

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 339

SUBJECT:

14-204

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK
CITY OF CHICAGO }

I, Sing Wah, a Registered Chinese Laborer, of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, do hereby apply to the Treasury Department of the United States for a return Certificate, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved September 13th, 1888, and the regulations thereunder.

In support of the above application, I do solemnly swear that I was lawfully Registered as a Chinese Laborer of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, by the Collector of Internal Revenue, for the First District of Illinois, at the City of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, on the 5th day of Dec. 1885, as shown by the accompanying certificate of Registration, No. 137609 that I am the identical person named and described in the said Certificate; that I am about to go abroad temporarily; that I intend to depart from the United States at the Port of Portal, in the State of North Dakota, on or about the 1st day of Nov., and that I intend to return into the United States at the said Port of Portal, in the State of North Dakota, within one year thereafter.

Further, I do solemnly swear that my interest in the Laundry, known as, "Sing Wah", of No. 425 S. California in the City of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, is worth the sum of Eleven hundred dollars \$1,100.00; also ----- of -----, in the City of -----, in the State of -----, is worth the sum of -----, \$ -----; and that the said interests are actually worth the sum of Eleven hundred dollars \$1,100.00.

My Description is as Follows:

Name Sing Wah Age 40 Years.
 Height Five Feet nine Inches.
 Weight ----- pounds.
 Local Residence 425 S. California Av.
Chicago.
 Occupation Laundryman
 Color of Eyes Dark Brown
 Complexion Fair
 Distinguishing Marks Slightly pock marked.

And as a further means of identification I have fixed hereto a photographic likeness of myself.

Subscribed and sworn to, this 30th

Day of September before me 1902

John Hitt Sing Wah

Signature,



John Hitt
Special Deputy Collector

Office of Commissioner of Immigration,

Port of

Oct 2nd, 1902

Called at the laundry of Sing Wah 425 So California Ave to look it over, and learn as to the value of the plant. Sing Wah informed me that he owned one half interest in the and valued the fixtures at \$12,000, and that they do eighty dollars worth of work per week. Fung Wing his partner owns the other half, and they have owned and run the place jointly since 1897.

I made an examination of the place found two men at work, besides Sing Wah. In the back room of the place, I found the stationery was tubs, two small laundry stoves, and one cooking stove, a small gas mangle, in the front part of the place, one large ironing table.

I should think one hundred and fifty dollars

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would be a maximum price at a very liberal estimate to place upon the fixtures.

The room I should judge is about twenty feet front by about fifty five feet deep. On the right as you enter the place is a small room about 8x12 feet used by a shoe maker, as a repair shop, the balance of the space is used for laundry purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

Chas A. Stone.

Chinese Inspector.

L. S. S.
M. R. L.

Internal Revenue Service,
First District of Illinois,
Collector's Office,

Chicago, Ill.,

Oct. 3, 1902.

Charles R. Stone, Esq.,
Chinese Inspector,
#2 River St. Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:--

In accordance with Synopsis #21446, I have compared certificate of residence #137609, issued to Sing Wah, a Chinese laborer, in lieu of original certificate of residence #6932, with duplicate certificate of residence #6932 on file in this office and find it to be genuine.

Respectfully,

Henry L. Herz

Collector.

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