

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICENo. 731

No. 731.

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 Sixth district of Missouri, at Kansas City, Mo. dated April 20th, 1894, and numbered 42214



Name, GEE WING KEE
Present age, Forty-six years.
Local residence, 18 LaFayette Ave., Detroit, Mich.
Occupation, Restauranteur.
Height: 5 feet, 6-1/2 inches. Weight, lbs.
Color of eyes, Dark brown Complexion, light
Physical marks or peculiarities for identification: None.

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, interest in "King Ying Lo" restaurant, located at 18 LaFayette Ave., Detroit, Mich. Value, \$ 500.00.

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 CHIN WING, of 319 So. Clark St. Chicago.

(\$575.00)

Five hundred & seventy-five dollars, for money loaned.

Due from CHIN FUNG KEE, of 479 W. Madison St. Chicago.

Six Hundred-----(\$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.

Gee Wing Kee
(Signature of applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of February, 1909

(Name) LOT HUNN

(Title) Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

No. 731.

January 6th, 1909.

Dr. Percy L. Prentiss,
Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

As requested by you, I have examined the witness, Chin Fung Koo, the alleged debtor of Gee Wing Koo, Chinese laborer, applicant for an ad interim investigation, whose case was forwarded to this office by Inspector in Charge, Portal, North Dakota, in his letter of December 28th, 1908, No. 2631.

This witness states that he still owes applicant the same amount as at the time of departure, and that the debt remains the same. The debtor, Chin Wing, is in Detroit, Mich. at 18 Lafayette Ave., I am informed, and would suggest that the papers be forwarded there for further examination.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector.

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Approved and forwarded to Inspector in Charge, Immigration Service, Detroit, Mich., with the request that he examine the debtor, Chin Wing, and also ascertain whether applicant's interest in the "King Ying Lo" restaurant remains the same as at the time of departure; and forward the result of his examination direct to Inspector in Charge at Portal, North Dakota.

(Signed) P. L. Prentiss

Inspector in Charge.

No. 731.

522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO

January 5, 1910.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
GEE WING KEE, :
Laborer returning. : Charley Kee, Interpreter.

Witness, CHIN FUNG KEE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Chin Fung Kee.
Q What is your business? A. Restaurateur.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A. Yes, it is Gee Wing Gay.
Q Do you owe him any money? A. Yes, \$600.00.
Q Have you paid him any since he went to China? A. No.
Q Any change in the debt or obligation since he was
deported? A. No.
Q When will you pay him? A. After he returns.
Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Witness signed his name in Chinese only.

(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N. DAK.

March 8, 1909

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

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the fourth instant, No. 731, enclosing application of Gee Wing Kee for a laborer's return certificate, together with other papers. In view of your opinion that applicant is entitled to a return certificate, I beg to advise that same will be issued when he departs thru this port.

If Gee Wing Kee wishes to go on the first boat sailing from Vancouver, he should be here not later than March 20th.

Respectfully,


Chinese Inspector in Charge

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Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

No. 731.

March 5th, 1909.

Gee Wing Kee,

c/o King Ying Lo, Restaruant,

18 LaFayette Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Sir:-

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

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

No. 731.

March 4th, 1909.

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

Sir:-

In compliance with your verbal instructions, I made the investigation in the case of GEE WING KEE, applicant for a laborer's return certificate.

This man bases his right to a return certificate upon the claim that he owns a \$500.00 interest in the King Ying Lo restaurant located at 18 LaFayette Ave., Detroit, Mich., and also upon the claim that two Chinamen, Chin Wing, and Chin Fung Kee, owe him debts aggregating more than one thousand dollars.

Upon these claims I have examined applicant and his two alleged debtors. The testimony taken tends to prove the existence of the debts claimed, and the statement of Chin Fung Kee also corroborates that of the applicant in regard to the latter's interest in the King Ying Lo restaurant in Detroit. From my examination, I am of the opinion that applicant has complied with the law and is entitled to the certificate which he requests.

Respectfully,

H. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector.

No. 731.

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

March 2nd, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.
GEE WING KEE, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Laborer departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, GEE WING KEE, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Gee Wing Kee.
Q What other name have you? A. That is all the name I
Have. I am not married.
Q What is your address? A. 18 LaFayette Ave., Detroit.
Q What is your occupation? A. Cashier in a restaurant,
King Ying Lo.
Q Have you an interest in that restaurant? A. Yes.
Q How much is your share there? A. \$500.00.
Q Have you been one of the partners ever since the res-
taurant was opened up for the first time? A. Yes.
Q You have made an application for a laborer's return
certificate, upon what do you base your claim? A. That some
friends of mine owe me some money.
Q Who owes you? A. Chin Fung Kee.
Q What is his address? A. 479 W. Madison St.
Q What does he do? A. Runs a restaurant.
Q How much does he owe you? A. \$600.00.
Q Did you loan him this money? A. Yes.
Q When did you let him have it? A. Last year, 12th month,
second day.
Q Did he give you any security for your money? A. No.
Q Is he related to you? A. No, just a friend of mine.
Q He owes you \$600.00 now, does he? A. Yes.
Q Does anybody else owe you any money? A. Chin Wing.
Q What is his address? A. 319 So. Clark St.
Q What is his occupation? A. He is not doing anything
now.
Q How much does he owe you? A. 575.00.
Q Is that borrowed money, also? A. Yes.
Q When did you let him have this money? A. E.S. 33,
10th month the 15th day.
Q He owes you now \$575.00, does he? A. Yes.
Q With your interest of \$500.00 in the restaurant and with
what these two men owe, is what you base your claim to a return
certificate, is it? A. Yes.
Q What port are you going out at? A. Portal.

Applicant signed his name in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Gee Wing Gay, Applicant.

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(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.
(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.

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Witness, CHIN WING, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

- Q What is your name? A. Chin Wing.
Q How many names have you? A. Chin Leung Jock.
Q What is your occupation? A. Work in a laundry now.
Q Are you registered? A. Yes.
Q Let me see your certificate? A. I haven't got it with me. Mr. Plummer has seen it. (Files of the office show that he was residing at 341 E. 63rd St. 10/4/04 when he showed cert. No. 5668 issued at Chicago Feb. 27, 1894)
Q What is your local address? A. 319 So. Clark St.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph on application)
A. Yes, Gee Wing Kee.
Q Do you owe him any money? A. Yes.
Q How much? A. \$575.00.
Q Did you borrow the money from him? A. Yes.
Q When did you get this money? A. Last year, K.S. 33, 10th month the 15th day.
Q Have you paid him any of it back? A. No.
Q Do you pay him interest on the money? A. No.
Q Did you give him any security for it? A. No.
Q Is he any relation to you? A. We are just friends.
Q You swear positively that you owe this man \$575.00?
A. Yes.
Q Did you ever owe him more than that? A. No.

Witness signed his names in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Chin Wing, Witness.

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(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.
(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.

Witness, CHIN FUNG KEE, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Chin Fung Kee.
 Q How many names have you? A. Two names.
 Q What is your other name? A. Chin Fung Shook.
 Q What is your occupation? A. Merchant of Wing Chong Hai & Co. I am stopping down at Madison St. at a restaurant.
 Q You just got back from China as a merchant did you not?
 A. Yes, got back last December.
 Q And now you are working in a restaurant. Do you have an interest in this restaurant? A. When that restaurant started I took a little interest in it.
 Q Are you registered? A. Yes.
 Q Let me see your certificate? A. It is on file here at this office.
 A That is a merchant paper. Have you a certificate of residence? A. Yes. I left it up at Portal when I went out, and they didn't give it back to me when I returned through that port. Mr. Plummer wrote them about it and I just got it back.
 Q Do you identify this picture? A. Yes.
 Q Who is it? A. Gee Wing Kee.
 Q Do you owe him any money? A. Yes, \$600.00.
 Q Did you borrow that money from him? A. Yes.
 Q When did you borrow it? A. I borrowed it and sent it back to the old country.
 Q When? A. Last year, 12th month, second day.
 Q Where did the transaction take place? A. Detroit.
 Q Was that after you got back from China? A. Yes.
 Q What does that man do in Detroit? A. He is treasurer in a restaurant.
 Q Did you get that money from him all at once? A. Yes.
 Q Get it while you were in Detroit, did you? A. Yes.
 Q Did you give him any security for the money? A. No.
 Q Do you pay him for the use of it? A. No.
 Q Do you owe him \$600.00 now? A. Yes.

Witness signed his names in Chinese.

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(Signed) Charley Kwe, Interpreter.
 (Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.