

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

IMMIGRATION FILE

No. 165

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

14-204

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

State of Illinois.)  
 County of Cook. ) ss.  
 City of Chicago.)

I, CHOW WAH, a Registered Chinese Laborer of the City of Chicago, in said County and State, do hereby apply to the Treasury Department of the United States for a Return Certificate, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved September 13, 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 the City of Chicago in the State of Illinois, by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the first District of Illinois, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 1894, as shown by the accompanying Certificate of Registration, numbered 137,631 and the records under which the same was issued; 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 first day of January, 1900, and to re-enter the United States at the said port of Portal within one year thereafter.

Further, I do solemnly swear that one Chow Tang Guy, of No. 709 West Twenty First street, in the said City of Chicago, is indebted to me in the sum of Six Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$620.00); and that one Chow Lung Nie, of No. 5051 South Ashland Avenue, in the City of Chicago aforesaid, is indebted to me in the sum of Five Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$510.00); and that the said debts, amounting in the aggregate to Eleven hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$1130.00), are reasonably and actually worth at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) and upwards.

My Description is as follows:

NAME:-Chow Wah.  
 AGE:-Forty Years.  
 HEIGHT:-5 Ft., 4 & 1/2 In.  
 WEIGHT:-About \_\_\_\_\_ Pounds.  
 LOCAL RESIDENCE:-No. 329 South  
 Clark St., Chicago, Illinois.  
 OCCUPATION:-Laundryman.  
 COLOR OF EYES:-Dark Brown.  
 COMPLEXION:-Light.  
 DISTINGUISHING MARKS:-None.



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

Subscribed and sworn to, this  
24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1899,  
 before me.

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 Chow Wah  
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John Pitt  
 Special Deputy Collector of Customs



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COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS,

Chicago, Illinois, Nov. 1899.

William Penn Nixon, Esq.,

Collector of Customs,

Chicago, Illinois,

Sir:

Pursuant to your directions, I have examined the foregoing  
Statement in Writing and Certificate of Registry of Chow Wah in  
the manner prescribed by Treasury Decision No. 21486, and I find the  
same to be \_\_\_\_\_.

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Chinese Inspector.

