

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

IMMIGRATION FILE

No. 782

No. 782.

Form 410
Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICESTATEMENT 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, Ill. dated March 16th, 1894, and numbered 5889



Name, MOY HIM
Present age, Forty-three years.
Local residence, 341 No. Park Ave., Austin, Ill.
Occupation, Laundryman.
(Shoes on)
Height, 5 feet, 6 inches. Weight, _____ lbs.
Color of eyes, Dark brown Complexion, olive
Physical marks or peculiarities for identification: _____
Mustache. Scar on back of right hand.
Thumb on right hand crippled.

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, one-third interest in "SAM SING" Laundry, 341 No. Park Ave., Austin, Illinois Value, \$ 500.00

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 SING KEE, of 9 Laflin Street, Chicago.
Five hundred & fifty-(\$550.00) 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.

Moy Him
(Signature of applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of August, 1909

(Name)

H. A. Tippen

(Title) Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
SEATTLE, WASH.

RECEIVED
SEP 3 1910
Inspector in Charge,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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No. 26,035.

August 30, 1910.

Inspector in Charge,
U.S. Immigration Service,
Chicago, Ill.

S i r:

Having reference to your letter of May 4, 1910, No. 782, I beg to report that MOY HIM the Chinese referred to therein as a former resident of Austin, Ill., arrived at this port August 29, 1910, on the S. S. "Princess Victoria", and that he has been readmitted to the country.

Respectfully,

Ellis D. Miller
C o m m i s s i o n e r .

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Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

SUBJECT:

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
ROOM 522, COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

May 4, 1910.

CHICAGO, ILL.
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
IMMIGRATION SERVICE
No. 5707-C
Dr. P. L. Prentiss,
Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

In the matter of MOY HIM, ad interim Chinese laborer, I beg to report that I have examined the alleged debtor, Sing Kee who testifies that there has been no change in his indebtedness of \$550.00 to applicant since applicant's departure for China.

Inasmuch as the supplemental investigation of Inspector Thompson shows that applicant still retains an interest of \$500.00 in a laundry located at Austin, Ill., I believe that this case is entitled to a favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Howard D. Eby
Chinese Inspector.

Incl.

Respectfully approved and forwarded to Commissioner of Immigration, Seattle, Washington, in reply to his letter No. 5707-C of April 22, 1910 and returning all papers forwarded therewith together with report of Inspector Thompson and transcripts of testimony taken.

(Signed) P. L. Prentiss
Inspector in Charge.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

No. 782.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

CHICAGO, ILL.

Inspector in Charge

Department of Commerce and Labor

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ROOM 522, COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

May 4, 1910.

Dr. P. L. Prontis,

Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

I have the honor to report that I have investigated the case of MOY HIM, returning laborer, and I find that he still retains a one-third interest in the laundry situated at 654 No. Park Ave. (old number 341) Austin, Ill.

This laundry is a high class Chinese laundry, and I have no doubt that applicant's interest therein, for which he claims to have paid \$500.00, is worth that much or more. Transcript of testimony herewith.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Ward E. Thompson.

Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

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No. 782.

654 No. Park Ave. (old No 341) Chicago, Ill.

May 2, 1910.

Case of : Ward E. Thompson, Examining Inspector.
MOY HIM, :
Laborer returning. :

Witness, NG HEN or NG HOW GET, sworn by Inspector Thompson; testified:

Q What is your name? A. Ng Hen.
Q What is your married name? A. Ng How Get.
Q Who owns this laundry? A. Three of us, Moy Him, Moy Seong, and myself.
Q Are your partners all in this country? A. Moy Him is in China. He went to China last year.
Q How much interest does each of you have? A. Each of us has a one-third interest which is a five hundred dollar one.
Q What is the laundry worth now? A. About two thousand dollars. My be more.
Q How much business do you do a week? A. \$180. to \$220.
Q How much rent do you pay? A. Twenty-five dollars.
Q How many men do you work? A. Five, six, and seven.
Q Does Moy Him still retain his interest in this laundry?
A. Yes, he has a third interest in here which is worth at least \$650.00.
Q Did he not sell out to the man that came here in his place?
A. No sir.
Q What is that man's name? A. Sham Lee.
Q What position does Sham Lee occupy? A. He simply takes Moy Him's place as a workman.
Q How much do you pay him? A. We pay him according to what we take in. We give him from fifteen to twenty dollars a week.
Q What is Moy Him going to do when he comes back here? A. He is going to take his place in the laundry. He is the manager.
Q Do you recognize this picture? A. Yes, that is Moy Him.

No. 782.

Room 522, Commercial National Bank Bldg. CHICAGO

May 3, 1910.

Case of : Ward E. Thompson, Examining Inspector.
MOY HIM, : Edward B. Kan, Interpreter.
Laborer returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, MOY SHONG, sworn by Inspector Thompson, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Moy Shong.
Q What is your marriage name? A. Moy Dung Won.
Q Are these the only two names you have? A. Yes.
Q Have you a wife living in China? A. Yes.
Q Was she born in China? A. Yes.
Q Have you any children? A. No.
Q You have no children? A. No.
Q What is your occupation? A. Laundryman.
Q Where is your laundry located? A. 654 No. Park Ave., Austin, Ill.
That is the new number, the old number was 341.
Q Do you own that laundry yourself? A. No, three of us own it.
Q How much interest do you own? A. One third.
Q How much money is your interest worth? A. \$500.00.
Q That is what you paid for it? A. Yes.
Q Has it increased or decreased any since you bought it? A. We
have more business, the laundry is worth over \$2,000.00.
Q Who are your partners? A. Ng Hen and Moy Him.
Q How much money do they have invested in there? A. \$500.00 each.
Q Each of your third interests is worth six or seven hundred dollars
now, is it? A. Yes.
Q Has Moy Him disposed of any part of his interest in that laundry?
A. No.
Q Does he still own a full one third interest in it? A. Yes.
Q How much rent do you pay there? A. \$25.00 a month.
Q How many men do you employ? A. Sometimes five, sometimes six
and sometimes seven.
Q How many tubs have you in that laundry? A. Four tubs.
Q Did Moy Him hire a man to take his place while he was gone?
A. Yes.
Q How much do you pay him? A. Pay him a percentage of the profits.
Q Isn't it a fact that this man bought Moy Him's interest in that
laundry? A. No.
Q Are you sure of that? A. Yes.
Q Whose picture is this? A. Moy Him's.
Q What is he going to do when he comes back? A. Go back in the
laundry.
Q When Moy Him is here, who is the head man of the laundry?
A. Moy Him.

(Signed) Moy Shong,

Witness.

No. 782.

522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO

April 28, 1910.

Case of	:	Howard D. Ebay,	Examining Inspector.
MOY HIM,	:	Edward B. Kan,	Interpreter.
Laborer returning.	:	W. B. Calkins,	Stenographer.

Witness, SING KEE, sworn by Inspector Ebay, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Sing Kee.
Q What is your family name? A. Hui Sing Kee, That is all the
name I have. I am not married.
Q What is your occupation? A. Laundryman.
Q Where? A. 9 Laflin St., Chicago.
Q Do you own that laundry? A. No, I work there.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant) A. Yes,
Moy Him.
Q Where did you know him? A. Here in Chicago.
Q How long have you known him? A. Eleven or twelve years.
Q Do you owe him any money? A. Yes, I owe him \$550.00.
Q How did you come to owe him that? A. I borrowed it from him to
go into the laundry business.
Q Did you buy a laundry? A. Yes.
Q What laundry was that? A. 1055 W. Madison St.
Q What is the name of it? A. "Hop Wah" laundry.
Q Did you run the laundry? A. Yes, at that time.
Q How long? A. In K.S. 24, five years after that, I closed it up.
Q When did you borrow this money? A. In K.S. 24.
Q What month and day? A. Fifth month, first day.
Q Did you ever repay any of it? A. No, I have no money.
Q How long ago, did you close up the laundry? A. Six or seven
years ago.
Q Did you give him any note for the money? A. No.
Q Do you pay him interest? A. No.
Q You kept this money for ten or twelve years without interest, have
you? A. Yes.
Q How much did you pay for the laundry? A. \$650.00. I had some
myself and I borrowed \$550.00 from Moy Him.
Q How long have you lived in Chicago? A. Ever since K.S. 23.
Q Does this indebtedness remain the same as when Moy Him went to
China? A. Yes.

Witness signed in English and Chinese.

(Signed) Sing Kee,

Witness.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
SEATTLE, WASH.

RECEIVED
APR 27 1910
Inspector in Charge,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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No. 5707-C.

April 22, 1910.

Inspector in Charge,
U. S. Immigration Service,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

A Chinese laborer of Austin, Illinois, named MOY HIM,
having sent to this country notice of his intention to return
to the United States, I enclose herewith his identification
paper, requesting that the usual reinvestigation be made.

Respectfully,

(Enclosure.)
GHM

Ellis D. Butler
Commissioner.

No. 782.

August 31st, 1909.

Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service,
Portal, North Dakota.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith copy of the application of MOY HIM, of Austin, Ill. (inside the corporation of Chicago) for a laborer's return certificate, together with certificate No. 5889 which has been compared with the records of the Bureau at Washington and found to be genuine.

Moy Him bases his claim to a return certificate upon the fact that he owns a one-third interest in the "Sam Sing" laundry located at 341 Park Ave., Austin, valued at \$500.00 and that Sing Kee, #9 Laflin St., this city owes him \$750.00 borrowed money.

Upon these claims applicant has been examined and the debtor Sing Kee also, and a transcript of the notes is attached hereto. The laundry "Sam Sing" as a going concern is worth, I believe, fifteen hundred dollars which would make applicant interest \$500.00. There are no material discrepancies in the testimony of the debtor, Sing Kee.

As the law has been complied with, I would respectfully recommend that a return certificate be granted to applicant. I will hand Moy Him a copy of his application and will instruct him to present himself to you with the same before leaving the country.

Respectfully,

E. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector, Acting in Charge.

522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO

August 23rd, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.
MOY HIM, :
Laborer departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, MOY HIM, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q How many names have you? A. Only one. Moy Chee Him is my full name.

Q Are you married? A. Not married.

Q How old are you? A. Thirty-three.

Q What is your occupation? A. Laundryman.

Q Where are you engaged in that business? A. Austin.

Q What is the name of the laundry? A. Sam Sing.

Q What is the number? A. 341 No. Park Ave.

Q How many partners in that laundry? A. Three partners.

Q How much is your interest in there? A. One third.

Q What is the laundry like that worth? A. \$1,500.00.

Q Is your interest worth \$500.00? A. Yes.

Q You own that yourself? A. Yes.

Q How many men do you work? A. Altogether six.

Q How much business do you do a week on an average?

A. \$180.00 a week.

Q How long have you been there? A. I have been there altogether ten years with the exception of two years when I was away.

Q Do you mean you were away to China? A. No.

Q What other property rights have you in this country?

A. Sing Kee owes me \$550.00.

Q Where does he live? A. No. 9 Laflin St., Chicago.

Q Did you loan him this money? A. Yes.

Q Let him have \$550.00 all at one time? A. Yes.

Q When? A. K.S. 24.

Q What month? A. May 1st.

Q Where did the transaction take place? Where were you when you let him have the money? A. In my place.

Q Did he go to your place in Austin, and there you let him have \$550.00? A. Yes.

Q Did you take a note for it? A. No, I just trusted him.

Q Does he pay you interest for the money? A. No.

Q Is he related to you? A. Just a friend.

Q When did he first ask you for this money? A. I knew him in China I used to go to school with him. So, I knew it would be all right to let him have the money.

Q Was that the first time he said anything about borrowing money from you? A. He asked me to let him have some money. Then he came out to the laundry and got the money.

Q Does he still owe you the same amount? A. Yes, just the same. He has not paid any of it back.

Q What was he borrowed the money for? A. To buy a laundry.

Q Well, did he buy the laundry? A. Yes.

Q Has he got that same laundry? A. No.

Q What became of the laundry that he bought with the money you loaned him? A. He closed up that laundry.

Q He hasn't any laundry now? A. No.

Q Where was that laundry you let him the money for?

A. On Madison St. I do not just remember the number. Near Campbell St.

Q What is Sing Kee doing now? A. He works for someone else.

Q What are your partners' names? A. Ng Hen and Moy Sung.

Q Are they in the laundry now? A. Yes.

Q Are they going to take care of your interest while you are in China? A. Yes, but I hired a man to take my place.

Case of MOY HIM:

Testimony of MOY HIM continued:

Q Whom did you hire? A. Sham Lee.

Q And you pay him wages? A. Yes.

Q What does he do in the laundry? A. Washes.

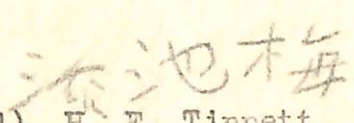
Q He just takes your place as a man who is going to do your share of the work? A. Yes.

Q The other partners will take care of your interest?

A. Yes. This man just simply fills my place as a man.

Witness signed in English and Chinese.

(Signed) Moy Chee Him, Applicant.

(Signed)  H. E. Tippet, Inspector.

Case of MOY HIM.

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

- Q What is your name? A. Sing Kee.
Q What is your Chinese name? A. Huie Sing Kee.
Q Are you married? A. No.
Q How old are you? A. Forty-one.
Q What is your occupation? A. Laundryman.
Q Where are you located? A. 9 Laflin St.
Q Are you employed in that laundry or do you own it?
A. Employed there.
Q I will show you a photograph on this certificate, and will ask you if you know who that is? A. Yes, that is Moy Him.
Q How long have you known him? A. I have known him thirteen years.
Q Do you owe him any money? A. \$550.00.
Q Did you borrow that amount from him? A. Yes.
Q When did you get the money? A. K.S. 24.
Q What month? A. Fifth month, 1st day.
Q Where were you when you got the money? A. At Austin.
Q Did he hand you \$550.00 money in cash? A. Yes.
Q Did you speak to him about borrowing this money before you went out there to get it? A. Yes, I spoke to him about a couple of weeks before I got the money.
Q What did you want the money for? A. I wanted the money to buy a laundry.
Q Did you buy a laundry? A. Yes.
Q What was the name of it? A. The place I bought was called Wah Hop.
Q Where was it located? A. On Madison St., 1055.
Q Where is that laundry now? A. I closed up the place.
Q When did you close it up? A. Six or seven years ago.
Q Have you paid back what you borrowed? A. No.
Q Have you paid any of it back? A. No.
Q You have owed this man about eleven years? A. Yes.
Q And you still owe him? A. Yes.
Q Does he still trust you? A. Yes.
Q Did you give him a note for the money? A. No.
Q Did you furnish any security? A. No.
Q Were you related to him? A. No, just friends.
Q Did you ever borrow money from anyone else? A. I borrowed some money from my cousin, but I paid him back long ago.
Q Are you registered? A. Yes. (Witness produces certificate No. 30895, laborer, SING KEE, issued at Buffalo, N.Y. in the 28th Dist. of New York, dated the 27th day of March, 1894. Ht. 5 ft. 7-3/4 in. Scar on back of neck and pock marked.)

Witness signed in English and Chinese.

(Signed) Huie Sing Kee,

Witness.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 782.

IN ANSWERING REFER TO

No. 782 and 20/63.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR
1150 TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

August 19, 1927.

Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service,
Detroit, Michigan.

Referring to your letter of the 13th inst., No. 1727/143, regarding the case of SING KEE, applicant for a duplicate certificate of residence, beg to advise that our records show that Sing Kee was a witness for Moy Him, laborer departing, 8-23-09, file No. 782, and was a witness for Moy Lung Sing, laborer departing 8/28/11, file No. 20/63. Said files are inclosed herewith, and should be returned when they have served their purpose. His file card also shows the following information:

(name) "Sing Kee, full name Huie Sing Kee, Certificate No. 30895 issued at Rochester (Buffalo), N. Y., March 27, 1894; Age 26; Height 5' 7-3/4"; Scar on back of neck and back marked; Residence Nov. 22/04, No. 1066 West Madison Street; Residence 8/23/09, 9 Laflin Street, Chicago."

Incl. No. 61870.

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S. D. Smith,
District Director.

Copy sent also to District Director.