that you were offered \$2500 for the two, what do you consider the present market value of these lots? A I can get \$2500 for these lots.
- Q What insurance did you carry on your restaurant?
- A More than one-thousand dollars on the restaurant and \$300 on the plate-glass in front.
- Q When you were examined by Inspector Plummer in 1908 you said your fire insurance was \$1600, might that be correct?
- A Yes.
- Q Do you remember the County assessor assessing your personal property for the year, 1907? A No.
- Q I have here a copy of your assessment list for your property during the year 1907 amounting in all to \$170 which you subscribed to, this \$170 is divided as follows: value of goods and merchandise on hand \$65; value of diamonds and jewelry \$35; value of household furniture and library \$50; safe \$20; sewing machine \$5; watch \$5; bicycle \$2.50?
- A Cass Connaway did all that for me I don't know anything about it; he filled out the paper and I gave it to the assessor.
- Q It would look from this that you if you owned as much property in Indianapolis as you represent you do, that you have learned the white man's tricks of avoiding personal property taxes?
- A That is right.

- Q Attached to and made a part of the record in this case is an examination of Dr. Bachfield before the county board of review of Marion County, Indiana in which he swears that the broom stock forty shares of which he alleges that he turned over to you in consideration of these two diamonds is worth about absolutely nothing?
- A What American friends I got now.
- Q Do you know Dong Gom Hong? A Yes.
- Q Dong Gom Hong says that the restaurant in question was bought for one-thousand dollars and that he paid his one-third part of it cash to you but he don't know whether the other two partners turned over their share of the money or not, is that correct? A Yes, that is correct.
- Q Dong Gom Hong also made this answer "I have understanding to buy the stuff at this place but I don't know about the other two partners", might that mean that he refers to the stock rather than the restaurant? A Yes.
- Q Moy Hee, however in answer to the next question states that while the restaurant is probably worth more than one-thousand dollars you were anxious to sell it because being in a hurry to get away and further states that he is willing to sell it back to you if you come back to this country for one-third of one-thousand dollars, what have you to say to that?
- A If he has as much as I had when I left I will pay him back one-third of one-thousand dollars for the stock.
- Q Dong Gom Hong stated- is the man for whom you interpreted did you? A Yes.
- Q He says that he does not owe you a cent for interpreting; that the Chinese Minister at Washington sent his Secretary, Oy Yung Kee, to investigate that matter, is that right?
- A Oy Young Kee investigated the case but he didn't stay there to interpret.
- Q How then does it come that Dong Gom Hong denies owing you anything for interpreting? A He wants to beat me out of the money and cause me to be rejected.
- Q Isn't it a fact Moy that when you disposed of this restaurant that there was some doubt of your returning to this country and that this bill of sale was given by you in order that these three boys might have title to the property?
- A They are not registered and they were always afraid of being arrested by the immigration officials and when I left they asked me to arrange this bill of sale so that they could stay there and remain in the business until I come back.
- Q Would these men have been under obligations to pay you any additional money for this restaurant in case you had never returned to America? A Yes, they promised to send to me \$1500 in addition to the one-thousand dollars mentioned in the sale.
- Q Have you any evidence of that agreement? A No. It was understood Chinese way.
- Q Dong Gom Hong furnishes a statement before the Inspector that he does not owe you anything, do you know of any money he owes you in addition to that for interpreting, you have mentioned?
- A No; if I did not return to this country he would owe me \$500 for his one-third interest of the restaurant.
- Q Moy Hee is another one of these partners is he? A Yes.
- Q He in answer to a question as to whether or not he had your ~~an~~ interest in this Moy Kee restaurant in Indianapolis stated he had one interest but that he had loaned you \$333.33 at the time you went to China? A That is right.

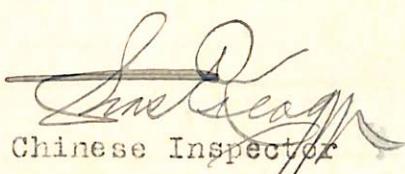
- Q Did Moy Hee actually pay over to you \$333.33? A Yes.  
Q Was it understood that this was for his interest in the restaurant? A It was a loan.  
Q Moy Hee denies that he was to work for you for a per cent of the business or for wages, is that right?  
A He didn't agree to work for me, my wife didn't want him to.  
Q If this \$333.33. is not computed on the bases of one-third of one-thousad dollars the purchase price of the restaurant mentioned in the bill of sale, how does it come that he should loan you just that amount? A It was a loan but it was ar-ranged differently; he was to have one-third in the goods in the store and upon my returning and paying him back \$333.33 he should give me back his interest in the stock on hand at that time.  
Q In your former examination instead of Moy Hee paying you \$333.33 you stated that he hadn't paid you anything and that ~~you~~ he owed you one-third of the one-thousand dollars mentioned in the bill of sale? A I meant Moy Hom not Moy Kee.  
Q Does Moy Hee owe you anything now? A No, I owe him.  
Q Moy Hom is also one of the partners in this restaurant is he?  
A Yes.  
Q Were not these two boys who were discharged by the Commissioner at Port Huron as your sons, members of the Ning family?  
A No.  
Q How does it come that their names were given as Ning?  
A Moy Ning Yem and Moy Ning Fong.  
Q Did you have two Nings working for you for a while?  
Q My two boys were there for a while.  
Q Moy Hun states that he did not buy an interest in your restaurant nor did he pay anything for the restaurant, but says you left the business with these partners and that for a part of the restaurant he promised to pay taxes on your property, paving assessments, side walks, etc., and that he has paid out \$10 taxes, \$6 in connection with the side walks, and at another time he paid \$80 and thathe has this charged up against you? A Thatis right, but Dr. Bachfield should have paid the money to Moy Hun to pay these taxes.  
Q Did Moy Hun pay you any money on account of the restaurant?  
A He paid me some money but not on account of that restaurant.  
Q He says he holds a one-third interest in the restaurant upon money he paid out for you and that upon your squaring up these accounts he will turn back to you his one-thidrd interest in the restaurant? A He owes me money.  
Q Did he pay you any money on account of the restaurant? A No.  
Q How much did he pay you just prior to your going to China?  
A \$250.00.  
Q He says he did not pay you \$250.00.? A He paid me \$250 on the old account I had against him.  
Q In answer to this question "Do you owe Moy Kee any money" Moy Hee said my interest in this restaurant comes to some three hundred dollars; I have already paid out one-hundred dollars on that account; \$780 for assessment ; taxes \$10; and paving \$6, is that right? A He paid those assessments and taxes after I was gone and I owe him the money he paid on account of taxes, etc.  
Q Moy Hun says he knows nothing of his father owing you \$400 and that he never assumed such a debt? A I kept a memorandum of the amount that his father owes me.

- Q Does Moy Hun know about this indebtedness of his father to you?  
A Yes.  
Q He says he does not? A He knows, he does.  
Q When questioned further Moy Hun admitted he did owe you \$700  
for money borrowed 13 or 14 years ago to build a house in China  
A That is right; he never paid me any part of this \$700.  
Q Did he pay you this \$250 on account of his debts or on account  
of the restaurant? A On account of his debts.  
Q What was a Chinese dollar worth 13 or 14 years ago?  
A At the time his father borrowed this money it took \$1.13 Amer-  
ican money to get one-dollar Mexican money.  
Q What was the value of a Chinese dollar 13 or 14 years ago?  
A When Moy Hun borrowed the \$700 it was sent back to him at Hong  
kong more than 20 years ago.  
Q Was this money gold or was it of the present value of Chinese  
money? A Gold, at present it would be Mexican.  
Q Did he draw \$700 from the bank ~~in America~~ at Hongkong measured in  
the United States today or Chinese money? A It would compare  
with gold today.  
Q Moy Hun says he don't know a whiteman by the name of Bachfield,  
a dentist? A That is impossible.  
Q Do you know Charles M. Williams of Indianapolis?  
A I heard that name.  
Q He is the president of some Trust Company? A I always  
call him Charley.  
Q Do you know a Chinaman in Chicago by the name of Moy Sing?  
A Yes.  
Q When did you say you married? A When I was 24 years old,  
13th year Tung Chee in China.  
Q How long did your wife remain in China after marriage before  
first coming to the U.S.? A About one year or so.  
Q She must have come to the U.S. in KS 1?  
A She came in KS 4.  
Q Did you live with her in China up until KS 4? A No.  
Q Did she have any children born at that time? A No.  
Q Moy Sing states that you brought your wife to this country  
in KS 7? A No, KS 4.  
Q What year did you first go to Chicago? A KS 9.  
Q When was your eldest child born? A He is 26 years old according  
to American count and I don't remember the year. ~~as Chinese count~~  
Q Where was he born? A San Francisco.  
Q Where is that child now? A In China.  
Q When was your next child born? A 18 months after the oldest  
was born in San Francisco.  
Q When was the next child born? A 2 years after at San Francisco  
Q How many years had your wife been in San Francisco before the  
first child was born? A I don't remember how long.  
Q As your oldest boy is now 28 years of age according to the  
Chinese count he must have been born about KS 7 which would be  
3 years after your wife arrived in the United States, counting  
according to American calendar it would be KS 5 years after  
your wife arrived in the United States; then if you had another  
child born each succeeding two years until you had three  
children it would make the second one born in KS 9,  
and the third in KS 11 in San Francisco and yet you state  
you went to San Francisco KS 4 and to Chicago in KS 9?  
A I went to Chicago in KS 11.  
Q How old was your third child when you went to Chicago? about-  
A About 2 years old; he went back with my uncle and aunt.

- Q Did you take any of your children to Chicago with you? A No.  
Q What became of the other two you had in San Francisco?  
A They all went back to ~~San Francisco~~. China.  
Q When and how? A At the same time as the little one died.  
Q Did you make a trip to China prior to going to Chicago?  
A No. I didn't go to China between KS 4 and 11.  
Q And after you came to Chicago and left your three small children in care of an uncle and this uncle then returned to China? A Yes, my wife was always sick and couldn't care for them.  
Q Do you think that that looks as if you took a fatherly interest in your children? A I had to go out and earn a living and I had somebody care for them.  
Q Did these three children go back to China at the same time?  
A Yes.  
Q You mentioned the other day the fact of a girl child having been born to you, where was she born? A In China.  
Q When? A I don't remember the date.  
Q Was it before your wife first came to San Francisco or when she was back there in KS 11? A After my wife came to the United States the baby girl was born in San Francisco.  
Q You stated that this child died did you? A Yes.  
Q Was she born before the boy or after? A She was the youngest.  
Q If you had one boy born in KS 7, another in KS 9, a brother in KS 11, and you came to Chicago in KS 9 or 11 when was this girl born? A I don't remember the date of the year she was born. I have the American and Chinese dates all mixed up.  
Q Have you any record of these dates in your trunk that you lost? A I don't know.  
Q In view of the fact that you are not able to give the date of the birth of your children and the further fact that you do not seem to have cared for them and especially as Chinese do for their male children, are we not justified in believing and placing some credence in the statements made by Moy Sing, Moy Sung You, Lee Park, Hip Lung and Moy Dung How, all of Chicago; all of your family some of whom claim to have known your family in China yet all say that they never heard of your ever having any children born to your wife in this country or China? A It is false; they are enemies of mine.  
Q Why are they your enemies?  
A Dung Jow was the leading gambler in Chicago when I was there and I organized a club and arranged for all the young men to come and to attend night school and Sunday school and tried to lead them away from the gambling and I succeeded in doing so and of course that put the games on the bum and every since that they have been enemies of mine; the Chinese from the other families never said anything; one reason was they knew I was doing the right thing and only my cousins was the only ones I made enemies of. Later the police arrested all these gamblers and they accused me of having them arrested.  
Q Tell me how it came about that the Chinese Minister at Washington had your rank taken from you?  
A After the earthquake at San Francisco we subscribed some money for the relief of the sufferers at San Francisco and I had charge of taking the subscriptions and then during the flood in Quong Si, China I went and took up another subscription to send for their relief and I gave receipts for all money collected and had it published in the papers, and some member of the Pong family owed me some money and I went and collected the debts they owed me and this Pong Que Fong went and told the Acting Minister at Washington that I was going around swindling money from the Chinese and that way the acting Minister said he would reduce my rank.

- Q. Did the Minister investigate the matter before taking action? A I don't know, the Chinese are not like American people.
- Q. How much money did you keep out yourself? A Not a cent, the Minister must have believed that you were guilty of retaining some of the money you collected otherwise he wouldn't taken away your rank?
- A. I sent the money to the Acting Minister; I don't know the reason why he reduced my rank; I sent it all in the names and the amount each subscribed.
- Q. Nevertheless in the eyes of the Chinese you were found guilty by the Acting Minister at Washington of having retained some of this money? A Yes.  
But it isn't true; I did all I could to help the poor people. Who ~~inspected~~ this action against you? A Pong Gee Fnng and the others I mentioned.

Signed in English, Moy Kee.

  
Chinese Inspector

The above is a true copy of the examination accorded Moy Kee.