

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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No. 509

In re. GIN SING, No. 299 Clark st., Chicago, Ill. Laundryman.

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 March 17th, 1894, ratified December 7th, 1894, and proclaimed by the President of the United States December 8th, 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 20, 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 Congress approved November 3, 1902. My Certificate of Residence is attached to this Statement. It was issued to me by the Collector of Internal Revenue, for the 18th District of Pennsylvania, at the City of Scranton, in said district on the 24th day of April 1894; and it is numbered "24270"

MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

NAME:-GIN SING.
AGE:- Thirty Six Years.
HEIGHT:- 5 Feet, 8-1/4 Inches, (In Shoes).
EYES:- Black
COMPLEXION:- Dark.
MARKS:- Deep Scar outside Right Eye. Pit over Left Eye.
LOCAL RESIDENCE:- No. 299 Clark st., Chicago, Ill.
OCCUPATION: Laundryman.



I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS BELOW:-
Property: None except the personal property below, and money in hand.

Debts:- Payable by one Jean Pond-Merchant, of No. 315 Clark st. Chicago in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, for money loaned, the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

Payable by one Gin Him-Merchant, of 299 Clark st., in said City of Chicago, in the County of Cook, and State of Illinois, for money loaned, the sum of Five Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$530.00).

Said debts aggregate, and are actually and reasonably worth, at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) They are unsettled and unascertained and are not covered by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

I HEREBY AGREE That none of such debt shall be diverted, transferred, or collected during my absence, but shall remain as it now exists until my return to the United States.

I intend to depart from the United States at the port of San Francisco, California, one month from the date hereof, or as soon hereafter as I may, and to return to the United States at the same port of San Francisco, California, within one year thereafter.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, Sept 27 1906.

Gin Sing

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to, by the above-named JEAN POND, and GIN HIM, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, this 27 day of September, A.D., 1906, before me.

G. H. Hume
Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

CHICAGO

October 10, 1906.

Case of	:	L. T. Plummer,	Examining Inspector.
GIN SING,	:		
Lab. Dep.	:	Wong Aloy,	Interpreter.

Applicant, GIN SING, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?
A Gin Sing.
Q What is your business?
A Laundryman.
Q Where?
A I sold the laundry about a month ago.
Q Where was it?
A No.299 Western Avenue, Chicago.
Q Upon what do you base your right to a return certificate?
A I am registered, and people in this country owe me money.
Q Who owe you money?
A Gin Pond and Gin Heim.
Q How much does Gin Pond owe you?
A \$600.
Q What for?
A He said he borrowed it to put into a restaurant.
Q Where?
A Hong Fong Lo restaurant, corner of State and Van Buren St., Chicago.
Q When was this money borrowed?
A At three different times.
Q Give dates and amounts?
A My health is not very good and I don't remember very well.
The first loan was the 5th or 6th month, last year, \$200;
the second loan was the 10th month, last year, \$200; and the
third loan was the second month, this year, \$200.
Q Did he give you any note?
A No.
Q Did you put it down in your book?
A No.
Q Have you any security for these loans?
A No.
Q Where did these loans take place?
A The first one at Sam Lung & Co., 299 S.Clark St., Chicago;
the second and third loans at Gin Pond's store, 315 S.Clark St.
Q Where did you get the money?
A I earned it in the laundry.
Q Why didn't you take an interest in the restaurant yourself
instead of letting him have this money to put into it?
A I don't like to put money into such business.
Q Then why would you let him have it to put in?
A He is a cousin and asked me to lend him this money, and I would
rather trust him than take the chance myself.
Q Do you believe he will pay you?
A Yes, he agreed to that.

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- Q How much does Gin Heim owe you?
A \$530.
Q What for?
A He borrowed this to put into the same restaurant as Gin Pond.
Q When was it borrowed?
A We had had considerable business transactions and on the same day, second month of this year, he owed me \$130 and he asked me to let him have \$400 more to put into this restaurant which they were fitting up, and I let him have it.
Q Did he give you any note for it?
A No.
Q Where did this loan take place?
A At his room in the store of Sam Lung & Co., 299 S. Clark St.
Q Have you any security?
A No.
Q Why didn't you think it better to take an \$1100.00 interest in this restaurant than to lend it to other men to put into the same venture?
A I don't care to go into business of this kind or any kind.
Q Don't you stand a chance of losing and not winning?
A No. In case these men lose in this business they will be personally responsible to me, so I won't lose it.
Q If they don't pay you, could you take their interest in this restaurant?
A I can't take it by law, but if they give it to me instead of paying me I will take it.
Q Why didn't you make a memorandum in a book?
A My health hasn't been very good, and these two men are cousins of mine and good, honest men, and I would as soon trust them as trust myself.
Q Do you think that is good business?
A Yes, I think it is all right.
Q Are these true debts, or have you manufactured them to enable you to go to China.
A They are true debts.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter?
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) GIN SING, Applicant.
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

Witness, GIN HEIM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Gin Heim.
Q What is your business?
A Merchant, member of the firm of Sam Lung & Co., 299 S.Clark St.
Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)?
A Yes, it is Gin Sing.
Q How long have you known him?
A I knew him in China a long time ago.
Q Do you owe him any money?
A Yes, \$530.
Q What for?
A I borrowed it to put into a restaurant.
Q The whole of it?
A Yes.
Q When was it borrowed?
A K.S. 32, 2nd month, between the 10th and 15th day.
Q How much did you borrow that day?
A He had over \$600 on deposit with me. He had drawn out from time to time until this day, when we balanced accounts and I owed him \$130. I told him I would keep this \$130 and asked him to lend me \$400 more to put into this restaurant.
Q What restaurant?
A Hong Fong Lo, corner of State and Van Buren Sts.
Q Did you give him any note?
A No, it was a cousin's loan.
Q Did you put it in any book?
A No, I can remember it.
Q Didn't you have an account of that deposit in a book?
A Yes. I have that in a book, but this extra loan I didn't put down, as it was so large I could remember it.
Q Where did you think he got all this money?
A He earned it in his laundry.
Q When will you pay him?
A After his return if I can. If not, I will pay him as soon as I can.
Q Where did this loan take place?
A Sam Lung & Co., No. 299 S.Clark St.
Q Can he take your interest in that restaurant if you don't pay him?
A We are good cousins and it is up to him to do it if he wants to.
Q Is this a true debt?
A Yes.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter?
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) GIN HEIM, Witness.
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

Wong Aloy
L. T. Plummer

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Witness, JIAN POND, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Jian Pond.
Q What is your business?
A Merchant, member of Gee Lung & Co., 315 S. Clark St.
Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)?
A Yes, it Gin Sing.
Q How long have you known him?
A I knew ~~him~~ him in China, and I have known him in the United States over ten years.
Q Do you owe him any money?
A Yes.
Q How much?
A \$600.
Q What for?
A I borrowed it to put into a restaurant and also into my store.
Q When was this money borrowed?
A Three different times; first, K.S. 31, I think 5th month and 10th day; I am not quite sure; \$200: second, about the middle of the 10th month, same year, \$200: and third, K.S. 32, first part of the second month, \$200.
Q Did you put it in any book?
A No.
Q Did you give him any note for it?
A No.
Q Why didn't you put it down in your book?
A It is quite an amount and I can remember it very well.
Q How much did you put into the restaurant and how much into the store?
A \$400 in the restaurant and the last \$200 in the store.
Q Has he any security?
A No.
Q Don't you think that poor business?
A He need not be afraid of me, as I am a merchant and he knows it is good, and then we are cousins and we trust each other very much.
Q When will you pay him?
A After his return.
Q Suppose you lost in the restaurant, would you pay him?
A Yes, I would have to.
Q Could he take your interest in the restaurant or the store if you didn't pay him?
A Yes, after his return if I don't pay him he has a perfect right to take my interest in either, but I will see to it that he is paid.
Q Is this a true debt or is it manufactured to allow him to go to China?
A It is a true debt.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter?
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed)	JIAN POND,	Witness.
(Signed)	L. T. PLUMMER,	Inspector.
(Signed)	WONG ALOY,	Interpreter.