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Portal.

No. 698.

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 Third district of Massachusetts, at Boston, Mass. dated April 20th,, 1894, and numbered 125808



Name, CHIN HAM  
Present age, Forty-one years.  
Local residence, 3106 Wallace St.  
Occupation, Laundryman.  
Height, 5 feet, 7 inches. Weight, \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.  
Color of eyes, dark brown Complexion, Olive  
Physical marks or peculiarities for identification: \_\_\_\_\_  
Very small mole under left eye.  
(Right leg, lame)

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, \_\_\_\_\_  
Value, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 WONG HOP, of 111 Custom House Place.  
Five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, for money loaned.  
Due from CHIN GE HING, of 3106 Wallace St.  
Five hundred (\$500.00) 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.

Chin Ham

(Signature of applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of October,, 1908

(Name) H. C. Chipman

(Title) Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.



No. 2622.

June 24, 1909.

Chin Ham,

C/O Chin Shun Cheung,

#156 Connaught Road,

Hong Kong, China.

Sir:-

Replying to your request for an ad interim investigation of your case prior to your intended return to this country, 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, upon your arrival here, controvert any of the statements made in your original application.

Respectfully,

(Signed) O. B. Holton

T/a

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

OFFICIAL COPY is respectfully furnished L.T. Plummer, Chinese Inspector in Charge, Chicago, Ill., acknowledgement being made of his letter of the 22nd inst. No. 693, returning therewith all papers in the above case, with the exception of the registration certificate.

T/a

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**JUN 28. 1909.**

Chinese Inspector,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

*O. B. Holton*  
Chinese Inspector in Charge.



No. 698.

3106 Wallace St., CHICAGO

June 21st, 1909.

Case of

CHIN HAM,

Laborer returning.

: H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.

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Witness, CHIN GE HING, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Chin Ge Hing.

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

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

A. Yes, that is Chin Ham.

Q Do you owe him any money? A. Yes, \$500.00.

Q Is the condition now the same as it was when he went away in reference to this debt? A. Yes.

Witness signed his name in Chinese.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me June 21st, 1909,

(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.

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No. 698.

522, Commercial National Bank Bldg. CHICAGO

June 22nd, 1909.

Case of CHIN HAM:

L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.

Witness, WONG HOP, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified.

Q What is your name? A. Wong Hop.

Q What is your occupation at the present time? A. Work in a laundry on Sixty-third St.

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

A. Chin Ham.

Q Do you owe him any money? A. I owe him \$500.00.

Q Have you paid him any money since he has been in China?

A. No.

Q Has there been any change in the debt in any way since he has been away? A. No change at all.

Q When do you intend to pay him? A. That will be quite a while. That takes time. I will pay when I get the money.

Q What other name have you besides Wong Hop? A. Wong Ho Hop.

Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Witness signed in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Wong Hoo Hop, Witness.

(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

陳金生



522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO October 20th, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
CHIN HAM, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.  
Lab. departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, CHIN HAM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Chin Ham.  
Q What is your business? A. Laundryman.  
Q Do you own a laundry at the present time? A. I have a half interest in a laundry on Wallace St. I let my cousin take it while I go to China, and if he don't pay me back when I come back from China, I will take it from him.  
Q How long have you owned that half interest in this laundry on Wallace St.? A. Several months.  
Q Who owns the other half of it? A. Chin Gee Hing.  
Q Did you and Chin Gee Hing together buy out another man or did you purchase your interest from Chin Gee Hing? A. Chin Gee Hing is a cousin of mine. He owns the other half. I bought my half from a party several months ago. Now, I made up my mind to go to China and leave the laundry there. So, I turned the laundry over to Chin Gee Hing.  
Q Did you sell the laundry to Chin Gee Hing or is he going to run for you? A. We have the laundry in this way. I have turned my share in the laundry over to him. I have sold it to him. If he don't have the cash when I come back, I will take my interest back.  
Q What was the price that you agreed upon for the laundry? A. \$1,000.00.  
Q How many men do you employ in that laundry? A. Two.  
Q Two men besides the partners? Four altogether?  
A. No, only two, my partner and myself.  
Q How much work do you do a week? A. Over \$60.00 a week.  
Q Of whom did you buy your half interest? A. I bought it from Lee Gim.  
Q What did you pay him for it? A. \$500.00.  
Q When did you buy it? A. K.S. 34, 2nd month.  
Q What rent do you pay there? A. \$15.00.  
Q Is there anybody in the neighborhood, any of the American people who know you and know that you have an interest in that laundry? A. A Chinaman knows me. I have been there only a few months. Chin Wong has been there a long time.  
Q Who pays the rent? A. Chin Wong.  
Q Who is Chin Wong? A. He was my partner, I worked with him. My interest I sold to Chin Gee Hing.  
Q Who is the man that has been your partner in the last seven months? A. Chin Wong.  
Q When did Chin Gee Hing first come into the laundry? A. He has been there about three weeks.  
Q Do you mean to say that you have sold your interest to Chin Gee Hing and that if Chin Gee Hing don't pay you when you come back from China, you can take the interest back? A. Yes.  
Q Was that the understanding between you and Chin Gee Hing at the time the laundry was sold? A. Yes.  
Q How long has Chin Gee Hing been in that laundry? A. Six or seven years.  
Q Who else owes you money? A. Wong Hop.  
Q How much does he owe you? A. \$500.00.  
Q What for? A. He got the money from me to buy a laundry. He sold that laundry out, and then he came down here on Custom House Place and started a wagon.  
Q When did you lend him that money? A. Last year.  
Q What time? A. About the fifth month.  
Q Did you lend it to him all at one time? A. Yes, in one lump.  
Q Did he give you any note for it? A. No.



## Case of CHIN HAM.

## Testimony of applicant, CHIN HAM, continued:

Q Where was the laundry that he wanted to buy? A. On 63rd St. In former days I used to work in that place.

Q Did you sell him that laundry that you used to have on 63rd St.? A. I sold it to another person, Chin Ack Boy. Chin Ack Boy sold it to another person.

Q When did you sell it to Chin Ack Boy? A. Over two years ago, going on three years.

Q Did you sell him the whole laundry? A. Yes, I got \$950.00 for the whole laundry.

Q Did Chin Ack Boy sell it to Wong Hop? A. Yes.

Q Did you lend Wong Hop the money to buy this laundry? A. Yes, he asked me to lend him money to buy from Chin Ack Boy.

Q Didn't he pay more than \$500.00? A. I do not know how much he paid for it. He only asked me for \$500.00.

Q When did Wong Hop sell that laundry? A. He sold it a few weeks ago.

Q When did he start this wagon down on Custom House Place? A. He has just started it now. The goods are just coming in there now.

Q Did you put either of these transactions down in your book? A. I put it down in my book.

Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Chin Han, Applicant.

(Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.



## Case of CHIN HAM:

Witness, WONG HOP, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Wong Hop.  
 Q What is your full Chinese name? A. Wong Ho Hop.  
 Q Are you registered? A. Yes. (Witness produces certificate No. 105582 issued to Wong Hop at Omaha, March 21st, 1894)  
 Q What is your occupation? A. Laundryman.  
 Q Do you own a laundry at the present time? A. No, I sold it.  
 Q When did you sell it? A. About six or seven weeks ago.  
 Q Where was it? A. 63rd St.  
 Q At what number on 63rd St.? A. 468.  
 Q What have you been doing since you sold the laundry? A. I have just started a place on Custom House Place, a meat shop and I have other provisions there.  
 Q When did you open that? A. I am going to open it Saturday.  
 Q What did you get for your laundry when you sold it? A. \$720.00.  
 Q Did you own the whole laundry or half of it? A. I owned the whole of it.  
 Q Do you know this man?(Showing photograph of applicant) A. Yes.  
 Q Who is it? A. Chan Jung.  
 Q Why did you borrow any money from him? A. I borrowed that money to buy that laundry on 63rd St.  
 Q When did you borrow it? A. Last year about the 2nd month, Chinese date.  
 Q K.S. 33? A. Yes.  
 Q Didn't you have any money of your own at that time? A. I had some then. I needed over one thousand dollars.  
 Q What did you pay for the laundry? A. \$1,290.00.  
 Q Did you lose \$570.00 in that laundry? A. Yes.  
 Q Where did you get the money to start this business on Custom House Place? A. When I sold that laundry I had a little money left after paying all my debts. I had left over one hundred dollars.  
 Q Did you pay this debt to Chin Ham? A. No.  
 Q Why not? A. I didn't have enough money.  
 Q When do you expect to pay him? A. Whenever I earn the money.  
 Q Did you give him any note for this money? A. No.  
 Q Did you put it down in your book? A. No, I just remembered it in my head. I didn't put it down.  
 Q Where did this loan take place? A. 31st and Wallace St., I do not remember the number.  
 Q Was he working there at that time? A. Yes, it was at Chin Ham's laundry.  
 Q Did he own that laundry at 31st St. & Wallace at the time you borrowed this money from him? A. Yes, Chin Ham owned it all.  
 Q How do you know whether he owned it or not? A. All I know is that when I asked him in Chinatown for money, he told me to go up to that place and he would give me the money.  
 Q Have you understood the interpreter? A. Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Wong Hop, Witness.  
 (Signed) Charley Kee, Interpreter.  
 (Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.



No. 698.

October 14th, 1908.

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

Sir:-

I hand you herewith original certificate of residence No. 125808, purporting to have been issued in the Third District of Massachusetts at Boston, Mass., April 20th, 1894, to CHIN HAM, Chinese laborer, and would thank you to compare it with the duplicate on file with the Bureau and inform me whether or not it is genuine.

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

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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