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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 treaty between the United States and China, concluded and signed March 17, 1894, ratified December 7, 1894, and proclaimed by the President of the United States December 8, 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 Rules and Regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury in conformity thereto.

I HEREBY DECLARE that I am a Chinese Laborer, duly registered as such under the act of Congress approved May 5, 1892, as amended by the act of November 3, 1893. My Certificate of Residence is attached to this statement. It was issued to me by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Illinois, at the city of Chicago in said District, dated March 17, 1894, and numbered 5824.

NAME:- SAM FONG.

PRESENT AGE:- Forty-two (42) Years.

LOCAL RESIDENCE:- 323 South Clark St. Chicago Ill

OCCUPATION:- Laundryman.

HEIGHT:- Five (5) Feet Five $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

COLOR of EYES:- Dark Brown. COMPLEXION:- Light Brwn

PHYSICAL MARKS or Peculiarities for Identification
None.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS the Property and Debts described below:

PROPERTY:-None, except the debts and accounts specified below:

DEBTS aggregating at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) which are unsettled and unascertained and not covered in whole or in part by promissory note or other evidence of ascertained liability, viz:
 Payable by one SING WAH, Laundryman, of No. 5119 Lake Ave. Chicago Illinois for money loaned, Four Hundred and Sixty Dollars. (\$460.00)
 Payable by one HON LEE FONG, Laundryman, of No. 7895 Railroad Ave. South Chicago, Illinois, for money loaned Five Hundred and Sixty Dollars. (\$560.00)

I HEREBY AGREE that none of such property and debt 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 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 within twelve months thereafter.

WHEREFORE I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST a Certificate of my right to return to the United States. Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, October 23 1905.

Sam Fong

Subscribed and sworn to, by the above named SAM FONG, at the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and state of Illinois, this 23 day of Oct 1905, before me.

L. J. Blum
Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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CHICAGO, November 6, 1905.

Case of : Ward E. Thompson, Examining Inspector.
SAM FONG, :
Dep. Lab. : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

Applicant testified as follows:

- Q What is your name?
A Sam Fong.
Q How old are you?
A I am 42.
Q What is your occupation?
A I am a laundryman.
Q What is your city address?
A No. 323 S. Clark St., Chicago.
Q Where were you born?
A In China.
Q When did you first come to the United States?
A 22 years ago.
Q Where did you land?
A At San Francisco.
Q Have you a wife, parent, or child in the United States?
A I have not.
Q Have you any property in this country?
A No.
Q Upon what do you base your right to a return certificate?
A Upon the grounds that I have debts of over \$1,000 due me in this country.
Q How much money have you due you?
A \$1,040.00.
Q Where did you get this \$1,040.00?
A I made it in the laundry business.
Q Who owes you this money?
A Two men; Sing Wah, and Hon Lee Fong.
Q How much does Sing Wah owe you?
A \$450.00.
Q How many times did you loan this man money?
A Only one time.
Q When was that?
A K.S. 30th year, 6th month, 15th day.
Q Where did this transaction take place?
A Upstairs, over Hip Lung's place.
Q Did this man give you a note for the money?
A He did not.
Q Does it draw interest?
A No.
Q Did he tell you what he wanted with it?
A No.
Q Will he pay you back this money?
A Yes, he will pay me back when I come from China, but not before.
Q This is a bona fide debt, is it? Not one made to evade the law?
A It is an honest debt.
Q How much does Hon Lee Fong owe you?
A \$580.00.
Q Did he borrow it all at one time?
A Yes.

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- Q When did he borrow it?
A K.S. 30th year, 12th month, 12th day.
Q Where did this transaction take place?
A Upstairs at 323 S.Clark St., Chicago.
Q Did this man give you a note for the money?
A No.
Q Does it draw interest?
A No.
Q How did you make all this money?
A All in the laundry business.
Q Do you know what he wanted with the money?
A He did not tell me.
Q Will he pay you back this money?
A I understand that he will pay me when I come back from China.
Q Will he pay you any of it before you come back?
A No.
Q Is this a bona fide debt or one made to evade the law?
A This is an honest debt.
Q Is this your photograph?
A Yes.
Q Have you understood Wong Aloy?
A Yes.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Thompson, signed in English:

(Signed) SAM FONG, Applicant.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

(Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.

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Witness, SING WAH, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name?
A Sing Wah.
Q How old are you?
A 45 years old.
Q What is your business?
A I am a laundryman.
Q Do you work in a laundry or own one?
A I am the sole owner of the laundry located at No. 5119 Lake Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Q How long have you owned that laundry?
A About one year.
Q How much is it worth?
A About \$800.00.
Q Are you registered?
A Yes (Presents certificate No. 5653 issued at Chicago).
Q Do you recognize this photograph (showing photo of applicant)?
A Yes, that is Sam Fong.
Q How long have you known him?
A Since he was a child.
Q What does he do?
A He is a laundryman.
Q Did you ever have any business dealings with him?
A Last year I borrowed \$460.00 from him.
Q What did you want with this money?
A I needed it to buy that Lake Ave. laundry.
Q When did you borrow it?
A K.S. 30th year, 6th month, 15th day.
Q Where did the transaction take place?
A Over Hip Lung's store.
Q Did you give him a note for it?
A No.
Q Does it draw interest?
A No.
Q Do you expect to repay this man?
A I will pay him when he comes back from China; not before.
Q If this man should die in China, what would become of the money you owe him?
A I would send it to his wife and child.
Q Do you really owe this man this money, or is this a fictitious debt created for the purpose of evading the law?
A This is a bona fide debt.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Thompson, signed in English:

(Signed) SING WAH, Witness.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

(Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.

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Witness, HON LEE FONG, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name?
A Hon Lee Fong.
Q How old are you?
A 30 years old.
Q What is your business?
A I am a merchant, member of the firm of Hip Lung & Co., 323 S.Clark St., Chicago.
Q When did you become a member of that store?
A My interest was left to me by my father when he went back to China several years ago.
Q What was your father's name?
A Mow You Fong.
Q Do you recognize this photograph (showing photo of applicant)?
A Yes, that is Sam Fong.
Q How long have you known him?
A About ten years.
Q What is his occupation?
A He is a laundryman.
Q Did you ever have any dealings with him?
A Yes, I borrowed \$580.00 from him.
Q What did you want with this money?
A I sent it to my father in China.
Q When did you borrow it?
A All at one time; K.S. 30th year, 12th month, 12th day.
Q Did you give him a note for it?
A No.
Q Does it draw interest?
A No.
Q Would this man's death in China release you from this debt?
A No, I would then send it to his family in China.
Q Is this a bona fide debt?
A Yes, it is.
Q Do you expect to repay this man?
A Yes, I will repay him when he comes back from China but not before.
Q Have you understood Wong Aloy?
A Yes.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Thompson, signed in English:

(Signed) HON LEE FONG, Witness.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

(Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.

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CHICAGO

June 6, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
 SAM FONG, :
 Lab. Ret. : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

Witness, SING WAH, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Sing Wah.
 Q What is your business?
 A Laundryman at 5119 Lake Ave., Chicago.
 Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
 A Yes, it is Sam Fong.
 Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes, \$460.00.
 Q Have you paid any part of that debt since his departure?
 A No, I haven't paid him anything, but when he comes back I will pay him.
 Q Has there been any change in the obligation since his departure?
 A No.
 Q When will you pay him? A After his return.
 Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) SING WAH (X), Witness.
 (Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
 (Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, HON LEE FONG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Hon Lee Fong.
 Q What is your business?
 A Laundryman at 7859 Railroad Ave., South Chicago.
 Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
 A Yes; it is Sam Fong.
 Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes; \$580.00.
 Q Have you paid him any money since his departure? A No.
 Q When will you pay him? A After his return.
 Q Has there been any change in the obligation since his departure?
 A No.
 Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) HON LEE FONG, Witness.
 (Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
 (Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICEOFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N. DAK.

June 9, 1906.

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

Sir:

I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of all papers in relation to San Fong, a laborer of your city who has made application for preinvestigation of his case prior to his intended return from China. Owing to your favorable report he has this day been advised that he will be permitted to re-enter the United States through this port, provided he controverts none of the statements contained in his application, on his arrival here.

Respectfully,

Acting Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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