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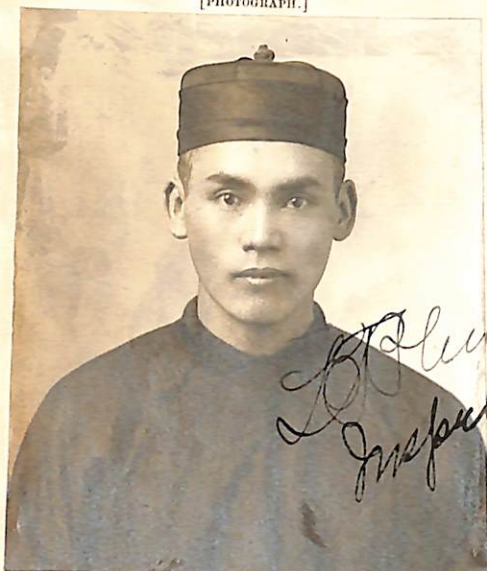
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Department of Commerce and Labor
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Form 410STATEMENT OF REGISTERED CHINESE LABORER ABOUT TO DEPART FROM THE UNITED STATES WITH
THE INTENTION OF RETURNING THERETO

Made in compliance with 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 Commerce and Labor in conformity therewith.

I HEREBY DECLARE that I am a Chinese laborer, duly registered as such, under the act of May 5, 1892, as amended by the act of November 3, 1893. My certificate of residence which is attached to this statement was issued by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the First district of Illinois, at Chicago, dated March 15, 1894, and numbered 5889.

[PHOTOGRAPH.]



Name, Woo Wing Chin,
Present age, 38 years.
Local residence, 299 So Clark St Chicago
Occupation, Laundryman
Height: 5 feet, 5 inches. Weight, _____ lbs.
Color of eyes, brown Complexion, light.
Physical marks or peculiarities for identification: Heavy scars top of head front

I CLAIM TO POSSESS the family, or property, or debts described below:

FAMILY: Wife, named _____, residing _____

Child or children, named _____, residing _____

Parent, named _____
residing _____

PROPERTY: Full description, Interest in Hung Fong Lo Restaurant
278-80 So State St Chicago Value, \$ 1,000.00

DEBTS: Aggregating at least \$1,000, which are unsettled and unascertained, and not covered by promissory notes or other evidence of ascertained liability:

Due from _____, of _____
dollars, for _____

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dollars, for _____

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dollars, for _____

I HEREBY AGREE that none of such property or debts shall be diverted, transferred, or collected during my absence, and that the above-described claims shall remain as they now exist until my return.

I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST a certificate of my right to return to the United States.

Woo Wing Chin
(Signature of applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of October, 1907

San Francisco

(Name) LT Thurman
(Title) Chinese & Immigrant Inspector

October 17, 1907.

Commissioner of Immigration,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I hand you herewith papers in the case of Woo Wing Chin, applicant for a laborer's return certificate. The certificate of residence has been compared with the duplicate on file in the Bureau and found to be genuine, the descriptive statement is accurate, and the photograph a true likeness.

This man bases his right to a return certificate on the fact that he has an interest of \$1,000 in the Hung Fong Lo restaurant, of this city. Upon this claim I have examined applicant, and also the manager of the restaurant, and enclose a transcript of the notes taken. As you will notice, the applicant at first invested \$500 in this business, and later was assessed, first \$350, then \$150, and then \$200. His statement in this regard is corroborated by the manager. This restaurant was at first started about a half block south of its present location, and had about \$20,000 invested altogether. It was run for nearly three years at a loss, and then was moved to its present location about a year ago. At the time of its removal there was considerable money invested and since that time it has been a profitable investment, and I have no doubt that the amount invested by applicant is worth now at least its face value - \$1200. I am therefore of opinion that applicant has complied with the law,

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and is entitled to the certificate which he requests.

I will hand one copy of his papers to applicant, with instructions to present same to you upon his departure through your port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

Enc.

October 12, 1907.

Commissioner-General of Immigration,
Department of Commerce & Labor,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I enclose herewith original certificate of residence No. 5869, purporting to have been issued to Woo Wing Chin at Chicago, Ill., March 15, 1894, and would thank you to compare it with the duplicate now on file at the Bureau and advise me if it is genuine.

Said Chinaman has made application for a laborer's return certificate.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

Enc.

CHICAGO, ILL., October 12, 1907.

Case of	: L.T.Plummer,	Examining Inspector,
WOO WING CHIN,	: J.G.C.Longchallon,	Interpreter,
Lab. Dep.	: A.T.Wilson,	Stenographer.

Applicant, WOO WING CHIN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Woo Wing Chin.
- Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
- Q Do you own a laundry at the present time; if so, where is it located? A Stoughton, Wis.
- Q How long have you owned that laundry there? A More than ten years.
- Q What is it worth? A \$500.
- Q On what do you base your right to a return certificate? A I have got an interest at Hung Fong Lo restaurant, Chicago.
- Q How much of an interest have you in that restaurant? A \$1,000.
- Q How long have you had \$1,000 invested in it? A From the time the place was organized.
- Q When was that? A About K.S. 29.
- Q Did you put \$1,000 in it at that time? A No, K.S. 29 I put in \$500; K.S. 30 I put in \$350, and in the same year I put in \$150 and then \$200.
- Q That totals up \$1200 instead of \$1000? A Yes, altogether \$1200. I didn't figure in the amount that we put in when we opened the new place.
- Q And you put this money into the restaurant when it was in its new location, did you? A Yes sir.
- Q Do you still have the same interest in the new restaurant that you had in the restaurant in its old location? A Yes.
- Q And what in your opinion is that interest worth now? A I do not know; I would not take \$2,000 for it.
- Q Have you a book showing that you have that interest in the restaurant. A No, I have no book.
- Q Where did you get the money that you put into that restaurant? A I earned it.
- Q Have you understood the interpreter? A Yes.

(Witness signed his testimony in English)

(Signed)	Woo Wing Chin,	Applicant,
(Signed)	J.G.C.Longchallon,	Interpreter,
(Signed)	L.T.Plummer,	Inspector.

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Witness, HONG SLING, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified, in English:

Q What is your name? A Hong Sling.

Q You are the manager of the Hung Fong Lo restaurant, on the corner of Van Buren and State Streets, are you? A I am the president of the concern.

Q How much money has your concern, altogether, invested in that restaurant? A About \$67,000 or \$68,000.

Q How long has it been in its present location? A About a year and two months.

Q Before that time, it was located where? A 296 State Street.

Q When was the restaurant first opened at 296 State Street? A I forget exactly; about four years ago.

Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)? A Yes, Woo Wing Chin. He has two names, Woo Wing Chin and Woo Gook Sun.

Q Does he have any interest in your restaurant? A He has got an interest with us, ever since we were at 296.

Q How much of an interest has he at the present time? A He put in over \$1,000; I guess about \$1100 or \$1200.

Q How much money did he put in? A He put in \$1,000.

Q Did he put that in all at one time? A Three or four different times. I remember the first place he put in \$500, and then \$350, and then \$150, and then \$200.

Q Have you any books that will show what interest any of your men have in the restaurant? A No, we have not any books. We put in the money at first, and then as we needed money we levied assessments on the different members.

Q If you have no books, how do you tell what members you want to assess, and how much you are going to assess him? A We have a book giving the interest of the different members, but that book only shows the original investment of each member, and does not show the amounts of assessments that have been levied, since the time we organized the old restaurant. For that reason this book would only show that Woo Wing Chin has \$500 interest in the restaurant, but still he paid about \$1150.

Q Do you think that you have paid altogether \$68,000 into your new restaurant, and would you say that the property is worth the entire amount of money that you paid into it? A It is worth a great deal more than that. I have no doubt we could sell the place for \$100,000, if we cared to sell it.

Q Will Woo Wing Chin retain his interest in the restaurant until he returns? A Yes sir.

(Witness signed his testimony in English)

(Signed) H. Sling,
(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Witness,
Inspector.