

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 558

SUBJECT: MOY HOW

See letter dated May 4, 1908 Portal, N.D
in How Get's file No. 534.
admitted May 1, 1908 at the above Port.

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 and persons of Chinese descent", approved April 29th, 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 November 3, 1893, My Certificate of Residence was issued to me by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Maryland, at the City of Baltimore, in said district, March 20th, 1894, and numbered "13323"; and attached hereto. HEREUNTO AFFIXED IS A TRUE LIKENESS OF ME AND DESCRIPTION AS FOLLOWS:



NAME:- MOY HON. *Moy How*
AGE:- Forty-eight (48) Years.
RESIDENCE:- No. 303 Clark St., Chicago, Illinois.
OCCUPATION:- Laundryman.
HEIGHT:- 5 Feet, 5 1/2 Inches.
EYES:- Brown. COMPLEXION:- Dark.
Marks:- None.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS BELOW:

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

DEBTS:- Payable by one Moy Hon Soon, Laundryman, of No. 76 ^{Basement} Custom House Place, in the City of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois, for Money Loaned, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

~~W. Madison St.~~ Payable by one Moy Shee, Laundryman, of No. 838 W. Madison street, in the City of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Ill., for Money Loaned, the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00).
and debts

Said property, aggregate, and are actually and reasonably worth at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00). Such debts are unsettled and unascertained, and the same are not covered in whole or in part by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

I HEREBY AGREE That the said property and debt shall not be diverted, transferred, assigned or collected during my absence, but shall remain as they now exist 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 into the United States at the same port of Portal, North Dakota, within one year thereafter.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, _____ A.D., 1907.

Moy How

Subscribed and sworn to, by the above-named Moy Hon, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, this _____ day of May, nineteen hundred seven, before me.

Chinese & Immigrant Inspector,
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

January 30th, 1908.

Mr. O. B. Holton,

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Portal, North Dakota.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of January 13th, forwarding for ad interim investigation, the case of Moy How, laborer now in China who desires to return to the United States, I submit the following report.

I have examined the two debtors, Moy Han Soon and Moy Shew, and enclose a transcript of the notes taken. These men state that they still owe the applicant the same amount of money that they did at the time of his departure, and that the debt remains the same as at that time. I am therefore of the opinion that he is entitled to admission upon his return.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N. DAK.

February 1, 1908.

L. T. Plummer,

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, accompanied by all papers, in the case of Moy How, a Chinese laborer now in China who desires to return to the United States. He has been notified of your favorable report this date.

Respectfully,

O. B. Holton
Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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January 20th, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
Moy How, : J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter.
Lab. return. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, Moy Hon Soon, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?
A Moy Hon Soon.
Q What is your business?
A Laundryman.
Q Where are you working at the present time?
A 360 W. Van Buren St.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant.)
A Yes. It is Moy Tung How.
Q Do you owe him any money?
A I owe him \$500.00.
Q Have you paid him any money since he has been in China?
A No.
Q Has there been any change in the debt or obligation since he departed?
A No change. The debt is just the same.
Q When will you pay Moy Tung How?
A After he comes back, if I have the money I will pay him.
Q Have you understood the interpreter?
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese.

(SIGNED) Moy Hon Soon, Witness.
(SIGNED) J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter.
(SIGNED) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

CHICAGO

January 30th, 1908.

Witness, Moy Shew, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?
A Moy Shew.
Q What is your business?
A Laundryman.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A Yes. It is Moy How.
Q Do you owe him any money?
A Yes. I owe him \$700.00.
Q Have you paid him any since he went to China?
A No. I have not had any money with which to pay him back.
I have been working in laundries, and have not had very good business.
Q Has there been any change in the debt or obligation since the applicant went to China, or since I examined you before?
A No. There has been no change. Since he has been away I have not sent him any money. After he comes back I will see about paying him.
Q Do you think you will be able to pay him after his return?
A After he comes back, I will see if I can't get some money to pay him with.
Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese.

(SIGNED) Moy Shew, Witness.
(SIGNED) J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter.
(SIGNED) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

May 13, 1907.

Case of : L. T. PLUMMER, Examining Inspector.
MOY HOW, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
Lab. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummed, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Moy How.
Q What is your full Chinese name? A I have no other name.
Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
Q Do you own a laundry at the present time?
A No, sir. The last work I did was in a restaurant.
Q On what do you base your right to a return certificate?
A On the ground that I am registered; also, people in this country owe me money.
Q Who owe you money? A Moy Shee and Moy Hong Soon.
Q State the circumstances surrounding the indebtedness of Moy Hong Soon?
A K.S. 32, 12, 13, I loaned Moy Hong Soon \$500.00. He wanted this money to repay a debt he owed Moy Bing. This loan took place at No. 137 North Clark St., Chicago.
Q How long have you known Moy Hong Soon?
A We lived in the same village in China.
Q What was his business at the time you loaned him the money?
A He owned a laundry at that time. I don't remember the number, but it was on Division St. on a corner near Wells St.
Q Didn't he have any money of his own? A No.
Q When do you expect he will pay you back this money?
A I don't know when. He is not doing anything now.
Q State the circumstances surrounding the indebtedness of Moy Shee?
A K.S. 31, 2, 2, Moy Shee borrowed \$700.00 from me to open a laundry. This loan took place at No. 137 North Clark St.
Q Where did you get the money to lend these men?
A I have been in this country a long time. I worked and saved it.
Q Why haven't they worked and saved it, too? Haven't they been in this country a long time?
A Moy Shee had just returned from China ~~and~~ a short time before I loaned him this money.
Q Didn't he have any property or debts due him when he came back?
A When he came back from China Moy Dun Wing of Washington, D.C., owed him money but Moy Dun Wing died before he paid him, and it was in the newspapers, so he didn't get it.
Q Why didn't Moy Hong Sing have any money?
A He was out of a job a long time before I loaned him this money and Moy Bing needed money very bad and that is why Moy Hong Sing borrowed the money from me to pay Moy Bing.
Q Didn't they give you any notes for the loans?
A No. We are cousins and we all remember that.
Q Did you put these transactions down in your book?
A No, sir; no book.
Q Don't you think it is pretty poor business to lend so much money without putting it down in your book, or having any security at all for it?
A I am not worried about that. We are all cousins and they will pay me back.
Q Can you take Moy Shee's laundry if he doesn't pay you back?
A No, I can not do that because we are cousins.

Q Suppose you never come back from China, what would they do about these debts?

A I have my paper and I will come back.

Q Are these true debts, both of them, or have you made them up so you can go back to China?

A They are true debts.

Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes, sir.

Applicant signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) MOY HOW, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

Witness, MOY SHEW, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Moy Shew.
Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
Q Do you own a laundry at the present time; if so, where is it?
A Yes, sir; I own a laundry at 838 West Madison St.
Q How long have you owned it? A About two years.
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes, sir; that is Moy How.
Q How long have you known him?
A I knew him in China. We lived in the same village together.
Q Do you owe him any money; if so, state all the circumstances surrounding the indebtedness?
A Yes, sir. I owe this man \$700.00. I borrowed it K.S. 31, 2, 2 to open a laundry at that number where I am now. This loan took place at No. 137 North Clark St., Chicago.
Q Did you borrow it all at one time? A Yes, sir.
Q How much money did you put into that laundry altogether?
A A little over \$500.00. I used the balance to pay up some debts.
Q Didn't you have any money of your own at that time?
A No, sir. If I had I wouldn't have borrowed it from this man.
Q Why didn't you have any money of your own at that time?
A I spent all my money and I spent more than I could earn, and I am in debt now.
Q Did you just come back from China? A Yes.
Q Is that why you didn't have any money?
A Yes, I had just returned from China a short time before I borrowed this money from this man. A man who owed me money in Washington, D.C., ~~was~~ died and I was unable to get it.
Q Don't you think it pretty risky business to borrow \$700.00 to go into a new venture?
A I know it is a good location and that was the reason I borrowed money to open a laundry there, although a number of laundries fail and are closed up.
Q Could he take your laundry if you failed to pay him upon his return?
A I will pay him when he comes back. I will save my money now.
Q What will you do if he doesn't come back?
A I will pay him whether he comes back or not. If he doesn't come back I will send it to his folks.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) MOY SHEW, Witness.
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, MOY HONG SING, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Moy Hong Sing.
- Q What is your business? A I am a laundryman by trade, but at the present time I am not doing anything.
- Q Are you registered? A Yes, sir. (Produces certificate 8017 issued to Moy Hong Sing at Chicago, April 24, 1894.)
- Q How long have you been unemployed? A 4 to 6 months.
- Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)? A Yes, I know him; his name is Moy Shong How.
- Q How long have you known him? A I knew him in China and I have known him in this country 15 or 16 years.
- Q Do you owe him any money; if so, state the circumstances surrounding the indebtedness?
- A Yes, sir; I owe him \$500.00. I borrowed it K.S. 32, 12, 15 and I used it to pay to Moy Bing. This loan took place at 137 North Clark St., Chicago.
- Q Why did you borrow money of Moy How to pay Moy Bing?
- A When I borrowed money from Moy Bing to buy a laundry at the corner of Wells and Division Sts., in the basement under the drugstore, business was very poor and I had to close the laundry. When Moy Bing returned from China he needed money very bad, so I borrowed this money from Moy How to pay Moy Bing.
- Q Hadn't you made any money of your own to pay Moy Bing instead of borrowing from Moy How? A No, sir.
- Q How do you expect to pay Moy How?
- A I will work and save the money. I am looking for work now.
- Q What if Moy How never comes back from China?
- A When he comes back I will pay him if I can. In case he doesn't come back I will send it to his family, but I think he will come back anyway.
- Q Did you give him any note for the money? A No, sir.
- Q Did you put it down in your book? A No, sir.
- Q Don't you think it poor business to lend so much money without any note or any security or anything to show for it?
- A It is not a strange thing. We lived in the same village in China and knew each other very well, and I will pay him when I have it.
- Q Would you be willing for me to go into court and swear to what you have just testified to in case you failed to pay him when he returned to this country and he should sue you?
- A I will not let him lose this money. When he comes back from China I will pay him a little at a time and pay him as soon as I can.
- Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) HONG SOON, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.