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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 Sixth district of

Missouri, at Kansas City, Missouri
dated April 16th, 1894, and numbered 42202

[PHOTOGRAPH.]

Name, WONG LEONPresent age, forty-seven years.Local residence, 642 West Madison St.Occupation, RestaurateurHeight, 5 feet, 3-3/8 inches. Weight, - lbs.Color of eyes, brown Complexion, brownPhysical marks or peculiarities for identification: None

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, \$1,500.00 interest in Joy Fing Lo Restaurant,

our State & Adams Sts. 2nd Floor, capitalised Value, \$ 1,500.00

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 _____, of _____

_____ dollars, for _____

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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.

Wong Leon
(Signature of applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of April, 190 8

(Name)

(Title) Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 5881-C.

Office of Commissioner
San Francisco Cal.

May 11, 1908.

Chinese Inspector in Charge,
855 Federal Building,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

The receipt of your letter dated May 5, No. 651,
in relation to Wong Leon, a departing laborer, enclosing papers,
is hereby acknowledged.

The subject mentioned therein will receive immediate
attention. This applicant may depart at once.

Respectfully,

M. Crawford
Acting Commissioner.

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Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

No. 651.

May 5th, 1908.

Hon. H. W. North,
Commissioner of Immigration,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith the papers in the case of WONG LEON, laborer of this city and applicant for a laborer's return certificate.

The certificate of residence has been compared with the duplicate on file at the Bureau and found to be genuine. The descriptive statement is accurate and the photograph is a good likeness.

This man bases his right to a return certificate on the claim that he has a \$1,500.00 interest in the Joy Hing Lo restaurant. Upon this claim I have examined the applicant and the two managers, Chow Gah Hong and Schuck Ju, and I enclose a transcript of the notes taken.

The lease for the premises was signed last summer to take effect May 1st, 1908 and to run for seven years at an annual rental of \$10,000.00 a year. I did not require the witnesses to produce the lease at this time, as it was shown to me last fall while I was investigating another case. Although the restaurant will not be fitted up and in running order for about two months, yet in view of the fact that so much money as already

been spent and contracts entered into for the necessary alterations, I believe that the applicant is entitled to regard his interest as a property right for the purpose of this application. From my examination, I am satisfied that the applicant has \$1,500. invested as he claims, and would recommend that the certificate asked for be granted.

I will hand one copy of these papers to Wong Leon with instructions to hand them to you upon his departure through that port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
 WONG LEON, : J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter.
 Lab. departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, Wong Leon, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?

A Wong Leon.

Q What is your occupation?

A I work in a restaurant on Madison St.

Q Upon what do you base your right to a return certificate?

A I have an interest in a new restaurant.

Q In what restaurant?

A Joy Hing Lo.

Q How much of an interest have you in that restaurant?

A \$1500.00.

Q Where is this restaurant?

A 202 and 204 State St., up stairs.

Q This restaurant is not in existence at the present time, is it?

A No, it has not been opened yet, but we are fixing it up.

Q Tell me what has been done in regard to this restaurant by the owners and when you put your interest into it?

A Last year, eight month (Chinese reckoning) I put in \$1,000.00. This year, January 15th, I put in \$500.00.

Q Is this restaurant run by a partnership or a corporation?

A By a partnership.

Q When was the partnership formed?

A When the restaurant will be opened for business, then we will fix up all the partnership papers.

Q Give me the history of this project so it will save asking so many questions.

A We agreed last year, 5th or 6th month (Chinese reckoning) to open the restaurant. In the 8th month we put in the money to send to China to get the goods.

Q How much money was put in at the 8th month with which to purchase these goods?

A We sent \$8,000.00 to China for goods. Last year we signed a lease for seven years. I don't know much about the partnership. Schuck Ju knows. I only put in my share as a partner.

Q To whom did you give \$1,000.00, last year?

A Chow Gah Hong.

Q Was that before he went to China?

A Yes. Before he went to China.

Q Have you a receipt or anything to show that you gave this money to him?

A Yes. (Witness produces sheet of paper upon which is written several Chinese characters. The interpreter reads, "K.S. 33, 8th month, 1st day, received from Wong Leon \$1,000.00 for share in business in Chicago at State and Adams Sts. No. 202. The name of this restaurant to be Joy Hing Lo.-----K.S. 34, 3rd month, 27th day, Schuck Ju received \$500.00 from Wong Leon which he paid to Chow Gah Hong. Altogether, \$1,500.00. (Signed) Chow Gah Hong.")

Q Did you write that?

A No, Chow Gah Hong wrote it.

Q When did he write that?

A Last year, 8th month, 1st day, he gave me this paper?

Q How could he give you that paper K.S. 33, 8th month and acknowledge receipt of the \$500.00 paid over to Schuck Ju, when he didn't know at that time whether Schuck Ju got the money or not?

A Last year, 8th month, he gave me this paper showing that I had given him \$1,000.00. Then after he came back from China, he added in that I had paid \$500.00 over to Schuck Ju, and that Schuck had paid him.

Testimony of applicant continued:

Q What else has been spent in that restaurant besides the \$8,000.00 for goods and furniture in China?

A To fix up it will cost about \$10,800.00. Chow Gah Hong received the money, and he is paying the expenses.

Q How much money do you estimate is to be spent in that restaurant altogether, when it is completed?

A Now we are capitalized at \$20,000.00. May be the expenses will be more, may be less.

Q Do you intend to keep that interest in the restaurant until you return from China?

A Yes.

Q What is full name?

A My name is Wong Leon. My marriage name is Wong Lip Wy.

Q Have you understood the interpreter?

A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English.

(Signed)	Wong Leon,	Applicant.
(Signed)	J.G.C.Longchallon,	Interpreter.
(Signed)	L. T. Plummer,,	Inspector.

Witness, CHOW GAH HONG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
 A Chow Gah Hong.
 Q Are you the manager of the Joy Hing Lo restaurant at 202-204 State St.?
 A Yes.
 Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
 A Yes, it is my partner, Wong Leon.
 Q Tell me what interest he has in the restaurant now.
 A He has \$1,500.00 interest. Last year, about the 8th month he gave me \$1,000.00. This year the 3rd month, 27th day, Ju Schuck gave me \$500.00 for him.
 Q Do you mean \$500.00 that he had given Ju Schuck?
 A Yes. Wong Leon gave Ju Schuck \$500.00.
 Q When did you form this partnership to operate this restaurant?
 A We started to form it, last year, about the 5th month.
 Q How much money has already been paid into the treasury of the partnership by its members?
 A We have \$20,000.00 capital.
 Q Is that all paid in now?
 A The greater part of the money has been paid in, all but a very little. We are waiting to see what the expenses of the place will be, then we will call for the balance.
 Q About how much has been paid in now?
 A I put in about \$10,000.00, and the others have put in about \$6,000.00, so that now we have about \$16,000.00. After the masons get through, we will see how we balance and pay up the rest.
 Q You have a lease on those premises, haven't you?
 A Yes, I have a lease in the safe deposit vault in the bank.
 Q For how long a time have you leased those premises?
 A Seven years.
 Q Beginning May 1st, 1908?
 A Yes.
 Q How much have you paid out already on the lease?
 A \$1,000.00.
 Q How much money did you put into the purchase of furniture and fixtures for that restaurant while you were in China?
 A \$8,000.00, I left with Kung Wah Chung in Hong Kong, China.
 Q How much other money have you spent altogether?
 A I have already paid out about six or seven hundred dollars for other things, such as stoves, here in the United States.
 Q Have you signed a contract to make the necessary alterations on the premises?
 A Yes.
 Q How big a contract is that?
 A About \$10,800.00.
 Q Did you ever see that paper before? (Showing paper produced by the applicant during his hearing)
 A Yes, and I wrote it.
 Q Is that your signature to it?
 A Yes.
 Q When did you write it?
 A I wrote part of it at the time I got the money from him. I wrote the other part at the time Ju Schuck gave me the rest of the money which he had received from Wong Leon.
 Q When do you intend to have that restaurant completed and ready for business?
 A The contractor agreed to have it ready in seven weeks.
 Q Have your goods been shipped from Hong Kong?
 A Yes, they are on the way.
 Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Chow Gah Hong,

Witness.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.

(Signed) T. G. C. Longchallen,

Interpreter.

Witness, SCHUCK JU, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:
(in English)

- Q What is your name?
A Schuck Ju.
Q Are you one of the managers of the Joy Hing Lo restaurant?
A Yes sir.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A Yes, it is Wong Leon.
Q What interest has he in your restaurant?
A He has \$1,500.00.
Q What part of that money did he pay to you and what part did he pay to Chow Gah Hong?
A \$1,000.00 he paid last August; and \$500.00 he paid to me last January.
Q Was this money that he has paid turned into the treasury of the restaurant?
A Yes sir.
Q Who is the treasurer of the restaurant?
A Chow Gah Hong.
Q Will Wong Leon keep his interest in that restaurant while he is in China?
A Yes sir.
Q How much money do you intend to invest in that restaurant?
A Probably \$20,000.00; probably more later on.
Q How much has been spent already?
A Thirteen or fourteen thousand dollars. I do not know. I would have to figure it up. Chow Gah Hong knows.
Q About how much?
A Twelve or thirteen thousand, I am not sure.
Q How many partners are there?
A Ten.
Q What rent do you pay for your restaurant?
A \$10,000.00 a year.
Q Your lease begins to run from May 1st, 1908, does it not?
A Yes sir.
Q How much money have you paid already on the lease?
A We paid \$1,000.00 at the time we signed the lease.
Q When did you sign the lease?
A Last May or June.
Q Have you understood my questions?
A Yes sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Schuck Ju,

Witness.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.