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Payable by one LEE MUNG ONE, Laundryman, of No. North Clark street, Chicago, Illinois, the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450.00), for money loaned.

Said property and debts aggregate, and are actually and reasonably worth at least one thousand dollars. The same are unsettled and unascertained, and are not covered by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

I HEREBY AGREE That the said property and debt shall not be diverted, transferred, assigned or collected during my absence, but shall remain as they now exist until my return to the United States.

I intend to depart from the United States at the port of ^{Portal} ~~Seattle~~, 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 ^{Portal} ~~Seattle~~ within one year thereafter.

WHEREFORE, I pray a Certificate of my right to return into the United States.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, April ⁹ ~~28~~th, A.D., 1907.

Homer W. Lee.

Subscribed and sworn to, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, by the above-named HOMER W. LEE, this 9 day of April, A. D., nineteen hundred seven, before me.

[Signature]
Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

See letter dated April 3, 1908 Portal, N.D.
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STATEMENT OF REGISTERED CHINESE MERCHANT 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 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 3, 1893. My Certificate of Residence is attached to this Statement. It was issued to me by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of _____, at the City of _____ in said district, April 2, 1894, and is numbered "10,877".



HEREUNTO AFFIXED IS A TRUE LIKENESS OF ME NOW;
AND MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

NAME:- HOMER W. LEE.
AGE:---Forty Two (42) Years.
RESIDENCE:-No. 465 North Clark st., Chicago, Ill.
OCCUPATION:-Cook. (Last employed at No. 479 West Madison st., Chicago, Illinois.
HEIGHT:-5 Feet, 7 Inches.
EYES:-Dark Brown. COMPLEXION:-Light (Mongolian).
MARKS:-Very Small Mole Left Ear. Ear-lobes not cleft from face.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS DESCRIBED BELOW:-

Property:-None, except the Personal Property below and money in hand.

Debts:-Payable by one JEN BOW, Restaurateur, of No. 642 West Madison st., Chicago, Illinois, for money loaned, the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

Payable by one LEE MENG ONE, Laundryman, of No. 429 N 465 North Clark street, Chicago, Illinois, the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450.00), for money loaned.

Said property and debts aggregate, and are actually and reasonably worth at least one thousand dollars. The same are unsettled and unascertained, and are not covered by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

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Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, April 9th, A.D., 1907.

Homer W. Lee.

Subscribed and sworn to, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, by the above-named HOMER W. LEE, this 9 day of April, A. D., nineteen hundred seven, before me.

[Signature]

Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

CHICAGO, ILL., November 26, 1907.

Case of : L.T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
HOMER W. LEE,
Lab. Ret.

Witness, LEE MENG ONE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Lee Meng One.
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)? A Yes,
it is Lee Won Gum.
Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes, \$450.
Q Have you paid him any money since he went to China? A No.
Q When will you pay him? A When he comes back.
Q Can you make some money in your laundry? A Yes.
Q Has there been any change in the debt or obligation since his
departure? A No.
Q Have you understood my questions? A Yes.

(Signed) Lee Sing, Witness,
(Signed) L.T. Plummer, Inspector.

Witness, JEW BOW, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Jew Bow.
Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)? A Yes,
it is Lee Mun Gun.
Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes, \$600?
Q Have you sent him any money to China? A No.
Q Have you paid him any money since I examined you before? A No.
Q When will you pay him? A When he comes back, I will pay him.
Q Does the debt remain the same as when he departed for China?
A Yes.
Q Have you understood my questions? A Yes.
(Witness signed his testimony in Chinese)
(Signed) L.T. Plummer, Inspector

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Hon L. J. Plummer Oct 24 1907

Dear Sir

Since my departure last May, I am about to return to Chicago within 90 day of this letter hoping you will investigate my return certificate, I am liable to show up at Portal any time since I have arrived in China I have enjoyed a splendid time with my folk and relatives. I will close hoping

to hear from you soon
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I remain
Yours Very Respectively
Homer W. Lee

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Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
HOMER W. LEE, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
Lab. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Homer W. Lee.
- Q What is your full Chinese name? A Lee Home is my boyhood name, and Lee Won Gum is my marriage name.
- Q What is your business? A I am a cook by occupation.
- Q Do you own a restaurant or a laundry at the present time?
- A I work for somebody else.
- Q Upon what do you base your right to a return certificate?
- A I am registered, and also people in this country owe me money.
- Q Who owe you money?
- A Jeu Bow and Lee Ming One.
- Q State all the circumstances surrounding the indebtedness of Jeu Bow?
- A In K.S. 32nd year, 8th month, first part of the month, I loaned Jeu Bow \$600.00 to put into a restaurant on West Madison St. This loan took place in the King Yen Lo restaurant, corner of Van Buren and S. Clark Sts., where I was working at the time.
- Q Where is that restaurant on West Madison St.?
- A It is called the Madison Cafe, No. 642 West Madison St.
- Q How long have you known Jeu Bow?
- A About 12 years. I met him in New York.
- Q Did he give you a note for the money? A No.
- Q How much money did he put into that restaurant, do you know?
- A The whole restaurant, I understand, is over \$3,000 and his share, I believe, is between \$900.00 and \$1,000.00.
- Q What security have you for this money?
- A No security at all. It is the Chinese custom generally to ask no security.
- Q If he didn't pay you upon your return from China, could you take his interest in that restaurant for the debt?
- A Yes, I can, but he and I are very good friends and he will pay me. I can trust him, as he is a good man.
- Q State all the circumstances surrounding the indebtedness of Lee Ming One?
- A In K.S. 32nd year, about the third month, I loaned this man \$450.00 to buy a laundry at No. 429 North Clark Street. This loan took place in that laundry at 429 N. Clark St. where he is now.
- Q Did he give you any note for the money? A No.
- Q How much money did he invest in the laundry, do you know?
- A Either \$550.00 or \$600.00, I don't know which.
- Q If he should refuse to pay you upon your return from China, could you take his laundry for the debt?
- A Yes, I can if he doesn't pay me, but he is my cousin.
- Q How long have you known him? A 7 or 8 years.
- Q Did you put these loans down in your memorandum book? A No.
- Q Don't you think it is poor business to lend as much money as this, that is, \$1050.00, without any apparent security or any paper to show for it?

- A I don't worry about that. When I come back to this country they will pay me.
- Q Are these both genuine debts or have you made them up in order to enable you to make this trip to China?
- A They are genuine debts.
- Q Where did you get the money to lend these men?
- A I used to run a laundry in New York City and I worked and saved it.
- Q Suppose you never returned from China, what would these men do about the debts?
- A In case I don't come back I will write to them and they will follow my instructions and send the money to China.
- Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes, sir.

Applicant signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) HOMER W. LEE, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

Witness, JEU BOW, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Jeu Bow.
Q What is your full Chinese name?
A The name on my certificate is Jeu Sam, but my full Chinese name is Jeu Bow.
Q What is your business? A Restaurant.
Q Do you own a restaurant at the present time? A Yes.
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)? A Yes.
Q What is his name? A Lee Mon Gim.
Q How long have you known him? A Over ten years.
Q Do you owe him any money; if so, state the circumstances surrounding the indebtedness?
A About seven months ago I borrowed \$600.00 from this man to put in this restaurant on West Madison St., Chicago. This loan took place at the King Yen Lo restaurant, where we were working together.
Q How much money did you put into the restaurant?
A Four partners altogether. My share is \$2,000.00 even.
Q \$2000 Mexican or American money? A American money.
Q Give me the date when this money was borrowed if you can?
A We opened this restaurant K.S. 32nd, 8th month and I borrowed this money about ten days before we opened the restaurant.
Q Did you put it down in your book?
A No, sir, I didn't put it down in any book at all. It is a matter of trust.
Q Did you give him a note for the money? A No.
Q How does it happen that you haven't paid him any back before this? Haven't you made any money in that restaurant?
A I have been losing money since I borrowed this money in both restaurants.
Q What do you mean by both restaurants? Where is the other restaurant besides this one at 642 W. Madison St.?
A King Yen Lo.
Q You didn't lose any money in King Yen Lo?
A Yes; some time ago.
Q How long ago did you lose any money in King Yen Lo?
A It is about six months ago since we began losing money.
Q Before that time you were making money there. Why didn't you pay him out of that?
A Before that I had some debts to pay on West Madison St., so I paid them instead of paying him.
Q When are you going to pay him?
A Next year when he comes back I will pay him then.
Q What would you do if he didn't come back?
A In case he does not come back I will send it to him.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) JEU BOW,	Witness.
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER,	Inspector.
(Signed) WONG ALOY,	Interpreter.

Witness, LEE MING ONE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Lee Sing.
Q What is your full Chinese name?
A Lee Ming One is my marriage name.
Q Are you registered?
A Yes. (Produces certificate 139703 issued at Rochester, N.Y.,
November 22, 1897, to Lee Sing, in lieu of certificate 30879.)
Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
Q Where is your laundry at the present time?
A No. 429 North Clark St., Chicago.
Q Do you own that laundry? A Yes, sir; I own that laundry.
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes, I know him as Lee Home.
Q How long have you known him? A About ten years.
Q Do you owe him any money? If so, state the circumstances
surrounding the indebtedness?
A Yes, I owe this man \$450.00. I borrowed it from him last year,
about the third month, to buy this laundry I am now in.
This loan took place at my laundry.
Q Did you give him any note?
A No, sir; only friendship trust and cousin's sake.
Q Did you put it down in your book?
A No, sir; only friendship trust.
Q How much did you pay for the laundry? A \$600.
Q How does it happen that you didn't have any more money than
\$150.00 at that time?
A I was out of work in New York City before I came here and when
I got here I couldn't find any work, so I asked him for this
money to put me on my feet, so I could buy this laundry.
Q Are you making any money in that laundry? A Yes, sir.
Q Why haven't you paid him?
A Yes, I have made a little money, but I have sent it to China
to support my family.
Q Suppose you didn't pay him upon his return, could he take your
laundry for the debt?
A Yes, if I don't pay him he can, because the money with which I
bought this laundry really belonged to him.
Q Don't you think it is poor business to lend a man so much money
to invest in a laundry without any security?
A He doesn't need to worry about that. If he comes back I will
pay him and if he doesn't come back I will send it to him.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) LEE SING, Witness.
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.