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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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No. 405

SUBJECT:

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In re. AH SONG, Restaurant Cook, No.119 Clark st.,Chicago, Illinois.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 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 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 Collector of Internal Revenue for the Second District of New York, at the City of New York in said District, April 27, 1894; and is numbered "125,524" "125,322".

MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

NAME:- A H S O N G.

AGE:-Forty-Eight (48) Years.

HEIGHT:-Five (5) Feet, Six (6) Inches.

LOCAL RESIDENCE:-No.119 Clark st.,Chicago, Illinois.

OCCUPATION:-~~Waiter~~ Restaurant Cook.

EYES:-Dark Brown. COMPLEXION:-Light (Mongolian).

MARKS:-Mole on Chin.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS BELOW:
PROPERTY:-None, except the personal property described below and Money in hand.

DEBT:-Payable by one FOY QUOY, a Restaurant Cook and Restaurateur, of the Foo Chew Lo, No.233 Wabash avenue, in said City of Chicago, for Money Loaned, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

The "Wee Ying Lo" is a Chinese Restaurant, located at No.174 Clark st., in said City of Chicago. The "Song Wing Lo" is a Restaurant located at No.119 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid. And I am the bona fide and lawful owner of a five-hundred-dollar share and interest in all the business and assets of the said restaurants. The same is worth upwards of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

The value of said personal property and debt aggregates, actually and reasonably amounts to, at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). It is unsettled and unascertained; and is not covered by promissory note or notes, or other evidences of ascertained liability.

I HEREBY AGREE That none of such property or debt shall be diverted, transferred, collected or otherwise disposed, during my absence, but 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, in the State of California, one month from the date hereof, or as soon hereafter as I may, and to return to the United States at the same port of San Francisco within one year thereafter.

WHEREFORE, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST A CERTIFICATE OF MY RIGHT TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., August 15, 1906.

Subscribed and sworn to, by the above-named }
AH SONG, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, this 15 } day of August, A.D., 1906, before me.

Chinese & Immigration Inspector.

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August 16, 1906.

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

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
 A My Chinese name is Law Gwone but my certificate name is Ah Song.
 Q What is your business?
 A I am a cook in a restaurant.
 Q Where are you employed at the present time?
 A Wee Ying Lo.
 Q How much salary do you get?
 A Last year I got \$50 a month and now I get \$60.
 Q Have you any interest in that restaurant?
 A Yes, I have a \$500.00 interest.
 Q Is this \$500 in the Wee Ying Lo or the Song Ying Lo or both?
 A I invested this \$500 in the Wee Ying Lo first, then we made some money and used it to open up Song Ying Lo.
 Q When did you invest this money in Wee Ying Lo?
 A I remember we opened the restaurant in K.S. 29th, 11th or 12th.
 Q Where did you get the money that you invested in this restaurant?
 A I had this money when I came from New York. After I arrived here it was almost a year before I invested it in this Wee Ying Lo restaurant.
 Q Have you received any dividends on that money as yet?
 A No.
 Q How many partners have you in those restaurants?
 A I don't know how many but Mr. Moy Sam knows that.
 Q How much money is there invested in both of the restaurants?
 A Very close to \$70,000 in both restaurants. About \$40,000 in Song Ying Lo.
 Q What other property have you in the United States?
 A A man named Foy Quoy owes me \$550.
 Q What does he owe you that money for?
 A He borrowed this money to put into Foo Chew Lo restaurant, of which Toy Fung is manager.
 Q When did he borrow that money?
 A Last year, Chinese date, 10th month.
 Q Where did the loan take place?
 A He was busy fixing up this restaurant and I took it over there and handed it to him.
 Q Was this all one lump sum?
 A Yes; all at one time.
 Q Did he give you a note for the money?
 A No, sir; no note given.
 Q Does he pay you any interest for it?
 A No, sir; no interest.
 Q How much money of his own did he put into that restaurant?
 A He didn't have any money. He only invested \$500 that he borrowed from me. He said when he borrowed this money from me that he was poor and had no money of his own, and had received a

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letter from home that his folks were very poor and needed the money and so he wanted to send them \$100 in Mexican money and invested \$500 in this restaurant.

- Q Why didn't you invest the \$500 in that restaurant yourself instead of lending it to him to invest?
- A At the time when this restaurant was opened I was already in a business of my own and I didn't want to carry so many things in my head, and this man I knew in New York, he was a good friend of mine and I knew he was honest, and so I let him have the money.
- Q Well, didn't you think the chances of your getting your money back were just as good if you invested the money in the restaurant yourself instead of giving it to him to invest in that restaurant?
- A At the time I thought I would make a trip to China myself and I didn't have very much money to lend, and he was a good friend of mine and so I let him have it.
- Q Did you actually lend him this money or is this a debt that you have trumped up in order to go to China?
- A No, sir; it is not a false debt; I really loaned the money to him.
- Q Did you put this loan down in any book?
- A No; I didn't put it in any book.
- Q When do you expect Foy Quoy will pay you?
- A I don't know when he will pay me. He hasn't any money now and I will have to wait for it.
- Q Doesn't he make any money in the restaurant?
- A He told me they about made expenses.
- Q Why didn't he have any money of his own at the time he borrowed this money of you?
- A He is a very extravagant man and ~~now~~ spent all he made.
- Q Don't you think a man of that kind is pretty poor security to lend money to?
- A I know that he will pay me when he makes the money.
- Q How long have you known him?
- A 11 or 12 years.
- Q What is his business?
- A I always knew him as a restaurant man.
- Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
- A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) AH SONG, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, MOY SAM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified (in English):

- Q What is your name? A Moy Sam.
Q What is your connection with the Wee Ying Lo and Song Ying Lo?
A I am manager of both restaurants.
Q About how much money is there invested in the firm of Wee Ying Lo?
A First time about \$31,000.
Q How much have you at present?
A We have increased the money in a year or two and have a branch, Song Ying Lo.
Q How much money is there invested in Song Ying Lo?
A Altogether we have about \$70,000 in both restaurants.
Q Are these restaurants owned by you individually, or by a corporation, or by a partnership?
A Partnership.
Q How many partners have you in the two restaurants?
A I think we have 25. I forget the exact number but could tell you by looking it up on our book.
Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)?
A Yes, sir; I do. It is Law Gwone; I think it is his married name.
Q What is his other name?
A Ah Song.
Q Has he any interest in your restaurant?
A Yes, sir.
Q How much?
A \$500.00.
Q How long has he had that interest in your restaurant?
A About three years ago this July.
Q What is his business?
A He is a cook.
Q In either of these restaurants?
A In the Wee Ying Lo.
Q Do you know anything about his having any debts besides this interest in the restaurant?
A I don't know anything about that.
Q How much salary do you pay him?
A At first I paid him \$55 a month and now I pay him \$60 a month.
Q Is it your opinion that the \$500 he has invested in that restaurant is worth more than at the time he put it in?
A Yes, sir. I have not figured it up but in the last year and a half we have put in about \$18,000 more into the Wee Ying Lo.
Q Is there anything more that you want to say?
A That is all, Mr. Plummer; that is all I know about it.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) MOY SAM, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

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Witness, FOY QUOY, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Foy Quoy.
Q What is your full Chinese name?
A Toy Foy Quoy.
Q Are you registered?
A Yes, but I haven't got it with me; Moy Sam has it.
Q What is your business?
A Cook.
Q Where are you working now?
A Foo Chew Lo, 233 Wabash Ave., Chicago.
Q How long have you been working in that restaurant?
A We opened that restaurant last year, Chinese date, 11th month.
I have worked there ever since.
Q What do you do there?
A Cook.
Q How much money is there invested in that restaurant altogether.
A \$12,000 to \$13,000.
Q How much of an interest have you in it?
A \$500.00.
Q Where did you get the money?
A Law Yun (Gwone) is his Chinese name.
Q Whose photograph is that (showing photo of applicant)?
A That is Law Yun, the very man I speak about.
Q How much did you borrow of him?
A \$550.00.
Q Where did this loan take place?
A At the restaurant of Foo Chew Lo.
Q Was that \$500.00 that you borrowed from him invested in the restaurant?
A Yes.
Q Didn't you have any money of your own at that time?
A No, sir, I hadn't.
Q How did you happen to borrow money to make an investment of that kind with?
A He agreed to lend me the money before I did anything in the restaurant.
Q Why would you borrow money to make an investment of that kind or make any investment at all when you didn't have the money yourself?
A If he had not agreed to lend me the money I wouldn't have done anything in the restaurant at all.
Q Did you work in that restaurant any before it was opened?
A I began to work there about the last part of the 7th month and we opened the restaurant the last part of the 10th month or the first part of the 11th month.
Q Why didn't you have any money of your own to invest in that enterprize?
A I was out of work for some little time before I came here, and ~~had~~ what little money I had I sent to my family in China. That is why I didn't have any.
Q How long have you been in Chicago?
A A little over three years.
Q Where were you before that?
A Pittsburgh.
Q What were you doing there?
A I was also in the restaurant business.

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- Q Were you in a restaurant for yourself or did you work for someone else?
A I worked for some one else.
Q Then, if you have been working for other people and you have been getting good pay, why haven't you got money of your own?
A I was in business in New York before I went to Pittsburg and was in debt considerably in New York, and I paid quite a lot on those debts while I was in Pittsburg and also sent some to China.
Q Where were you in business in New York?
A No. 230 Pell St., Yun Fung Lo.
Q How much money did you lose there?
A \$1,000.00.
Q Are you the head cook down here at the Foo Chew Lo?
A Yes.
Q Does a man have to have an interest in these restaurants in order to get the best jobs in them?
A We never employ outside men unless we absolutely need them.
Q Have you received any dividends yet on your investment?
A No, sir, we haven't received any yet. We are just about even.
Q When do you expect to pay this debt?
A I will pay it when he comes back to this country if I have it.
Q How long have you known Ah Song?
A About ten years. I knew him in New York.
Q Is this a true debt?
A A true debt.
Q Did you give him a note for this loan?
A No, no note given, as we are good friends.
Q Did you put it down in any book?
A No, I did not.
Q What did you do with the other \$50? You borrowed \$550.
A I sent it home.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony by mark:

(Signed) FOY QUOY His X Mark. Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, INTERPRETER.

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April 1, 1907.

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

Witness, MOY SAM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified
(in English):

- Q. What is your name? A Moy Sam.
Q. Are you still the manager of Wee Ying Lo restaurant,
174 S.Clark St., Chicago?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
A. Yes, sir; his name is Ah Song.
Q. Does he still own the same interest in your restaurant that he
did at the time of his departure for China?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. What is that interest? A \$500.00.
Q. What would you say is the value of the Wee Ying Lo property now
as compared to the time of applicant's departure?
A. The property has about the same value now as at the time he went
away.
Q. Have you sent him any money since he has been in China?
A. No, sir.
Q. Is there anything further you care to say in regard to this
man's ownership in the restaurant?
A. No, sir. That is all.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) MOY SAM, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

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Witness, TOY QUOY, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Toy Quoy.
Q What is your business? A Restaurant business.
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes, I know him as either Ah Song or Ah Sam.
Q What is his Chinese name?
A Law Foon Yun is his full Chinese name.
Q Do you owe him any money at the present time?
A Yes, I owe him \$550.00.
Q It says here (referring to application) that you owe him \$500?
A \$550.00 is right.
Q How do you happen to owe him \$550.00 ^{now} and only \$500 when he went away?
A I have owed him \$550.00 ever since I borrowed the money from him.
Q Have you sent him back any money or paid him anything on this debt since he went back to China?
A No.
Q Has there been any change in the obligation since that time?
A No change at all. It remains the same.
Q When do you expect to repay him?
A I lost all the money I invested in the Foo Chew Lo restaurant, and I will pay him when I have it.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter, Wong Aloy? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) TOY QUOY, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.