

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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In re. GONG SING, Laundryman, No. 260 East 35th street, Chicago, Illinois.

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 March 17th, 1894, ratified December 7th, 1894, and proclaimed by the President of the United States December 8th, 1894, and ~~regulated by the Secretary of the Treasury in conformity therewith.~~ 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 29th, 1902, and the Rules and Regulations of the Secretary 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 Congress approved November 3, 1893. My Certificate of Residence is attached to this Statement. It was issued to me by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the Third District of New York, at the City of New York in said district, on the 26th day of February, 1894, and is numbered "26148".

MY PRESENT DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

NAME:-GONG SING.

AGE:-Forty Two (42) Years.

HEIGHT:-5 feet, 4 inches (In Shoes).

RESIDENCE:-No. 260 East 35th street, Chicago, Illinois.

OCCUPATION:-Laundryman.

EYES:-Dark Brown. COMPLEXION:-Dark.

MARKS:-Small Mole, Right Cheek.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS DESCRIBED BELOW:

PROPERTY:-None, except the Personal Property Below, and Money in Hand.

DEBT:-Payable by one KONG HAN, Laundryman, of No. 153 Madison street, in Harlem, Illinois, for Money Loaned, the sum of Eleven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,150.00).

I HEREBY AGREE That none of such debt shall be diverted, transferred or collected during my absence; and that the above-described claim shall remain as it now exists until my return to the United States.

I intend to depart from the United States at the sub-port of Portal, North Dakota, one month from the date hereof, or as soon hereafter as I may, and to return to the United States at the same sub-port of Portal, North Dakota, within one year thereafter.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request a Certificate of my right to return to the United States.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, Oct 23 1906.

Subscribed and sworn to, by the
above-named GONG SING, at the
City of Chicago, in the County of
Cook and State of Illinois, this
23 day of October, 1906,
before me.

Gong Sing

Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

See letter dated Nov. 14, 06, Portal.
in Gong's King's file No. 445.

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See letter dated Oct. 22, 07, Portal.
in Chong Ark's file No. 515.

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CHICAGO

October 31, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
GONG SING, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
Lab. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?
A Gong Sing.
Q What is your full Chinese name?
A Gong Yee Sing.
Q What is your business?
A Laundryman.
Q Where is your laundry located?
A I have no laundry. I work for somebody else.
Q When did you last own a laundry?
A I never owned a laundry. I have always worked for others.
Q On what do you base your right to a return certificate?
A I am registered and people in this country owe me money.
Q Who owe you money?
A Gong Han.
Q How much does Gong Han owe you?
A \$1,150.00.
Q What for?
A To buy a laundry with.
Q When?
A K.S. 24th, American date about July, he borrowed \$650.00.
Q When did he borrow the remaining \$500.00?
A K.S. 31, 9, 10.
Q Where did these loans take place?
A In Chinatown, upstairs over the store of Quong Yuen, 321 S. Clark.
Q Did he give you any note for this money?
A No.
Q Did you put it down in your book?
A Yes, sir. (Produces account book and the Interpreter read:
"Gong Han, ~~xxxxxx~~ K.S. 24th year, American date about
July, borrowed \$650.00."
And on another page:
"9th month 10th day Gong Han borrowed \$500.00.")
Q When did you put these items down in this book?
A At the time I made the loans.
Q What did he borrow the first sum of \$650.00 for?
A To buy a laundry with.
Q Did he borrow it all at one time?
A Yes, sir.
Q Where was the laundry?
A I don't know the number. All I know is that it was on 63d St.
Q What did he pay for it?
A I don't know exactly how much he paid. He told me he paid
\$800.00 for a half interest.
Q How long have you known Gong Han?
A About 10 years.
Q Why ~~xxxxxx~~ hasn't he paid you back some of that money
between the time that you made this first loan in K.S. 24th and
the time you made the second loan in K.S. 31st?
A He lost the money that he put into that laundry and after that
he did not work regularly, as he was so discouraged.

- Q Why would you lend him another \$500.00 a number of years after that if he was unable to repay that first loan of \$650.00?
- A Because he and I are very particular cousins and I want to help him all I can, and that is why I let him have it.
- Q Yes, but why wouldn't you want to help yourself by keeping the money rather than let him have it?
- A I have considerable money. I have always worked and saved it.
- Q Why did he borrow this \$500.00?
- A To buy a laundry with.
- Q Where was the laundry?
- A Harlem.
- Q To buy a laundry there or open it?
- A Bout one.
- Q Do you know how much he paid for it?
- A I don't know.
- Q Why hasn't he paid back part of that loan?
- A He has only been there a short time and I judge what money he made he needed for his own purposes.
- Q Don't you think it is poor business, to say the least, to lend a man so much money without any apparent security?
- A We are particular cousins and I don't worry about his not paying me. I have no doubt he will pay me when I return.
- Q Why will he be able to pay you all this money in a year from now when he hasn't been able to pay you any since K.S. 24th?
- A I think he is now on his feet and from now on will make good money, and when I come back I think he will pay me.
- Q If he doesn't pay you when you come back, can you take his laundry away from him?
- A If he doesn't pay me when I come back I am liable to take his laundry away from him.
- Q Is this a genuine, true debt that this man owes you, or have you made it up to enable you to go to China?
- A It is a true debt. It is a true statement.
- Q You swear that this is a true debt, that he honestly owes you this amount of money?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Where have you ever earned so much money that you could afford to lend him so much?
- A I worked in South Chicago several years and I saved my money there.
- Q Did you understand that Gong Han paid \$800.00 for his half of that laundry on 63d St. or that the whole laundry cost \$800.00 and he paid \$400.00 for his half?
- A I understand that the whole laundry sold for \$800 and he only bought a half interest.
- Q Then what did he do with the other \$250 that he borrowed of you?
- A He told me he wanted to send the balance to China.
- Q Suppose you never came back from China, what do you suppose Gong Han would do about this debt?
- A I will come back. I know I will come back.
- Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
- A Yes, sir.

Applicant signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) GONG SING, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, KONG HAN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Kong Han.
Q What is your occupation?
A Laundryman.
Q Where is your laundry?
A No. 153 Madison St., Harlem.
Q What is your full name?
A Kong Yick Han.
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes, it is Gong Sing.
Q How long have you known him?
A About ten years.
Q Do you owe him any money?
A Yes, \$1150.00.
Q What for?
A I borrowed it to buy a laundry with.
Q Where was the laundry?
A On 63d St., in Englewood.
Q What number on 63d St.?
A I don't remember the number but it was near Union Ave.
Q How much did you borrow at that time?
A \$650.00.
Q When?
A K.S. 24th, on the American Fourth of July.
Q When did you borrow the other \$500.00?
A K.S. 31st year, 9th month; I don't remember the day.
Q What did you borrow that \$500 for?
A To buy the laundry I am now in.
Q What did you pay for that laundry in Englewood?
A The whole laundry cost \$800.00. I had a half interest.
Q Why did you borrow \$650 when your half only cost \$400?
A I used some of it to send to China.
Q How long did you own that Englewood laundry?
A I think it was about two years, but I don't remember exactly.
Q Why haven't you paid back some of it? You have had it a long time.
A I lost a good deal of money in that laundry.
Q But why haven't you repaid Gong Sing in the last six years, or since you sold it?
A I have spent what I earned as fast as I got it, and he is a good cousin; that is why I haven't paid any.
Q Didn't you have any money of your own at that time?
A No.
Q Why not?
A I didn't save any money when I worked.
Q How much money did you put into that laundry where you are now?
A \$600.00. I only borrowed \$500 for this one.
Q Where did you get the other \$100?
A I had earned it and saved it.
Q Why haven't you repaid some of it?
A I spend a good deal and send some home, and haven't any left.
Q Did you give him any notes for these loans?
A No.
Q Did you put them down in your book?
A No.
Q Why not?
A We are good cousins and the loan is so large that we can remember it.

- Q You have owed him \$600 for 8 years and have not been able to pay any; is that right?
- A No, I have not paid him any.
- Q When will you pay him?
- A After his return, if I have it I will pay him.
- Q What did you get ~~x~~ for the Englewood laundry when you sold out?
- A The whole laundry brought \$480.
- Q Don't you think it strange that a man would lend you \$600, and then, after 7 or 8 years, when you had not paid, would lend you \$500 more?
- A He trusted me and when I was out of a job he trusted me again.
- Q Is this a genuine debt or one that you have conjured up to enable him to go to China?
- A It is a true debt; it is not false.
- Q Do you know that you could be sent to prison for swearing to this alleged debt before me when it is not true?
- A Yes, I know that, but this is a true debt.
- Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
- A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) KONG HAND, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.