

## IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
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## 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 8th, 1894, and the act of Congress entitled "An Act to ~~Regulate~~ 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, 1893. 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 Pennsylvania, at the City of Philadelphia in said district, on April 11, 1894; and it is numbered "122,591".

HEREUNTO ATTACHED is a true and correct photographic likeness of me now; and MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

NAME:- Y U E N C H O Y.  
AGE:-Forty Five (45) Years.  
RESIDENCE:-No. 341 Clark st., Chicago, Illinois.  
OCCUPATION:-Laundryman. (Last at South Haven, Mich.)  
HEIGHT:-Five (5) Feet: Three, One-Half (3-1/2) In-  
COMPLEXION:-Light. EYES:Brown. # ches (Barefooted).  
MARKS:-Paint Pits Forward of Both Ears. Irregular Front Teeth, above.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS BELOW:-

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

DEBTS:-Payable by one GOON SING, Restaurateur, Basement, South-west corner of Clark and Madison streets, in the City of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois, for Money Loaned, the sum of Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00).

Payable by one YUEN CHUNG, Laundryman, formerly of Philadelphia aforesaid, now of No. 331 Clark street, Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, for Balance Payable on account of the bargain and sale of the "Yet Lee" Laundry, at No. 729 Race street, in Philadelphia aforesaid, for the consideration of \$750.00, the unpaid sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

I HEREBY AGREE That none of such property and debt shall be sold, diverted, transferred or collected during my absence from the United States, but 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 the State of 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, 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, November 20, 1906.

Yuen Choy

Subscribed and sworn to, by the above-named YUEN CHOY, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, this 20 day of November, A.D., nineteen hundred six, before me.

*[Signature]*

Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.



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IMMIGRATION SERVICENo. 531Department of Commerce and Labor  
IMMIGRATION SERVICEOFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
PORTAL, N. DAK.

November 19, 1907.

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

Sir:

I beg leave to inform you that the following laborers,  
whose cases were investigated by your office, applied for admission  
and were admitted at this port on the 15th instant:

✓ Yuen Choy,	Chicago.
✓ Chan Lin Quai,	"
✓ Moy Bow,	"
✓ You Toy,	"
✓ Yuen Fook,	"
✓ Leong Hone,	La Salle, Ill.

Respectfully,

*O. J. Keltan*  
Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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CHICAGO, July 8, 1907.

Case of : L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector,  
YUEN CHOY, :J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter,  
Lab. Ret. : A.T.Wilson, Stenographer.

Witness, GOON CHUNG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Goon Chung.  
Q What is your business? A I am a laundryman, but am not  
employed now.  
Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)? A Yes,  
it is Yuen Choy.  
Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes, \$500.  
Q Have you paid him any money since he has been in China?  
A The original obligation was \$750. I returned him \$250.  
Q Have you paid him any money since he went to China? A No,  
I was looking for work, and have not got anything to do yet.  
Q Has there been any change in the obligation in any way  
since his departure? A No.  
Q When will you pay him? A When he comes back, if I get  
work, I will pay him.  
Q Have you understood the interpreter? A Yes.

Witness signed in English

(Signed) Goon Chong, Witness,  
(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter  
(Signed) L.T.Plummer, Inspector.

Witness

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. July 23, 1907

Case of :L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector  
YUEN CHOY,  
Lab. Ret.

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

Q What is your name? A Goon Sing.  
Q What is your business? A Restaurateur, Indianapolis.  
Q Do you know this man?(Showing photo of applicant)? A Yes;  
it is Goon Toy; his marriage name is Goon Gen Toy.  
Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes, \$550.  
Q Have you paid him anything since he went to China, or since  
I examined you before? A No, I haven't paid anything.  
Q Has there been any change in the debt in any way? A No,  
it is the same.  
Q When will you pay him? A I am having a hard time now, but  
after he comes back, I will try to pay him as best I can.  
Q Have you understood my questions? A Yes.

(Witness signed his testimony in English)

(Signed) Goon Sing, Witness,  
(Signed) L.T.Plummer, Inspector.



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

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?  
A Yuen Choy.  
Q What is your full Chinese name?  
A Yuen Bak Toy (Choy).  
Q What is your business?  
A Laundryman.  
Q Do you own a laundry at the present time?  
A No; not now.  
Q Where was the last laundry that you owned and when did you dispose of it?  
A South Haven, Michigan. I sold it two months ago, at the same time my cousin Yuen Fook sold his laundry to go to China.  
Q Were you and Yuen Fook partners in the same laundry?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q On what do you base your right to a return certificate?  
A I am registered, and also people in this country owe me money.  
Q Who owes you money, and how much?  
A Goon Sing owes me \$550.00 and Yuen Chung owes me \$500.  
Q What does Goon Sing owe you this \$550.00 for? State all the circumstances connected with the transaction?  
A Goon Sing borrowed \$550.00 from me to put into the restaurant on South Clark St., Chicago, where they serve American meals. This loan took place in this store of Shu Chong Lung, Chicago, this year, Chinese, 3rd month 10th day.  
Q How long have you known Goon Sing?  
A Since I was a boy in China.  
Q Did he give you any note for the money?  
A No, sir.  
Q How much money has he invested in that restaurant, do you know?  
A I don't know how much he has.  
Q Why wouldn't you invest your own money instead of lending it to another man to invest?  
A I only understand the laundry business. I don't understand the restaurant business. I don't know anything about it, and so I let him have the money to give him a chance.  
Q How much money does Yuen Chung owe you? State all the circumstances connected with the transaction?  
A I owned a laundry on Race St., in Philadelphia, in K.S. 28th, when I sold it to Yuen Chung for \$750.00. A short time ago I wrote to him that I wanted to go to China and he sold his laundry out and came here and paid me \$250.00 on account, and still owes me \$500.00.  
Q Why couldn't he pay you more than \$250.00? Wasn't the laundry worth more than that before you sold it?  
A Since I sold this laundry to Yuen Chung another man opened a laundry near him in opposition, which took away his business. His business kept decreasing and when he sold the laundry all he was able to pay me was \$250.00.  
Q When did you sell him that laundry?  
A The last part of the 8th month, K.S. 28th year.



- Q When do you expect that he will pay you this debt?  
A I don't know when. He will pay me when he can, I guess.  
Q Did he give you any note?  
A No, sir; no note given.  
Q Did you put either of these transactions down in your private book?  
A No.  
Q Why not?  
A No need of it, as I will remember it.  
Q Are these both true debts, or have you made them up to enable you to go to China?  
A They are true debts.  
Q Suppose you never returned from China, what would become of the debts?  
A In case I don't come back they will pay me; they will send it to me, if they have it.  
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?  
A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) YUEN CHOY, Applicant.  
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.  
(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.



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

- Q What is your name?  
A Goon Sing.  
Q What is your full Chinese name?  
A Goon Sing is the only name I have.  
Q What is your business?  
A I am in the restaurant business, in the Oriental Cafe, corner of Madison and Clark Sts., Chicago.  
Q What interest have you in that restaurant?  
A \$1,000.00.  
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?  
A Yes, I know him; that is Goon Choy.  
Q How long have you known him?  
A Since I was a boy in China.  
Q State how much money you owe him, and all the circumstances connected with the transaction?  
A I borrowed \$550.00 from Goon Choy in this year, Chinese, third month tenth day. I borrowed this money to put into the restaurant I am now in. This loan took place in the store of Shu Chong Lung, Chicago.  
Q Why did you borrow money of him to put into this restaurant?  
A I wanted money to put into this business and I was short, so I borrowed from him.  
Q Where did you get the other \$450.00 to put into this business?  
A Since I came to Chicago I have borrowed about \$2,000.00 from different friends and cousins. About a year ago I ~~went to~~ *came from* San Francisco. I borrowed \$500.00 and lost all of that. The other \$500.00 I borrowed from different parties, some more and some less, besides my household expenses, \$300 or \$400, and all told I borrowed about \$2,000.00 since I came to Chicago.  
Q Why haven't you any money of your own?  
A When I came from San Francisco I had a few hundred dollars left there. Since the earthquake my wife spent all of that to take care of my family, etc, and that is why I had to borrow this money to get along with.  
Q Do you work in that restaurant now?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q How have you made it since you went to work in that restaurant? Do you make x enough now that you don't need to borrow any?  
A We organized the stock about \$18,000.00, but we spent almost \$20,000.00 to have the place ready in shape to do business, and when we first opened up the business the first few months we lost \$4,000 or \$5,000, and now the whole place cost about \$30,000.00.  
Q Well, aren't you making enough now so that you are beginning to get ahead again?  
A Since we opened this restaurant none of the men are allowed to draw a salary, as the business isn't paying, but the president allowed me to draw some salary so I could support my family and pay expenses, and I get part of my goods from Chinese stores on credit.  
Q Did you give this man a note for the money that you borrowed?  
A No, sir, I did not give any man a note, as I had a good reputation out West as an honest business man.



Q When do you expect to pay him?

A The business I am now in I can not tell. There is no way of telling. If I have good luck I may be able to pay him when he comes back.

Q Is this a true debt? Do you honestly owe this man this money, or have you made it up to enable him to go back to China?

A Yes, sir; I really owe this man the money. In fact, I owe other people, as I have stated.

Q Would he be able to take your interest in that restaurant in case you could not pay him?

A No, sir, he can not take my interest in that restaurant, as I did not give him any writing for that, but I can never fail to pay him, as I am a well-to-do man in China and if I fail in this country he can get the money in China. But if I live, I will get the money to pay my honest debts.

Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?

A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) GOON SING,                      Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER,                  Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY,                      Interpreter.



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Witness, YUEN CHUNG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?  
A Yuen Chung.  
Q What is your full Chinese name?  
A Yuen Chung is my chock chee name, but Goon Bak Chong is my full Chinese name.  
Q What is your business?  
A Laundryman.  
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?  
A Yes, I know him; that is Goon Bak Toy.  
Q How long have you known him?  
A 20 or 30 years. I have known him in this country.  
Q State how much money you owe him, and all the circumstances connected with the transaction?  
A I remember I bought the laundry of him K.S. 28, 8, 25, in Philadelphia, and the price was \$750.00, which was the same as though he loaned me that much money. Some time ago he wrote to me ~~xxx~~ that he wanted to go to China and so I came out here and paid him \$250.00, and still owe him \$500.00.  
Q Do you still own that laundry?  
A I sold it out, as during the last two years labor was high and business was decreasing.  
Q How much did you get for it when you sold it?  
A I sold it for \$500.00.  
Q Why couldn't you pay him more than \$250?  
A I owed some debts in Philadelphia and paid them, and \$250 was all the money I could pay Goon Choy.  
Q How long have you been in Chicago?  
A I left Philadelphia Wednesday and arrived here last Thursday.  
Q When do you expect to repay this debt?  
A I can not promise you when I will pay him, but I will get work and I will try to pay him.  
Q Is this a true debt? Do you actually owe him this money?  
A Yes, sir; if it wasn't so, I would say so.  
Q Did you give him any note for the money?  
A No, sir, no note at all, except the words of our mouth.  
Q Would you be willing for me to go into court and swear to what you have just told me in case he attempted to collect this debt when he returns to this country?  
A Yes, sir, I am perfectly willing for you to do that, because I actually owe this man the money.  
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?  
A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) GOON CHONG, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.