

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

IMMIGRATION FILE

No.

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No. 737.

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 First district of

ILLINOIS, at Chicago, Ill.

dated March 19th, 1894, and numbered 5911



Name, HOW DUCK

Present age, Forty-nine years.

Local residence, 309 So. Clark St.

Occupation, Laundryman.

Height: 5 feet, 9-1/2 inches. Weight, _____ lbs.

Color of eyes, dark brown Complexion, Light

Physical marks or peculiarities for identification: _____

Scar over left ear.

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 HU YUEN, of 309 So. Clark St.

Six hundred - - - - - (\$600.00) dollars, for money loaned.

Due from LEE WAI, of 239 E. Division

Five hundred & sixty (\$560.00) 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.

How Duck

(Signature of applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 190 9.

(Name) L. J. Plummer

(Title) Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
SEATTLE, WASH.

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No. 011-C.

May 27, 1910.

Inspector in Charge,
U.S. Immigration,
Chicago, Ill.

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Inspector in Charge,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

S i r:

Referring to your file No. 737, I beg to advise that Chinese laborer How Duck, certificate No. 5911, whose status was the subject of a favorable report by you to the Portal, North Dakota Office, arrived at this port April 16, 1910, on the S.S. "Princess Victoria", and that he was landed the same day.

Respectfully,

Ellis D. Ryder
Commissioner.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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SUBJECT:

OFFICE OF

Portal, North Dakota

PORT OF

Nov. 3, 1909

No. 2636

Mr. How Duck, c/o Shun Tien Chong,

No. 63 Wing Lok St., Hong Kong, China

Sir:

Replying to your request for an ad interim investigation of your case prior to your intended return to the United States, I have to advise you that you will be permitted to enter, unless, upon your arrival here, you controvert the statements contained in your application.

Respectfully,

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John J. Ahel
Inspector in Charge

Copy respectfully furnished Mr. L. T. Plummer, Inspector in Charge, Chicago, Ill., acknowledging receipt of his letter of the 1st instant.

It is noted that Inspector Tappett did not obtain, from the Chinese witnesses, the information required by Bureau Circular No. 52076/13 of June 10, 1909, and I would therefore request that this information be supplied, if convenient.

John J. Ahel
Inspector in Charge

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Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

No. 737.

522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO

November 1st, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.
HOW DUCK, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Laborer returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, HU YUEN, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Hu Yuen.
Q How many names have you? A. Two.
Q What is your other name? A. Hu Ying Ju.
Q Is that your marriage name? A. Yes.
Q What is your occupation? A. Laundryman.
Q What is your address? A. 309 So. Clark St.
Q Do you identify the photograph of this man? (Showing
photograph of applicant) A. Yes, that is How Duck.
Q Do you owe him any money? A. Yes.
Q How much? A. \$600.00.
Q How long have you known him? A. About ten years.
Q Why do you owe him \$600.00? A. I borrowed that to send
back to China.
Q For what purpose? A. To put up a house.
Q Where were you when you received the money? A. At Sing
Lung's.
Q When did you get the money? A. Last year, 11th month, I
got the money.
Q Do you know when you have to pay it back? A. No.
Q Didn't you tell him when you were going to pay back this
money? A. I suppose I will after he comes back.
Q Haven't you paid him any of it? A. No.
Q Are you related to this man? A. Yes, a tribe cousin.
Q Do you want me to understand that you owe this man an
even \$600.00? A. Yes.
Q Why haven't you paid him back any of this money? A. Didn't
have any on hand.
Q Are you employed now? A. Haven't been workings for the
last two weeks.
Q Where did you work last? A. 179 12th St.
Q 309 So. Clark St. is your local address, is it? A. yes.

Witness signed his names in Chinese only.

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H. E. Tippet

(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.

Case of HOW DUCK.

Witness, LEE WAH, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Lee Wah.
 Q How many names have you? A. Two names.
 Q What is your other name? A. Lee Won Dot.
 Q What is your occupation? A. Laundryman.
 Q Are you the proprietor of a laundry or simply working
 in one? A. I have a laundry of my own.
 Q What is the name of it? A. Wah Lee.
 Q Where is it located? A. 239 E. Division St.
 Q Do you identify the photograph on this paper? A. Yes
 that is How Duck.
 Q Do you owe him any money? A. Yes, \$560.00.
 Q When did you get the money? A. Last year, the first of
 May.
 Q Have you a memorandum of it? A. No, he had it in a
 book.
 Q Where did the transaction take place? A. He brought it
 to my laundry.
 Q What did you borrow the money for? A. To buy the laundry
 out there.
 Q Were you working there before? A. I used to be a partner
 in there. Then I borrowed this money and bought the other fellow out.
 Q The \$560.00 you borrowed from this applicant you put in
 that laundry? A. Yes.
 Q Have you paid any of it back? A. No.
 Q You still owe him that amount now, do you? A. Yes.

Witness signed his names in Chinese only.

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(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.

No. 737.

April 30th, 1909.

Mr. O. B. Holton,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Portal, North Dakota.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith papers in the case of HOW DUCK, laborer of this city, applicant for a laborer's return certificate. The certificate of residence has been compared with the duplicate on file at the Bureau and has been found to be genuine. The descriptive statement is accurate and the photograph is a good likeness.

The investigation in the case was made by Chinese Inspector H. E. Tippet, and I inclose his favorable report together with a transcript of the notes taken at his examination. In view of which I would recommend that applicant be granted the privilege which he requests.

I will hand one copy of the papers to applicant with instructions to present the same to you upon his departure through your port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

No. 737.

April 27th, 1909.

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

Sir:-

I have made an investigation in the case of HOW DUCK, a laborer of this city, applicant for a laborer's return certificate, and have to report the following:

This man bases his right to a return certificate upon the claim that two men, Hu Yuen and Lee Wah, owe him debts aggregating over one thousand dollars. Upon this claim I have examined applicant and his two alleged debtors.

From my examination I am of the opinion that applicant has complied with the law and is entitled to the privilege which he requests.

Respectfully,

H. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector.

522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO April 26th, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.
HOW DUCK, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Laborer departing. : W. E. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, HOW DUCK, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. How Duck. (Hu Dock)
Q How many names have you? A. Hu Sing Gin is my marriage name.
Q How old are you? A. Forty-nine.
Q What is your occupation? A. Laundryman.
Q Are you the owner of a laundry or simply employed in one?
A. I work now.
Q What is your address? A. 309 So. Clark St., basement.
Q Upon what do you base your claim for a laborer's return certificate? A. That people owe me money.
Q Who owes you? A. Lee Wah.
Q How much does he owe you? A. \$560.00.
Q When did you let him have the money? A. I took it to his place, 239 Division St.
Q When? A. K.S. 34, 6th month, 1st day.
Q Did you let him have \$560.00 all at once? A. Yes.
Q What is Lee Wah's business? A. Laundry.
Q Does he own a laundry at the number given? A. Yes.
Q Why did you let him have this money? A. I don't know what he wanted it for. He asked me to let him have it.
Q Did he give you a note for it? A. No, I am a friend of his.
Q Did he ever pay any of it back? A. No.
Q Did you ever lend him any money before? A. No, that was the first time.
Q Does he pay you any interest for the money? A. No.
Q Is he any relation to you? A. No. He is only a friend of mine.
Q Was this transaction in cash or did you pay him with a check?
A. In cash.
Q Who else owes you money? A. Hu Yuen.
Q What is his occupation? A. 309 So. Clark St. He works in a laundry.
Q How much does he owe you? A. \$600.00.
Q When did you let him have this money? A. Last year, Chinese date, 11th month, 10th day.
Q Where did the transaction take place? A. Sing Lung's.
Q Did you give him \$600.00 in cash? A. Yes, in cash to send home.
Q Did he give you any security for it? A. No.
Q Is he related to you? A. Just a clan cousin.
Q Are these debts bona fide transactions? A. Yes.
Q You understand that in case these are proven false, you cannot return to this country? A. Yes.
Q Have you any other property rights besides this what is mentioned in this certificate? A. No.
Q Have you any wife or children in this country? A. No.

Applicant signed in English & Chinese.

(Signed) How Duck, Applicant.

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(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.

(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

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Case of HOW DUCK.

Witness, HU YUEN, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

- Q What is your name? A. Hu Yuen.
- Q How many names have you? A. Hu Ying Ju. is my marriage name.
- Q What is your occupation? A. Laborer.
- Q What is your local address? A. 309 So. Clark St
- Q Are you registered? A. Yes, (Produces certificate No. 5913, alborer, HU YUEN, dated March 22nd, 1894, issued at Chicago.)
- Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
- A. Yes, How Duck.
- Q How long have you known him? A. For the past ten years.
- Q Do you owe him any money? A. Yes.
- Q How much? A. \$600.00.
- Q Just even \$600.00? A. Yes.
- Q Why do you owe him this money? A. I wanted this money to send him to build a house.
- Q Where did you get it? A. Sing Lung's.
- Q When? A. Last year, 10th month, 10th day.
- Q Did he bring \$600.00 to you and give it to you at Sing Lung's?
- A. Yes.
- Q Have you paid any of it back? A. No.
- Q You are not related to him in any way are you? A. No, I am a good friend of his.
- Q Have you ever been a witness in a case like this before, where a man is going to China? A. When the office was over in the other building I was a witness.
- Q When was that? A. K.S. 33, 7th month.
- Q Did you owe a man some money then? A. Yes.
- Q Is that the only case you have been a witness in before?
- A. Yes.
- Q Have you paid that money back? A. Yes.
- Q Is this a bona fide transaction? Have you really borrowed this money from this man? A. Yes.
- Q Do you understand that if you do not and it is found out while this man is in China, he cannot return? A. Yes.
- Q Are you employed now? A. Yes.
- Q Where? A. 179 Twelfth St.

Witness signed his names in Chinese.

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(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. E. Tippet, Inspector.

Case of HOW TUCK.

Witness, LEE WAH, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

- Q What is your name? A. Lee Wah.
Q How many names have you? A. I have another name.
Q What is it? A. Lee Won Dot.
Q What is your occupation? A. Laundryman.
Q Do you own a laundry? A. Yes, I bought it.
Q What is the name of it? A. "Wah Lee", 239 E. Division St.
Q Are you registered? A. Yes.
Q Let me see your certificate? A. (produces certificate No. 5915, laborer, LEE WAH, dated Chicago, March 22nd, 1894.)
Q Do you identify the photograph on this certificate?
A. Yes, How Dock.
Q How long have you known him? A. Since childhood.
Q Do you owe him any money? A. I owe him some money.
Q How much? A. \$560.00.
Q When did you get the money? A. Last year, 6th month.
Q Where did the transaction take place? A. He brought it up to my laundry and gave it to me.
Q Was it all in cash? A. Yes.
Q Did you give him any security for it? A. No.
Q Did you pay any of it back since you borrowed it? A. No.
Q Is this a bona fide transaction? A. Yes.
Q What did you borrow the money for? A. To buy the other part of the laundry.
Q Are you sole owner of the laundry now? A. It all belongs to me now.
Q Did you give him a note for the money? A. No.

Witness signed his names in Chinese.

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(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.