

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICEL 563
No. _____

Department of Commerce and Labor

See letter dated July 8, 1908 Portal, N.I.
in Moy Sing's file No. 584.
admitted July 7, 1908.

STATEMENT OF REGISTERED CHINESE LABORER ABOUT TO DEPART FROM THE UNITED STATES WITH THE INTENTION OF RETURNING THERE TO.

Made in compliance with the treaty between the United States and China concluded and signed March 17th, 1904, ratified December 7th, 1904, and proclaimed by the President of the United States December 8th, 1904, 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 29th, 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 November 3, 1903. 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, April 18th, 1904, and is numbered "6858".



HEREUNTO ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT LIKENESS OF ME NOW; AND MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:-

NAME:- CHING ON.
AGE:- FIFTY THREE (53) YEARS.
RESIDENCE:- No. 323 Clark St. (Room 8).
OCCUPATION:- Cigar Maker.
HEIGHT:- Five Feet, One Inch. (5' 1").
EYES:- Brown. COMPLEXION:- Light.
MARKS:- Pit between eyebrows. Front teeth very irregular.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS DESCRIBED BELOW:

PROPERTY:-None, except the Personal Property below, and Money in Hand.

DEBTS:-Payable by one CHIM WY, Laundryman, of No. 281 Clark street, Chicago, Illinois, for Money Loaned, the sum of Five Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$585.00).

Payable by one WONG CHW HO, Laundryman, of No. 321 Clark street (Basement), in Chicago, Illinois, for Money Loaned, the sum of Five Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$575.00).

Said Debts aggregate, and are worth, reasonably and at least, One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00). The same are unsettled and unascertained, and are not covered by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

I HEREBY ASK that the said property and debts shall not be diverted, transferred, assigned or collected during my absence from the United States, but 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 into the United States at the same sub-port of Portal, North Dakota, within one year thereafter.

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

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., April 20, A.D., 1907.

Ching On

Subscribed and sworn to, by the above-named CHING ON, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, this 20 day of May, A. D., Nineteen Hundred Seven, before me.

L. H. Hummer

Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

No. 563.

June 2nd, 1908.

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

Sir:-

In reply to your telegram of May 29th requesting a report as to the status of CHING ON, I wired you yesterday as follows:

"Ching On, laborer, debt Wong Gew How remains same.
Debtor, Chin Wy, dead. Left accounts to be collected
money to be paid Ching On. Letter follows."

I have examined the debtor Wong Gew How, using the copy of the application which I have in my files, and enclose a transcript of the notes taken. He states that the debt remains the same as at the time of applicant's departure.

The debtor, Chin Wy, died February, this year, but I have examined a Chinaman by the name of Chin Yut Ju who claims that Chin Wy left a number of accounts for him to settle, and instructed him to pay the debt due Ching On and forward the balance to his home in China. I enclose a transcript of the notes of this examination. From the general appearance of the book introduced I am of the opinion that the statements of Chin Yut Ju are true.

I am of the opinion from my examination that Ching On is entitled to re-admission to the United States, even though one of his debtors is dead, in order that he may protect himself by collecting from the property of the deceased debtor.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Room 522 Commercial Nat'l Bk. Bldg. Chicago, June 1st, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
CHING ON, : J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter.
Ret. laborer. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, WONG GING HOW, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?
A Wong Ging How.
Q What is your occupation?
A Laundryman.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A Yes, it is Ching On.
Q Do you owe him any money?
A Yes, I owe him \$575.00.
Q Have you paid him any since he has been to China?
A No.
Q Has there been any change in the debt or obligation since his departure?
A No, no change.
Q When will you pay him?
A After he returns, if I have it, I will pay him.
Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) Wong Ging How, Witness.
(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter.
(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

Witness, CHIN YUT JU, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?
A Chin Yut Ju.
Q What is your occupation?
A I am not doing anything at the present time, but I make my head quarters at Wing Chong Hai.
Q Did you know a Chinaman by the name of Chin Wy who died the second month, this year?
A Yes, I knew him, because he used to live near my village at home.
Q Did he leave any property in this country? or debts due him?
A He left about \$500.00 due him which he asked me to collect and pay to Ching On.
Q How long before he died, did you have this conversation with him?
A He was sick long, but he told me about one month before he died.
Q Have you any books or papers to show that he had these debts due him?

A Yes, I have a book. When Chin Wy told me I noted it down in my book. (Witness produces book, and interpreter reads, "K.S. 34, 1st month 29th day, Chin Wy delivered me the following accounts to collect:

Chin Gee Sit	\$92.50
Chin Hoy Tat	102.75
Chin Leung You	72.00
Chin Ah Ping	152.75
Chin You Tat	63.00
Wong Ah Sang	25.25
Chin Ti Tong	15.00
	<u>\$523.25</u>

Altogether these debts amount to \$523.25."

Case of CHING ON.

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Testimony of CHIN YUT JU, continued:

Q Did Chin Wy tell these people, whose names you have read, that they should pay these debts to you?

A Yes. And he told me that after I had collected these debts to pay Ching On \$475.00, and whatever balance there was to send home to his people.

Q Have you understood the interpreter?

A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed)	Chin Yut Ju,	Witness.
(Signed)	J.G.C. Longchallon,	Interpreter.
(Signed)	L. T. Plummer,	Inspector.

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ROBERT C. CLOWRY, President and General Manager.

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SEND the following message subject to the terms
on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

Chicago, Ill.

June 1st, 1908.

Ching On
Inspector in Charge,

Portal, North Dakota.

Case Ching on, laborer. Debt Wong Gew How remains same.

Debtor Ching Wy dead. Left accounts to be collected money to

be paid to Ching On. Letter follows.

Plummer.

Chargeable to appropriation "ENFORCEMENT OF THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT"

File 563.

ATTEST:

Frank No. 0690.

James H. Plummer
(Seal) (Seal)
Chinese Inspector in Charge.

READ THE NOTICE AND AGREEMENT ON BACK.

May 20, 1907.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
 CHING ON, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
 Lab. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Ching On is my certificate name, but my full Chinese name is Ching Hing On.
 Q What is your business? A Cigar maker.
 Q Do you own a cigar factory? A I work for someone else.
 Q On what do you base your right to a return certificate?
 A On the ground that I am a registered laborer and people in this country owe me money.
 Q Who owes you money? A Ching Wy and Wong Ging How.
 Q State the circumstances surrounding the indebtedness of Ching Wy? A K.S. 25, 4, 16 Ching Wy borrowed \$585.00 of me at the store of Wing Chong Hai & Co., 319 S. Clark St. He borrowed this money to buy a laundry with.
 Q Did he give you any note for the loan? A No, sir, no note given at all, as we are good cousins.
 Q How long have you known him? A About ten years.
 Q Did you give him this money all at one time? A Yes, all at one time.
 Q Why hasn't he paid you part of it back; that was nearly eight years ago? A His laundry business was very poor and so he hasn't had any money to pay me back.
 Q Does he own that laundry now? A No, sir, not now. He sold it and lost money on it.
 Q Hasn't he ever been able to pay you during the past eight years? A No, sir, he didn't pay me anything since he borrowed the money, and he is poor now.
 Q State the circumstances surrounding the indebtedness of Wong Ging How? A K.S. 26, 6, 8, Wong Ging How came to my room at No. 323 S. Clark St., up stairs, and I loaned him \$575.00 to buy a laundry with.
 Q Did he buy the laundry? A Yes.
 Q Does he own that laundry now? A No, sir, not now. I think he lost money and closed up.
 Q Did he give you any note for the loan? A No, no notes at all, only good friendship, trust.
 Q Where did you get this money, over a thousand dollars, within a short time to lend these men? A I have been a cigar maker for a long time. I have worked for this man now over ten years and used to make a good deal of money when I had a cigar factory, and I saved my money and loaned these men, and I want to state that I want to go to China and ~~xxx~~ these men haven't any money to pay me, and I want to go home and see my old mother. I don't intend to stay in China more than three or four months. I am an old man and haven't much money and so I intend to come back and earn more money.
 Q Don't you think it was poor business on your part to lend so much money without any notes or anything to show for it?
 A At the time I had the money of my own and these men needed the money, and I wasn't going to China at that time, and so I loaned them the money to help them out. Now I want to go to China but they are not able to pay me, and so I have to go without any money.
 Q Did you put these loans down in your book? A Yes, sir.
 (Produces sheet of paper with numerous accounts on it and the Interpreter reads: "K.S. 25, 4, 16, Ching Wy borrowed \$585.00. K.S. 26, 6, 8, Wong Ging How borrowed \$575.00.")

Q Why did you put these accounts down on a sheet of paper like that instead of putting them down in your account book?

A I have no book. I only keep them on a sheet of paper instead of a book. I keep this paper with my certificate in my pocketbook, so I can keep it well. At the time I loaned these men the money I didn't know I would have to wait so long for my pay.

Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) CHING ON, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, CHIN WY, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Chin Wy.

Q Are you registered? A Yes, sir. (Produces certificate No. 8178, issued at Chicago, May 1, 1894, to Chen Wy.)

Q What is your business? A Laundryman.

Q Do you own a laundry at the present time? A No, sir; not now.

Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)? A Yes, that is Ching On.

Q Do you owe him any money; if so, state the circumstances surrounding the indebtedness? A Yes, sir, I borrowed \$585.00 from this man K.S. 25, 4, 16, to buy a laundry. The loan took place in the store of Wing Chong Hai, 319 S.Clark St.

Q Where was the laundry that you were going to buy and how much did you pay for it? A No.342 S.State St. It cost me \$650.

Q Do you own it now? A No.

Q When did you sell it? A I remember ~~xxxxx~~ I staid there not quite two years and sold it out.

Q How much did you get for it? A While I was in that laundry business was running down and my health was poor and I did the work myself, so I only got \$60.00 for it.

Q Why haven't you paid part of this money back to Ching On? A At the time business was poor and I was also sick most of the time, so I didn't have money to pay him.

Q When will you pay him? A I can not say when. When I have it I will pay him.

Q Is this a genuine debt or have you made it up so this man can go back to China? A It is a true debt.

Q Did you put it down in your book? A No.

Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) CHIN WY, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

5/20/07.

Witness, WONG GING HOW, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Wong Ging How.
Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
Q Do you own a laundry at the present time? A No, not now.
Q Are you registered? A Yes, sir. (Produces certificate No. 6934, issued at Chicago, April 23, 1894, to Ging Non.)
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes, I know him; it is Ching On.
Q How long have you known him? A Since the World's Fair in Chicago.
Q Do you owe him any money; if so, state the circumstances surrounding the indebtedness? A K.S. 26, 6, 8, I borrowed \$575 from this man. I used this money to buy a laundry with. This loan took place at his room, 323 S.Clark St., up stairs.
Q Where was the laundry that you intended to buy and how much did you pay for it? A I bought a laundry at 388 S.Clark St., Chicago, and I paid \$600.00 for it.
Q Didn't you have more than \$25 of your own money at that time?
A No, sir, I only had a few ten dollars of my own.
Q Why haven't you paid part of that loan before this?
A I lost my money there and after I closed up that laundry I have worked but very little.
Q Why haven't you worked more; you are a young man?
A I can't find any job; if I find any work I will go to work.
Q There is plenty of work in Chicago, isn't there?
A Yes, but I can't find a job to fit me.
Q What kind of a job do you want? A Laundry work.
Q Do you mean to say that you haven't done anything for the last six or eight years because you can't find a laundry job to suit you? A Yes, I find work but sometimes I only get \$10 to \$15 a week and I spend that.
Q When are you going to pay him? A I can not tell you that. I will pay him when I have it.
Q What did you get for the laundry when you sold it?
A I closed it up. I lost money--all I had.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) WONG GING HOW, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.