

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
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Form 410  
Department of Commerce and Labor  
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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 First district of Illinois, at Chicago, Ill. dated April 4th 9th, 1894, and numbered 6495



Name, KONG MING  
Present age, forty-two years.  
Local residence, 225 Ninety-second St. South Chicago, Ill.  
Occupation, restaurant keeper.  
Height: 5 feet 8-3/4 inches. Weight,        lbs.  
Color of eyes, dark brown Complexion, light  
Physical marks or peculiarities for identification: Slightly pox marked on face.

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, Two-thirds interest in the Canton Lo Co. restaurant, 225 92nd St., South Chicago, Ill. Value, \$1,400.00

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         
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.

(Kong) Kong Ming  
(Signature of applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this fourth day of August, 1908

(Name)

A. C. Clippa

(Title) Chinese &amp; Immigrant Inspector.



No. 2484.

Pertal, N.D., July 8, 1909.

In the matter of the application of Kong Ming to land  
in the U.S., as a returning laborer.

Application sworn.

Olaf B. Holton, Inspector.  
Albert L. Anderson, Stenographer.

Q Do you understand the nature of an oath?  
A Yes.

Q What is your name?  
A Kong Ming.

Q How old are you?  
A 43.

Q Upon what grounds do you claim readmission into the U.S.?  
A I have a restaurant at #225-92nd St., South Chicago.

Q How much of an interest have you in that restaurant?  
A 2 shares.

Q How many shares are there?  
A 3 shares.

Q You have 2/3 interest then?  
A Yes.

Q How much did you pay for your interest in the business?  
A \$1400. for the 2 shares.

Q Who owns the other shares?  
A My brother, Kong Ham.

Q How much is the entire restaurant worth altogether?  
A \$2100.

Q How many people do you have working in your restaurant, besides  
A you and your brother?  
A There have been several fellows, my brother hires them but they quit  
every once in a while, I don't know who is there now?

Q How much rent do you pay for the building?  
A \$25. a month.

Q Are you known by any other name than Kong Ming?  
A Hip Gee is my married name.

Q When were you married?  
A About 21 years ago, when I was 22 years old.

Q Did you get married before you came to the U.S.?  
A No, I went back from the U.S. on my first trip and married.

Q How long had you been in the U.S. before you went back on your 1st trip?  
A I don't know.

Q Do you know the year when you came first over to the U.S.?  
A K.S. 7.

Q What is the name of your wife?  
A



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Q How old is she?

A 33.

Q Have you any children?

A Yes 1 boy called Kong Hong, who was born about two years after I married.

Q That is all the children you have?

A Yes.

Q Didn't you get any children on this trip?

A No.

Q Where did you land when you first came to the U.S.?

A U.S.

Q How long did you live there?

A 5 years.

Q Then where did you go?

A Chicago.

Q How long did you live in Chicago?

A Ever since.

Q Where did you make your first trip to Chin from, what port?

A San Francisco.

Q Hve you only made one trip to China before this one?

A Yes just one before.

Q Did you know any of the other boys detained here at Portal, upon your arrival here?

A No.

Q Is that your picture? (showing photo attached to application paper, which in the opinion of the examining inspector, is a good likeness of the applicant)

A Yes. (Applicant answered the above questions in English)

Applicant receipted for his registration certificate upon application paper, in both English and Chinese characters.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true transcription of my Shorthand notes taken in this case.

*Albert L. Anderson*  
Stenographer.

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Chinese Inspector,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

OFFICE OF

PORT OF Portal, N. D.

April 2nd, 1909

Kong Ming, c/o Tai Fung Chong,  
42 Connaught Road, Hong Kong.

S i r :

In reply to your request for an ad  
interim investigation of your case prior to your  
intended return to the United States, I have to  
advise that such investigation has been made and  
the report thereon is satisfactory.

You will, therefore, be permitted to  
reenter the United States, provided you do not,  
on your arrival here, controvert any of the state-  
ments made in your application.

Respectfully,

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Chinese Inspector in Charge

OFFICIAL COPY respectfully furnished Chinese Inspector  
in Charge Plummer, Chicago, acknowledgement being made of  
letter of H. E. Tippet, of the 30th ult., with his  
endorsement thereon, together with all papers excepting  
the registration certificate.

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*O. B. Holton*  
Chinese Inspector in Charge



No. 668.

March 30th, 1909.

Mr. L. T. Plummer,  
Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

Complying with your verbal instructions I have made an ad interim investigation in the case of KONG MING, laborer of this city, and have to report the following:

At the time of his departure for China, KONG MING, claimed to have a \$1,400.00 interest in the Canton Lo (restaurant) Co., 225 92nd St., South Chicago. I called at this restaurant and examined Kong Ham who was apparently in charge of the place. I inclose a transcript of the notes taken at that examination.

Kong Ham states that his brother, the applicant, still retains the same interest that he did at the time of his departure, or \$1,400.00. I would therefore recommend that applicant be admitted upon his return.

Respectfully,

H. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector.

Approved and forwarded to the Chinese Inspector in Charge, at Portal, North Dakota, in reply to his letter of March 20th, 1909, forwarding the papers in the case.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.



No. 668.

522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO March 30th, 1909.

Case of  
KONG MING, :  
Lab. returning. : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.

Witness, KONG HAM, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Kong Ham.  
Q How many names have you? A. Two.  
Q What is your other name? A. Kong Ching Man.  
Q Do you identify this applicant? (Showing photograph attached to application.) A. Yes that is my brother, Kong Ming.  
Q Is he interested in this Canton Lo Company? A. Yes.  
Q How much of an interest has he? A. \$1,400.00.  
Q Are the conditions just the same now as when Kong Ming went away? A. Yes.

Witness singed his names in English and Chinese.

江昌線 (Signed) Kong Ham,

(Signed) Kong Chong Man.

江昌線

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of March, 1909.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.

225-92 St So Chicago  
Department of Commerce and Labor

What is your name? Kong Ham.  
How many names have you? Two  
What is your other name? Kong Ching Man.  
Do you identify applicant? Showing photo. Yes that is my brother Kong Ming.

Is he interested in this Canton Lo Co.? Yes

How much of an interest has he? \$1400.

Are the conditions just the same now as when Kong Ming went away? Yes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of March 1909  
H. E. Tippet  
江昌線  
Kong Ham  
Kong Chong Man  
江昌線



No. 668.

August 12th, 1908.

Mr. O. B. Holton,  
Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Portal, North Dakota.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers in the case of KONG MING, laborer of this city, applicant for a return certificate. The certificate of residence has been compared with the duplicate on file in the Bureau and found to be genuine. The descriptive statement is accurate, and the photograph a true likeness.

This man bases his right to a return certificate on the fact that he has an interest of \$1,400.00 in a restaurant at South Chicago. I have examined the applicant and his brother, Kong Ham who is the applicant's only partner in this restaurant, and enclose a transcript of the notes taken. Both of these men value the restaurant at \$2,100.00, and state that the applicant's interest amounts to two-thirds of that amount.

From my examination, I am of the opinion that the applicant has complied with the law and is entitled to the certificate which he requests. Certificate No. 6495, 1st dist. of Illinois, hereto attached.

Respectfully,

H. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector, Acting in Charge.



Witness, KONG HAM, sworn by Inspector Tippetts testified:

- Q What is your name?  
A Kong Ham.  
Q What is your occupation?  
A Restaurant keeper.  
Q What is the name and the location of the restaurant?  
A Canton Lo Co. 225 Ninety-Second St., South Chicago.  
Q Can you identify this photograph on this paper? (Showing photograph of applicant)  
A Yes, that is my brother, Kong Ming.  
Q Is your brother and you interested in this restaurant?  
A Yes.  
Q How much is the restaurant worth?  
A \$2,100.00.  
Q How much of an interest has your brother in that restaurant?  
A \$1,400.00.  
Q How long have you been located there?  
A Pretty near two years.  
Q Are there any other partners in the business besides you and your brother?  
A No.  
Q Just you and your brother, and he has a \$1,400.00 interest in the restaurant?  
A Yes.  
Q Are you going to continue the restaurant while he goes to China?  
A Yes, I am going to take charge of it.  
Q As it is now, your brother, this applicant, is the manager?  
A Yes, my brother is the manager now.  
Q Have you understood the interpreter?  
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Gong Ham,

Witness.

(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallon,

Interpreter.

(Signed) H. E. Tippetts,

Inspector.



No. 668.

August 4th, 1908.

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

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith you will please find certificate of residence No. 6495, district of Illinois, purporting to have been issued to KONG MING, laborer, April 9th, 1894, which I forward for comparison with the one on file at the Bureau.

Kong Ming desires to visit China and has made application for a laborer's return certificate.

Respectfully,

E. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector, Acting in Charge.

Enc.



August 4th, 1908.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.  
KONG MING, : J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter.  
Lab. departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, KONG MING, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name?  
A Kong Ming.  
Q How old are you?  
A Forty-two.  
Q What is your occupation?  
A Restaurant keeper.  
Q What is the name of your restaurant and where is it located?  
A Canton Lo Co. 225, Ninety-second St., So. Chicago.  
Q You have made application for a return certificate so that you can go to China, and you claim that you have an interest in this restaurant of \$1,400.00, is that true?  
A Yes.  
Q How many are there of you in this restaurant?  
A Three shares.  
Q How much is your interest?  
A I have two shares valued at \$1,400.00.  
Q Who owns the other share?  
A My brother.  
Q What is his name?  
A Kong Ham.  
Q Just you two stay in the restaurant?  
A Yes, we own it, but we hire other people.  
Q What part of the work is yours?  
A I am the manager and see about all the business.  
Q How long have you been in this business?  
A About two years.  
Q If this return certificate is granted to you to go to China and return, will your interest remain the same until you return?  
A Yes.  
Q How much is the whole of the restaurant worth?  
A \$2,100.00.  
Q How much business do you do on an average each month?  
A Last year when business was good, we made a thousand dollars a month, but now, as business is quiet we make about five or six hundred dollars a month.  
Q You average five or six hundred dollars a month, do you?  
A Yes, five to eight hundred dollars.  
Q Do you lease the place where you are located?  
A Yes.  
Q How much do you have to pay for that?  
A \$25.00 a month.  
Q How long does your lease extend?  
A Three years.  
Q You now have a lease on those premises for three years, have you?  
A Yes, three years, with the option of a renewal.  
Q Have you understood the interpreter?  
A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Kong Ming, Applicant.  
(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter.  
(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.