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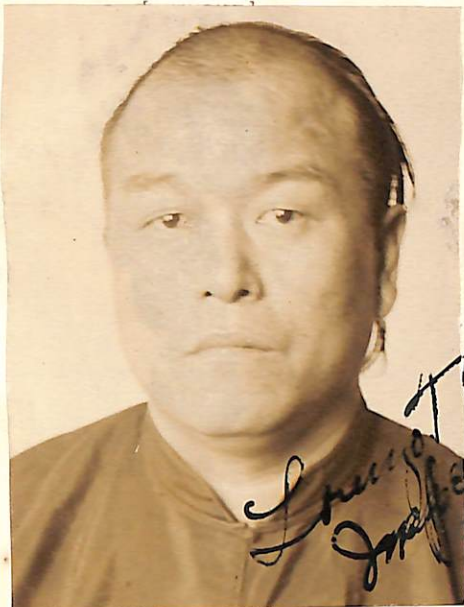
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Form 410  
Department of Commerce and Labor  
IMMIGRATION SERVICESTATEMENT OF REGISTERED CHINESE LABORER ABOUT TO DEPART FROM THE UNITED STATES WITH  
THE INTENTION OF RETURNING THERETO

Made in compliance with 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 Commerce and Labor in conformity therewith.

I HEREBY DECLARE that I am a Chinese laborer, duly registered as such, under the act of May 5, 1892, as amended by the act of November 3, 1893. My certificate of residence which is attached to this statement was issued by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fourth district of Michigan, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, dated March 22nd, 1894, and numbered 107211



Name, LEE HING  
Present age, Forty-seven years.  
Local residence, 291 So. Clark St.  
Occupation, Laundryman  
Height: 5 feet 10-1/4 inches. Weight, \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.  
Color of eyes Dark brown Complexion, Light  
Physical marks or peculiarities for identification: \_\_\_\_\_  
Small scar in edge of hair over left eye.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS the family, or property, or debts described below:

FAMILY: Wife, named \_\_\_\_\_, residing \_\_\_\_\_  
Child or children, named \_\_\_\_\_, residing \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent, named \_\_\_\_\_  
residing \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY: Full description, Interest in YUN FONG LO restuarant located at  
119 E. Madison St., Chicago, Illinois, Value, \$300.00

DEBTS: Aggregating at least \$1,000, which are unsettled and unascertained, and not covered by promissory notes or other evidence of ascertained liability:

Due from MOY WING, of 128 W. Grand Ave., Chicago.  
Seven hundred-----(\$700.00) dollars, for money loaned.

Due from \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ dollars, for \_\_\_\_\_

Due from \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ dollars, for \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY AGREE that none of such property or debts 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 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST a certificate of my right to return to the United States.

Lee Hing

(Signature of applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this sixth day of August, 190 9

(Name)

Lorenz T. Plummer

(Title) Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.



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JUL 23 1910  
Inspector in Charge,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER  
SEATTLE, WASH.

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No. 25,632.

July 19, 1910.

Inspector in Charge,

U.S. Immigration Service,

Chicago, Ill.

S i r:

Referring to your file No. 776, I have to report that Lee Hing the Chinese laborer referred to therein arrived at this port July 17, 1910, on the S.S. "Princess Victoria", and that he was admitted the following day.

Respectfully,

*Ellis D. Butler*

C o m m i s s i o n e r .

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No. 776.

May 17, 1910.

Dr. P. L. Prentiss,  
Inspector in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

In the matter of LEE HING, returning laborer, ad interim investigation, I beg leave to make the following report:

Applicant bases his claim to the right of re-entry upon the ownership of a \$300.00 interest in the Yun Fong Lo restaurant, 119 E. Madison St. Chicago; and \$700.00 loaned to one Moy Wing.

The manager of the restaurant, Lee Mow, testifies that applicant still retains his interest in the restaurant.

The alleged debtor, Moy Wing, testifies that he owes applicant \$700.00, no part of which has been repaid. However, some discrepancies appear in his testimony. When examined before applicant's departure, he stated that he bought a laundry with the \$700.00 borrowed from applicant; that he had \$100.00 in addition to the \$700.00, making \$800.00 in all; that he paid \$800.00 for the laundry. He now testifies that he paid \$600.00 for the laundry, using the \$100.00 remaining of the borrowed \$700.00 to fix up the laundry; that he had no money of his own when he borrowed the \$700.00. When confronted with his former statement to the effect that he paid \$800.00 for the laundry, he stated that he paid \$600.00 for it, and it cost \$200.00 to fix it up, \$800.00 in all; that he did have \$100.00 of his own when he borrowed the \$700.00. When his attention was called to the fact that he had

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just stated that it cost \$100.00 to fix up the laundry, he said he couldn't tell how much it cost to fix it up.

Upon the showing made, it does not appear to me that applicant is entitled to landing upon identification.

Respectfully,

Chinese Inspector.

Incl.

Respectfully approved and forwarded to the Commissioner of Immigration at Seattle, Wash. in reply to his letter No. 5741-C dated April 27, 1910, and returning all papers forwarded therewith together with the testimony taken at this time.

Inspector in Charge.

Incl.

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May 16, 1910.

Case of : Howard D. Ebey, Examining Inspector.  
LEE HING, :  
Laborer departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, LEE MOW, sworn by Inspector Ebey, testified, in English:

Q What is your name? A. Lee Mow.  
Q Are you manager of the Yun Fong Lo restaurant? A. Yes.  
Q Where is that restaurant located? A. 119 E. Madison St.  
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant) A. Yes.  
Q What is his name? A. Lee Sing Fun is his marriage name. Lee Fook Hing is his boyhood name; they just shortened it to call him Lee Hing.  
Q What is this man's occupation? A. I do not know what he do. He don't work in my place.  
Q Does he own any interest in your restaurant? A. Yes, \$300.00 in my restaurant.  
Q When did he buy that share? A. When it first started.  
Q When did the restaurant start? A. Started five years ago the first of this May. It took six months afterwards to fix up with new partners to start the business.  
Q What time did this man get his share? A. The first of May. He put the money in before the first of May.  
Q How many men have shares in that restaurant? A. About thirty-four men. I can't remember exactly. I have three thousand. Another man six thousand, and another man has three thousand. I do not know how many men.  
Q Does he know how much your share amounts to? A. I do not think he knows what my share is.  
Q How much money was put in the restaurant altogether? A. Three thousand dollars. He knows that. He don't know how much the other men have got.  
Q Did he ever get any profit for his share? A. Got the same dividend before.  
Q How many times? A. I have to see the book. About thirteen times I do not remember unless I see the book.  
Q How much each time? A. Five dollars on each hundred dollars.  
Q Have you got that down on the book? A. Yes. I can show you the book. I will bring the book here and show you. I can't remember everything.  
Q Is that restaurant still running? A. Good business; still running.  
Q Have you sent him any moneysince he has been in China? A. Not yet.  
Q How much is coming to him now? A. I gave some money to his cousin to send hom to him.  
Q How much did you give this cousin? A. Fifteen dollars. Maybe he keep it here I do not know.  
Q What is the name of the cousin? A. Lee Sue. He has an interest of thirty-five hundred dollars in Yun Fong Lo.  
Q You don't know whether he sent that back or not? A. No, may be he keep it here.  
Q How long ago did you give it to him? A. 11th month, 16th day last Chinese year.  
Q Does Lee Hing have a share in that place now? A. Sure! \$300.00.  
Q Didn't sell out? A. No.  
Q Do you think his share is worth \$300.00 now? A. Yes, I would give him my check for \$500.00 right now.  
Q Do you know what year K.S. the restaurant started? A. K.S. 31 or 32, May 1st.  
Q Was it May that this man got his share? A. Five years ago the first of May.  
Q This man has a little book the seal off the restaurant stamped upon it, showing that he got the interest K.S. 31, 11th month. A. When business first started they didn't make up the books then. He just got a little ticket. After the business was started they gave him a little book.

Witness signed his name in English only.

(Signed) Lee Mow.



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522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO,

May 9, 1910.

Case of : Howard D. Ebey, Examining Inspector.  
LEE HING, :  
Returning Laborer: : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Lee Hong was used as Interpreter.

Witness, MOY WING, sworn by Inspector Ebey, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Moy Wing.  
Q What is your marriage name? A. Wong Chock Seu.  
Q Do you belong to the Moy company or the Wong company? A. Wong company.  
Q Then your name is Wong Moy Wing? A. Yes.  
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant) A. Yes, Lee Sing Fun.  
Q Do you owe him any money? A. Yes, \$700.00.  
Q When did you borrow that money? A. Sun Hoon, 1st year, 4th month, I forget the day.  
Q Where were you when you got the money? A. Wah Chin Lung, 291 So. Clark St.  
Q What did you get the money for? A. To buy a laundry.  
Q Are you sure that you got that in the fourth month? A. Yes, April or May.  
Q Lee Hing says he gave it to you in May? A. I forget whether it was April or May.  
Q Are you sure that it was seven hundred dollars? A. Yes.  
Q What laundry did you buy? A. Laundry at Milwaukee and Grand Ave.  
Q How much did you pay for the laundry? A. Paid \$600.00 for the laundry.  
Q What did you do with the other \$100.00 that you borrowed? A. Used it to fix up the laundry.  
Q Did you have any money of your own when you borrowed the seven hundred? A. No.  
Q When you were examined before you said you had \$100.00 of your own money? A. That \$700.00 is all I had.  
Q You used \$600.00 to buy a laundry? A. Yes, \$100.00 to buy the coal and pay the rent and everything to fix up the laundry.  
Q Whom did you buy the laundry of? A. Mark Ju.  
Q You stated before that you paid \$800.00 for the laundry? A. Paid \$600.00 for the laundry and spent \$200.00 to fix up the place. When people ask me how much the laundry cost I tell them \$800.00.  
Q When did you borrow that \$700.00, then, you had some money yourself? A. I had \$100.00 and I borrowed \$700.00; paid \$600.00 for the laundry, \$200.00 to fix it up.  
Q Just now you said it only cost \$100.00 to fix it up? A. I can't tell just how much it was to fix it up inside.  
Q Did you give him any note for this money? A. No.  
Q Did you give him any receipt for it? A. No.  
Q Did you pay back any of the money? A. Not yet. When he comes back and I have the money I will pay him.

Witness could sign his name in Chinese only.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

SUBJECT:

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
ROOM 522, COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILL.

May 3, 1910.

Yung Fong Lo Restaurant,  
119 E. Madison St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

LEE HING (LEE FOOK HING or LEE SING FUN) who is now in China has given notice of his intention to return to the United States. As he claims to have an interest in your restaurant, you are instructed to appear at this office as soon as convenient and be examined.

Respectfully,

Inspector in Charge.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

SUBJECT:

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
ROOM 522, COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILL.

May 3, 1910.

Moy Wing,

128 W. Grand Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

LEE HING (LEE FOOK HING or LEE SING FUN) who is now in China has given notice of his intention to return to the United States. As you were a witness for this man at the time of his departure for China, you are instructed to appear at this office as soon as convenient and be examined again in regard to his case.

Respectfully,

Inspector in Charge.

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No. 776.

August 16th, 1909.

Lee Hing,

c/o Wah Ching Lung Co.,

291 So. Clark St., Chicago.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith copy of your application for a laborer's return certificate, and would instruct you to present the same to Inspector in Charge, Immigration Service, Portal, North Dakota, upon your departure through that port.

Respectfully,

H. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector, Acting in Charge.

Inc.



No. 776.

August 6th, 1909.

Commissioner-General of Immigration,  
Department of Commerce and Labor,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Will you please compare the inclosed certificate of residence No. 107211, issued in the Fourth District of Michigan at Grand Rapids, Mich., March 22nd, 1904 to LEE HING, with the duplicate on file with the Bureau and inform me if it is genuine?

This Chinaman has made an application for a laborer's return certificate.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.



522 Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO

August 6th, 1909.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
LEE HING, :  
Laborer departing. : W. B. Callins, Stenographer.

Applicant, LEE HING, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A. Lee Hing.
- Q What is your full Chinese name? A. Lee Fook Hing.
- Q Is that your boyhood name? A. Boyhood name.
- Q What is your marriage name? A. Lee Sing Fun.
- Q How long have you been married? A. I was married a long time ago.
- Q How many children? A. Two boys and one girl.
- Q What are the names of your children? A. Lee Wen Thling 17 years old and Lee Wen Hong, 8 or 9 years old.
- Q What is the name of the girl? A. Ah Oy about 12 years old.
- Q Upon what do you base your right to a return certificate?
- A. Moy Wing owes me \$700.00 and I have a \$300.00 interest in Yun Fong Lo.
- Q How long have you known Moy Wing? A. I have known him 4 or 5 years.
- Q What is his full Chinese name? A. I know his marriage name is Wong Chock Seu.
- Q What did he want the money for? A. He wanted it to buy a laundry.
- Q When did he borrow the money? A. This year, May-10th.
- Q Did you give him the money all at one time? A. yes.
- Q Where was this laundry that he bought? A. 128 Grand Ave.
- Q How much did he pay for it? A. I think he paid \$700.00 for it.
- Q Why didn't he have any money of his own? A. He had a little but not enough. He wanted me to lend it to him.
- Q When you come back, if he don't pay back that money, can you take his laundry? A. I think he will pay me all right. He does a good business in that laundry.
- Q Did you have an agreement with him when you lent him the money that you could take his laundry if he didn't pay you? A. No.
- Q Did he give you a note for the money? A. No.
- Q How long did you have that interest in Yun Fong Lo? (Witness produces individual account book of Yun Fong Lo, and reads: "K.S. 31, 11th month, Lee Sing Fun has an interest \$300.00, signed Yun Fong Lo and stamped with the seal of the restaurant.
- Q How much is that interest worth now? A. I wouldn't sell it for less than \$400.00.
- Q Have they ever paid you any dividends on that interest? A. Yes, they pay me every year.
- Q How much do they pay? A. They have pretty nearly paid me back the \$300.00.
- Q How much did they pay you last year? A. I don't know. Sometimes they pay me two times, sometimes three times, sometimes five times in the course of the year. I do not know how much they paid last year. It was about \$60.00 last year.
- Q Do you own a laundry now? A. No.
- Q When did you sell it? A. I sold it long ago, about two years ago.
- Q What have you been doing the last two years? A. Worked for other people.
- Q Have you understood me? A. Yes.

Applicant signed in English and Chinese.

(Signed) Lee Hing,

Applicant.

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Case of LEE HING.

Place: same.

Witness, MOY WING, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A. Moy Wing.  
Q What is your full Chinese name? A. Wong Moy Wing.  
Q What is your marriage name? A. Wong Chock Seu.  
Q How many children have you? A. Two boys and one girl.  
Q What are their names? A. Wong Wing Cheung, 21 years old;  
Wong Wing Seung, 2 years old; and Wong Len Hy (girl) 7 years old.  
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)  
A. Yes, my friend, Lee Sing Fun.  
Q How long have you known him? A. Four or five years.  
Q How much money do you owe him? A. \$700.00.  
Q What did you borrow this money for? A. I wanted it to buy  
a laundry.  
Q Where is the laundry? A. 128 Grand Ave.  
Q How much did you pay for that laundry? A. \$800.00.  
Q Whom did you buy it of? A. Mark Ju.  
Q Didn't you have any money then? A. I had \$100.00 and that  
is all.  
Q Did you give him any note for the money? A. No. He is a  
good friend. He don't charge me any interest either.  
Q When are you going to pay him back? A. I don't know. When  
I earn the money I will pay him.  
Q How many men work in your laundry? A. Two men including  
myself. We take in from \$48.00 to \$50.00 a week.  
Q Are you registered? A. Yes. (Produces certificate No.  
15071 issued to Moy Wing at Helena, Montana, March 1st, 1894, age  
33, Ht. 5 ft. 4 in. Small hair mole on left side of neck.)

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Moy Wing.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.