

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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Department of Commerce and Labor
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Form 410STATEMENT 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 Fifth district of Illinois, at Peoria Illinois

dated January 22nd, 1894, and numbered 13617



Name, Huie Sing

Present age, Forty-two years years.

Local residence, Bloomington Illinois

Occupation, Laundryman

Height: 5 feet, 3 1/2 inches. Weight, 136 lbs.

Color of eyes, Brown Complexion, Sallow

Physical marks or peculiarities for identification:

None apparent.

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, _____

Value, \$ _____

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 Gun Chung, of Bloomington Illinois

One thousand (1000.00) dollars, for Sale of laundry

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.

Huie Sing
(Signature of applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

14 day of March, 1906

(Name) *Ward E. Thompson*

(Title) *Chinese Inspector Inspector*

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BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, March 20, 1906.

Case of
HUIE SING,
Lab. Dep. : Ward E. Thompson, Examining Inspector.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Thompson, testified in English;

- Q What is your name? A Huie Sing.
Q How old are you? A 42 years old.
Q Is this your photograph? A Yes.
Q What is your occupation? A Laundryman.
Q How long have you been in the United States?
A I first came in K.S. 14th year.
Q Where did you land? A San Francisco.
Q How long have you been in Bloomington? A 12 years.
Q Have you a wife, parent, or child in the United States? A No.
Q Have you any property in the United States? A No.
Q Upon what do you base your right to a return certificate?
A Upon the grounds that Gun Chung owes me \$1,000.
Q Has that man any other name?
A He is a "Der" family man and goes by the name of Der Tom.
Q How did he come to owe you \$1,000?
A He bought my interest in this laundry, 214 E. Front St.
Q How much interest did you have in this laundry?
A Huie Leong and myself were sole owners; we put in \$1,000 apiece.
Q When did you sell your share to Gun Chung?
A March 1st, this year.
Q Do you consider this laundry worth \$2,000?
A It is worth more than that.
Q How much business does the laundry do a week?
A About \$90.
Q How many men did you employ?
A Four.
Q Did you have a lease on the building?
A Yes, Huie Leong and I had one.
Q Did you sell that to Der Tom and Lee Fung?
A Not exactly. We sold out the unexpired time of our lease and then Der Tom and Lee Fung had that cancelled and got a new lease from the landlord.
Q Can I see that lease?
A Yes. (Witness produced lease wherein the premises at 214 E. Front St., Bloomington, Ill., were leased to Der Tom and Lee Fung for five years; date of lease March 7, 1906; rental, \$300 per annum.)
Q Did Der Tom pay you for this laundry?
A No, he owes me for it.
Q When is he going to pay you?
A When I return from China?
Q Did he give you a note? A No.
Q Does the money draw interest? A No.
Q Have you understood my questions? A Yes.
Q What are you going to do when you come back from China?
A I am going to have Gun Chung pay me the \$1,000 and then start a new laundry some place.

Applicant signed his testimony in English;

(Signed) HUIE SING, Applicant.

(Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.

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Witness, GUN CHUNG, alias DER TOM, sworn by Inspector Thompson, testified in English:

- Q What is your name?
A Der Gun Chung. My certificate name is Gun Chung, and I go by the name of Der Tom.
Q How old are you? A 50 years.
Q What is your occupation?
A I just bought this laundry a few weeks ago. I formerly was a restaurant keeper in Terre Haute, Indiana. You remember me; I saw you there.
Q How long have you been in Bloomington?
A About one month.
Q Are you registered?
A Yes. (Witness produced certificate 65204, issued at Baltimore, Md., to Gun Chung.)
Q Who does this photograph represent (showing photo of applicant)?
A That is Huie Sing.
Q How long have you known him? A 2 or 3 years.
Q Did you ever have any business dealings with him?
A Yes, I bought his share of this laundry.
Q How much did you pay him for it?
A I bought it for \$1000 but have paid him nothing as yet.
Q When are you going to pay him?
A When he returns from China. I have no money now; I went broke in my restaurant business in Terre Haute.
Q Did you give him a note for this money? A No, sir.
Q Do you pay him any interest? A No, sir.
Q Did you buy machinery, lease, and all when you bought this laundry?
A Lee Fung and I bought everything. We bought the unexpired lease of Huie Sing and Huie Leong and got the landlord to make us out a new 5 year lease in our name. (Witness produced lease mentioned in Huie Sing's testimony.)
Q Do you consider this laundry worth \$2,000?
A Yes, more than that.
Q When did you buy the laundry?
A March 1st, this year.
Q What will become of this money that you owe this man if he never comes back from China?
A I will send it to him or his folks.
Q If you never paid him and he came back here, what would be the result?
A I suppose he would try to take his laundry back, but he will never do it, as I will pay him.
Q How much business are you doing in this laundry?
A About \$85 worth a week. Before I bought it I looked over the books and I saw that they had been doing from \$80 to \$90 a week for several years past.
Q Have you understood my questions? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) GUN CHUNG, Witness.

(Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.