

Department of Commerce and Labor

In re. MOY FONG, Laundryman, of No. 333 Clark st., Chicago, Illinois.
STATEMENTof
REGISTERED CHINESE LABORER,
About to Depart From The United States with intention of Returning thereto.

MADE in compliance with the treaty between the United States and China, concluded and signed March 17th, 1894, ratified December 17th, 1894, and proclaimed by the President of the United States December 8th, 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 Regulations and Rules 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 numbered "6566", and was issued to me by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Illinois, at the City of Chicago, in said district, on April 10, 1894.

MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

NAME:-- MOY FONG.
AGE:-- Forty Four (44) Years.
HEIGHT:-- 5 Feet, 5 1/4 Inches (In Chinese Sandals).
LOCAL RESIDENCE:-- No. 333 Clark st., Chicago, Illinois.
OCCUPATION:-- Laundryman (Late at 543 E. 55th st.)
EYES:-- Dark Brown. COMPLEXION:-- Light (Mongolian).
MARKS:-- Small Mole, Left Cheek (Jaw).

I Claim to Possess the Property and Debts Below:
PROPERTY:-- None, except the Personal Property described below, and money in hand.

DEBTS:--

Payable by one MOY WAH FOON, Merchant, of No. 333 Clark street, in the said City of Chicago, for money loaned, the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

Payable by one MOY CHUCK NIE, a Laundryman, for money loaned, Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$520.00)

Moy Chuck Nie is unemployed, but formerly worked in the Laundry at No. 749 West Harrison Street, Chicago aforesaid; and makes his home there yet. He is the same person named and described in Certificate of Residence No. "6522".

Said debts aggregate, and are actually and reasonably worth, upwards of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). They are unsettled and unascertained, and are not covered by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

I HEREBY AGREE That none of such debts shall be diverted, transferred or collected during my absence, but 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, August 15, 1906.

Subscribed and sworn to, by the above-
named Moy Fong, at the City of Chicago,
in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, this 15 day of August, A.D., 1906,
before me.

L. J. Hummer

Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

Moy Fong

CHICAGO

August 20, 1906.

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

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

Q What is your name? A Moy Fong.
Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
Q Where is your laundry? A I sold my laundry out.
Q Where was your laundry the last time you had one?
A No. 543 East 55th St., Chicago, Ill.
Q When did you sell that laundry? A 2 months ago.
Q Upon what do you base your right to go to China?
A I am registered and people in this country owe me money.
Q Who owe you money? A Moy Wah Foon and Moy Chuck Nie.
Q How much does Moy Wah Foon owe you? A \$600.00.
Q What is his business? A He has a cigar store.
Q Did he borrow this money? A Yes.
Q When did he borrow it? A Last year Chinese date, 4th, 5th.
Q K.S. 31st year? A Yes; K.S. 31, 4, 5.
Q What did he borrow this money for?
A Last year, May, American date, he needed this money to move his store from 319 S.Clark St. to his present place at No. 333 S. Clark St.
Q Did he borrow the money all at one time? A All at one time.
Q Where did the loan take place?
A In his old store at No. 319 S.Clark St. at the same time when he moved from his old number.
Q Didn't he have any money of his own at that time?
A I don't know how much money he had of his own. All I know is that he asked me to lend him this amount of money.
Q Where did you get this money? A I earned it in my laundry.
Q Did he give you a note for the money? A No, sir; no note given.
Q Does he pay you any interest? A No, sir.
Q Why hasn't he paid it before this?
A His business has been very poor since he moved.
Q What does Moy Chuck Nie owe you money for?
A He borrowed this money to open a laundry.
Q When? A K.S. 30, 4, 1.
Q Where is the laundry located which he was going to open up?
A No. 749 West Harrison St.
Q How much money did he borrow? A \$520.00.
Q How much money did he invest in the laundry, do you know?
A I don't know how much he invested.
Q Did he have any money of his own at that time?
A I don't know that.
Q What had he been doing before he opened that laundry?
A He was a laundryman.
Q Was he working for some one else or did he have his own laundry?
A He had owned laundries and he had worked for other people.
Q Where did the ~~loan~~ loan take place?
A We talked the matter over a few days before that and then we met at No. 319 S.Clark St. and I handed the money over there.

- Q Did he give you a note for the money?
A No, sir; no note given.
Q Does he pay you any interest? A No, sir.
Q Does he still own that laundry?
A The business was very slow and he didn't make any money, and he sold it to another man for a very low price.
Q How long have you known Moy Shuck Nie?
A I have known him since K.S. 6th.
Q How long have you known Moy Wah Foon?
A I can't tell exactly when. I should think between K.S. 5th and 6th years.
Q Did you put either of these accounts down in your book?
A No, I did not.
Q When do you think these men will pay you back this money?
A I figure that I will have to come back to this country before they pay me any.
Q Now, are these honest debts or are they debts that you have trumped up to enable you to go to China?
A They are true debts.
Q Suppose you didn't come back from China, what will become of the debts?
A In case I don't come back I think they ought to send it to China.
Q Where did you get all this money that you loaned these two men?
A I earned it in the laundry.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
A Yes, sir.

Applicant signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) MOY FONG, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, MOY WAH FOON, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Moy Wah Foon.
- Q What is your business?
- A I am a cigar merchant at No. 333 South Clark St., Chicago, Ill.
- Q Are you registered?
- A Yes, but I haven't my certificate with me.
- Q How long have you been a merchant in Chicago?
- A Since the last part of K.S. 18.
- Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)?
- A Yes, sir; that is Moy Fong.
- Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes, I owe him \$600.
- Q When did you borrow this money?
- A Last year, Chinese date, 4th month. I used this money to move my business from No. 319 S.Clark St. to No. 333 S.Clark St.
- Q How long have you known Moy Fong?
- A I have known him since I opened this store in K.S. 18th.
- Q He says he has known you since K.S. 6th. How about that?
- A We knew each other by sight since K.S. 6th but not intimately until after I opened this store.
- Q How much did you spend in moving your place from No. 319 to No. 333 S.Clark St.?
- A I spent over \$1,000. as I bought a lease from another man and paid him \$900. for it. I should think altogether, including repairing, that I spent \$1,400.
- Q Didn't you have that amount of money on hand at the time?
- A No, sir; I didn't have that much money on hand at that time.
- Q Why haven't you repaid some of it before this?
- A Since we moved the business has been very slow and what little money I make I send back to support my family.
- Q When do you think you will pay him?
- A I can't tell just when but I figure I will pay him when he comes back to this country, but I am not sure.
- Q Did you put it down in any book?
- A I put it on my personal book.
- (Witness produces account book and the Interpreter reads:
"K.S. 31, 4, 2 I borrowed from Moy Fong \$550; later on the same day I borrowed another \$50.")
- Q Did you give him any note for this money? A No, sir.
- Q Has he got any security for it?
- A No, sir; no security, as we are good cousins.
- Q Don't you think that is a careless way for him to handle his money?
- A Yes, it seems to be very careless but that is the way Chinamen do business.
- Q What would you do with this money if he never returned?
- A In case he doesn't come back, after two or three years from now I will go back to China and pay him there.
- Q Is this a true debt? A Yes, sir; it is a true debt.
- Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) MOY WAH FOON, Witness.
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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

- Q What is your name? A Moy Chuck Nie.
Q Have you got your certificate with you?
A I left it in my trunk.
Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
Q Where do you own a laundry now? A I don't own one now.
Q Where are you working?
A I am not working now but I work when I get a job.
Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)?
A Yes, it is Moy Fong.
Q How long have you known him? A I have known him since K.S. 6th.
Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes, I owe him \$520.
Q What do you owe him that money for?
A I borrowed this money to open up a new laundry.
Q Where? A No. 749 West Harrison St.
Q How much did it cost you to open that laundry?
A It cost me \$520 and I borrowed \$520.
Q Didn't you have any money of your own?
A No, sir; I didn't have a cent.
Q Why not? Haven't you been working ever since you came to this country?
A I was in business before and I lost all I had and I was out of a job before I opened this laundry.
Q Where was the laundry that you lost all the money you had in?
A Harvey, Illinois.
Q How much did you lose down there? A Over \$500.
Q When did you borrow this money of Moy Fong? A K.S. 30, 4, 1.
Q Did you put it down in any book? A No, sir.
Q Did you give him a note for it? A No, sir.
Q Do you pay him any interest for it? A No, sir.
Q When did you sell that laundry?
A I think it was the last part of the 12th month last year, Chinese.
Q Who did you sell it to? A Moy You Gie.
Q What did you get for it?
A I didn't make any money there at all and so I just gave it to him.
Q Didn't you have any machinery in it? A Yes, one machine.
Q Wasn't that worth any money?
A I gave it to him because he is my cousin.
Q Why didn't you give it to Moy Fong; isn't he your cousin?
A Moy # You Gie is really a closer cousin to me than Moy Fong.
Q Yes, but you used the money you borrowed from Moy Fong to buy this laundry with?
A Yes.
Q As a matter of fact, did you ever own that laundry out there at No. 749 West Harrison St.?
A I really borrowed this money from Moy Fong to open up this laundry and I found I couldn't make a living there and so I gave it to my cousin Moy You Gie.
Q But how much is Moy You Gie going to pay you for it?
A He is not going to pay me anything at all. I found I couldn't make a living there and so I gave it to him.
Q But you live in his laundry now?
A Yes, when I am out of a job, but some times I work for other people.

- Q Why didn't you give the contents of this laundry to Moy Fong in part payment of that debt instead of giving it to your cousin Moy You Gie?
- A Moy Fong had a good laundry already then, that is why I didn't give it to him; and Moy You Gie is a good deal closer cousin to me than Moy Fong. I was discouraged because I was hardly making a living there and so I gave it to my cousin and looked for work with other people.
- Q Why didn't you sell the machine and other stuff you had in that laundry to a second-hand man and turn ~~a~~ the money over to Moy Fong to apply on your debt?
- A I knew that a second-hand man would only give me a trifle for it and I was discouraged and thought it was hardly worth while to run around after a second-hand man, and besides I knew that Moy Fong was a sell-to-do man and had a good laundry and didn't need it.
- Q How much rent did you pay for that laundry?
- A \$30 a month.
- Q How much business did you do?
- A \$20 to \$30 a week, just enough to pay expenses but not to make any money at all.
- Q How many men did you have?
- A When I opened up the laundry I worked there by myself.
- Q When do you expect to pay Moy Fong?
- A I ~~have~~ will pay him when I earn it but I can't pay him now as I am out of a job.
- Q Is this a true debt of yours?
- A Yes, it is a true debt; I really owe him this money.
- Q Have you understood Wong Aloy?
- A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) MOY CHUCK NIE, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.