

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE394
NO.

SUBJECT:

14-204

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 29, 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, 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 Illinois, at Chicago, in said district, on March 15, 1894; and is numbered "5869".



MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

L. S. Plummer
Chinese Inspector in charge

PRESENT AGE:-Thirty-Seven (37) Years.

RESIDENCE:-299 Clerk st., Chicago, Illinois.

OCCUPATION:-Laundryman. No place of business at Present.

HEIGHT:-5 Ft., 3-3/4 In.

COLOR OF EYES:-Black.

PHYSICAL MARKS:-Heavy Scar, Top of Head, Front.

AND I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS

DESCRIBED BELOW, VIZ:-

PROPERTY:-An undivided interest and share in the Stock, business and all other of the assets of the "Hung Fong Lo Co.", Restaurateurs and Caters doing business at No. 296 State street, in the said City of Chicago. My said interest was ~~acquired~~ acquired by purchase, and is worth, reasonably and at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

I HEREBY AGREE that none of such property shall be diverted, transferred, or collected during my absence; and that the above-described property 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 twelve months thereafter.

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

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, February 13 A.D., 1906.*Woo Wing Chin*

Subscribed and sworn to, by the above-named WOO WING CHIN, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, this 13 day of February, A.D., 1906, before me.

L. S. Plummer

Chinese Inspector in charge.

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CHICAGO

November 10, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
WOO WING CHIN, :
Lab. Ret. :

Witness, HONG SLING, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Hong Sling.
Q What is your business?
A Manager of the Hung Fong Lo restaurant, Van Buren and State Sts.
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes, it is Woo Wing Chin.
Q Does he still own the same interest in your ~~in~~ restaurant as
when he departed?
A Yes.
Q How much is that?
A \$1,000.00.
Q Is your property as valuable now as when he departed?
A Yes, it is worth more.
Q Has there been any change in his ownership since that time?
A No.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) HONG SLING, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

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February 14, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
 WOO WING CHIN, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
 Dep. Lab. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Witness, HONG SLING, sworn by Inspector Plummer,
 testified in English:

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- Q What is your name?
 A Hong Sling.
 Q Are you the manager of the Hung Fung Lo Co.?
 A I am the president of that company.
 Q When was that company organized?
 A Two or three years ago; I forget exactly when; a little over two years ago.
 Q Is that a partnership or a corporation?
 A Partnership.
 Q How many partners have you?
 A I think there are 28 or 30. Some own more and some own less stock.
 17 Q Do you know this man here (showing photo of applicant)?
 A Yes, sir; I know him pretty well; a long time; he come down to Chicago pretty often.
 Q What is his name?
 A He got two names. He got one name Woo Wing Chin; his other name is Woo Gook Sun.
 Q What is his business?
 A Laundryman.
 Q Here in Chicago?
 A No, he used to live in Chicago but I guess he lives somewhere in Wisconsin. We have the address on our stockbook.
 Q Has he any interest in your firm of Hung Fung Lo Co.?
 A Yes, sir; he has got \$1,000 I am pretty sure. He may have more because we moved; \$1,000 anyway.
 18 Q How long has he had that \$1,000 interest?
 A Ever since we started. He made several payments on it.
 Q What is that \$1,000 interest in this business worth at the present time? Is it worth its face value or more?
 A I think it is worth more.
 Q How much money have you invested in that firm now?
 A About \$45,000 or \$46,000.

(Signed) H. SLING, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

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WOO WING CHIN.

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Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- 19 Q What is your name?
 A Woo Wing Chin.
 Q What is your business?
 A Laundryman.
 Q Have you any laundry at the present time?
 A Yes, sir.
 Q Where is the laundry located?
 A Stoughton, Wisconsin.
 Q Have you any other property in the United States besides your laundry?
 A I have an interest in Hung Fung Lo Co., Chicago.
 Q How much of an interest have you in that company?
 A \$1,000.
 Q When did you put that money in?
 A I made my first payment in K.S. 30th and have made several payments since that time.
 Q When did you make the last payment?
 A I think the last payment I made was in the last part of K.S. 30.
 20 Q Do you regard that \$1,000 interest in that restaurant now as valuable as when you first made the investment.
 A I have no exact idea of what the interest is worth but I believe more than \$1,000.
 Q Have you received any dividends on it?
 A No, sir, I have not received any dividends yet, as our manager said we would use the dividend to move the restaurant to a new location.
 Q Where did you get that \$1,000 that you put into that restaurant?
 A I earned it in a laundry.
 Q How long have you been in the United States?
 A I can not remember exactly how long, but I only remember I came when I was 12 years old.
 Q And you are now 37 years old?
 A Yes, sir.
 Q How long have you been working in laundries?
 21 A I have always been working in laundries.
 Q Do you intend to sell or dispose of your interest in this restaurant before you return from China?
 A No, sir; I do not.
 Q Suppose that you should fail to return to the United States, what would become of your interest?
 A I put my whole trust in the manager of this business. In case I should not return to this country they will see that this money is sent back to me or my family in China.
 Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
 A Yes, sir.

(Signed) WOO WING CHIN, Applicant.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.