

IMMIGRATION FILE

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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 Third district of

Illinois, at Chicago
dated March 19, 1894, and numbered 5920

Name, Yuen ShingPresent age, 44 years.Local residence, 331 Solclock St ChicagoOccupation, LaundrymanHeight: 5 feet, 5 inches. Weight, _____ lbs.Color of eyes, brown Complexion, medium

Physical marks or peculiarities for identification: _____

mole on left side of neck

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 Chai L. Kwong, of 273 E 31 St Chicago

\$600.00 dollars, for purchase price of laundry

Due from Yuen Shing, of 98 E Randolph St Chicago

\$600.00 dollars, for money loaned

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.

P. T. H.

(Signature of applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me

day of November, 190 7

273 East Thirty-first St.

CHICAGO

June 6th, 1908.

Case of

YUEN SHING,

Lab. returning.

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H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.

Witness, CHARLIE GWONG, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name?

A Charlie Gwong.

Q Do you identify the picture on this paper? (Showing photograph of applicant)

A Yes, it is Yuen Shing. I owe him \$600.00.

Q Have you paid him any of the money back?

A No, I will do that when he gets back. He owned one half of this place and I bought his interest for \$600.00. I still owe him.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Charlie Gwong.

Subscribed and sworn to, before me this 6th day of June, 1908.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet.

Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO.

June 9th, 1908.

Case of

YUEN SHING,

Lab. returning.

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L. T. Plummer,

J.G.C. Longchallon,

W. B. Calkins,

Examining Inspector.

Interpreter.

Stenographer.

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

Q What is your name?

A Gune Sing.

Q What is your business?

A I work in a restaurant on Randolph St.

Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)

A Sure, it is Yuen Shing.

Q Do you owe him any money?

A Yes, \$600.00.

Q Have you paid him any since he has been in China?

A No. When he comes back, if I have the money, I will pay him.

Q Has there been any change in the debt since he departed?

A No change.

Q Have you understood the interpreter?

A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony with his mark.

(Signed) Gune X Sing. Witness.
his
mark

(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
IMMIGRATION SERVICE
CHICAGO, ILL.

Department of Commerce and Labor
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SUBJECT:

OFFICE OF CHINESE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
CHICAGO, ILL.

December 13, 1907.

Yuen Shing, 180

c/o Mee Lung Co.,
331 So. Clark St.,
City.

Sir:

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

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge

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Chicago, December 5, 1907.

Yuen Shing, Lab. Dep.

L. T. Plummer, Inspector,
J. G. C. Longchallon, Interpreter

Applicant sworn by Inspector, testified as follows:

What is your name?

Yuen Shing.

What is your occupation?

Laundryman.

Do you own a laundry at the present time?

No, I sold it.

When did you sell it?

November 4, 1907.

Who to?

Charlie Gwong.

How much for?

I sold my share for \$600.00.

Cash?

No.

How much was your share?

one-half.

Didn't he pay any cash?

No.

How long have you known him?

Since in China.

Why didn't he have any money?

He had returned from China not very long ago.

Did he give you any note?

No.

How long had you owned that place?

Over four years.

If he doesn't pay you when you return, will you take back the laundry?

Yes.

Was that the understanding?

Yes.

Why does Goon Sing owe you this money?

He borrowed it to put into a restaurant.

When did he borrow it?

K. S. 33 - 8 - 15.

Why did you lend him so much money just before you were going to China?

I did not intend to go at that time. I got a letter from home since asking me to go.

How long have you known him?

Since in China.

Did he give you any note?

No.

How much did he put into that restaurant?

He owns one-half. It is worth \$1800.00.

Did he buy his half at the time he borrowed this money of you?

Yes.

Why didn't you take an interest in it instead of lending him this money?

I don't know anything about the restaurant business.

Can you take his interest in the restaurant, if he doesn't pay you?

Yes. When I come back he will pay me, but if he doesn't,

I will take his share.

Was that the understanding when the loan was made?

Yes.

Did you put this loan in your book?

No.

Don't you think it is poor business to lend so much money to a man to put into a business like that?

No, because they are doing a good business.

How much business did you do in your laundry?

About one hundred dollars a week.

Who was your partner?

Goon K. Dak.

What would Goon Sing do if you never came back from China?

He would send it to me, but if I come back he will pay me.

Are these honest debts, or have you made them up so that you can go to China?

They are honest debts.

Have you understood the interpreter?

Yes.

Witness signed notes in Chinese.

Signed

J. G. C. Longchallon,
L. T. Plummer.

Department of Commerce and Labor

What would Gov. Taft do if you were caught
from Cuba? He would send you home but
if I am back he will pay me.

Are these honest debts or have you made them
up so you can go to Cuba. They are honest
debts.

Understood Interpretation - yes

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J. H. Tongchallow.
L. J. Plummer

Yuen Shing, Lab. Dep.

December 5, 1907.

Witness sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified as follows:

What is your name?

Goon Sing.

What is your occupation?

Restauratuer.

Are you registered?

Yes. (produces No. 5901 issued to Gune Sing, Chicago, March 17, 1894)

Do you know this man - (Showing photograph of Applicant)

Yes. It is Yuen Shing.

How long have you known him?

Since we were in China.

Why do you owe him so much money?

I borrowed \$600.00 to put in a restaurant on Randolph St., No. 98.

How much did you put in altogether?

\$900.00.

Didn't you have any money of your own?

Yes. I had some.

Who was your partner in that restaurant?

Yuen Chung.

Did you buy that place or open it?

We bought it.

Who of, and how much did you pay?

Goon Choy. We paid \$1800.00 for the whole place.

When did you borrow this money?

K. S. 33 - 8 - 15.

Did you give him any note?

No.

Can he take that interest in your restaurant, if you don't pay him?

Yes, If he wants to.

Is that the understanding?

Yes.

Why would borrow such a large part of the money you put into that place?

Because I had not enough of my own.

You only had a small part of the necessary money?

Yes. That's true.

If he never came back, what would you do about paying this debt?

I will send it to him.

Is this a true debt, or have you made it up so that he can go to China?

Yes. It is a true debt.

Would you be willing for me to go into court and swear to what you have said, if he tried to collect this after his return?

Yes. Because it is true.

Have you understood the interpreter?

Yes.

GOON SING (his mark) X

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J. G. C. Longchallon,
L. T. Plummer.

Yuen Shing, Lab.Dep.

Chicago, Illinois, December 5, 1907

Witness sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified as follows:

What is your name?

Charlie Gwong.

What's your Chinese name?

Yuen Quong Ju.

What's your occupation?

Laundryman.

Do you know this man (Showing photograph of applicant)

Yes. It is Yuen Shing.

Why didn't you have any money to pay him for that laundry when you bought it?

Because I had none.

Why hadn't you?

I had spent all I earned.

When did you buy that laundry?

November 4, 1907.

How much did you pay?

\$600.00 for his part.

What part did he own?

One-half.

How much business does it do?

About \$100.00 a week.

How much rent.

\$30.00

If you don't pay him after his return can you take the laundry?

Yes.

Is that the understanding?

Yes.

Would you be willing to come into any court and testify to that?

Yes. Because it is true.

How long have you known Yuen Shing?

I knew him in China.

Is he any relation to you?

No. No, Only a clan cousin.

Did you give him any note?

No I just remember it.

Have you understood the interpreter?

Yes.

Signed

CHAS. GWONG

J. G. C. Longchallon

L. T. Plummer.