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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 17th, 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 therewith.

I HEREBY DECLARE that I am a Chinese Laborer, duly registered as such, under the act of Congress approved November 3rd, 1893, by 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 Chicago in said District, on March 26, 1894, and is numbered 6149.



MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

NAME:- WONG FOOK.

PRESENT AGE:- Forty-five (45) Years.

RESIDENCE:- #317 So Clark St. Chicago Illinois

OCCUPATION:- Laundryman.

HEIGHT: Five (5) feet, Four (4) inches.

COLOR OF EYES:- Dark Brown. COMPLEXION:- Dark.

PHYSICAL MARKS:- Scar above right temple.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS DESCRIBED BELOW:

PROPERTY:- None, except the debts and accounts described below, and money in hand.

DEBTS, aggregating at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) which are unsettled and unascertained, and not covered in whole or in part by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability, namely:

Payable by one Moy Lee, a Laundryman, of No. 1620 Orrington Ave., Evanston in the County of Cook and state of Illinois, for monies loaned, the sum of Six Hundred and Fifty (650.00) Dollars.

Payable by one Ng Him, a Laundryman, of No. 1620 Orrington Ave., Evanston in the county of Cook and states of Illinois, for monies loaned, the sum of Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars.

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 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 twelve months thereafter.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request a Certificate of my right to return to the United States.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 7 A.D. 1906.Wong FookSubscribed and sworn to, by the above named WONG FOOK, at the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and state of Illinois, this 7 day of March Nineteen Hundred and Six (1906) before me,Immigration Inspector Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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CHICAGO

January 2, 1907.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
 WONG FOOK, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
 Lab. Ret. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.
 Ad interim investigation.

Witness, NG HIM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
 A Ng Him.
 Q What is your business?
 A Laundryman at Evanston, Illinois.
 Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
 A Yes, it is Wong Fook.
 Q Do you owe him any money? If so, how much?
 A Yes, I owe him \$600.
 Q Have you paid him any money since he has been in China?
 A No.
 Q Does the obligation remain the same as at the time of his departure?
 A Yes.
 Q When will you pay him?
 A After he comes back.
 Q Will he come into that laundry where you are now when he comes back?
 A If I pay him he will buy another laundry, but if I don't pay him he will take this laundry again.
 Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
 A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) NG HIM, Witness.
 (Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
 (Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

 Witness WONG LEE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
 A Wong Lee.
 Q What is your business?
 A Laundryman at Evanston, Illinois.
 Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
 A Yes, that is Wong Fook.
 Q Do you owe him any money?
 A Yes, I owe him \$650.
 Q Has there been any change in the obligation since he departed for China?
 A No, change; it remains the same.
 Q Have you paid him any money since he has been in China?
 A No, I have not.
 Q When will you pay him?
 A I don't know when; I will pay him when I can.
 Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
 A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

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

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CHICAGO March 16, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
WONG FOOK, :
Lab. Dep. : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Wong Fook.
Q What is your occupation?
A Laundryman.
Q Where is your laundry?
A No. 1620 Orrington Ave., Evanston, Illinois.
Q How long have you been in the United States?
A 24 years.
Q Upon what do you base your right to return to the United States?
A I am registered and people owe me money.
Q Who owes you money?
A Wong Lee and Ng Him.
A How much does Wong Lee owe you?
A \$650.
Q Where did this money pass?
A No money really passed. I sold him the laundry and he owes me for it now.
Q How much did you sell it for?
A \$1250.
Q Did you sell the whole of it to Wong Lee?
A No, I sold part of it to Ng Him.
Q How much did you sell to Ng Him?
A \$600.
Q How long did you own that laundry?
A About five years.
Q How many men are employed there?
A Five men, including myself.
Q How did you happen to sell \$650 to one man and \$600 to another?
A Why didn't you sell each one a half interest?
A One of the men paid me \$50 cash.
Q Which paid the \$50?
A Ng Him.
Q How long have you known Wong Lee?
A Since childhood.
Q How long have you known Ng Him?
A Ten years.
Q How did Ng Him happen to pay you \$50 cash?
A He paid \$50 to bind the bargain.
Q Did he pay it before or after they took possession?
A Before they took possession.
Q How long before?
A About a week.
Q Did you make out any papers conveying this laundry?
A No paper; only a verbal contract.
Q Did either man give you a note?
A No; just trust.

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- Q What security do you have for the money?
A No security.
Q Suppose they don't pay you; what will you do?
A I will take the laundry back.
Q What day did this agreement take place?
A We talked it over last year but they didn't take possession until this year.
Q When did they take possession?
A The last part of the first month or the first part of the second month, this year.
Q When do you expect that they will pay you any part of that money?
A I agreed that none of this money should be paid until I returned.
Q Didn't either of these men have any cash at the time of this sale?
A No; neither of them had any money, but I knew that they were honest men and I trusted them. One of them had worked for me before.
Q How long?
A A few months.
Q Do they pay you any interest on this loan?
A No.
Q What will these men do with the profits they makes in your absence?
A The laundry is theirs and the profits will be theirs.
Q Who was your landlord?
A Mr. McCullum.
Q How long have you paid him rent?
A I moved from my old laundry to No. 1620 Orrington Ave. about a year ago.
Q Where was your old laundry?
A At No. 1614 Sherman Avenue.
Q Who was your landlord there?
A Mr. Barbour.
Q What was the name of your laundry?
A Jim Lee.
Q Did you have any partners?
A No.
Q Where did this agreement to sell this laundry take place?
A At my laundry in Evanston.
Q How much business did you do in that laundry?
A In the winter from \$120 to \$130 a week and in the summer from \$160 to \$170 a week.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter, Wong Aloy?
A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) WONG FOOK, Applicant.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

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Witness, WONG LEE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Wong Lee.
Q Are you registered?
A Yes. (Shows certificate 143261.)
Q How long have you been in the United States?
A I came in K.S. 7.
Q Do you know this man (showing a photograph of Wong Fook)?
A Yes; it is Wong Fook.
Q How long have you known him?
A Since I was a child.
Q Did you ever do any business with him?
A Yes.
Q What?
A I bought a laundry of him on credit.
Q Where?
A In Evanston; No.1620 Orrington Ave.
Q How much did you pay for it?
A My own share was \$650.
Q What part did you buy?
A One half.
Q Did you pay any cash?
A No.
Q Why not?
A Because I didn't have any money.
Q Why didn't you have any money?
A I am poor and what money I have made I sent back to China.
Q What have you been doing since you have been in the United States?
A I have always been a laundryman.
Q Why wouldn't you have some money saved?
A I have lost a good deal of money and have had bad luck.
Q Where did you ever lose any money?
A I lost a good deal of money in a laundry at N.Clark and Division Sts.
Q How much did you lose there?
A About \$400.
Q Where did you make this agreement to buy this laundry?
A I worked for him several months and we talked about it more or less. The final agreement was made in the laundry.
Q How much did you agree to pay for the laundry?
A \$1250.00.
Q What did Ng Him pay for his part?
A He paid the same as I but he paid \$50 in advance. There were some goods in the place and we agreed to pay \$50 for the goods and \$1250 for the laundry.
Q How much does Ng Him owe now?
A I understood \$600.
Q Do you pay any interest?
A No.
Q Did you give him any note?
A No.
Q When did this agreement take place?
A We took possession either K.S. 32, 1, 22, or the 2nd month and 5th day, I don't remember which. There was no written agreement made but we talked about it for some time.

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- Q What security has Wong Fook got?
A No security.
Q When are you going to pay him?
A After his return.
QQ Suppose you don't pay him, what will he do?
A I suppose he will take back the laundry.
Q Who does the lease run to now?
A The name in the lease is Jim Lee.
Q What rent do you pay?
A \$45 a month for the whole building.
Q How many men work there?
A Five; sometimes six.
Q If Wong Fook never comes back to this country, what will you do with your debt?
A When I have the money I will send it to his family.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter?
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) WONG LEE, Witness.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

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Witness, NG HIM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Ng Him.
Q Are you registered?
A Yes. (Shows certificate 10908, issued at Brooklyn, N.Y., April 2, 1894; age 39; height, 5 ft. 6 in.)
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes; that is Wong Fook.
Q How long have you known him?
A I have known him ten years, as I knew him before I went to New York and I have been back from New York 5 or 6 years.
Q Did you ever do any business with him?
A Yes, I bought a laundry of him.
Q Where?
A No. 1620 Orrington Ave., Evanston.
Q What part of it did you buy?
A One half.
Q What did you pay for it?
A \$650. I paid \$50 cash and I owe him \$600.
Q Wasn't that a good price for the laundry?
A No; it was a good laundry.
Q How much did you pay for that laundry in all?
A \$1300.
Q Is that for the laundry alone?
A No, it is for the laundry including the goods.
Q How much for the laundry and how much for the goods?
A We agreed to pay \$1250 for the laundry and \$50 for the goods.
Q Did you pay \$50 before or after this agreement was made?
A Before I took possession.
Q How does it happen that you couldn't pay him more than \$50 cash?
A I haven't any money but we are good friends and he trusted me and I will pay him on his return.
Q Why didn't you have any money?
A When I worked in the other laundries I spent all I earned until I met Wong Fook, and we are good friends and he told me he would trust me for this laundry, so I could save some money.
Q Did you ever own a laundry?
A No; I never did before; I always worked for other people.
Q How much business do you do in this laundry?
A We are doing now from \$130 to \$140, and in the summer we expect to do as much as \$160 to \$170 a week. We have done as low as \$120 a week.
Q How long have you been there?
A I worked for him two months before we bought the laundry and we took possession seven weeks ago./
Q What year and month did you buy that laundry?
A I can't remember the exact date but it was 7 weeks ago. Wong Fook remained there about 3 weeks before he came to Chicago, and he has been in Chicago now about four weeks.
Q When was this agreement made?
A K.S. 32nd, 2nd month, and 27th day we took possession. I can not remember just when the agreement was made, as we discussed the matter for some little time.
Q When did you pay the \$50?
A I worked for him some time before and he owed me \$50 and I told him to keep it on account of the laundry.

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- Q Suppose you don't pay Wong Fook, what will he do?
A I will pay him on his return.
Q Did you give him any note?
A No.
Q Do you pay him any interest?
A No, just friendship.
Q Is there any written agreement of sale?
A No.
Q What rent do you pay?
A \$45 a month for the whole building.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter?
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) NG HIM, Witness.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.