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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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No. 360

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 on March 17, 1894, ratified on December 7, 1894, and proclaimed by the President of the United States December 8, 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 20, 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 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, Illinois, dated March 8th, 1894, and numbered 5736.

Name, Lam Joy

Present age, 40 years.

Local residence, #321 Clark St, Chicago, Illinois

Occupation, Laundryman

Height: 5 feet, 10 1/2 inches. Weight: 135 lbs.

Color of eyes: Brown Complexion: Light.

Physical marks or peculiarities for identification:

Scar Back of Left Ear.

Scar Right Side of Head.

Tall & slender.



I CLAIM TO PAY ALL the debts, described below:

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 Lam Quai, of #321 Clark St, Chicago, Illinois, Four Hundred Eighty Five dollars, for money loaned at various times.

Due from Lam Stock, of #321 Clark St, Chicago, Illinois, Five Hundred Fifty Four & 60/100 dollars, for money loaned.

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.

Subscribed and sworn to, this 6 day of Sept, 1904, Lam Joy (Signature of applicant) Ward E. Thompson (Signature of Acting Chief Officer in Charge).

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LAM JOY, LABORER, APPLICANT FOR RETURN CERTIFICATE.

Chicago, September 7, 1904.

Ward E. Thompson, Inspector,

Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

- Q. What is your name?
A. Lam Joy.
Q. How old are you?
A. 40 years old.
Q. Where were you born?
A. China.
Q. When did you first come to the U.S.?
A. K.S.7.
Q. What is your business now?
A. Laundryman.
Q. Have you wife, parent, or child in the U.S.?
A. No.
Q. Have you any business interests, or property (not money) in the U.S.?
A. No.
Q. Upon what do you base your right to go to and return from China?
A. On the ground that I am registered, and on the ground that I have outstanding debts.
Q. How much money have you due you?
A. \$1200.00 Over \$1000.00.
Q. Give me the names of the men who owe you this money?
A. Lem Doek and Lem Quai.
Q. How much money does Lem Quai owe you?
A. \$485.00.
Q. How did he come to owe you this money?
A. He borrowed it from me.
Q. At one time, or different times?
A. Two different times.
Q. How did Lem Doek become indebted to you?
A. He borrowed it from me.
Q. At one time, or different times?
A. Two times.
Q. Did either of these men give you a promissory note for this money?
A. No, as they are cousins of mine I trust them.
Q. Where did you get this money that you loaned these men?
A. I worked hard for it and saved it up.
Q. About how much money do you make a month?
A. Sometimes \$50; sometimes \$60 a month.
Q. Have either of these men paid you back any of this money?
A. Each one made some payments.
Q. If each one has made payments on this account, how much does each one owe you now?
A. Lem Doek owes me \$554.50, and Lem Quai \$485.00.
Q. You mean these men have not paid you back any of these amounts they now owe you, do you?
A. No, they have not paid me back any of this money.
Q. Do you intend to collect this money or any part of it before you go to China, or while you are in China?
A. After I come from China I will collect it.
Q. Will these men be able to repay you when you come back?
A. Yes.
Q. Where did these loans take place?
A. Sometimes it took place on the street, sometimes at their store, and sometimes I sent it to them.
Q. Have these men books containing the account?
A. I don't know whether they have it or not, but I have.
Q. Have you a book, or just a piece of paper containing this account?
A. I have it in a book and a paper, both.
Q. Where is your book?
A. AT the Store of Quang Yuen Co., Chicago.

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- Q. You are willing to swear are you that this is a genuine account?
 A. Yes, I will swear it is genuine.
 Q. Is that your photograph? (Showing photograph on application).
 A. Yes.
 Q. Have you understood the interpreter?
 A. Yes.
 Q. What port do you wish to depart from?
 A. Portal.
 Q. Will you go and get your book?
 A. Yes. (Witness appeared with book, and reads

- " Lem Deek
- " K.S.30, 2nd Month, 5th Day,
- " Borrowed from me \$300.00
- " 3rd Month, (Same year) 1st Day,
- " Borrowed \$300.00
- " 7th Month (Same year) 1st Day
- " Paid back \$45.50
- " Still due \$554.50."

- " Lem Quai
- " K.S.29, 3rd Month, 15th Day
- " Borrowed \$200.00
- " 4th Month (Same year) 3rd day
- " Borrowed \$400.00
- " 12th Month (Same year) 20th Day
- " Paid back \$115.00
- " Still owes me \$485.00."

- Q. Now, I want you to thoroughly understand me: You stated a while ago that you loaned each of these men money at two different times. I want to know where these loans took place?
 A. I thought you meant to ask me if any one else owed me money besides these two. My answer was I loaned small loans on the street to different men, not to these two men. As regards giving Lem Deek and Lem Quai the money I loaned them, I sent the money from the country to the store. Then I made them a loan from the store after I came to the city.
 Q. Then these loans always took place at the store, did they?
 A. Yes.

WITNESS SWORN.

Ward E. Thompson
INSPECTOR.

Wong Aloy
INTERPRETER.

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Ward E. Thompson, Inspector,
Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

- Q. What is your name?
A. Lem Quai.
Q. How old are you?
A. 40 years old.
Q. What is your business?
A. Laundry.
Q. Do you own a laundry?
A. No, not now.
Q. Just work in one, do you?
A. Not working now.
Q. Are you registered?
A. Yes. (Shows Certificate No. 5761, issued at Chicago, March 10, 1894.)
Q. Whose picture is that? (Showing photograph on application.)
A. Lam Joy.
Q. How long have you known Lam Joy?
A. About five years.
Q. Did you ever have any business dealings with him?
A. I have borrowed money from him.
Q. How much money did you borrow from him, altogether?
A. \$600.00; I have paid back some.
Q. How much do you owe him now?
A. I owe him now \$485.00.
Q. Did you borrow this money at one or different times?
A. Different times.
Q. What did you want this money for?
A. To start a laundry.
Q. What year did you borrow it?
A. Last year.
Q. Did you lose all the money you put in the laundry?
A. Yes, lost it all.
Q. Will you ever be able to repay this man this money?
A. Yes, when he comes back I will pay.
Q. Where will you get this money to repay him?
A. Work for it.
Q. Did you keep any record of your account with this man?
A. No, I have not; but he has.
Q. Did you ever see his books?
A. Never did.
Q. How do you know he has a book?
A. I heard him say he had one.
Q. Pretty careless way you have of doing business, isn't it; don't you ever keep any books at all?
A. It is not carelessness according to Chinese custom.
Q. Don't you know this man never loaned you a cent?
A. I know he loaned me \$600.00; one time \$200.00 and one time \$400.00.
Q. How much money did you pay him back?
A. \$115.00.
Q. You intend to repay him, do you?
A. Yes.
Q. Where did these loans take place?
A. #321 S. Clarke St.
Q. He brought all this money to that store, did he?
A. Yes.
Q. He never gave you any on the street?
A. No.
Q. Never sent you any to the country?
A. No.
Q. Have you understood the Interpreter.
A. Yes.

WITNESS SWORN.

Lam Joy

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WITNESS.Ward E. Thompson
INSPECTOR
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WARD E. THOMPSON, INSPECTOR,
WONG ALOY, INTERPRETER.

- Q: What is your name?
A: Lem BOCK.
- Q: How old are you?
A: 49.
- Q: What is your business?
A: Chinese merchant.
- Q: What store are you connected with?
A: Quang Yuen Co., #321 S. Clarke St., Chicago.
- Q: Do you know this man? (Referring to photograph of Lam Joy.)
A: Yes; that is Lam Joy.
- Q: How long have you known Lam Joy?
A: Between four and five years.
- Q: Did you ever have any business dealings with him?
A: I borrowed some money from him.
- Q: How much money in all did you borrow from him?
A: This Chineseyear, second month, fifth day, I borrowed \$300.00; On the third month, this Chineseyear, first day, \$300.00; on the seventh month and ten days of this Chinese year I paid him back \$45.50. I still owe him \$554.50.
- Q: What did you want with this money?
A: I used it in my business.
- Q: Will you repay him this money while he is in China, or before he goes there?
A: When he comes back.
- Q: You will be able to repay him, will you, when he returns?
A: Yes, I will be able to pay him back.
- Q: Did you give him a promissory note for this money?
A: No.
- Q: Where did these loans take place?
A: Quang Yuen Co., #321 S. Clarke St., Chicago.
- Q: Did he ever give you any money on the street?
A: No; all in the store.
- Q: Did he ever send you any money from the country?
A: No; all in the store.
- Q: Have you any book with this account in it?
A: No.
- Q: Don't you think it careless not to keep a book?
A: No, I remember a good deal myself, and I can look on his book.
- Q: Are you willing to swear this is a genuine account?
A: Yes, it is all true.
- Q: Have you understood the interpreter?
A: Yes.

WITNESS SWORN.

Ward E. Thompson
INSPECTOR.Wong Aloy
INTERPRETER.

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CHICAGO, August 19, 1905.

Case of : Ward E. Thompson, Examining Inspector.
 LAM JOY, :
 Returning Laborer. : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

Witness, LEM QUAI.

- Q What is your name?
 A Lem Quai.
 Q Do you recognize this picture (Showing photo of applicant)?
 A Yes, that is Lam Joy.
 Q Do you still owe him money?
 A Yes, I owe him \$485.
 Q Have you paid him any of this money back since he went to China?
 A No, I have not paid him anything.
 Q Do you intend to pay this man back?
 A Yes, I will pay him when he returns to this country.
 Q Has this debt increased any? does it draw any interest?
 A No, it does not draw interest; it is still \$485.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Thompson.

(Signed) LEM QUAI, Witness.
 (Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.
 (Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.

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Witness, LEM DOCK.

- Q What is your name?
 A Lem Dock.
 Q Do you recognize this picture (showing photo of applicant)?
 A Yes, that is Lam Joy.
 Q Do you owe Lam Joy any money?
 A Yes, I still owe him \$554.50, the same amount I owed him last year when he left for China.
 Q Have you made any payments on this since he left for China?
 A No.
 Q Does this debt draw any interest?
 A No, it doesn't.
 Q Will you pay him when he returns to this country?
 A Yes, I intend to pay him when he returns to this country as soon as I can get the money.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Thompson.

(Signed) LEM DOCK, Witness,
 (Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter,
 (Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
FORT DODGE, IOWA.

August 21, 1905.

L. T. Plummer,

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of investigation in the case of Lam Joy, alleged Chinese laborer of Chicago, Ill., who has requested pre-investigation of his case prior to his return from China.

Owing to your favorable report, he will be notified that he will be permitted to enter the United States upon applying at this port, provided he does not controvert any of the statements contained in his application.

Respectfully,

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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