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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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No. 399

SUBJECT:

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Ed. 5 6 1903 5,000.STATEMENT OF REGISTERED CHINESE LABORER ABOUT TO DEPART FROM THE UNITED STATES WITH THE
INTENTION OF RETURNING THERETO.

Made in compliance with the treaty between the United States and China, concluded and signed on March 17, 1894, ratified on December 7, 1894, and proclaimed by the President of the United States December 8, 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 29, 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 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 _____ made & dated at Chicago, Illinois, at Chicago, Illinois, _____
dated November 25, 1895, and numbered "137,605", in lieu of Certificate,

Name, Yuen Kai.Present age, Fifty years.Local residence, No. 131½ East 35th St, Chicago, Illinois.Occupation, Laundress.Height: 5 feet, 7 3/4 inches. Weight: _____ lbs.Color of eyes: Brown Complexion: dark.Physical marks or peculiarities for identification: None.

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, The "Hong Chung" Laundry, situated at No. 131½
East 35th Street, Chicago aforesaid, value, \$1.000**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 Yuen Foo Sing, of No. 131½ E. 35th St., Chicago, Ill.,
Four Hundred Fifty (450) dollars, for money loanedDue from Goon Tong Jim, of the firm of Lee Lung, No. 31, Clark,
Six Hundred Fifty (600) dollars, for money loaned

Due from _____, of _____, 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.

T. Y. S.
(Signature of applicant.)Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 th day of April, 1906.L. J. Heusser
Chief Officer in Charge.

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CHICAGO

April 30, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
 YUEN KAI, :
 Lab. Dep. : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Yuen Kai.
 Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
 Q Where is your laundry? A 131-1/2 E. 35th St., Chicago, Ill.
 Q Do you own that laundry? A Yes.
 Q How long have you owned it? A 3 or 4 years at that number.
 Q Where were you before that? A 3504 Cottage Grove Ave.
 Q Who will run this laundry while you are gone?
 A Yuen Fook Sing.
 Q What will you pay him?
 A I pay him \$10 a week now and after I return if I find business has been satisfactory I may pay him more money for having managed it for me.
 Q What is that laundry worth? A \$1300 or \$1400.
 Q How much business do you do a week? A \$130 on an average.
 Q Do you have a team? A Yes.
 Q Own it yourself? A I own the wagon but hire the horse.
 Q What rent do you pay? A \$26 a month until May 1st but then it will be \$27.50.
 Q Who is your landlord? A I don't know his name, as I can't read English, but I will show you a receipt if you care to see it.
 Q Do the neighbors near that laundry know that you own it?
 A Yes.
 Q What is its name? A Hong Chung.
 Q Will you come back into this laundry on your return? A Yes.
 Q Who owes you any money? A Goon Min Yin or Goon Fong Jim, and Goon Fook Sing.
 Q How much does Goon Fong Jim owe you? A \$650.
 Q When was it borrowed? A K.S. 31, 9, 9.
 Q All at one time? A Yes.
 Q What for? A To buy the store he is in.
 Q What is the name of the store? A Mee Lung, 331 S. Clark St.
 Q Does he own the whole store? A I don't know how many members there are. I know that Goon Fong Jim and his nephew are in it.
 Q Where did this loan take place? A At that store.
 Q How long have you known him? A I knew him in China before we came to the United States.
 Q Hasn't he any money of his own? A I don't know; he may or may not have. I only know he borrowed this money of me.
 Q Where did you get the money? A I earned it in the laundry.
 Q Did he give any note? A No, just a friendship loan.
 Q Does he pay any interest? A No.

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- Q How much did he pay for that store?
 A I don't know. I am a laundryman and work during the week and all I know about the store is what I see Sundays.
 I don't know how much stock he has or how much he pays.
- Q What did Yuen Fook Sing borrow the money for?
 A At several different times. Sometimes he said to send to China. When he returned from China in K.S. 27th he was poor and borrowed this money to send to China, and later on he was taken sick and I loaned him money to pay his doctor and other expenses.
- Q What was the trouble with him when he was sick?
 A He had some trouble with his feet, as he was unable to walk or work.
- Q How long was he sick? A About a year.
- Q How long has he been working in your laundry?
 A Over a year now continuously.
- Q Hasn't he paid any money back in that time? A No.
- Q Why not?
 A He only gets \$10 a week salary and spends that.
- Q Did you put this loan down in any book? A No.
- Q Why not?
 A Because we are good cousins and I have faith in him.
- Q Did you put Goon Fong Jim's debt down in any book? A No.
- Q Why not?
 A The sum was so large I can remember that without putting it down in my book.
- Q Did you and Goon Fook Sing ever balance up accounts to see how much he owed you? A Yes.
- Q When? A K.S. 30, 10, 10, and he owed me \$450.
- Q Why didn't you put it down on some book then?
 A I depended on the fact that we knew each other so well?that I didn't put it down on anything.
- Q Did either of these men give you notes? A No.
- Q Do either of them pay you any interest? A No.
- Q Are these honest debts or are they just trumped up to enable you to go to China? A They are honest debts.
- Q Where did you get all of this money you loaned?
 A I earned it in my laundry.
- Q How many men do you work in that laundry?
 A Sometimes 5 or 6 including myself.
- Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) YUEN KAI, Applicant.
 (Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
 (Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, GOON FONG JIM, sworn by Inspector Plummer,
testified:

- Q What is your name?
 A Goon Fong Jim, or Goon Min Xin.
 Q Are you registered?
 A Yes, but I left my certificate at the store.
 Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
 A Yes, it is Yuen Kai.
 Q How long have you known him?
 A Ever since we were boys together in China.
 Q Do you owe him any money?
 A Yes, \$650 I borrowed to buy a business with.
 Q What part of that business do you own?
 A One-tenth.
 Q What did you pay for it? A \$2,000.
 Q Where did you get the money?
 A I had some and I borrowed some.
 Q How much did you borrow?
 A Before I bought this store some of my cousins owed me money and I collected that and borrowed about \$1400 of other cousins.
 Q When did you borrow this money of Yuen Kai?
 A Last year Chinese, 9th month and 9th day.
 Q Did you borrow it all at one time? A Yes.
 Q Where did the money pass over?
 A At the store, No. 331 South Clark Street, Chicago.
 Q Did you give him any note? A No.
 Q Do you pay him any interest? A No.
 Q Did you put it down in any book?
 A Yes.
- Witness produces a book containing many pages of accounts, and number of accounts, money borrowed in latter part of the 8th month K.S. 31, and an account of money borrowed from Yuen Kai K.S. 31, 9, 9 of \$650.00.
- Q When will you pay this money back?
 A After his return when I get it I will pay it.
 Q Is this a genuine debt or one trumped up to enable ~~to~~ Yuen Kai to go to China?
 A It is a true debt.
 Q What if Yuen Kai should die or not return, what would you do?
 A I would send the money to his family.
 Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) GOON FONG JIM, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, YUEN FOOK SING, sworn by Inspector Plummer,
testified:

- Q What is your name? A Yuen Fook Sing.
 Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
 Q Where? A No. 131-1/2 East 35th St., Chicago.
 Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
 A Yes; it is Yuen Kai.
 Q How long have you known him? A 11 or 12 years.
 Q Who owns that laundry at No.131-1/2 E. 35th St. where you are?
 A Yuen Kai.
 Q Are you going to run it for him while he is gone to China?
 A Yes.
 Q Does he still own this laundry or has he sold it to you?
 A He still owns it.
 Q Will he come back into it upon his return from China?
 A Yes.
 Q Did you ever borrow any money of him?
 A Yes.
 Q When and what amount?
 A I borrowed different sums at various times but didn't put it down on anything. In K.S. 30, 10, 10 we got together and balanced up, and I owed him \$450.
 Q What was this money borrowed for?
 A Since my return from China a few years ago I have been sick a great deal and I borrowed this money for medical treatment and to send home to support my family in China.
 Q When was the first loan made?
 A I can't recall just when but about two or three months after my return from China I began to borrow money. I think I returned from China in K.S. 27 or 28 about the 8th month.
 Q Where did you go to China from? A Chicago.
 Q Did you give any note to Yuen Kai for this money? A No.
 Q Do you pay him any interest? A No.
 Q How long have you been working in that laundry?
 A I should think about a year and a half?
 Q Have you borrowed any money since you have been there?
 A I don't remember whether I have or not.
 Q Did you put down that account on anything?
 A No, as he kept the account and when we balanced up he put it down.
 Q When do you expect to repay it?
 A After his return as I have the money.
 Q Is this an honest debt? A Yes, it is a true debt.
 Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) YUEN FOOK SING, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.