

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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No. 575

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" and persons of Chinese descent", approved April 29th, 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 November 5, 1893. My Certificate of Residence is attached to this Statement. It was issued to me by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of California, at Los Angeles, in said district, on February 20th, 1894; and it is numbered "38,177".

HEREUNTO ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT PHOTOGRAPHIC LIKENESS OF ME NOW; AND MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:-

NAME:- CHOW GAH HONG.
AGE:-Forty (40) Years.
-HEIGHT:-5 Feet, 7-1/4 In., In Shoes. Ill's.
RESIDENCE:-No. 339 Clark street (Second Floor), Chicago, A
OCCUPATION:-RESTAURATEUR,
EYES:-Dark Brown. COMPLEXION:-Light.
PHYSICAL MARKS AND PECULIARITIES FOR IDENTIFICATION:-
Scar in Hair, over Forehead. Very Small Mole, Right Hand.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW:

I own in my own name and right a Share and Interest in the Leasehold, Furniture, Fixtures, Tools, Utensils and all other of the assets of the NATIONAL CAFE, of No's 130 & 138 East Madison street, Chicago aforesaid, worth Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00).

I also own in my own name and right ~~and~~ a Share and Interest in the Leasehold, Furniture, Fixtures, Tools and Utensils, and all other of the assets of the TIN SING LO COMPANY, Restaurateurs, of No's 202 & 204 South State Street, Chicago aforesaid; worth Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

I also own in my own name and right a Share and Interest in the Leasehold, Furniture, Fixtures, Tools, Utensils and all other of the assets of the FOOK CHU LO COMPANY, Restaurateurs, of No. 321 South Clark street, Chicago aforesaid; worth Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).

Said Property aggregates and is worth, reasonably and at least, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

AND I HEREBY AGREE That such property shall not be diverted, sold or transferred during my absence; and that the above-described Personal Property shall remain as it now exists until my return to the United States.

I intend to depart from the United States at the sub-port of Portal, North Dakota, accompanied by my wife, CHIN OY, whose photograph is also attached hereto, one month from the date hereof, or as soon hereafter as I may, and to return to the United States with my said wife, CHIN OY, at the same sub-port of Portal, North Dakota, within one year thereafter.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request a Certificate of my right, ~~to~~ and the right of my said wife, CHIN OY, to return to the United States.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, July 9, A.D., 1907.

Chow Gah Hong

Subscribed and sworn to, by the above-named CHOW GAH HONG, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, this 9 day of July A.D., 1907, before me.

L. O. Plummer
Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.



The United States of America.)
Northern District of Illinois.) Set:
Eastern Division.)

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CHOW GAN HONG, Restaurateur, of No. ~~508~~
South Clark street, in the City of Chi-
cago, County of Cook and State of Illinois,
in said division and district, being first
duly sworn according to law, deposes and
says as follows, to-wit:-

The photograph hereunto affixed is a
true and correct likeness of my wife,
CHIN OY:-

I have resided in the United States
for twenty seven years and upward, and
am a native and subject of China.

I have resided in the said City of
Chicago with my said wife for upwards

of two (2) years last past.

The said CHIN OY, previous to my marriage with her, and as a native citi-
zen of the United States, was admitted into the United States at the port
of San Francisco under and by virtue of Habeas Corpus Proceedings, Number
11,208, in the District Court of the United States for the Northern Dis-
trict of California, at the same city of San Francisco, on the twenty third
day of November, eighteen hundred ninety five, as evidenced by a duly certi-
fied copy of the proper record thereof, bearing an attested photograph of the
said CHIN OY, which is exhibited at the time of the presentation hereof.

I was married to the said CHIN OY at the City of Los Angeles, California,
January 24, 1900, under and by virtue of the proper License therefor, issued
by the County Clerk, ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of
Los Angeles, California, January 24th, 1900, as evidenced by the proper cer-
tificate of William P. James, Esquire, Justice of the Peace of Los Angeles
Township, County of Los Angeles, State of California, endorsed upon said Li-
cense January 24, 1900; and which said License, bearing said endorsement, to-
gether with a duly attested photograph of myself and my said wife, CHIN OY,
as well as the said Certificate, are exhibited at the time of the presentation
and execution hereof.

I have lived and cohabited with my said wife, CHIN OY, constantly, ever
since my said marriage to her.

Subscribed and sworn to, this)
9th day of July, A.D., 1907, be-)
fore me. *Mark A. Foote,*)

U.S. COMMISSIONER, S. D. Ill.

Chow Gan Hong

January 22nd, 1908.

Mr. H. Edsell,

Chinese Inspector in Charge,

Sumas, Washington.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of January 13th, 1908, No. 1498, forwarding for ad interim investigation papers of Chow Gah Hong, laborer now in China, I submit the following report.

I have examined Schuck Ju, formerly manager of the National Cafe, 130 and 136 E. Madison St., Chicago, but now manager of the Yen King Lem Restaurant, 1366 No. Clark St., Chicago, and also Toy Fong, manager of the Fook Chu Lo Restaurant, 321 So. Clark St., and enclose a transcript of the notes taken.

Toy Fong states that Chow Gah Hong still retains the same interest in his restaurant that he did at the time of his departure and that the restaurant is in substantially the same condition.

Schuck Ju states that the National Cafe was sold last September and the proceeds of the sale invested in the restaurant of Yen King Lem, and that under the conditions of the sale Chow Gah Hong gets a \$500.00 interest in the latter restaurant, and holds a mortgage for \$1500.00 on the furniture and fixtures of the North Clark St. restaurant. As evidence of this, he exhibited a chattel mortgage to Chow Gah Hong and Schuck Ju, for \$1500.00, and stated in his examination that although his name appeared in the mortgage as one

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of the mortgagees, he had no actual interest in it and that he was named as one of the mortgagees in order that he might look after Chow Gah Hong's interests. He also stated that Chow Gah Hong still retained the same interest in the Tin Sing Lo Co. as at the time of his departure, and that his interest is worth \$500.00. The applicant's interest in the Tin Sing Lo Co. is that he is one of two lessees of quite a valuable piece of property on State St., Chicago, which will be occupied by this restaurant after May 1st, 1908. As I understand it the applicant made this trip to China to purchase furniture and fixtures for this restaurant, and there will be invested in it some where near \$50,000.00.

From my examination, I am of the opinion that the applicant still has in the United States property interests very much in excess of one thousand dollars, and I would recommend that he be admitted upon his return.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

CHICAGO

January 22nd, 1908.

Case of Chow Gah Hong.

Witness, Toy Fong, was examined without the aid of an interpreter, and after being sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Toy Fong.
Q You are the manager of Fook Chu Lo Restaurant, are you not?
A Yes.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A Yes, it is Chow Gah Hong.
Q Does he still have the same interest in your restaurant as he did at the time he went to China?
A Yes. Just the same.
Q ~~Would you say~~ that your restaurant is worth as much money now as it was at that time?
A Yes, just about the same.
Q Will he keep that interest until he comes back from China?
A Yes.
Q Have you understood my questions?
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

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Witness.

(SIGNED) L. T. Plummer,

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CHICAGO

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Q What is your name?

A Schuck Ju.

Q What is your occupation?

A I am in the restaurant business.

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

A Yes. It is Chow Gah Hong.

Q Does he have an interest at the present time in the National Cafe?

A No, the National Cafe is closed, and we have moved to the North side.

Q When did you close the National Cafe?

A About September, 1907.

Q Where did you move to on the North side?

A 1366 N. Clark St.

Q How much money have you altogether invested in that restaurant?

A About \$3,000.00.

Q Was this restaurant on the North side opened on the proceeds of the sale of the National Cafe?

A Yes.

Q That is you sold the National Cafe and put the money in this one?

A Yes.

Q Chow Gah Hong put \$2400.00 into the National Cafe, on the corner of Clark and Madison Sts., did he not?

A Yes. When we went on North Clark St., we arranged to have him have a \$500.00 interest in the North Clark St. restaurant, and the National Cafe Co. owe him \$1500.00.

Q Then at the present time, he has \$500.00 in the restaurant on North Clark St.?

A Yes.

Q What is the name of that restaurant?

A Yen King Lem.

Q Who owns the balance of that restaurant on North Clark St.?

A The same people who owned the National Cafe. (Witness produces chattel mortgage from Lung Poy King, Yen Tom Clan, Shin Chow, and See Ho Lang to Chow Gah Hong and Schuck Ju for \$1500.00, on Cash register, safe, desk, dishes and other fixtures, contained in the restaurant at 1366 No. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.)

Q This chattel mortgage is made out so that it was given in favor of Chow Gah Hong and yourself. You state, however, that the money is all owed to Chow Gah Hong and not to yourself. Why does your name appear there?

A He had my name put on this paper so that I could act for him while he is in China?

Q He is as a matter of fact the only mortgagee?

A Yes. He is the only mortgagee.

Q And you have no interest whatever in this mortgage except that you act for him in looking after the property?

A Yes.

Q Now does Chow Gah Hong still have the same interest in the lease of Tung Sing Lo at 202 and 204 State, as he did when he went to China?

A Yes.

Witness, Schuck Ju. (continued)

Q What has he been doing in China?

A Purchasing goods and tables for this restaurant on State St.

Q Is his interest worth as much now as it was at the time he went away?

A Yes. It is worth now fully as much as it was then.

Q Have you understood my questions?

A Yes sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

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Witness signed his testimony in English.

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(SIGNED) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

CHICAGO, July 13, 1907.

Case of
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Lab. Dep.

:L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector,
: A.T.Wilson, Stenographer.

Witness, SCHUCK JU, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified
(in English):

Q What is your name? A Schuck Ju.

Q What is your business? A Restaurant.

Q Do you own or manage any restaurant in Chicago? A Yes,
National Cafe.

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

Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)? A Yes,
I know him for a long time, Chow Gah Hong.

Q What interest has he in your restaurant? A \$2400.

Q How long has he had that interest? A A little over six
weeks; since June 8th, American date.

Q At that time you and Chow Gah Hong and some others bought
out the owners of the Oriental Restaurant? A Yes, we bought
from them.

(Signed) Schuck Ju, Witness,
(Signed) L.T.Plummer, Inspector.

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Lab. Dep.

Witness, TOY FONG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified
(in English):

Q What is your name? A Toy Fong.

Q What is your business? A Chinese restaurant.

Q Are you the manager of the Fook Chew Lo restaurant? A Yes,
and Quong Wing Sing store.

Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)? A Yes,
Chow Gah Hong.

Q What interest does he have in your restaurant, if any?
A \$300.

Q How long has he had that? A A lone time; since the res-
taurant was started on Wabash. We have since moved to Clark Street.

Q About how much money have you invested in that restaurant,
altogether? A \$15,000.

Q When did the restaurant move from Wabash Avenue to Clark
Street? A We moved from there about the 5th of May, about four
weeks ago.

(Signed) Toy Fong, Witness,
(Signed) L.T.Plummer, Inspector.

CHICAGO, July 12, 1907.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector,
CHOW GAH HONG, : J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter,
Lab. Dep. : A.T. Wilson, Stenographer.

Applicant, CHOW GAH HONG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Chow Gah Hong.
Q What is your business? A Restaurant.
Q Do you own an interest in any restaurant? If you do, state the amount of your interest? A One at 130-138 Madison Street and one at 320 Clark Street, upstairs.
Q Is the name of the cafe on Madison Street the National Cafe? A Yes.
Q Where is that? A Corner of Clark and Madison Streets, in the basement.
Q How much of an interest have you in that restaurant? A \$2400.
Q How long have you had that \$2400? A A little over two months.
Q Have you any books or any papers to show that you have that interest? A Yes I have.
Q Where are they? A I have not brought them with me.
Q Your papers state you have an interest in a restaurant 202-204 State Street; is that right? A Yes.
Q What is the name of that? A Ting Sing Lo.
Q How long have you had that interest? A A few months.

(Witness produces a lease from the 1st of May, 1908 until the 31st day of December, 1914, of premises at 202-204 South State Street, for the second, third and fourth floors in the building, rental of \$833.33 a month, signed by the Berghoff Company, lessee; Schuck Ju and Chow Gah Hong, lessors.)

Q Is that your signature (pointing to signature on lease?) A Yes.
Q How much of an interest have you in that restaurant? A I have got \$3,000 altogether.
Q Your statement shows that you have an interest of \$500 in that restaurant; which is right? A I have a \$3,000 interest. I paid \$500 down at the time we signed the lease.
Q And you are to have a \$3,000 interest in the restaurant when it is finished? A Yes.
Q When will this restaurant be open, or when will you take possession of the premises? A Next year, May.
Q At the present time you have deposited \$500 as your part, have you? A Yes.
Q Have you any books or papers to show that? A Yes.
Q Have you them with you? A No.
Q What is your interest in Fook Chew Lo? \$300.
Q How long have you had that interest? A A little over two months.
Q Have you any books or papers to show that you have an interest of \$300 in this restaurant? A Yes.
Q Have you them with you? A No.
Q You have individual books for each of these three restaurants, have you, showing your interest in them? A I have one book for all.
Q Will you bring that up and show it to me? A Yes.
Q Who is the manager of the National Cafe? A I am the head manager.

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Q Who has charge of the books? A See Tong.
Q Who has charge of the books at Ting Sing Lo? A After
I go Moy Koo Fuen will see about it.
Q You have charge of them now? A yes.
Q Who has charge of the books of the Fook Chew Lo?
A Toy Yee Jong.

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Q Did you bring the book with you this morning? A Yes.
Q Which is this book? A The national.
(Witness produces book showing that he has \$2400
interest.)
Q Have you got the books of the other restaurants? A Fook
Chew Lo.
(Witness produces book showing \$300 interest)
Q Have you the other one, Ting Sing Lo? A yes
(Witness produces book showing interest of
\$3,000)
Q Will you still retain these interests in these various
restaurants while you are gone? A Yes; I am going to China to
see about getting goods for the new business.
Q Have you understood the interpreter? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) Chow Gah Hong, Applicant,
(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallon Interpreter,
(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.