

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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No. 401

SUBJECT:

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 17, 1894, ratified 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 20, 1900, 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, 1893. My Certificate of Residence is attached to this Statement. It was issued to me by the Collector of internal-revenue at Baltimore, Maryland, April 27, 1894, and is numbered "18333".

MY PRESENT DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:



*L. J. Plummer
Immigrant & Chinese Inspector*

MOY SING NIOH.

AGE:--Forty-Six (46) Years.

HEIGHT:--5 Ft., 1-1/2 In.

LOCAL RESIDENCE:--No. 329-B, Clark st., Chicago, Illinois.

OCCUPATION:--Laundryman. *C/o Wing Yuen & Co.*

EYES:--Dark Brown. COMPLEXION:--Light.

PHYSICAL MARKS AND PECULIARITIES FOR IDENTIFICATION:--
Scar Left of Mouth. Scars, Right Cheek.I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS
DESCRIBED BELOW:

PROPERTY:--None, except the debts described below, and money in hand.

DEBTS:--Payable by one Moy Nom Soon, Restaurateur, of No. 184 East Madison street, Chicago, Illinois, for money loaned, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

Payable by one Moy Fong, Restaurateur, of No. 446 West 43d street, in the said City of Chicago, for money loaned, the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

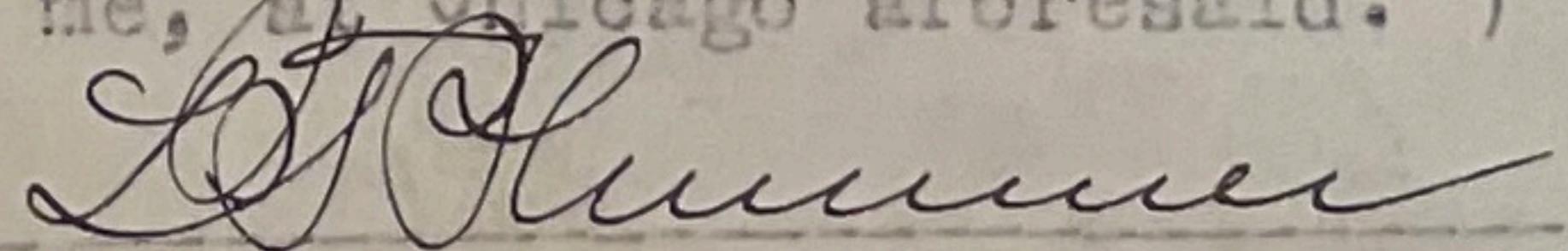
I hereby agree that none of such debts shall be diverted, transferred or collected during my absence; and that the above-described claim shall remain as it now exists until my return to the United States.

I intend to depart from the United States at the sub-port of Portal, in the State of North Dakota, one month from the date hereof, or as soon hereafter as I may, and to return to the United States at the same sub-port of Portal within twelve months thereafter.

Therefore, I respectfully request a Certificate of my right to return to the United States.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., June 18, 1904.

Subscribed and sworn to, this)
18 day of June, A.D., 1904,)
 before me, at Chicago aforesaid.)

Plummer


Immigrant & Chinese Inspector

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Department of Commerce and Labor

See letter dated June 5, 07. Portal.
in Gee Quong's file No. 480.

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CHICAGO

June 25, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
 MOY SING NIGH, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
 Lab. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, MOY SING NIGH, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
 A Moy Sing Nigh (Pronounces it as though spelled "Moy Ling Nigh.")
 Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
 Q Where is your laundry located? A I sold my laundry now.
 Q When? A Four weeks ago.
 Q Where was it before? A 172 Sedgwick St. in the basement.
 Q Who did you sell to? A To a man named Goon.
 Q On what do you base your right to go to China?
 A On the ground that people in this country owe me money.
 Q Who owes you money? A Moy Nom Soon.
 Q Who else owes you money? A Moy You Fong.
 Q How much does Moy Nom Soon owe you? A \$500.
 Q When did he borrow this money?
 A This year; 20th day of first month; K.S. 32.
 Q What did he borrow it for?
 A He borrowed this money to put into a restaurant on East Madison St. They are fixing it up now and getting it ready for business.
 Q Which restaurant is that; the one Willie Moy is interested in?
 A Yes.
 Q How much money has Moy Nom Soon got in that restaurant?
 A I don't know how much he put in himself. All I know is I loaned him this money.
 Q Where did this loan take place?
 A At the store of Quong Wing Yuen, 329 So. Clark St., Chicago.
 Q Did you give him this money all at one time?
 A Yes, all at one time. I had my money on deposit in the store and transferred it to him there.
 Q Did he give you any note for it?
 A No, sir, no note given, as we are good cousins.
 Q Does he pay you any interest? A No, sir; no interest.
 Q How long have you known Moy Nom Soon?
 A I have known him about ten years.
 Q How much does Moy You Fong owe you? A \$600.
 Q When did he borrow this?
 A Last year, Chinese date, K.S. 31, 6, 15.
 Q What did he borrow it for?
 A He borrowed this money to use for a restaurant on 63d St. I don't know the number.
 Q Did he borrow it all at one time? A All at one time.
 Q Was there any promissory note given for it? A No, sir.
 Q Does he pay you any interest? A No, sir.
 Q How long have you known him?
 A I have known him from 10 to 12 years; I met him in New York City.
 Q Where did this loan take place?
 A At the store of Quong Wing Yuen, where I had my money on deposit. I transferred it to him there.

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- Q Where did you earn the money that you loaned these two men?
A I earned it in the laundry, as I have been in that laundry several years.
- Q Did you put either of these accounts down in any book?
A No, sir, I did not, as we are good cousins and understand each other very well.
- Q Suppose that you never came back from China, what would happen to these loans?
A In case I don't come back we are all good cousins and I live where they live and they will pay me when they come back to China.
- Q Don't you think this is a good deal of money for you to be loaning in the period of less than a year?
A I never made it a practice to ~~xxx~~ lend money to people unless they had reason to use the money, and these are the only debtors I have.
- Q Did you ever borrow any money of these two men at any time?
A No, sir; I have not.
- Q Have you any security for either of these loans?
A No, sir; I have not, as we are good cousins and know each other very well and live at the ~~xx~~ same place where I do in China.
- Q When do you expect that these loans will be repaid?
A I don't know when, but as soon as they have it they will pay me.
- Q Will any of it be paid before you go to China?
A We understand each other that they will not pay me until I come back from China. Neither of them have any money, anyways
- Q What has been Moy Nom Soon's business for the past few years?
A He understands cooking, and also understands painting signs, and also understands the restaurant business.
- Q But what has he done for the last few years?
A I understand he was in Boston and doing sign painting and carpenter work, and the past year he worked for a man named Moy Chung Sue on 63d St.
- Q What has been Moy You Fong's business for the past few years?
A He has always been a laundryman ever since I knew him, but last year he told me he kept a restaurant on 63d St.
- Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) MOY SING (LING) NIGH, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, MOY NOM SOON, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Moy Nom Soon.
- Q What is your business? A In Boston I was working at my trade as sign painter and carpenter work.
- Q How long have you been in Chicago? A I arrived here last year, fifth month, Chinese date.
- Q What have you been doing since you came to Chicago? A I was working for a restaurant on 63d St.
- Q What is the number of that restaurant on 63d St.? A It is on the south side of the street between Evans Ave. and Cottage Grove Ave.
- Q Are you registered? A Yes, sir. (Produces certificate No. 126108 issued at Boston, April 21, 1894, to Moy Num Som.)
- Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)? A Yes, I know him; he is Moy Ling Nigh.
- Q How long have you known him? A Five or six years.
- Q He says 10 or 12 years? A Well, I knew him in New York first and after that in Boston, and fixed up his shop.
- Q How long since you first knew him? A About ten years.
- Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes, I owe him \$500.
- Q When did you borrow that money? A This year, the first month and twentieth day. I borrowed this money to use it in the restaurant on East Madison St.
- Q How much money have you got invested in that restaurant altogether? A \$500.00.
- Q Didn't you have any of your own money that you put in besides this? A No, sir.
- Q Where did this loan take place? A At the store of Quong Wing Yuen.
- Q Did you borrow this money all at one time? A All at one time.
- Q Where was this money deposited at the time you borrowed it? A He gave it to me and I gave it back to Moy Lee You.
- Q Where did he have it on deposit before he gave it to you? A He took a lot from his pocket.
- Q Did you give him any note for the money? A No, sir; no note given and also no interest given.
- Q Why not? A We are good cousins and live at the same place in China.
- Q Did you give him any security for this money? A No, sir, as I did not borrow this money for any foolishness but to invest in a restaurant.
- Q Suppose that Moy Sing Nigh should never return from China, what would you do about paying this loan? A In case he would not come back I would send it to his family or go back to China and pay him himself.
- Q Did you make any memorandum of this loan in your private book? A No, sir, I have not and I don't know whether he did or not.
- Q Is this a true debt or one that you have conjured up for the purpose of allowing him to go to China? A This is a true loan, as I used this money in a business right here.
- Q How does it happen that you didn't have any money of your own to put in this business? A As fast as I earned money last year I sent it back to support my boy, and that is why I didn't have any.

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- Q When do you think you will be able to repay it?
A It is very uncertain to say, as if I have good business I will pay him soon and if not he will have to wait.
Q Are you going to pay him back before he goes to China?
A No, sir; I will not. (In English) How can a man borrow \$500 from a man and pay him back in one or two months?
Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) MOY NUM SOON, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, MOY YOU FONG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Moy Fong.
 Q Are you registered?
 A Yes, sir. (Produces duplicate certificate 139603 issued to Moy Fong, laborer, Newark, N.J., April 3, 1894; in lieu of original certificate 9780.)
 Q What is your business?
 A I am in the restaurant business in Englewood.
 Q How long have you been in that business?
 A I bought a man out last year.
 Q Do you know this man here (showing photograph of applicant)?
 A Yes, I know him, he is a man named Moy Ling Nigh.
 Q How long have you known him? A Ever since K.S. 17th.
 Q Do you owe him any money?
 A Yes, sir; I borrowed some money from him to buy this restaurant I am in now.
 Q How much did you borrow? A \$600.00.
 Q Did you borrow this money all at one time? A All at one time.
 Q When did the loan take place?
 A Last year, Chinese date, 6th month 15th day.
 Q Where did the money pass over?
 A At the store of Quong Wing Yuen.
 Q Who did you buy this restaurant of?
 A I bought it from a man named Wong Dock Din.
 Q How much did you pay for it? A \$520.
 Q Didn't you have any money of your own at that time?
 A No, sir; I didn't have a cent at that time.
 Q Why not? A I sent it all back to China.
 Q Why did you borrow more money from Moy Sing Nigh than you paid for the restaurant?
 A The balance of the money I used to pay my month's rent and as deposit for my gas bills.
 Q Why haven't you paid any of it back since you borrowed it?
 A The business is quite slow and I needed some money to send back to China to support my family and I had to spend some for myself.
 Q When do you think you will be able to pay him?
 A I don't know, but I will pay him when I can.
 Q Did you give him any note for this money? A No.
 Q Do you pay him any interest for the loan? A No.
 Q Did you put this transaction down in any book? A No.
 Q Why not?
 A Both of us remember it and some other people know it besides.
 Q What would you do with this debt if Moy Sing Nigh never came back from China?
 A In case he doesn't come back, when I go to China I will pay him.
 Q Did you give him any security for this loan?
 A No, sir, I have not, as we are good cousins.
 Q Is this an honest debt or is it a debt that you have fixed up to allow Moy Sing Nigh to go back to China?
 A This is an honest debt.
 Q Where did Moy Sing Nigh have this money at the time he gave it to you?
 A He deposited his money with Quong Wing Yuen and he got it from there and gave it to me.
 Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) MOY FONG, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.