

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. L 565

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 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, 1903. My Certificate of Residence is attached to this Statement. It was issued to me by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fifth District of New Jersey, at the City of Newark in said district, April 25th, 1904, and numbered "103512"



HEREUNTO ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT LIKENESS
OF ME NOW; AND MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS;:-

NAME:- LI WOOT.
AGE:- Forty Two (42) Years.
RESIDENCE:- No. 599 Clark street, Chicago, Ill.
OCCUPATION:- Cook.
HEIGHT:- Five Feet Eight one half inches (5'8 1/2")
EYES:- Brown. COMPLEXION:- Light.
MARKS:- None.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS DESCRIBED BELOW:

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

BESTS:- Payable by one MOY YOU YIN, Laundryman,
of No. 122 Lake St., Oak Park, Illinois,
for Money Loaned, the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00).

Payable by one MIN LING, Laundryman, of No. 204 North California Ave., Chicago, Illinois, for Money Loaned, the sum of Three Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$360.00).

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

I HEREBY AGREE That the said property and debts shall not be diverted, transferred, assigned or collected during my absence from the United States, 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#~~ Port of San Francisco, California, 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 San Francisco, California, 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., *May 24*, A.D. 1907.

U.S.A., May 24
Li Wood

Subscribed and sworn to, by the above-named LI WOOT, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, this 24 day of May, A. D., Nineteen Hundred Seven, before me, *W. J. [illegible]*

LETHERMAN

Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

CHICAGO

June 1, 1907L

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

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Li Woot.

Q What is your full Chinese name? A Li Woot is the only name I have.

Q What is your business? A Cook.

Q Do you own a restaurant? A No.

Q On what do you base your right to a return certificate?

A On the ground that I have a laborer's certificate and that people in this country owe me money.

Q Who owe you money? A Moy You Yin owes me \$800.00 and Hui Lin owes me \$360.00.

Q State the circumstances surrounding the indebtedness of Moy You Yin? A K.S. 32, 6, 13, Moy You Yin borrowed \$800.00 from me; he told me to put into a restaurant. This loan took place at his laundry in Oak Park.

Q Where was this restaurant? A Yin Hong Lo restaurant, on Madison St. near Fifth Ave.

Q How long have you known Moy You Yin? A 7 to 8 years.

Q Does Moy You Yin own that laundry at 122 Lake St., Oak Park? A Yes, sir; that is his laundry.

Q Why did he need to borrow money of you to put into that restaurant? A I don't know about that. He only said he wanted this money to invest in that restaurant and I let him have it.

Q Do you know how much money he actually invested in that restaurant? A I don't know about that.

Q Why would you lend a man so much money to put into an enterprise of that kind? A At the time I loaned this man the money I told him I wanted to go to China pretty soon, but now I asked him for it and he hasn't got the money.

Q Didn't you know that one of Moy You Yin's partners in Oak Park put a good deal of money into that restaurant?

A I don't know about that; I don't know anything about his partner's business.

Q Where did you get this money? A I worked and saved the money. I earn \$60 to \$75 a month and it is an easy thing to save \$1,000.00 or so.

Q Did Moy You Yin give you a note for the loan? A No.

Q Can you take Moy You Yin's interest in that laundry in Oak Park if he doesn't pay you when you return from China?

A I can do it for law but I wouldn't like to do it for friendship's sake. I think he will pay me without any trouble.

Q Did you ever lend him money before this or borrow money of him yourself? A Yes, but nothing to speak of; only a few dollars at a time.

Q State the circumstances surrounding the indebtedness of Hui Lin? A K.S. 32, 2, 6, I loaned \$360.00 to Hui Lin to put into the laundry business. This loan took place on California Ave., but I don't remember where.

Q Did you lend it to him all at one time? A Yes.

Q Did he give you a note for it?

A No, sir; no notes at all.

Q Did he buy the whole laundry himself or only an interest in it? A I don't know whether he bought the whole laundry or an interest. All I know is that he said he wanted the money to buy a laundry.

Q What do you think that laundry is worth? A I don't know what it is worth. All he told me is a few hundred dollars and all he needed was \$360.00 more.

Q Does he still own the laundry? A Yes, he is there yet.

Q Could you take that laundry for the debt if he didn't pay you when you come back? A I don't like to do it for friendship's sake, but I can do it by law. I think he will pay me when I come back.

Q Did you put these transactions down in your book?

A Yes. (Produces account book and the Interpreter reads: "K.S. 32, 2, 6, loaned Hui Lin \$360.00. K.S. 32, 6, 13, loaned Moy You Yin \$800.00.")

Q When did you put these items down in your book?

A At the time the money was borrowed.

Q How old is that book? A Mr. Sling (Hong Sling) gave it to me in K.S. 30th. ~~Haruk~~

Q ~~Has he sent~~ you any other book except that? A No.

Q Are these both genuine debts? Do these men honestly owe you this money, or have they been made up to enable you to go back to China? A They are both genuine debts. I actually loaned these men the money. Why should they be false?

Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) LI WOOT, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

Witness, MOY YOU YIN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Moy You Yin.
Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
Q Where? A 122 Lake St., Oak Park, Ill.
Q Do you own that laundry? A I own one half.
Q Who owns the other half? A Moy Dung Hong.
Q How long have you owned that laundry? A Six years.
Q Don't you make pretty good money there? A Yes, very good business, but you know that you only make good wages in a laundry.
Q Are you registered? A Yes. (Produces certificate No. 125805, issued at Boston, Mass., April 20, 1894, to Moy You Yin.)
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes, that is Li Woot.
Q What family? A Li family.
Q Why did you borrow any money of him? A He is my good friend. That is why I borrowed money from him.
Q How much did you borrow? \$800.00.
Q What did you do with it? A To put into Yen Hong Lo.
Q Why did you borrow money to put into an enterprise of that kind when you were making good money in your own laundry? A I saw other people in the restaurant business (stockholders) making money, and everybody all excited, and so I hoped I would make money, so I borrowed this money and invested it in that restaurant.
Q How much money did you put in altogether? A \$1,200.00.
Q Did you borrow the \$800.00 all at one time? A Yes.
Q Did you give him any note for the money? A No.
Q Did you put that \$1200.00 into the restaurant all at one time? A When we first formed the restaurant we figured on just so much money to complete the restaurant, but when we got it partly finished we found it would take twice as much more to finish it as we had planned. So we had a meeting together, so we all agreed that we would all have to pay up the balance in order to complete the restaurant; so I had to borrow this \$800.00 in order to save my stock.
Q Your partner, Moy Dung Hong, also had an interest in that restaurant? A Yes, sir; but my uncle's nephews, a few of my near cousins, lost \$10,000.00 in that restaurant.
Q Who did you pay that money to? A Moy Louie You.
Q Does he still have the books of that restaurant? A Yes, sir, he has all the books. I am perfectly willing for you to see him if you want to.
Q Don't you think it a pretty poor business proposition for you to borrow so much money to put into an enterprise of this kind? A It is not poor business to invest in a business and hope to make money, but now we have lost and I will have to pay him back the best I can.
Q If you don't pay him back that money could he take your interest in that laundry in Oak Park? A Yes, if he wants to. I am perfectly willing for him to do that.
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 from China and he sued you and attached your interest in that laundry? A Yes, I am perfectly willing for you to do that.
Q Did you put this transaction down in your own personal book? A Yes, sir. (Produces account book and the Interpreter reads: "K.S. 32, 6, 13, borrowed from Li Woot \$800.00.")
Q Is this a genuine debt? Do you honestly owe this man the money, or have you made it up to enable him to go to China? A It is a true debt, absolutely true.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

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

June 3, 1907.

Witness, HUI LING, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Hui Ling.

Q Are you registered? A Yes, sir. (Produced certificate No. 5787, issued at Chicago, March 12, 1894, to Hin Ling.)

Q What is your business? A Laundryman.

Q Do you own a laundry at the present time? A Yes, I own a laundry at No. 904 California Ave., Chicago.

Q Have you a partner in that laundry? A I own one-third.

Q Who own the other two thirds? A Hoey Jung and Hoey Sing.

Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?

A Yes, that is Li Woot.

Q Do you owe him any money? If you do, state the circumstances surrounding the indebtedness? A Yes, sir, I owe him \$360.00. I borrowed this money to buy an interest in this laundry which I am now in. The loan took place in this laundry, K.S. 32, 2, 6.

Q How much did you pay for your interest in that laundry?

A The whole laundry was valued at \$1100.00 and I bought one-third interest. I had no money, so I had to borrow of this man.

Q Why didn't you have money of your own at that time?

A What money I had on hand at that time I sent back to China to support my family with, and at that time I did not expect to buy this laundry.

Q Did he give you a note for the money? A No, we don't need to give any notes in this country when we borrow money from one another. Now he wants to go back to China and I haven't got the money to pay him, but I will pay him when he comes back to this country.

Q How are you going to pay him when he comes back if you haven't been able to save any money while you were in this country?

A Yes, sir, when he comes back I will have money saved and pay him back by that time, but what money I had saved before I spent it.

Q Suppose you don't pay him when he comes back, could he take your interest in that laundry? A Yes, sir, if I don't pay him he has a right to take it away from me.

Q Would you be willing for me to go into court and swear to what you have just testified to, in case you did not pay him when he comes back to this country and he sued you and attached your interest in this laundry on California Ave.? A Yes, sir.

Q How long have you known Li Woot? A About 18 years.

Q Did you put it down in your book? A No, I didn't put it down in any book because I can remember it.

Q Is this a genuine debt or have you made it up so that this man can go back to China? A It is absolutely a genuine debt. Why is it false?

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

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) HUI LING, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.