

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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No. 498

In re. CHOW CHANG KAY, Laundryman, No. 307 West 14th st., 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 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 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 First District of Illinois, at Chicago in said district, on March 19, 1894 and is numbered "5972".

MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:-

NAME:-CHOW CHANG KAY,
AGE:-Forty-Three (43) Years.
HEIGHT:-5 Feet, 3-1/4 Inches (In American Shoes).
RESIDENCE:-No. 307 West 14th st., Chicago, Illinois.
OCCUPATION:-Laundryman.
EYES:-Dark Brown. COMPLEXION:-Dark.
MARKS:-Scar, Right Side Lower Lip.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS BELOW:-

PROPERTY:-None, except the personal property described below, and money in hand.

DEBT:-Payable by one CHOW CHANG DYE, Laundryman, of No. 307 West 14th st., in the said City of Chicago, money for the purchase and sale of the "Sing Kee Laundry", at No. 307 West 14th street aforesaid, in the sum of Eleven Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00), with interest and expenses.

Said debt is reasonably and actually worth at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). It is unsettled and unascertained, and is not covered by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

I HEREBY AGREE That none of such debt shall be diverted, transferred or collected during my absence, but 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, U.S.A., August 27, 1906.

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Subscribed and sworn to by the above-named CHOW CHANG KAY, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, this 27 day of August, A.D., nineteen hundred six, before me.

[Signature]
Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
 CHOW CHANG KAY, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
 Lab. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, CHOW CHANG KAY, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?
 A Chow Chang Kay.
 Q What is your business?
 A Laundryman.
 Q Where is your laundry?
 A I sold my laundry. I have no laundry now.
 Q Where was your laundry before you sold it?
 A No. 479 East 43d St., Chicago.
 Q Did you own that laundry?
 A I sold that laundry two years ago.
 Q Upon what do you base your right to a return certificate?
 A I am registered and also that I loaned money to Chow Chang Dye to buy a laundry with and he now owes that to me.
 Q When did you loan this money to Chow Chang Dye?
 A K.S. 30, 5, 15.
 Q How much did you lend him?
 A \$1100.00.
 Q Where was this laundry which he was going to purchase?
 A I don't know the number but it was on Sangamon St. near 14th St.
 Q Did you lend him this \$1100.00 all at one time?
 A Yes, sir.
 Q Where did this loan take place?
 A At the store of Quong Hop Lung, 331 S. Clark St., Chicago.
 Q Did he buy a laundry there or open a new one?
 A He borrowed this money to buy from another man.
 Q How long have you known Chow Chang Dye?
 A Ever since I was a boy in China.
 Q Did he give you a note for the money?
 A No; I just trust him.
 Q Have you any security for that loan?
 A He gave me his laundry as security. When the loan took place we understood that if he doesn't pay me I will take the laundry away from him.
 Q It was nearly two years ago when he borrowed this money from you. When are you going to take possession of the laundry, as you say you have a right to do?
 A After I return from China if he doesn't pay me I will take it.
 Q Do you know how much he actually paid for the laundry?
 A I don't know how much he paid for the laundry. I only know that he borrowed \$1100 from me and sent some home besides.
 Q Did you put the loan down in any book?
 A No, I trust him and we remember it.
 Q Doesn't he do a pretty good business in that laundry?
 A He has three men working.
 Q Why hasn't he been able to pay you part of that loan?
 A I think his folks in China need the money and that is why he hasn't paid me.
 Q Where did you earn this money that you loaned him?
 A I was working all the time and just before I loaned him this money I sold my laundry out and had the money with Quong Hop Lung.
 Q Is this a true debt? A Yes, sir; it is a true debt.
 Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes.
 Applicant signed his testimony in Chinese:
 (Signed) XXXXX CHOW CHANG KAY, Applicant.
 (Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
 (Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, CHOW CHANG DYE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Chow Chang Dye.
Q What is your business?
A Laundryman.
Q Where is your laundry?
A No. 307 West 14th St., Chicago.
Q How long have you had that laundry there?
A In the present location about a month.
Q Where was it before that?
A No. 645 South Sangamon St., Chicago.
Q How long did you have the laundry at 645 S. Sangamon St.?
A About three years.
Q Did you buy that laundry there or start it?
A I bought it.
Q How much did you pay for it?
A \$820.
Q Where did you get the money?
A I borrowed money from Chow Chang Kay.
Q Whose photograph is that (showing photograph of applicant)?
A That is Chow Chang Kay.
Q How long have you known him?
A Over ten years in this country. I knew him in China.
Q How much money did you borrow of Chow Chang Kay at the time you bought that laundry?
A Altogether \$1100.00.
Q Why did you borrow so much money at that time?
A At the time I borrowed this money I sent some home to China, I paid some debts, and I paid for this laundry.
Q Didn't you have any money of your own at that time?
A No, sir; I didn't have any. I had hard luck and I had sickness and I spent it as fast as I could earn it.
Q What security did you give Chow Chang Kay for the loan?
A No security ~~in~~ at all.
Q Have you any agreement with him as to paying this money, that if it is not paid he can take the laundry?
A Some time ago we talked the matter over and I agreed that if I can't pay him when he returns to this country I will ~~xx~~ give up the laundry to him.
Q Was that the understanding at the time the loan was made?
A Yes, sir.
Q Did you give him a note for this money?
A No, sir.
Q Is this a true debt or is it one that you have conjured up to enable Chow Chang Kay to go to China?
A Yes, sir; it is a true debt. If it was a false debt I would be foolish to come up here and swear to it.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) CHOW CHANG DYE, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.