

IMMIGRATION FILE

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In re. JOE QUONG : STATEMENT OF REGISTERED CHINESE LABORER, ABOUT TO DEPART FROM THE UNITED STATES WITH THE INTENTION OF RETURNING HERETO.

MADE in compliance with the treaty between the United States and China, concluded and signed March 17, 1894, ratified 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 Congress approved November 3, 1893. My Certificate of Residence is attached to this Statement. It was issued to me by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Illinois, on March 8, 1894; and is numbered "5749".



MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

NAME:-- JOE QUONG.
AGE:-- Forty-Two (42) Years.
HEIGHT:-- Five (5) Feet (Scant).
LOCAL RESIDENCE:-- No. 626 West 79th st., Chicago, Illinois.
OCCUPATION:-- Laundryman.
EYES:-- Dark. COMPLEXION:-- Light (Mongolian).
~~Markers:-- None~~, except a Mole, Middle of Forehead.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBT DESCRIBED BELOW:

PROPERTY:-- None, except the Personal Property described below, and money in hand.

The "Sam Sing Laundry", at No. 676 West 79th street, Chicago aforesaid, is worth, reasonably and at least, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00); and, in my own name and right, I am the owner of an undivided one-half interest in the trade, tools, machinery, furniture, fixtures and all other of the assets thereof. One Joe Jeung, my co-partner therein, is the owner of the other undivided one-half interest therein. And my said interest in the business and assets of said "Sam Sing Laundry" is worth Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450.00).

DEBT:-- Payable by one Joe Jeung, Laundryman, of No. 626 West 79th street, Chicago aforesaid, for monies loaned, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300).
Payable by one Lee Joe, Laundryman, of No. 477 West Randolph street, Chicago aforesaid, for monies loaned, the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400).

Said Personal Property aggregates at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1000). Said Debt is unsettled and unascertained, and is not covered by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

I HEREBY AGREE That none of such property and debt shall be diverted, transferred or collected during my absence; and that the above described property and claim 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 Portal, North Dakota, one month from the date hereof, or as soon hereafter as I may, and to return to the United States at the same sub-port of Portal, North Dakota, within one year thereafter.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request a Certificate of my right to return to the United States.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., July 26, A.D., 1906.

Subscribed and sworn to, by the above-named JOE QUONG, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, this 26 day of July, A.D., 1906, before me.

Joe Quong
L. C. Plummer
Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

CHICAGO

August 13, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
JOE QUONG, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
Lab. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Witness, CHOW LEUNG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified (in English):

Q What is your name? A Chow Leung.
Q What is your business? A Preacher.
Q Where do you reside? A No. 297 South Clark St.
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes, I know him; it is Joe Quong.
Q What do you know of his having an interest in the laundry at No. 626 West 79th St.?
A I know Joe Quong and Joe Jeung both; they bought that laundry last winter, November or December American date, and they bought it from the Moy Company for \$900.
Q Were you present when they bought it?
A They came to our mission to tell me about it, the Moy and the two Joes.
Q Do you know about the lease?
A Yes, the Moy had the lease and transferred it to the Joe. They wanted to see the landlord or the agent and I took Joe & Jeung and went down to 100 Washington St. to see the agent there. The first time Joe Quong and Joe Jeung go together but the agent is not there, but the next time Joe Quong couldn't go and so Joe Jeung went with me and signed the lease himself.
Q Do you know whether Joe Quong loaned Joe Jeung; loaned him any money to buy the laundry?
A I don't know except what they told me.
Q What did they tell you?
~~Joe Quong said he didn't have~~
A Joe Jeung said he didn't have the money and wanted me to ask Joe Quong but I told him to ask him himself, and the next day he told me he had let him have several hundred dollars.
Q Do you know what part of the laundry Joe Quong owns?
A They told me each one had half of the \$900.
Q How long have you known Joe Quong?
A Since he was here; 4 or 5 years. He said he had known me for a long time in a Western state, California; but I have known him here.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) CHOW LEUNG, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

Applicant, JOE QUONG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Joe Quong.
- Q What is your business?
- A My trade is a laundryman but I have run a restaurant for some time, but I have sold it now.
- Q Where do you live?
- A I am now living at No. 335 West Madison St.
- Q Upon what do you base your right to a return certificate?
- A I am registered and also people in this country owe me money.
- Q Who owes you money?
- A Joe Lee owes me \$400.
- Q Who else?
- A Joe Jeung owes me \$300, and I also own a half interest worth \$450 in the Sam Sing laundry at No. 626 West 79th St.
- Q What does Joe Jeung owe you \$300 for?
- A He borrowed this money to buy this laundry with in which I own a half interest.
- Q When did he borrow it?
- A Chinese date, last year, last part of the 10th month.
- Q Did you lend him the money all at one time?
- A All at one time.
- Q Where did the loan take place?
- A At my restaurant, No. 335 West Madison St.
- Q Did he give you any note for that money?
- A No, sir; no notes, as we are cousins.
- Q How long have you known Joe Jeung?
- A Ever since we were boys in China.
- Q When did you buy the laundry?
- A Last year, Chinese date, last part of tenth month.
- Q How did Joe Jeung happen to borrow this money of you?
- A At the time we bought the laundry he didn't have the money to pay for his half and I loaned him the money.
- Q How much money of his own did he have?
- A The whole laundry was \$900. I paid my half \$450, and I loaned him \$300 besides and he furnished the balance.
- Q Does he own half of that laundry and ~~own~~ owe you \$300, or do you figure that you own 15/18 of the laundry?
- A I figure that we each own one-half of the laundry and that he owes me \$300.
- Q What security have you for the loan?
- A No security at all; it is only trust.
- Q How much of an income do you receive from your half of the laundry?
- A Chinese labor is very high now; sometimes I receive \$6 or \$7 a week and sometimes I receive \$3 or \$4 a week. If I could work there myself I would receive more.
- Q What rent do you pay? A \$20 a month.
- Q How much business does that laundry do?
- A It will average \$90 a week the whole year round.
- Q For what does Joe Lee owe you money?
- A He borrowed this money to put into a fancy goods store on ~~31~~ 31st St. and then he went to West Randolph St.
- Q When did he borrow this money?
- A Last year, Chinese date, 8th month, 16th day.
- Q Where did that loan take place?
- A Also at my restaurant.
- Q Where was this store on 31st St. that he wanted to put that money into?
- A It was on 31st St. I don't know the number.

- Q How much money of his own did he put into that business?
A I don't know how much money he had of his own. I only know that he asked me for this money.
Q Did he give you any note?
A No, sir, no notes given, as we are all cousins.
Q Is he a member of the Lee family or the Joe family?
A The Joe family; my own cousin.
Q How long have you known him? A 15 years.
Q Where did you get the money that you loaned these men?
A I made it in my restaurant.
Q Did you put any of these accounts down in your personal book?
A Yes, I put them in my book.
Witness produced book containing a number of accounts and the Interpreter read:
"8th month 16th day Lee Jeu borrowed \$400.
10th month middle part of month Jeu Jeung borrowed \$300; use it for Sam Sing laundry."
Q Now, are these debts true debts or are they debts that you have trumped up in order to enable you to go to China?
A No, sir, they are not false debts; they are true debts. If these men don't pay me when I come back I will make them suffer.
Q Suppose that you never came back, what would become of these debts?
A In case I don't come back and they should go to China I will make them pay over there.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) JOE QUONG, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Lee Jeu is my store name.
Q Are you a member of the Jeu (Joe) family or the Lee family?
A The Jeu family.
Q Are you registered?
A No, I have a merchant's paper. You saw me before at
869 Madison St.
Q What is the name on your paper?
A Joe Jan.
(Record shows Chew Jan, merchant's paper, firm of Sam Wing
& Co., Green Bay, Wisc.)
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes, that is Joe Quong.
Q How long have you known him? A Four years.
Q Do you owe him any money? A \$400.
Q Why do you owe him that?
A I used this money at No. 160 East 31st St. in Japanese fancy goods
store.
Q Joe Quong says he has known you 15 years. How does it happen
that you have only known him 4 years?
A He may have known me for that length of time but I not know him.
All that I have known him is four years.
Q How much of your own money did you put into that store on 31st
St.?
A I had about \$160 or \$170 of my own money.
Q When did you open that store?
A X Last year, Chinese date, 8th month.
Q Do you still run it now?
A I closed up now. I changed my occupation to laundryman now.
Q When did you close it? A 7 or 8 weeks ago.
Q Why did you close it up?
A I made no money there; I lost money.
Q How far is that from the store of Y. L. Hing & Bros.?
A I was across the street from him, 4 or 5 doors away.
Q Did you have a laundry in connection with the store?
A Yes, sir; also a laundry connected with it.
Q Did you have a partner in that place?
A I started in with another partner besides myself but afterwards
I bought him out.
Q When did the loan from Joe Quong take place?
A Last year, Chinese date, 8th month 16th day.
Q Where did the loan take place?
A We talked it over down in Chinatown and then went up to his
restaurant.
Q Where did you move to after you closed up your place on 31st St.?
A No. 474 West Randolph St.
Q What did you do with the goods you had in there?
A I sold out some at a very low figure and returned the balance to
the store I bought it of?
Q How did it happen that you didn't have more money of your own
at the time you bought it?
A I had some money of my own but it is the Chinese custom to borrow
money in the business if they can.
Q Did you give him any note for that money?
A No, sir, no note given.

Q Did you put it down in any book?

A No; I did not. He may have put it in his book.

Q Is this a true debt or is it one that you have made up in order to allow Joe Quong to go back to China?

A Yes, sir; it is a true debt; it is not false.

Q Have you understood Wong Aloy? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) LEE JOE, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

Witness, JOE JEUNG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Joe Jeung.
- Q Are you registered?
- A No, but I have a merchant's paper.
(Witness produces a merchant's paper of the firm of Wing Sing Co., 126-1/2 Second St., Fall River, May 26, 1897.)
- Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)?
- A Yes, it is Joe Quong.
- Q What is his business?
- A Laundryman; also restaurant keeper.
- Q Where is his laundry?
- A I don't know where his laundry used to be, as I came from Boston about a year ago and he loaned me some money to buy this laundry at No. 626 West 79th St.
- Q Who owns this laundry? Do you?
- A Joe Quong and I.
- Q What did you mean when you said he loaned you money to buy it?
- A I mean that I hadn't any money of my own and had to borrow some from him to buy one-half of this laundry.
- Q How much did you borrow? A \$300.00.
- Q Did you borrow \$300 to buy half of this laundry? A Yes.
- Q Did Joe Quong have this laundry at the time you borrowed this money?
- A No, at that time he was at No. 335 West Madison St. in a restaurant.
- Q Did you two buy out another man?
- A Yes, we bought out a man named Moy.
- Q How much did you pay for it? A \$900.
- Q How much money of your own did you put into it?
- A I had \$150 of my own and borrowed \$300 of Joe Quong.
- Q Has Joe Quong worked in this laundry since you bought it?
- A No, but he employed men to work for him.
- Q How much business do you do in this place?
- A \$80 to \$100 a week.
- Q How many men? A Four.
- Q Where are they now (only two men in laundry)?
- A Two men are outside collecting laundry.
- Q How much rent do you pay? A \$20 a month.
- Q When did you borrow this \$300?
- A First half of 11th month, last year; don't recall day (KS 31).
- Q Where did the loan take place?
- A At his restaurant on West Madison St.
- Q Did you give any note or do you pay any interest? A No.
- Q Did you put the loan in any book? A No.
- Q Why haven't you paid him up yet?
- A I can't seem to make any more money than I spend. Labor is very high.
- Q Then how is your place worth anything if you can't make any money in it?
- A Yes, it is worth \$900 any time, but when I borrowed the money he agreed to wait until we sold the laundry before I paid him.
- Q Do any of the white people hereabouts know Joe Quong?
- A I don't think so, as he seldom comes out here.
- Q Are you sure that you don't owe Joe Quong but \$300?
- A Yes, that is all.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) JOE CHING, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.