

## IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 669

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

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TEMPLE COURT

PHONE, MAIN 897

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

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AUG 12 1908  
Chinese Inspector,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

August 11, 1908.

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:--

--: Re Chin John, a Chinaman Laborer :-

Chin John is a laundryman, of this city, having been a resident of this city for more than five (5) years. He holds a certificate of residence, No. 6,276, issued to him under act of May 5th, 1892, under date of April 2nd, 1894, by the Collector of Internal Revenue, W. J. Mize, of the first District of Ill., at which time said Chin John lived in Chicago and was twenty-three (23) years of age. As stated above, he now lives here, and has property of the value of more than \$1,000.00, including money, notes and laundry.

He wishes to visit his father and mother in Italy and then to return to the United States and to Chattanooga, within one year. To do this he will, of course, have to have a certificate of return, and whatever other papers necessary to insure his return.

Kindly advise us whether or not he will have to go to Chicago and make application to you in person. You will please send the proper and necessary blanks for him to sign, etc. Any other information will be appreciated.

Awaiting your early reply, we beg to remain,

Yours most truly, *Wilkerson & Wilkerson*



No. 669.

August 12th, 1908.

Wilkerson and Wilkerson,  
Temple Court,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 11th inst. inquiring relative to how Chin John, a registered Chinese laborer should make application for a return certificate which would enable him to visit Italy and return to the United States. I note also in your letter that you state that he has property to the value of more than one thousand dollars including money, notes and a laundry. He must have not less than one thousand in property or money which will be left in this country, or debts unascertainable, to avail himself of the privilege asked. Notes have been held by the Department to be ascertainable and settled. Therefore that cannot be reckoned in the thousand dollars.

If he can show that he has at least one thousand dollars in this country besides the notes mentioned and complies with the other qualifications as required by the regulations, then he would be entitled to a laborer's return certificate.

I do not believe it would be necessary for him to visit Chicago in order to make his application, providing you will send me a description of the property he has, etc. upon which he bases his claim to a return certificate, together with his certificate of



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residence, then we will prepare the proper papers and swear him to them at the time we visit Chattanooga to take testimony in the case. Please have the applicant send three unmounted photographs of himself to this office, so that they can be attached to the papers in the case.

Respectfully,

Chinese Inspector, Acting in Charge.