

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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No. 474

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 17, 1904, ratified December 7, 1904, and proclaimed by the President of the United States December 9, 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 22, 1902, and the Rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury in conformity thereto.

I HEREBY DECLARE that I am a Chinese Laborer, duly registered as such, under the act of Congress approved May 5, 1902, as amended by 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, dated April 7th 1904, and number 6578.



NAME:--WONG TOON. PRESENT AGE:--Thirty eight years

LOCAL RESIDENCE:--317 South Clark St. Chicago Ill

OCCUPATION: Laundryman.

HEIGHT:--Five feet (5) Five and three quarter (5³/₄) Inches.

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

PHYSICAL MARKS or Peculiarities for Identification:--Scars above both right and left eye, at top of nose.

PROPERTY and debts described below:

PROPERTY:--None. Debts and accounts specified below:

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 other evidence of ascertained liability, viz:

Payable by one WONG GAT, Laundryman, No. 237 East 31st, St. Chicago Illinois for money loaned, the sum of Six Hundred Dollars. (\$600.00)

Payable by one WONG JUNG, Laundryman, No. 317 So. Clark St. Chicago Illinois for money loaned, the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars. (\$550.00)

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.

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 within twelve months thereafter.

WHEREFORE, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST a Certificate of my right to return to the United States. Dated at Chicago, Illinois Nov 20 1905

Wong Toon

Subscribed and sworn to, by the above named Wong Toon, at the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and state of Illinois, this 20 day of November A.D. 1905, before me.

L. J. Hummer

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICEOFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N. DAK.

July 3, 1907.

L. T. Plummer,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant with regard to three laborers whose cases were investigated by your office. In reply would say that Chin In Jung and Wong Toon departed from this port on November 23, 1905, and December 23, 1905, respectively, and have not yet returned. I find no mention of Jung Powe in our records.

Relative to Chin in Jung and Wong Toon would say that they have forfeited their right to return, unless they present overtime certificates as provided for in Rule 24 of the Regulations.

Respectfully,

O. B. Kelton
Acting Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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OFFICE OF,
CHINESE INSP. IN CHARGE.

CHICAGO,

November 28, 1905.

Case of	: Ward E. Plummer,	Examining Inspector.
WONG TOON,	: Wong Aloy,	Interpreter.
Dep. Lab.	: D. Arthur Plumly,	Stenographer.

Applicant testified in Chinese:

Q What is your name?
A Wong Toon.
Q What is your business?
A Laundryman.
Q Do you own a laundry?
A I used to own one but I sold it out.
Q When?
A Chinese September this year.
Q Where was that laundry?
A In Evanston.
Q How long have you been in the United States?
A I came to this country in K.S. 8.
Q Upon what do you base your right to go to China and return?
A On the grounds that people here owe me money and I have a choc chee.
Q Who owe you money?
A Wong Jung (Jong) and Wong Gat (Git).
Q How much does Wong Jung owe you?
A \$550.
Q When did he borrow it of you?
A K. S. 31, 1, 15.
Q What did he borrow it for?
A To open a chop suey house.
Q Where?
A Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Q Where did this loan take place?
A Quong Won Lung Co., 317 S. Clark St.
Q Did you give him this money all at one time?
A All at one time.
Q Does he still run that restaurant in Grand Rapids?
A No, sir.
Q Why not?
A The business did not pay; he lost money and closed up.
Q What is he doing now?
A He is not doing anything now. He is living at 317 S. Clark St. up stairs, looking for a job.
Q How long have you known Wong Jung?
A Ever since I have been in this country.
Q Did you ever lend him any money before this?
A Yes, sir; I loaned him money but not so much as this; he paid me back.
Q Did he give you a promissory note for this money?
A No, sir.
Q Does he pay you any interest for it?
A No, sir; no interest; just friendship loan.
Q What security have you for this loan?
A No security at all, only for cousin's sake I loaned him money.

- Q How much money did he put into that restaurant in Grand Rapids?
A No, sir; I don't know how much.
Q Did he put in any of his own money?
A I don't know whether he put in any or not, as it is a long ways to Grand Rapids and I was never there.
Q Did he ever tell you?
A No, sir.
Q How much does Wong Gat owe you?
A \$600.
Q Why did he borrow it?
A To buy a laundry.
Q Where?
A No. 237 East 31st St., Chicago.
Q Did he borrow this money all at one time?
A Yes, sir; all at one time.
Q When was it?
A K.S. 31, 3, 15.
Q Did he give you any promissory note for it?
A No, sir.
Q Does he pay you any interest?
A No, sir.
Q How long have you known Wong Gat?
A Since I have been in Chicago.
Q How long is that?
A Over ten years. (Pause) About 12 years now, as I have been in Chicago ever since K.S. 19.
Q Where did this loan take place?
A At the same place, 317 S. Clark St.
Q How much money of his own did Wong Gat put into that laundry?
A I don't know how much of his own money he put in.
Q Did he put in any?
A I don't know whether he did or not, as he asked me one Sunday to let him have the money to put into the laundry.
Q Does Wong Gat make any money in that laundry?
A Yes, sir; a little. What money he makes now he needs it to improve his business, so he can not pay me back.
Q Where did you get this money that you loaned these men--the \$1150?--the first three months of this year? How did you happen to have so much money on hand?
A I owned a laundry at Evanston for several years. It has been a good business and I have saved all my money.
Q Where did you keep your money; in the bank?
A Some times I put it in my pocket in my purse but most of the money I put with Quong Won Lung Co.
Q You deposited it with them?
A Yes, sir; and when I want it all I have to do is to go there and get it.
Q How big a laundry have you got in Evanston?
A I have six men working.
Q Are these true debts or are they debts that you have just manufactured up to go out?
A These are all true debts.
Q Did you put these accounts down in your book?
A Yes, sir.
Q Have you got the book with you?
A Yes, sir.
Q How old is this book?
A About two years old.

- Q How does it happen that you haven't got anything in it but these two accounts?
- A I have a small Chinese note book which also contains my accounts and they pay me back and I cancel them, and transfer these to this book.
- Q When did you transfer them to this book?
- A I transferred these accounts from the other book to this book about the last of the third month of this year.
- Q Haven't you made any loans since then?
- A No, sir; not on these two loans.
- Q Why didn't you bring down your old account book?
- A All the accounts I had in that old book were paid and cancelled except these two and the old book looked pretty dirty, so I thought I would bring this book down.
- (Witness produced account book and the Interpreter read:
"K.S. 31, 1, 15 Wong Jung borrowed \$550; K.S. 31, 3, 15 Wong Gat borrowed \$600.")
- Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
- A Yes, sir.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, signed in English:

(Signed) WONG TOON, Applicant.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

Witness, WONG JUNG (JONG), testified in Chinese:

- Q What is your name?
A Wong Jung (certificate of residence reads Jong).
Q What is your business?
A I am a cook but I am not working now.
Q Are you registered?
A Yes, sir. (Produces certificate of residence No. 6107 issued to Wong Jung, laborer, at Chicago, Illinois, March 22, 1894.)
Q Do you know this man here (showing photo of applicant)?
A Yes, sir; it is Wong Toon.
Q How long have you known him?
A About five years.
Q Are you sure of that?
A I left Chicago about five years ago; back and forth since. I don't know just how long I have known him. (Pause) Ever since the World's Fair in Chicago.
Q Did you ever have any business dealings with him?
A Yes, sir; I have a business transaction with him. From time to time I borrow money, small amounts, and then I pay him back; and then I borrow this large amount to open a restaurant in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Q When?
A K.S. 31, 1, 15.
Q How much did you borrow?
A \$550. (Produced account book containing account.)
Q Did you give him a promissory note for this money?
A No, sir; no note given, as it is a friendship loan.
Q Do you pay him any interest?
A No, sir, I never paid him any interest on any loan.
Q Where did this big loan take place?
A At Wong Dock's store at 317 S. Clark St.
Q Did you borrow this money all at once time?
A Yes, sir; all at one time.
Q What did you want with that money?
A I borrowed this money to open a restaurant in Grand Rapids.
Q Did you have any partner?
A No, sir; I did it all myself. There is no business there and I closed up; I haven't got that restaurant now.
Q How much money did you put into it yourself?
A Altogether it cost between six and seven hundred dollars, including expenses going back and forth and opening up.
Q Didn't you put any of your own money into it?
A Yes, sir; I have some money but it only about covered my expenses in going there and paying the first month's rent. The rest of the money came from the loan.
Q What business were you engaged in before you opened that restaurant?
A I was a cook for other people.
Q How does it happen that you didn't have any money yourself?
A I am a man that is rather extravagant and spend money as fast as I make it, and that is why I didn't have the money to open this restaurant.
Q Have you paid back any of this money?
A No, sir; I have not.
Q When do you expect to pay it back?
A I don't know when. I will pay him when I can.
Q What are you going to do now?
A I am not doing anything now. I am living down on Clark St. and

looking for a job. I am a cook in both American and Chinese styles.

Q Did you put down this loan in any book of yours at the time you borrowed the money?

A No, sir; I did not put it on my book but I think Wong Toon has.

Q How do you happen to remember the exact day that you borrowed the money?

A It is not very long ago and it is such a large amount of money that I borrowed, and I remember this is the day.

Q Suppose Wong Toon should never come back to the United States, what would you do about this money?

A In case anything happened to Wong Toon I would leave the money with Wong Dock our cousin, at 317 S. Clark St., to see that it was sent to his folks.

Q How long did you keep that restaurant open in Grand Rapids?

A Between three and four months. I lost money all the time.

Q How much did you lost on the whole transaction?

A Including what I paid my help, etc., in the neighborhood of \$1,000. That is, on account of dishes, etc., I bought; when I closed up nobody would pay me anything for it.

Q Is this an honest debt or one that you have thought up for the occasion?

A No, sir; this is not a false debt; it is an honest true debt.

Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?

A Yes, sir:

Witness, sworn by Inspector Plummer, signed in Chinese:

(Signed) WONG JUNG (JONG), Witness.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

Witness, WONG GAT, testified in Chinese:

- Q What is your name?
A Wong Gat.
Q What is your business?
A Laundryman.
Q Where is your laundry located?
A No. 237 E. 31st St.
Q Are you registered?
A Yes, sir.
Q Have you got your paper with you?
A (Witness produced certificate of residence No. 6460, issued to Wong Gat at Chicago, April 7, 1894.)
Q Do you know this man here (Showing photo of applicant).
A Yes; Wong Dai Pow is the name I know him by.
Q How long have you known him?
A 12 years.
Q Where?
AA Chicago.
Q Did you ever have any business dealings with him?
A Yes, sir.
Q What were they?
A I borrowed some money from him to buy this laundry, where I am now.
Q How much did you borrow?
A \$600.
Q What was it?
A K.S. 31, 3, 15.
Q Where did this loan take place?
A Quong Won Lung Co., 317 S. Clark St.
Q What did you borrow this money for?
A I borrowed this money to buy this laundry which I am now in.
Q How much did you pay for the laundry?
A \$1300 altogether. I have another partner with me.
Q How much did you put into the laundry?
A Each of us is supposed to have \$650.
Q How much money of your own did you have at the time you bought this laundry?
A All I have is \$50 of my own money; this man loaned me \$600 to get it.
Q What have you been doing the last few years that you haven't any more money than that?
A I have had bad luck and when I had laundries I lost money, and I spent a good deal of money besides.
Q Where did you have a laundry before this one?
A Near 55th Ave. on West Lake St. I forget the number.
Q Did you put this down in a book when you borrowed this money?
A No, sir; I didn't put it in a book.
Q How do you remember the date so well?
A Yes, I have it in a book in the Chinese laundry and any time you come to my laundry you can see the book.
Q Did you give him a promissory note for it?
A No, sir; no note given; only both of us put it on our books.
Q Do you pay him any interest?
A No, sir; no interest, as we are good cousins.
Q Suppose he should die and not come back from China, what would you do with the loan?
A He has some nearer cousins than I am at Quong Won Lung and in

case he died it would be my duty to pay it to this cousin,
so he could send it to his folks in China.

Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?

A Yes, sir.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Plummer, signed in English:

(Signed) WONG GOT, Witness.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.