

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

Form 410
Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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 Third district of New York, at New York dated April 2, 1894, and numbered 28871



Name, Chu Dont
Present age, 43 years.
Local residence, 231 Brush St. Detroit, Mich.
Occupation, Laborer
Height: 5 feet 3 1/2 inches. Weight, 185 lbs.
Color of eyes, dark Complexion, light
Physical marks or peculiarities for identification: scar on left cheek

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 \$500 invested in King Ying Lo. Co. 18 Lafayette Av. Detroit; and \$500 in restaurant at 231 Brush St. Detroit, owned by himself and brother. Total Value, \$ 1000

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 _____
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.

Chu Dont

(Signature of applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of May, 1909

(Name)

Thomas M. Ross

(Title) Immigrant Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

PORT OF Detroit, Mich.

May 13, 1909, 190

Application of Chu Dont

a registered Chinese laborer, for return certificate.

GROUND OF APPLICATION:

Property of value of \$1000

APPROVED

AND

Return Certificate No. _____

ISSUED OR DENIED.

(Name) _____

(Title) _____

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
SEATTLE, WASH.

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No.001-C.

May 25, 1910.

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

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MAY 30 1910
Inspector in Charge,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Sir:

This is to inform you that CHU DONT, a Chinese laborer of Detroit, Michigan, who departed from the United States by way of Portal, North Dakota, arrived at this port on the 16th instant and on May 20 was ADMITTED.

Respectfully,

GHM

Ellis J. Miller
Acting Commissioner.

JMS

Detroit, Mich. December 4, 1909.

Ad Interim Investigation into the status of CHU DONT,
Chinese laborer, now in China. Conducted by Immigrant Inspector
Thomas M. Ross. No interpreter necessary.

HOMER GAM. Duly sworn.

Q What is your name? A. Homer Gam.

Q What is your occupation? A. I am the manager of the restaurant,
King Ying Lo Co. at 18 Lafayette Avenue, Detroit.

Q How much money is invested in this restaurant? A. About \$25000.

Q Who is the owner of this restaurant? A. Myself and a number of
Chinese.

Q Do you know this Chinaman? A. Yes, that is Chu Dont.

Q Has he got any interest in this restaurant? A. Yes he has an
interest in this restaurant of \$500 and has had for about three
years; and he also has an interest in our restaurant in Cleve-
land; but how much of an interest he has in the Cleveland one I
do not know.

Q You swear that Chu Dont still owns an interest of \$500 in this
firm? A. Yes.

Q Does he receive dividends on this \$500? A. Yes.

Q How much? A. Well the dividends are in different amounts.

CHU CHRE. Duly sworn.

Q Do you know this Chinaman (shown photograph of applicant.)? A.

Yes that is my brother, Chu Dont. He and I own this restaurant.

Q You say your brother and you own this restaurant? A. Yes.

Q How much of an interest have you got ? A. \$100.

Q How much is this restaurant business here valued at \$ A.\$600.

Q How much of an interest has Chu Dont got here? A. \$500.

Q You swear that he has an interest of \$500 in this restaurant business still? A. Yes.

Q Is Chu Dont going to take charge of this business again on his return to the United States? A. Yes.

Department of Commerce and Labor
U. S. IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF Inspector in Charge

PORT OF Detroit, Michigan

No. 2208

May 13, 1909.

L. T. Plummer,

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 747, dated May 12, 1909, with which you inclose three blank forms of the application for a laborer's return certificate for Chu Dont, a Chinese person of the City of Detroit, Michigan.

As per your request contained in said letter I detailed Inspector Ross to make the necessary investigation, and his report is attached to the papers, which are herewith returned, duly executed, so that you can forward same to Bureau.

Respectfully,

G. Oliver Frick
Inspector in Charge.

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Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Examination of Chu Dont and witnesses, at Detroit, Michigan,
May 13, 1909, in re the application of Chu Dont for a return certifi-
cate by Immigrant Inspector Thomas M. Ross.

CHU DONT. Applicant sworn.

- Q. What is your name? A. Chu Dont.
- Q. How old are you? A. About 43.
- Q. How long have you lived in Detroit? A. About five years in
Detroit.
- Q. ~~What~~ How long have you been in the United States? A. 26 or 27
years.
- Q. What is your occupation? A. Running a chop suey restaurant.
- Q. You are a laborer then? A. Yes.
- Q. Where is your chop suey restaurant? A. 231 Brush St. Detroit.
- Q. Do you own this restaurant at 231 Brush St? A. Yes.
- Q. Have you any partners in this restaurant? A. Yes.
- Q. Who are your partners? A. Chu Chee.
- Q. What is the value of this restaurant? A. \$600.
- Q. How much money have you got invested in this restaurant? A. \$500.
- Q. How much money has Chu Chee got in this business? A. \$100.
- Q. You swear that you have got \$500 in cash invested in this
restaurant, and that the total value of it is \$600? A. Yes.
- Q. Have you been back to China? A. Yes, two times.
- Q. When did you go back the last time? A. In 1901 I went back to
China by Vancouver, and also the time before by Vancouver.
- Q. How long did you stay in China the last time? A. About three
months.

Q. Did you have return papers then? A. Yes.

Q. Have you sold your interest in this restaurant, now that you intend to go back to China? A. No, my brother Chu Chee here will keep it going while I am gone.

Q. Do you own any other property than this \$500 in this restaurant?

A. I have \$500 over there in the King Ying Lo restaurant, 18 Lafayette Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Q. How long have you had that \$500 in that restaurant? A. About three years; before it start I put my money in it.

Q. Did you pay the \$500 in cash? A. Yes.

Q. Have you got any receipt of any stock certificate to show that you have a \$500 interest in this Company? A. Yes, I have her my book. (Applicant produces books in Chinese writing, which, he says, shows the receipt of \$500 from the King Ying Lo. Co. in June, 1906.) If you inquire for the Manager of that Company, Homer Lo he will tell you all about it.

Q. You swear that you have got \$500 in cash invested in this restaurant at 231 Brush St. and also \$500 in the King Ying Lo. Co.

A. Yes, I swear that.

Q. You understand that your interest in these two restaurants must remain the same until you return to the United States from China, so as to entitle you to get back here? A. Yes I understand that.

Q. Do you own any other property in the United States? A. No.

Q. Is this certificate of residence, No. 28871, yours? A. Yes.

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CHU CHEE. Witness sworn.

Q. What is your name? A. Chu Chee.

Q. How old are you? A. 48.

Q. How long have you been in the United States? A. About 32 years.

Q. Are you registered? A. Yes.

Q. How long have you been in Detroit? A. About one year.

Q. What is your occupation? A. Chop suey business.

Q. How much money have you got in this restaurant? A. \$100

Q. How much money has Chu Dont got in this restaurant? A. \$500.

Q. How much is this business worth? A. About \$600.

Q. Where does the \$600, as the value of this business, arise? A.

Well we have to fix it all up, and that cost money, and then

Chu Dont have to pay the other Chinaman that he bought the

business from several hundred dollars for to get the business.

Q. You swear that this business is now worth \$600? A. Yes.

Q. Are you a brother of Chu Dont's? A. Yes.

Q. How long have you been a partner in this business? A. About 4
years here and on the corner of Gratiot Avenue.

HOMER GAM. Witness sworn.

Q. What is your name? A. Homer Gam.

Q. What is your position with the King Ying Lo Co? A. I am the
manager.

Q. How long have you been manager? A. Ever since it opened.

Q. How long has it been opened? A. Three years last July; no, this
July.

Q. Do you know this Chinaman ? (shown picture of Chu Dont.) A. Yes

I know him very well. That is Chu Dont.

Q. Has he got an interest in this Company? A. Yes.

Q. How much of an interest has he got? A. \$500.

Q. How long has he had that interest? A. Since it started.

Q. You swear that he owns \$500 of stock in this company? A. Yes.

Q. Have you any books showing that he is a partner in this Company?

A. Yes we have books, but they are in Chinese. He has a book, all the partners have books, showing the amounts in cash they have paid in, and it is on these amounts that they are paid.

No. 747.

May 12th, 1909.

Charles A. Howell, Esq.,
Attorney at Law,
62 Buhl Block, Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of May 8th inclosing certificate of CHEW DONT and stating that he desires a laborer's return certificate, is received.

In order to save expense and delay, I am sending today blank forms for application of laborer's return certificate to Inspector in Charge Frick at Detroit and am asking him to make the necessary investigation and report. I think that without doubt the matter can be arranged so that he can leave the United States within two weeks as he desires.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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No. 747.

May 12th, 1909.

Mr. G. Oliver Brick,
Inspector in Charge,
Detroit, Mich.

Sir:-

I received from Attorney Charles A. Howell of Detroit certificate of residence and three photographs of the Chinaman, CHEW DONT of Detroit who has applied for a laborer's return certificate.

It will save a great deal of expense if you have Inspector Ross take this man's application and make the necessary investigation. I inclose three blank forms of the application for a laborer's return certificate to be made in triplicate, and I would suggest, that if you could do so consistently with the regulations, that you make the report in this case direct to me, and I will then forward the certificate of residence to the Bureau for verification.

Mr. Howell in his letter states that this Chinaman has made arrangements to leave the United States in two weeks.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Flummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

CHARLES ARTHUR HOWELL,
COUNSELOR AT LAW,
62 BUHL BLOCK,
DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

Detroit - May 8th '09

R. T. Plummer,

Chinese Inspector etc.,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Plummer:- I am sending
you herewith the certificate of Chu Dou-
of this city, who is about to go to China.
You will also please find three photographs
of the same gentleman. Will you kindly
have his certificate compared, and send
me the necessary application blanks in
triplicate, so that I may put him in
position to get a return certificate as
soon as possible? I applied to Mr. Fick
here, but he referred me to you.

Chu Dou- has made all arrange-
ments to leave in two weeks. Could
the matter be fixed up in that time?

Yours very truly

C. A. Howell.