

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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No. 398

SUBJECT:

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 7th, 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 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 Congress approved November 3, 1893. My certificate of residence is attached to this Statement. It was issued to me by the Chinese Inspector, at Washington, in the District of Columbia, August 5, 1904, and is numbered "143,234". It was issued in lieu of a certain Certificate of Residence which I procured from the Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Illinois, on March 17th, 1894, which was numbered "5898", and which was lost or destroyed by unavoidable accident, as stated in the affidavits upon which the said Duplicate was issued.

My Present Description is as follows:

AGE:-Forty Seven Years.

HEIGHT:-5 Ft., 10-1/2 In., In American shoes.

RESIDENCE:-No. 1004 Garfield Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

OCCUPATION:-Laundryman.

EYES:-Dark Brown. Complexion:-Dark.

Faint Scar Between Eyes. Small Mole Left Side Neck. No other peculiarities except as shown in photograph annexed hereto.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS DESCRIBED BELOW:

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

DEBTS:-Payable by one WONG YOU, Laundryman, of No. 1004 Garfield Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) the purchase-money for said laundry, lately sold by me, to the said Wong You.

I hereby Agree that none of such debt shall be diverted, transferred or collected during my absence; and that the above-described claim shall remain as it now exists until my return to the United States.

I intend to depart from the United States at the sub-port of Portal, in 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, within twelve months thereafter.

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

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., March 26 1906.
Subscribed and sworn to, this
26 day of March A.D., 1906,)
before me.)

S. P. Huang Wong Pine
Chinese & Indian Inspector

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See letter dated May 3, 07. Portal.
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CHICAGO

April 9, 1906.

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

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified in Chinese:

- Q. What is your name?
 A. Wong Pine.
 Q. What is your business?
 A. Laundryman.
 Q. Where is the laundry located?
 A. No. 1004 Garfield Boulevard (E. 55th St.), Chicago.
 Q. How long have you owned that laundry?
 A. It will be three years next October.
 Q. Did you buy it at that time or open it?
 A. I bought it.
 Q. Who did you buy it of?
 A. I bought my share from Moy Yin.
 Q. What part of that laundry do you own?
 A. One-half.
 Q. Who owns the other half?
 A. Wong Chung owns the other half. I sold my share to Wong You.
 Q. Then you bought a half interest in that laundry, as I understand it, in October 1903, of Moy Yin. Is that right?
 A. Yes, sir.
 Q. What did you pay Moy Yin for it?
 A. \$500.00. At that time we did not do quite half the business we do now.
 Q. Where is Moy Yin now?
 A. (English) I don't know where he go.
 Q. Does he still own half of that laundry?
 A. No, sir; he has no interest now.
 Q. Who did he sell his interest to?
 A. He sold it to me.
 Q. Then when you bought half of Moy Yin, you and Moy Yin were in the firm. What became of Moy Yin?
 A. Moy Yin and Wong Chung were in partnership and had the lease from the Elevated Railroad Company and both of those men got together and built two stores in that location, one used for a drugstore and the other one for a laundry, and finally I bought Moy Yin's interest out and Wong Chung still remained with me at the time I bought it out and ~~Moy~~ Wong Chung is still with me.
 Q. Do you have any interest in anything except the laundry?
 A. Nothing except the laundry.
 Q. And you and Wong Chung have owned the laundry as partners since you bought it in October 1903. Is that right?
 A. Yes, that is right, but Wong Chung is not in the laundry himself but has men working for him. I have been the manager since I have been there.

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- Q When did you sell your interest in that laundry?
A This is the second week now.
Q What did you get for it?
A \$1,000.00 for my share.
Q Did you get paid cash?
A Only credit.
Q No cash whatever?
A No, sir; not a cent.
Q Isn't a thousand dollars a pretty good price for a half interest in a laundry?
A No, sir; I consider the whole laundry worth more than \$2,000.00 and we could sell it for more but I sold my half interest to my cousin, Wong You, for \$1,000 because he is my cousin.
Q How long have you known Wong You?
A Wong You's brother Wong Woon owns a laundry in Chicago Heights and I worked there with him and his brother when I first met him a number of years ago.
Q How long has Wong You been working in your laundry on Garfield Blvd.?
A Quite a few months; I don't remember exactly.
Q How many men do you employ in that laundry?
A We have six men all the time and sometimes more.
Q Including you?
A Yes, sir; including myself.
Q How much business do you do a week?
A In the summertime we do from \$160 to \$170 a week and in the wintertime from \$130 to \$140. When I first bought it we only did about \$50 a week.
Q When did this sale to Wong You take place?
A Two weeks ago to-day; it was on Monday.
Q Why didn't Wong You pay you some cash for it?
A He didn't have any.
Q When do you expect he will be able to pay you for that laundry?
A He figures that he is not going to pay me any until I return to this country, and if he can not pay me then he agreed to give me my laundry back.
Q Did he give you any note?
A No, sir; only by word of mouth.
Q Does he pay you any interest?
A No, sir; no interest; only good cousins.
Q Suppose you should never return to the United States, what would become of this \$1,000 debt?
A I am coming back anyway; I am sure of that.
Q Did you make out a bill of sale for this laundry?
A No, sir; only a verbal contract.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
A Yes, sir.
I would like to make this statement, that in case this man sells the laundry and keeps the money or the laundry burns up, I wish you would let me come back and try to get my money back.

Applicant signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) WONG PINE, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, WONG YOU, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified in Chinese:

- Q What is your name?
A Wong You.
Q What is your business?
A Laundryman.
Q Where is your laundry?
A No. 1004 Garfield Boulevard (E. 55th St.), Chicago.
Q How long have you owned that laundry?
A Going on three weeks.
Q Do you know this man here (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes, sir; that is Wong Pine.
Q How long have you known him?
A Quite a few years. I first became acquainted with him in Chicago Heights.
Q What were you doing when you met him in Chicago Heights?
A Working in a laundry.
Q Whose laundry was it?
A My younger brother.
Q Who did you buy this laundry from on Garfield Blvd.?
A Of Wong Pine.
Q How much did you pay him for it?
A \$1,000.
Q Do you own the whole of it?
A One-half of it; the other half belongs to Wong Chung.
Q Did you pay cash for it?
A No, sir; no cash; only credit.
Q Didn't you pay him any cash?
A No.
Q How does it happen that you didn't pay any cash at all?
A I didn't have any money.
Q Why haven't you got any money; haven't you been working in this country as a laundryman for a long time?
A I earned money but I spent some and sent some to China, and that is why I haven't got any.
Q Suppose Wong Pine shouldn't come back; what would you do about this debt?
A I would give it to his cousin and his cousin would send it to him.
Q Do you pay him any interest on that \$1,000?
A No, sir.
Q Did you give him any note for that money or was there any bill of sale made out for the laundry?
A No, sir; only a verbal contract.
Q Are you registered?
A (Witness produced certificate of residence No. 109,849 issued at Sacramento, Calif., March 24, 1894, to Wong Yow.)
Q When do you intend to pay Wong Pine this \$1,000?
A I will pay him when he comes back to this country again.
Q What arrangements have you made with him in case you are unable to pay him the \$1,000 upon his return?
A I agreed to give him the laundry back.
Q How long have you worked in that laundry?
A Between five and six months.
Q How much business do you do there a week?
A From \$130 to \$140 a week.
Q How many men are employed?
A Six, including me.

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- Q Don't you think a thousand dollars is a pretty good price to pay for a half interest in a laundry?
- A No, sir; according to the way laundries are selling it is not too much.
- Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
- A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) WONG YOW (YOU), Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.