

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 "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 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 Fried district of Illinois, at Chicago dated April 13 1893, and numbered 53274



Name Mrs Ahim Fung Kee
Present age, 51 years
Local residence, Indianapolis Ind
Occupation Restaurateur wife of Moy Kee
Height: 5 feet, X inches.
Weight 150 lbs.
Color of eyes, Brown
Complexion dark
Physical marks or peculiarities for identification Bowed feet.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE FAMILY, or property, or debts described below:

PROPERTY: Full description, Half interest in restaurant at No 506 E Washington St
Indianapolis Ind worth \$2500. also half interest in lots 142 & 143 Virginia St Brookside
addition Indianapolis on 4th and N worth \$1300.00 Value, \$1900.00

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.

Subscribed & sworn to before me Oct 15-1907

ST. C. Munn
Chinese & Immigrant Inspector

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Testimony of Dr. E. C. Bachfield, continued:

Q Have you the date of the organization of the company?

A. This company was chartered the 30th of October, 1907.

Q Where was Moy Kee at that time? A. I do not know. I think he was in Indianapolis. I think Moy Kee left there in the early part of November.

Q What do you know of any other property? A. I have here a sworn statement from George F. Young, who was the treasurer of the Mutual Ice Company of Indianapolis, Ind. showing that to his personal knowledge Moy Kee was a bona fide stock holder in the Company and that he held \$50.00 worth of bonds in the said company. The stock was left blank because Mr. Young was not the treasurer of the company.

Q What did Mr. Young tell you about it? A. He told me that Moy Kee had two bonds worth \$50.00.

Q What are these bonds worth? A. They are worth par. Twenty-five dollars apiece.

Q Tell me as you recall it the circumstances and what Dong Gum Hong and Moy Bing He said to you about this loan? A. They told me that Moy took from them one thousand dollars and gave them in return a bill of sale to be held as security against the thousand dollars loan, and that the restaurant was to be returned to Moy Kee upon his return from China, for the same money paid him at his departure.

Witness signed his testimony.

(Signed) Dr. E. C. Bachfield.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

Nos. 602 and 609.

April 15th, 1909.

Commissioner-General of Immigration,
Department of Commerce and Labor,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Bureau letter of April 13th, No. 52396/53, asking for further explanation before authority can be granted for the payment of stenographers' bills requested in my letters Nos. 602 and 609, is received.

The cases which Inspector Tippet was investigating at the time this expense was incurred required the examination of a number of witnesses in different parts of the city of Indianapolis, and were cases upon which we desired to expedite reports as much as possible. It was also necessary to have a copy made of a certain record.

When the work was completed, Inspector Tippet paid the price asked by the stenographers, as he regarded it as very reasonable, and took their receipts. Inasmuch as the Inspector was away from his station in a city where he was but little known, it was practically necessary for him, in order to save delay and get his work done on time, to pay cash for it, as he would hardly be justified in asking strangers to do this work for him without assuring them that they would be paid for their services when the work was completed.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

297 So. Clark St.

CHICAGO

April 5th, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.
 Moy Kee & wife, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
 Laborers returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, MOY YOU BONG, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Moy Sing.
 Q What is your other name? A. Moy You Bong.
 Q Your occupation is a merchant? A. Yes.
 Q What is the name of your store? A. Yuen High & Co., 297
 So. Clark St.
 Q Are you the manager of this institution? A. Yes.
 Q How old are you? A. Fifty-eight.
 Q When did you come to the United States? A. Tung Gee 10.
 Q When did you first come to Chicago? A. K.S. 6.
 Q How long did you reside here in Chicago at that time?
 A. K.S. 11, I went back to China.
 Q Then when did you come back again? A. K.S. 14.
 Q And you lived in Chicago then? A. Yes.
 Q How long did you live in Chicago? A. I came back K.S. 14.
 I remained here until K.S. 19. After the World's Fair I went to
 Indianapolis.
 Q Did you know a Chinaman by the name of Moy Kee? A. Yes.
 Q And did you know his wife? A. Yes.
 Q I am going to show you two photographs, one marked No. One.
 (Showing photograph) A. Moy Kee.
 Q And one marked No. Two? A. His wife.
 Q Did you come from the same village in China that they came
 from? A. Yes.
 Q Did you know his wife before she came to this country?
 A. Yes.
 Q Did they come to the United States before you came? A. Moy
 Kee came first.
 Q Did he bring his wife with him? A. He went back and brought
 his wife.
 Q Do you know when he went back to bring his wife? A. K.S. 7
 he brought his wife.
 Q Did he only have one wife? A. Yes.
 Q When you came here in K.S. 6, was Moy Kee here? A. San
 Francisco then.
 Q Well, when did Moy Kee come to Chicago? A. K.S. 9.
 Q Did he bring his wife with him? A. Yes, brought his wife
 here.
 Q Then they resided in Chicago for how long? A. Remained
 here until K.S. 23, then went to Indianapolis.
 Q He never lived in San Francisco after he came to Chicago
 in 7th year K.S.? A. Never went back to San Francisco.
 Q Moy You Bong, you have been acquainted with Moy Kee and his
 wife ever since you were a boy? A. Yes.
 Q You knew them in China? A. Yes.
 Q And you knew them immediately after you came to this coun-
 try? A. Yes.
 Q You knew them after they lived in San Francisco? A. I
 never saw them in San Francisco.
 Q Did you see them in San Francisco? A. They lived in San
 Francisco, but I never saw them.
 Q Did Moy Kee and his wife ever have any children? A. No
 children.
 Q They never had any children? A. No.
 Q You have been well enough acquainted and associated enough
 with him to know whether they ever had any children or not, have you?
 A. Yes, they never had any children.
 Q Moy Kee never lived in Indianapolis prior to K.S. 23, did he?
 A. Yes, since K.S. 23, but not before.
 Q What did he do here in Chicago? A. Kept a cigar stand
 and manufactured cigars.

Testimony of MOY YOU BONG, continued:

Q Do you remember where he was located? A. Between 12th and 13th Sts. on State St. In that block he was on both sides of State St. He was first on the West side on the ground where the Santa Fe freight depot now stands, and then on the East side.

Q Are you positive that Moy Kee and his wife never had any children? A. Yes.

Q You are positive that he brought his wife to Chicago to live in K.S. 7 and that they lived here until the time they moved to Indianapolis? A. Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English..

(Signed) Moy Sing,

(Signed) Moy You Pang,

Witness.

(Signed) H. E. Tirrett,

Inspector.

(Signed) Charley Kee,

Interpreter.

April 5th, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.
MOY KEE & wife, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Laborers returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, MOY LUN YOU, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:
(partly in English)

Q What is your name? A. Moy Sick is my boyhood name. My marriage name is Moy Lun You.

Q You are the manager of the firm of Tai Wah & Co., 303 So. Clark St., are you not? A. Yes sir.

Q How old are you? A. Sixty-one.

Q How many years have you lived in Chicago? A. In the United States thirty-five years.

Q How long here in Chicago? A. Twenty-seven years here in in Chicago.

Q Do you know a man by the name of Moy Kee? A. Yes.

Q Know his wife? A. Yes. When I came to Chicago, he was on State St. keeping a cigar factory.

Q I will show you a photograph on certificate No. One. (Showing photograph) Who is that? A. Moy Kee.

Q Now, I will show you the photograph on certificate No. Two. (Showing photograph) Who is that? A. His wife.

Q Does Moy Kee come from the same village in China that you come from? A. Not the same village.

Q What year did you know Moy Kee in Chicago? A. I knew K.S. first in San Francisco.

Q Did you live in San Francisco? A. Yes.

Q And did Moy Kee live there? A. Yes.

Q You were acquainted with him there, were you? A. Yes.

Q Did he have his wife with him? A. No wife with him.

Q How long did you know him in San Francisco? A. About five years.

Q All the time that he lived in San Francisco, that you knew him, he had no wife? A. No.

Q Do you know when he brought his wife to this country? A. I do not know when he brought his wife. When he came to Chicago I know he brought his wife with him from San Francisco. That was twenty-seven years ago.

Q Who left San Francisco first, you or Moy Kee? A. I arrived here first.

Q But how long after you arrived here, did Moy Kee come and bring his wife? A. While at San Francisco I made a trip to China. On my return I left San Francisco and came to Chicago. I made another trip to China from Chicago. On the return of this second trip to China, I saw Moy Kee and his wife here in Chicago.

Q What year was it that you returned from China on that second trip? A. K.S. 18. Moy Kee had been here before that, but I never saw him before.

Q Did you know Moy Kee and his wife in China? A. No.

Q When did Moy Kee go back to China? A. I do not know when he went back from San Francisco.

Q Has Moy Kee and his wife ever had any children? A. No children.

Q During the time that you knew him in San Francisco, from the first to the sixth year K.S., he didn't have any wife with him, did he? A. No wife then.

Q You went to China in K.S. 6 and then came back in K.S. 8 and then came to Chicago? A. Yes.

Witness signed his name in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Moy Lun You,

Witness.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet,

Inspector.

(Signed) Charley Kee,

Interpreter.

303 So. Clark St. (Store of Tai Wah), CHICAGO April 5th, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.
MOY KEE & wife, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
LABORERS returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, LEE HEE FUN, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:
(partly in English)

Q What is your name? A. Lee Park.
Q What is your marriage name? A. Lee Hee Fun.
Q How old are you? A. Fifty.
Q What is your occupation? A. Merchant, member of the firm
of Tai Wah & Co., 303 So. Clark St.
Q How long is it, since you first came to the United States?
A. K.S. first I came.
Q Land at San Francisco? A. Yes.
Q How many years did you live there? A. Five years. Then
went back to China. Returned from China in K.S. 8.
Q Then where did you reside? A. Came to Chicago.
Q Then did you go to China again? A. Yes, in K.S. 13, went
back to China.
Q When did you return? A. K.S. 18, came back here.
Q When did you go again? A. Did not go again.
Q Do you know Moy Kee? A. Yes.
Q Do you know his wife? A. Yes.
Q I am going to show you a photograph marked No. One and
will ask you to identify it? (Showing photograph) A. That is Moy Kee.
Q Can you identify this photograph marked No. two? (Showing
photograph) A. That is Moy Kee's wife.
Q How many years have you known Moy Kee? A. I have known
him since the first year, K.S. in San Francisco.
Q You knew him from the first year up to what year in San
Francisco? A. Up to the 6th year.
Q Did Moy Kee have a wife in San Francisco at the time you
knew him there? A. No wife then.
Q After you went to China from San Francisco and returned,
where did you go? A. After I returned in K.S. 8, I came to Chicago.
Q When did you see Moy Kee again after that? A. I came to
Chicago in K.S. 8. I went to China in K.S. 13. In K.S. 18, I came
back and saw Moy Kee.
Q Did you see his wife then too? A. Yes.
Q Did you know Moy Kee's wife in China? A. No.
Q Did Moy Kee have any children while you knew him in San
Francisco? A. No, he didn't have any wife there.
Q Did Moy Kee ever have any children, here? A. No, I never
saw any.
Q All the time you knew Moy Kee and his wife, you never knew
him to have any children? A. No.
Q When did Moy Kee leave Chicago and go to Indianapolis?
A. Some time after the World's Fair.
Q What was Moy Kee's business in Chicago? A. Cigar factory
in Chicago.
Q Where was he located? A. Between Polk and Twelfth Sts.
on State St.

Witness signed his testimony in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Lee Park ,

Witness.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet,

Inspector.

(Signed) Charley Kee,

Interpreter.

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323 So. Clark St. (Firm of Hip Lung) CHICAGO

April 5th, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.
MOY KEE & wife, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Laborers returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, MOY TONG CHEW, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:
(Mostly in English)

Q What is your name? A. American name is Hip Lung. Chinese name is Moy Tong (Dung) Chew. I am a merchant and member of the firm of Hip Lung & Co., and have been for twenty-nine years. I was first at 669 W. Madison St. twenty-nine years ago.

Q You were one of the first Chinamen to come to Chicago?
A. One of the first business men. There were some laundrymen here when I came.

Q How old are you? A. Sixty-one.

Q I will show you a photograph marked No. One, and will ask you who that is? (Showing photograph) A. Moy Kee.

Q I will now show a photograph marked No. Two and will ask you who that is? (Showing photograph) A. Moy Kee's wife. I knew him when he was on States St. He was selling cigars and candies.

Q How many years ago was that? A. He wasn't here when I went away to China but he was here when I came back from China. It was twenty-four years ago.

Q Did you know him in San Francisco? A. I knew him in San Francisco about forty-two years ago.

Q How long did you know him in San Francisco? A. I think about fifteen years.

Q Did Moy Kee have a wife with him in Francisco? A. No.

Q Did he have any children born to him in San Francisco?
A. No. I don't to hurt either Moy Kee or the Government side. I am just telling the truth.

Q When did Moy Kee bring his wife to Chicago? A. About twenty-four years ago. I saw his wife here in Chicago.

Q You say he never lived in San Francisco with his wife or had any children? A. While I knew him in San Francisco he had no wife. I saw him in San Francisco about fifteen years. I came to Chicago twenty-nine years or thirty years ago. I came to Chicago about five years before Moy Kee did. Moy Kee came to the United States before I did, but I came to Chicago before he did. When he came here to Chicago he brought his wife with him.

Q How long has that been? A. Twenty-four years.

Q Did he have any children born here? A. No.

Q Did he come from the same village in China that you did?
A. No. My village is about one mile away from his.

Q Did you know him in China before he came to the United States?
A. Yes.

Q Did you know Moy Kee's wife in China? A. No.

Q That you know of, Moy Kee never had any children? A. Moy Kee's wife never gave birth to anything.

Witness signed both his names in English.

(Signed) Hip Lung,

(Signed) Moy Tong Chow,

Witness.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet,

Inspector.

(Signed) Charley Kee,

Interpreter.

323 So. Clark St. (Firm of Hip Lung) CHICAGO April 5th, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.
MOY KEE & wife, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Laborers returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, MOY DUNG HOY, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:
(Mostly in English)

Q What is your name? A. Moy Dung Hoy.
Q You are the manager of the firm of Hip Lung & Co., 323
So. Clark St.? A. Yes.
Q How old are you? A. Fifty-five.
Q How many years have you been in the United States?
A. Thirty-six years.
Q Were you in San Francisco? A. Yes, ten years I was there.
Q What year did you arrive? A. Tung Chee 13.
Q What year did you leave there? A. K.S. 10.
Q Did you know Moy Kee? A. Yes.
Q Did you know his wife? A. Yes.
Q I am going to show you a photograph marked No. One? (Show-
ing photograph) A. That is Moy Kee's picture.
Q I now show you photograph No. Two? (Showing photograph)
A. That is Moy Kee's wife.
Q Did you know Moy Kee before he came to this country?
A. I knew when I was a little boy. Moy Kee was known by the name
of Moy Gin Gee.
Q Did you know him in San Francisco? A. Yes.
Q Who came to the United States first you or him? A. Moy Kee.
Q Did he have his wife with him in San Francisco? A. No,
he didn't have any wife when I knew him in San Francisco.
Q When did you come to Chicago? A. K.S. 10.
Q When did Moy Kee come to Chicago? A. K.S. 11.
Q When did Moy Kee bring his wife to Chicago? A. Same time.
Q You knew Moy Kee from the time you landed in San Francisco
Tung Chee 13, until the 10th year K.S. when you left there to come
to Chicago? A. Yes.
Q During that time Moy Kee didn't have any wife with him in
San Francisco? A. No.
Q About one year after that Moy Kee came to Chicago? A. Yes,
he came here in K.S. 11.
Q Did he bring to Chicago a wife? A. Yes.
Q Is the picture that I have marked No. two, a photograph of
the wife? A. Yes.
Q Did they have any children in Chicago? A. No. She never
gave birth to anything.
Q What did Moy Kee do here in Chicago? A. First they came
here and stopped in a basement on Van Buren St. Next they went into
business on State St. selling cigars and cigar stands. Then they
went to Indianapolis.
Q When did they go to Indianapolis? A. K.S. 21 or 22, they
went to Indianapolis.
Q You are quite positive from your acquaintance with Moy Kee
and his wife that they never had any children? A. Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese.

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(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.

(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

Room 522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO March 26th, 1909.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
Moy Kee and wife, :
Laborers returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, DR. E. C. BACHFIELD, sworn by Inspector Plummer,
testified:

Q What is your name? A. E. C. Bachfield.

Q What is your residence? A. 1045 W. Thirtieth St.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Q What is your occupation? A. Dentist.

Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of Moy Kee)

A. Yes.

Q Who is it? A. Moy Kee.

Q How long have you known him, Doctor? A. I have known
him since---Well, I will make this safe,---Since the fall of 1901.

Q What do you know, of your own knowledge as to any property
he has or has had in Indianapolis? A. I knew that he owned a
restaurant located at 506 E. Washington St. Do you mean at the
time of his departure or now?

Q Now. A. He owns forty shares of the Indiana
Broom Company. He owns two lots in Brookside Park Addition.
I will not swear as to the name of the Addition, but I know that
he owns two lots within the limits of Indianapolis. He may own
them jointly with his wife, but I know he owns one of them.

Q Our investigation in Indianapolis on or about March 17th
shows that his interest at 506 E. Washington was transferred just
prior to his departure by bill of sale. Do you know anything
about that? A. I know from hearsay, from the statements of
Moy Bing He and Dong Gum Hong that the bill of sale, as a matter
of fact, was really only collateral or security for one thousand
dollars borrowed money.

Q Who are Dong Gum Hong and Moy Bing He? A. They are the
grantees under the bill of sale. They are the fellows who are now
holding---They don't hold the bill of sale because you have it.
But they are the one who did hold it and who are in control of the
restaurant.

Q When did these men state to you that this bill of sale
was security for a loan? A. Last night for once, and either
immediately before or immediately after Moy Kee's departure for
China. I do not know whether it was before or after, but it was
either immediately before or immediately after. I was right in
that vicinity.

Q What would you say is the value of that restaurant? What
was it worth at the time of the Moys departure? A. Not less than
twenty-five hundred dollars. That is my honest opinion.
half that furniture---My understanding was that it was imported.
It was elaborate. The restaurant was well stocked and the good
will of the business was worth considerable. It was worth more to
anybody than a thousand dollars. To be honest with you, I tried
to buy that restaurant. I tried to organize a company to buy it.

Q You don't know of you own knowledge anything about the
lots of land? A. I would not be in any position to state the
value of those lots.

Q You state he has forty shares of stock in the Indiana
Broom Company? A. Yes sir.

Q How do you know that? A. Being the secretary of the
company and having transferred the stock. (Witness produces cer-
tificate No. 14 of the Indiana Broom Company, Capital stock,
Twenty-five thousand dollars, for forty shares, par value \$25.00
per share. Stock issued to Dr. E. C. Bachfield November 18th,
1907, and endorsed on the back is a transfer to Moy Ah Kee, Nov.
28th, 1907 by Dr. E. C. Bachfield in the presence of C. A. Patterson.)

Q What is the actual value of that stock? A. Seventy-five
cents on the dollar.

Testimony of Dr. E. C. Bachfield,, continued:

Q Is that the price which in your opinion the stock is worth or is that the price that the stock could be sold for at the present time? A. That in my opinion is what it is worth. It has been sold for more.

Q What could it be sold for today? A. I couldn't say. There is no stock for sale right now.

Q This stock is not listed in any way is it? A. No. (Witness produces statement of the condition of the Indiana Broom Co. sworn to June 10th, 1908 by Dr. E. C. Bachfield, Sec'y., and C. A. Patterson, President:

Original capitalization	\$25,000.00
To Promoters, incorporators and franchise fee	\$15,500.00
To sale of 133 shares of Treasury stock at 75%	2,493.75
247 shares of treasury stock at par	6,175.00
	<u>\$24,168.75</u>

Q For what purpose was this statement made? A. To appear before the Board of Tax Commissioners of Marion County, Ind. The Tax Commissioners had us taxed for a manufacturing concern, and we were not at that time a manufacturing concern, and this statement was made in order to reduce the taxes and have us taxed on the basis of a non manufacturing company.

Q What does this statement mean by 133 shares of Treasury stock at 75 cents? A. That was to show the Board of Tax Commissioners the amount of stock voted by the Board of Directors to be sold below par. That has since been changed.

Q Then in June 10th, 1908, your corporation had voted to sell 133 shares of treasury stock at seventy-five cents on the dollar and 247 shares of treasury stock at par? A. They weren't to be sold. That should have been changed there. The treasury stock at par wasn't to be sold. That was the understanding of the Board, the president and myself. There were 133 shares of stock only to be disposed of at that time.

Q This stock represented by certificate No. 14 was sold to Moy Kee by you? A. Yes it was transferred.

Q What price did you receive for that stock? A. Seventy-five cents on the dollar. \$18.75 per share.

Q Was this paid for in cash? A. When Moy Kee left for China he left with me two diamond rings, one valued at \$260.00 and the other at \$300.00, for which I was to transfer to him sufficient stock in the Indiana Broom Co. to pay for the said rings. My stock being in blocks of forty shares each, I transferred one entire block of forty shares valued at \$750.00.

Q You now consider that Moy Kee owes you \$190.00, do you? A. Yes sir.

Q How was the value of these diamonds fixed? A. They were left with me.

Q What did Moy Kee tell you when he left them? A. "Take these rings and issue stock to their value."

Q How did you ascertain the value of the rings? A. I took them to a diamond expert, J. C. Seip and asked him what he could duplicate them for. That was the way I fixed the value of the rings.

Q Is this Broom Company manufacturing yet? A. No sir.

Q What in your opinion is the value of that stock? A. seventy-five cents on the dollar. However, there is no stock of the company's for sale. It has all been withdrawn. It has all been withdrawn for the reason that the directors all thought that the stock was worth more than par. One of the directors, the Vice-president, Mr. J. C. Lloyd, said that he had \$10,000.00---I think he said in his last letter, --ready to purchase stock at par if the directors will let him have it.