

Department of Commerce and Labor

GRATION FILE

See letter dated April 3, 1908 Portal, N.D.
in Moy Schuck's file No. 484
admitted on the above date and Port.

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, 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 in- to, and to regulate the residence within the United States, its Territories, and all territories 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 3, 1893. My certificate Residence is attached to this Statement. It was issued to me by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Oregon, at the City of Portland in said district, May 3rd, 1894, and is numbered "54756".



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

Name:- CHANG NOW
Age:- FIFTY (50) Years.
Residence:- No. 323, Clark St., Chicago, Illinois.
Occupation:- Laundryman (Last Restaurateur at Hammond, Indiana).
Height:- 5 Feet, 4 Inches (in shoes).
Color of Eyes:- Dark Brown.
Complexion:- Dark Mongolian.
Marks:- Scar at top of Forehead.

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 LAW MEE CHOW, Merchant, No. 293 Clark St. Chicago Illinois, for Money Loaned, the sum of Five Hundred ^{Sixty} Dollars (\$560).

Payable by one JONG SUNG, Restaurateur, No. 323 Clark St. Chicago, Illinois, for Money Loaned, the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450.00).

and reasonably
Said debts aggregate and are actually worth at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). The same are unsettled and unascertained, and are not covered in whole or in part by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

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 port of San Francisco, California, one month from the date hereof, or as soon hereafter as I may, and to return to the United States within one year thereafter, at the same port of San Francisco, California.

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

Dated, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. March 29, 1907.

Subscribed and sworn to, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, by the above-named CHANG NOW, this 29 day of March A.D., nineteen hundred seven, before me.

Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

CHICAGO, ILL., October 28, 1907.

Case of : L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector,
CHANG MOW, : J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter.
Lab. Ret.

Witness, LAW MEE CHOW, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Law Mee Chow.
Q What is your occupation? A Merchant.
Q Do you know this man? (showing photo of applicant). A Yes, it is Chang Mow.
Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes, \$560.
Q Have you paid him any money since he has been in China? A No, but when he comes back I will pay him.
Q Has there been any change in the debt or obligation since his departure? A No.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

(Witness signed his testimony in Chinese)

(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter,
(Signed) L.T.Plummer, Interpreter.

Witness, JONG SUNG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Jong Sung.
Q What is your occupation? A I was a laundryman formerly, but now I am in a restaurant.
Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)? A Yes, it is Chang Mow.
Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes, \$450.
Q Have you paid him any money since his departure for China? A No.
Q Has there been any change in the debt or 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 name in English.

(Signed) Chung Sing, Witness,
(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter.
(Signed) L.T.Plummer, Inspector.

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Wamen. Low Wee Chou
Occupation - ~~Merchant~~
Know him (You & I in Hong Kong
Am him any money - You \$500
Paid any sum been in China
No but when he comes back I will
pay him.

Any change in obligation - No.
Understood Interpreter: You

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Wamen - Jooag Sing
Occupation - I was a laundryman
formerly but now I am in
a restaurant

Know him - You & I in Hong Kong
Am him any money - You \$400
Paid him any sum before - No.
Any change in obligation - No
When will pay him - After his
return.

Understood Interpreter - You

Ching Sing
Hongchallan.

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

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Chung Mow.
Q What is your full Chinese name? A Chung Mow.
Q What is your business?
A By occupation I am a cook.
Q Do you own a restaurant at the present time or an interest in one?
A No, sir; I sold it out.
Q On what do you base your right to a return certificate?
A I am registered and people in this country owe me money. They
agreed to pay me when I come back.
Q Who owe you money?
A Jung Sing (Jong Sung, and Law Mee Hoo (Chow).
Q How much do these men owe you?
A Jung Sing owes me \$450.00 and Law Mee Hoo owes me \$560.00.
Q What is Jung Sing's full Chinese name? A Jung Sing.
Q Is that all the name you know him by? A Yes.
Q State the circumstances surrounding the indebtedness of Law Mee
Hoo?
A I loaned this money to Law Mee Hoo about four months ago.
He asked me for it to use in his business. This loan took
place at No. 91 State St., Hammond, Indiana.
Q Were you doing business at No. 91 State St., Hammond, Ind., at
that time?
A Yes.
Q What kind of a business did he want to buy?
A He told me he wanted it to open up a general merchandise store
on Clark St.
Q In what firm was he going to put his money?
A Thue Chong Wah, 293 S. Clark St., basement, Chicago.
Q Why did he borrow your money; didn't he have any money of his
own at that time?
A He told me he didn't have any money of his own and so he had to
borrow it from me to put into this business.
Q Did he borrow it all at one time? A Yes.
Q Did he give you any note for the money? A No.
Q Why didn't you prefer to put your money into this business your-
self rather than lend it to another man to invest?
A At that time I had a business of my own in Hammond.
Q How long have you known Law Mee Hoo?
A I have known him about 20 years.
Q State the circumstances surrounding the indebtedness of
Jung Sing?
A I loaned \$450.00 to Jung Sing about three years ago to buy a
laundry with at that time. This loan took place up stairs
over Hip Lung & Co., 323 S. Clark St., Chicago.
Q How long have you known Jung Sing?
A He was born in this country and went to China and came back
again. I have known him here four or five years.
Q Can't you give me the exact date when you made this loan?
A No, sir.
Q Why not?
A I only remember the amounts I loan to other people and the amounts
I borrow from other people, but I can't remember dates.
Q Did you put it down in your book? A No.
Q Did Jung Sing give you any note for it? A No, sir.

- Q Where was this laundry that Jung Sing was going to buy?
A I don't remember the street or number, but I think it was on the north side.
- Q Does he own it now? A No, sir.
- Q Why not?
A I do not know why. All I know is that at the present time he is working at Hammond.
- Q Haven't you ever asked him for this money?
A I asked him to pay me and every time he said he had sent his money to China and so he hasn't paid me any. He sent that money to support his wife; he also had a son, too.
- Q Is he working for you at present in Hammond?
A No, sir; he is not working for me, but he is working in Hammond.
- Q When do you expect he will pay you?
A Next year when I come back to this country.
- Q When do you expect Law Mee Hoo to pay you?
A He also agreed to pay me back when I come back to this country next year.
- Q Haven't you any security for either of these loans? A No, sir.
- Q What will you do if they don't pay you back?
A It is the Chinese custom when you borrow money from a man they have got to pay it if they have it.
- Q If you never came back from China what would they do about these debts?
A In case I don't come back to this country they will send it back to me in China, as we all live very close together in China.
- Q Don't you think it is poor business to lend so much money without any notes or security at all except your own statements?
A I don't worry about that, as three years ago I owed people several thousand dollars and I have paid it all back.
- Q Are both these debts genuine or have you made them up so as to allow you to go to China?
A These are genuine debts, and not only are they true but other people owe me besides.
- Q Who else owes you money besides these men?
A A good many more, but they only owe small amounts.
- Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes, sir.

Applicant signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) CHUNG MOW, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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

- Q What is your name? A Jung Sing.
Q What is your full Chinese name? A Jung Sing.
Q Are you registered?
A No, but I have a paper showing I was born in this country.
(Produces certificate showing his discharge by U.S. Commr.
Fred W. Dudley, Port Henry, N.Y., July 28, 1903.)
Q What is your business? A Working in a restaurant.
Q Where? A No. 91 State St., Hammond, Ind.
Q Do you know this man here (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes, I know him; that is Chung Mow.
Q How long have you known him? A I have known him about four years.
Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes.
Q State all the circumstances surrounding this indebtedness?
A About three years ago I borrowed \$450.00 from this man to buy a laundry. This loan took place over the store of Hip Lung & Co., 323 S. Clark St., Chicago.
Q Did you buy the laundry? A Yes.
Q Where? A No. 1886 North Halsted St.
Q How much did you pay for it?
A I paid \$800.00 for it but lost it afterwards.
Q Where did you get the balance of the money?
A It was my own money. I worked and saved it.
Q Do you ~~xxxx~~ own that laundry now?
A No, sir; I sold it over a year ago.
Q What did you get for it? A I sold it for \$700.00.
Q Why didn't you pay back this loan at the time you sold your laundry?
A I paid up some other debts and I had some money left but I spent it.
Q Don't you think it would have been a more honest thing for you to have paid up this debt out of the proceeds of this laundry?
A At the time when I sold this laundry I was sick and I wanted to keep some money for my own personal expenses.
Q Who did you sell the laundry to? A Moy Jung Thuen.
Q What are you doing down in Hammond? A Working in a restaurant.
Q Do you work in Chung Mow's restaurant?
A No, sir; before it was owned by him but now it is owned by a man named Lee.
Q When did he sell it to Lee? A Over two months ago.
Q Did you give him any note for that money you borrowed? A No.
Q Did you put it down in your book? A No.
Q When are you going to pay it back to him? A Next year, I think.
Q Is this a true debt; did you actually borrow this money, or have you made it up so that he could go to China?
A It is really a genuine debt. I really borrowed this money from this man and I will pay him when he comes back to this country.
Q When did you borrow it? A About three years ago.
Q What year and month and date?
A It was K.S. 30th year about the second month.
Q What would you do if he never came back from China?
A In case he don't come back then I will see about that.
Q Would you be willing for me to go into court and testify to what you have just told me in case you refused to pay him when he returned and he should sue you?
A Yes, I am willing for you to do that.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

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

Witness, LAW MEE HOO, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Law Mee Hoo.
- Q Are you registered?
- A Yes, sir. (Produces certificate of residence No. 9107, issued at St. Paul, April 17, 1894, to Sam Lung.)
- Q What is your business?
- A Merchant in Chicago; member of the firm of Sue Chung Wah & Co., 293 S. Clark St., Chicago.
- Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
- A Yes; that is Chung Mow.
- Q How long have you known him? A 16 or 17 years.
- Q Do you owe him any money? If so, state all the circumstances surrounding the indebtedness?
- A I owe him \$560.00. This loan took place at his restaurant in Hammond, Indiana, last year, 11th month 15th day, Chinese.
- Q Why did you borrow this money?
- A To put into this business I am now in.
- Q How much money did you put into that business?
- A \$2,000.00 interest myself.
- Q Why did you borrow so much money of this man to put into a business instead of taking a smaller interest yourself?
- A Because I am treasurer of the firm and I wanted to put that much money into it.
- Q Did you borrow the money all at one time?
- A Yes; all at one time.
- Q Did you give him a note for it?
- A No, sir; no note given at all, as we lived in China very close together and he used to borrow money from me before, and now I borrowed this money from this man.
- Q When are you going to pay him back?
- A If he will come back here next year 5th or 6th month, I will pay him back, but if not I will send it to China.
- Q Suppose that you didn't pay him this money, could he take your interest in this firm as security for it?
- A Yes.
- Q Is this a genuine debt, or have you made it up so that he can go back to China?
- A True debt.
- Q Would you be willing for me to go into court and testify to what you have just told me in case you refused to pay him when he returned to the United States and he should sue you?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q How many partners have you in your firm? A Eleven partners.
- Q Did you put this loan down in your personal account book?
- A Yes, sir. (Produces book and Interpreter reads: "Borrowed from Chung Mow K.S.32, 11, 15, \$560.00; this loan took place at Hammond, No.91.")
- Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) LAW MEE HOO, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.