

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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No. 662

Form 410
Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICESTATEMENT 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, Ill. dated March 17th, 1894, and numbered 5732.

Name, LAM POOPresent age, Fifty years.Local residence, 321 So. Clark St.Occupation, Restaurant keeper.Height: 5 feet, 5-1/4 inches. Weight, _____ lbs.Color of eyes, brown Complexion, dark

Physical marks or peculiarities for identification: _____

Scar over left eye.

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 the "Quon Ying Lo" restaurant at

319 So. Clark St. Chicago, Ill. Value, \$ 300.00

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 LAM FOOK, of 332 So. Clark St.

Five hundred twenty-five-----dollars, for money loaned.

Due from CHIN SEE JOE, of 319 So. Clark St.

Six hundred and seventy-five 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.

Lam Poo

(Signature of applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of June, 1908

(Name)

L. J. Flannery

(Title) Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

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SUBJECT:

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PORT OF Port of, N. D.

March 27, 1909

Lam Poo, c/o Hop Yick Wo,
79 Connaught Road, Central,
Hong Kong, China.

Sir:

Replying to your request for an ad interim investigation of your case, I have to advise that such investigation has been made, and the report thereon is favorable.

You will, therefore, be permitted to re-enter the United States provided you do not, on your arrival here, controvert any of the statements made in your application.

Respectfully,

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Chinese Inspector in Charge

OFFICIAL COPY respectfully furnished L. T. Plummer, Chinese Inspector in Charge, Chicago, acknowledgement being made of his letter of the 25th instant No. 662, forwarding therewith all papers in above case with exception of registration certificate.

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MAR 29 1909

Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

D. B. Helton
Chinese Inspector in Charge

*Admitted
6/2/09*

319 So. Clark St.,

CHICAGO

March 25th, 1909.

Case of

LAM POO,

Laborer returning.

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H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.

Witness, LUM DO FUN, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:
(In English)

Q What is your name? A. Lum Do Fun.

Q How many names have you? A. Lam Jen is my other name.

Q Are you the manager of this restaurant? A. Yes.

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

A. Yes, he is one of my partners. His name is Lam Poo.

Q How much interest has he now? A. \$300.00.

Witness wrote his names in Chinese.

Subscribed and sworn to, before me this 25th day of March, 1909

(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.

319 So. Clark St. Upstairs.

3/25/09.

Witness, CHIN SEE JOE, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:
(In English)

Q What is your name? A. Chin See Joe.

Q What other names have you? Lim Di.

Q Do you know this applicant? (Showing photograph of applicant) A. Yes, that is Lam Poo.

Q Do you owe him any money? A. Yes, \$675.00.

Q Why do you owe him this money? A. I borrowed the money to put into this restaurant.

Q Have you paid any of it back? A. Not yet.

Q Is the debt just the same now as it was when Lam Poo went away? A. Yes.

Witness signed his names in Chinese.

Subscribed and sworn to, before me this 25th day of March, 1909.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.

319 So. Clark St. Upstairs.

3/25/09.

Witness, LAM FOOK, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:
(In English)

Q What is your name? A. Lam Fook.

Q How many names have you? A. Only one.

Q Do you know this applicant? (Showing photograph) A. Yes, that is Lam Poo.

Q What is your address? 332-1/2 Clark St.

Q Do you owe Lam Poo any money? A. I owe him now \$525.00.

Q Is the debt just the same now as it was at the time Lam Poo went to China? A. Yes, there has been no change.

Witness signed his name in English.

(Signed) Lam Fook,

Witness.

Subscribed and sworn to before me March 25th, 1909,

(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.

319. Clark St Up stairs

Department of Commerce and Labor

What is your name? Chin See Joe.
What other names have you? Lim Si
Do you know this appellant?
Showing photo. on paper. Yes, that
is Lam Do.

Do you have money? Yes. \$675.00

Why do you have this money.

I borrowed the money to put
into this restaurant.

Have you paid any of it back?

Not yet.

Is the debt just the same now
as it was when Lam Do went
away? Yes

Subscribed and
sworn to before me

this 25th day of Mch.
1909. H. E. Tipple

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Inspector

319 Clark St Up stairs

Department of Commerce and Labor

What is your name? Lum Do Foon
How many names have you? Lum Jen.
Are you the Manager of this
restaurant? Yes.

Do you know this man,
Showing photo. Yes he is
one of my partners. His
name is Lam Do.

How much interest has he
paid? \$200

Subscribed and 林振
sworn to before me

March 25/09

H. E. Tipple

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No.662

July 3 1908

Lam Poo,

o/o Quong Yuen Chung Kee,

321 So.Clark St. Chicago Ill.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith a copy of your application for a laborers return certificate and would instruct you to present the same to the Chinese Inspector in Charge at Portal N.Dak.upon your departure through that port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
 LAM POO, : J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter.
 Lab. departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, LAM POO, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?
 A Lam Poo.
 Q What is your full Chinese name?
 A I have no other name.
 Q What is your occupation?
 A Restaurant keeper.
 Q Do you own a restaurant at the present time?
 A No. I have none now.
 Q How long have you owned your interest in the "Quong Lung Lo" restaurant at 319 So Clark St.?
 A More than two years.
 Q When did you buy it?
 A I don't remember when I bought it.
 Q About when?
 A A little over two years ago.
 Q How much did you put into it?
 A \$300.00.
 Q How many partners are there in the place?
 A I am not sure. I think there is about six or eight. I don't know, as I have not seen the book. The manager has the book.
 Q Do you mean to say that you have a \$300.00 interest in a restaurant and don't know how many partners there are in it?
 A I don't know how many partners there are in it. All I know is, they asked me to buy a \$300.00 interest and I bought it.
 Q Of whom did you buy it?
 A I paid the money to Lam Chuck.
 Q Is he the manager of the restaurant?
 A Yes, and when he is not in the city, Sam Shing is manager.
 Q Did you buy this restaurant of Moy Ng?
 A Yes.
 Q How much is there in the restaurant all together?
 A \$3,800.00. We bought it from Moy Ng.
 Q Have you a book or anything to show that you have an interest in that restaurant?
 A No, I have none.
 Q Why does Lam Fook owe you money?
 A He borrowed the money from me to put in a business, a fruit and coffee shop?
 Q Where?
 A 321 So. Clark St. up-stairs. After he staid there for about a year or two, he moved to the opposite side of the street.
 Q When did he borrow this money from you?
 A K.S. 28, 8th month about the 7th day.
 Q How long has he been across the street?
 A About three or four years.
 Q What do you mean by a fruit and coffee shop?
 A He has coffee and cake there. People come in and buy. They would sometimes eat and drink there. He also had fruit.
 Q Where is his place now? What number?
 A 332 So. Clark St.
 Q How much money did you loan him?
 A He borrowed originally \$725.00. He has since paid me back \$200.00, and he now owes me \$525.00.
 Q Did he give you any note for this money?
 A No.
 Q How long have you known him?
 A A long time.
 Q How does it happen that you remember the date of this

Case of LAM POO.

Testimony of applicant, continued:

loan so well, and yet do not remember the date when you put your money in that restaurant?

A When a man lends money to another he puts it down in his book, makes an entry of the date and the amount. But when a man takes an interest in a restaurant, he don't pay any attention to it. He leaves it to the manager of the restaurant to put it down in his book.

Q Did you put this loan down in your book?

A Yes. (Witness produces book containing numerous entries, and interpreter reads, "K.S. 28, 9th month, 9th day, loaned to Lam Fook, \$725.00. K.S. 29, 12th month, 1st day, received \$200.00 from him.")

Q Why does Chin See Joe owe you money?

A He borrowed the money to put in a restaurant at 311 So. Clark St.

Q When did he borrow that?

A (Witness produces same book as above, and interpreter reads, "K.S. 31, 4th month, 10th day, loaned Chin See Joe, \$575.00. Same year, same month, 30th day, loaned him \$100.00 more. Altogether, \$675.00.")

Q Did he borrow this money to put in that restaurant at 311 So. Clark St.?

A Yes.

Q Was that restaurant in the basement?

A Yes, in the basement.

Q How much did he put in altogether?

A I think he put in about \$900.00 or \$1,000.00.

Q Don't Charley Lee Chung run that restaurant?

A No.

Q Where did you get the money to lend to this man?

A I saved it from my business. I saved it from my restaurant at 322 So. Clark St. since the Chicago Fair. I was the partner of Wong Kee.

Q Did Chin See Joe give you a note for this money?

A No. I know him. We are good friends, so I just loaned him the money to put in a restaurant.

Q When do you think these men will pay you?

A They told me that they have not got the money right now, but that after I get back they will pay me.

Q That restaurant of Chin See Joe is closed, is it not?

A Yes, it is closed.

Q What is he doing now?

A He is working for other people.

Q Did he lose all he put into that restaurant?

A Yes.

Q Why has he not paid you back part of this loan?

A At the time he closed his business, I was at Jackson, Mich. Whatever money he had, he used up in looking for work.

Q Are these honest debts, or have you made them up so that you can go to China?

A They are true debts.

Q Have you understood the interpreter?

A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) Lam Poo,

Applicant.

(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallon,

Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.

Witness, LAM FOOK, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Lam Fook.
Q What is your full Chinese name?
A I have no other name.
Q What is your business?
A I am at 332-1/2 So. Clark St., and I am growing pea shoots for the market.
Q Are you registered?
A Yes. (Witness produces certificate of residence No. 8294 purporting to have been issued at Chicago April, 1894 to Lem Fook.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A Yes, it is Lam Poo.
Q Why do you owe him any money?
A I borrowed the money to put in a coffee and cake shop at 321 So. Clark St., up-stairs.
Q How much money did you put into that place?
A \$900.00. I borrowed \$725.00 from my cousin, Lam Poo, but in the 29th year I paid him back \$200.00.
Q Did you give him any note for this money?
A No.
Q What became of this coffee place that you opened?
A I moved across the street to 332-1/2.
Q What kind of a place was that? What do you mean by a coffee and cake shop?
A I sold coffee and cake. Sometimes the people came there and bought it and ate it there. Sometimes they took it away with them.
Q Do you run that kind of a place where you are now?
A No. I only grow pea shoots.
Q Did you quit the coffee and cake business when you left 321?
A Yes, I closed it up there. Then I went over across the street and began to grow pea shoots.
Q When do you think you will be able to pay Lam Poo?
A After he comes back, I will pay him, but I have not got the money now.
Q Is this an honest debt or one that you made up so that Lam Poo can go to China?
A It is a true debt.
Q What would you do if Lam Poo never came back from China?
A If he doesn't come back he will write me, and I will send the money to him.
Q Suppose he does come back and you won't pay him, could he take your business down there on Clark St.?
A Yes.
Q Have you understood the interpreter?
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Lem Fook,

Witness.

(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.

Witness, LUM DO FUN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?
A Lum Do Fun.
Q What is your business?
A Restaurant keeper, 319 So. Clark St.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A Yes, it is Lam Poo.
Q How much money have you invested in that restaurant
all together?
A \$4,430.00.
Q How many partners are there?
A (Witness produces the book of the restaurant, and counts
a number of characters) There are seventeen partners.
Q Does that book contain a membership list of the restaurant?
A Yes, it does.
Q Has Lam Poo got an interest in that restaurant?
A Yes.
Q How much?
A \$300.00.
Q When did he put it in?
A (Witness produces book of restaurant, and interpreter
reads: "Lam Poo, \$300.00".
Q What is the date of that interest?
A There is no date marked in the book.
Q Did all your partners put their money into it at the same
time?
A Yes.
Q When was it?
A K.S. 31, 11th month.
Q Was that at the time you bought the restaurant from Moy
Ng?
A Yes.
Q Is that restaurant worth as much now as it did when you
bought it?
A Yes.
Q Do you do much business there?
A Yes.
Q Will Lam Poo keep that interest in that restaurant until
he returns from China?
A Yes, certainly.
Q Have you understood the interpreter?
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) Lum Do Fun, Witness.

(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

Witness, CHIN SEE JOE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?
A Chin See Joe.
Q What is your business?
A I am working in a restaurant.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A Yes, it is Lam Poo.
Q Do you owe him any money?
A Yes, I owe him \$675.00, now.
Q What for?
A I borrowed the money to put in a restaurant.
Q Where?
A At 311 So. Clark St.
Q When did you borrow the money?
A K.S. 31, 4th month, 10th day.
Q All at one time?
A He made two loans. The first time he lent me \$575.00.
The second time, as I did not have enough money, I asked him to loan me \$100.00 more. Some time after that I closed up the restaurant and went out of the city. I went to different places, and now he is going to China and I have not the money with which to pay him.
Q How much money did you put into that restaurant?
A \$900.00. I had two hundred odd dollars of my own.
Q Did you give Lam Poo any note for this money?
A No. As we are cousins, I did not give him any.
Q When do you expect to pay him back?
A I have not the money now; but after I come back, I will work and pay him.
Q Where are you working now?
A I am working at a restaurant at 319 So. Clark St.
Q What are you doing there?
A I am the cook.
Q What would you do about the debt if Lam Poo never comes back from China?
A If he does not come back, I will work and get money to send to him.
Q Did you put this loan down in your private account book?
A No, I did not.
Q Is this an honest debt, or have you made it up so that this man can go to China?
A Yes, it is true debt.
Q Have you understood the interpreter?
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) Chin See Joe, Witness.

(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.