

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 599

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 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 November 3, 1893. My Certificate of Residence was issued to me by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fourth District of California, at the City of Sacramento in said District, April 11, 1894, is numbered "112586", and I present the same herewith.



HEREUNTO ANNEXED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT LIKENESS OF ME, and MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

NAME:- GONG MAN.

AGE:- Forty One -41- Years.

RESIDENCE:- No. 329 B, Clark St., Chicago, Ill's.

OCCUPATION:- Laundryman.

HEIGHT:- Five Feet- Seven Inches -5'7".

EYES:- Dark Brown. COMPLEXION:- Dark.

MARKS:- Pock Marks about Eyes. Scar Left Ear.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS BELOW:

PROPERTY:- None, except the Personal Property described below, and Money in Hand.

DEBTS:

Payable by one MARK GE, Laundryman, of No. 215 Hammond St., in the City of Hammond, County of Lake and State of Indiana, for Money Loaned, the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

Payable by one FONG YIM, Laundryman, of No. 323 Clark St., in the City of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois, for Money Loaned, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

Said property and debts aggregate, and are actually and reasonably worth at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00). Said debts are unsettled and unascertained. The same are not covered in whole or in part by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

I HEREBY AGREE That the said property and debts shall not be diverted, transferred, assigned nor 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 sub-port of Portal, North Dakota, one month from the date hereof, or as soon hereafter as I may, and to return into the United States at the same sub-port of Portal, North Dakota, within one year thereafter.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., October 7 1907.

Gong ming

Subscribed and sworn to, this 7 Day of October, 1907, by the above-named GONG MAN, at the City of Chicago in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, before me.

L. H. Hummer

Chinese and Immigrant Inspector.

522, Com'l Nat'l Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO

May 11th, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
GONG MAN, : J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter.
Lab/ returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, FONG YIM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?
A Fong Yim.
Q What is your occupation?
A Carpenter.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A Yes, it is Gong Quong Ming.
Q Do you owe him any money?
A Yes, \$500.00.
Q Have you paid him any since his departure for China?
A No.
Q Has there been any change in the debt or obligation?
A No change, just as it was before.
Q When will you pay him?
A After his return, as I have the money.
Q Have you understood the interpreter?
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) Fong Yim, Witness.
(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter.
(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

522, Com'l Nat'l Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO

May 11th, 1908.

Witness, MARK GE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?
A Mark Ge.
Q What is your occupation?
A Laundryman.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A Yes, it is Gong Man.
Q Do you owe him any money?
A Yes, \$600.00.
Q Have you paid him any since his departure?
A No.
Q Has there been any change in the debt or obligation?
A No.
Q When will you pay him?
A After he returns.
Q Have you understood the interpreter?
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) Mark Ge, Witness.
(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter.
(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

Long Wan May 11-08
Department of Commerce and Labor

Name - Fong Yee
Occupation - Bookkeeper
Know this man - Yes & is
Fong's son
Am him any money - Yes \$500
Paid any sum deforment - No
any change in debt or obligation
not change. just as it was
before

When will you pay him.
after his return as I bore the
money
understood interpreter, yes,

方 子
J. H. Longchall
J. H. Hume

Long Wan May 11-08
Department of Commerce and Labor

Name - Work Sec.
Occupation - Landryman
Know him. Yes & is Fong's son
Am him any money - Yes \$600
Paid any sum deforment -
No
any change in debt or obligation
not
When will you pay him
after his return.
understood interpreter yes

方 子
J. H. Longchall
J. H. Hume

October 17, 1907.

Gong Man,

c/o Quong Wing Yuen,

329 b So. Clark St., City.

Sir:

I hand you herewith copy of your application for a laborer's return certificate, and will instruct you to present the same to the Inspector in Charge at Portal, N.D., upon your departure through that port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

Enc.

CHICAGO, ILL., October 14, 1907.

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

Applicant, GONG MAN, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Gong Ming.
Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
Q Do you own a laundry at the present time ; if so, where is it located? A No, I have no laundry now.
Q On what do you base your right to a return certificate? A People owe me money.
Q Who owes you money; give me the names of your debtors, and the amounts of the debts? A Fong Yim owes me \$500; Mark Ge owes me \$600.
Q Tell me how this debt of Mark Ge was incurred? A This year, 15th day, 8th month, he borrowed \$600 from me. He borrowed the money from me to put in a laundry. The loan took place at his laundry at Hammond, Indiana.
Q Did he buy a laundry there at that time? A No, he is working there.
Q Where were you working? A I was working at Hammond.
Q Where is the laundry that he was going to put the money in? A At Hammond.
Q Did he buy it? A No, not yet.
Q Is he going to buy it? A Yes, he is going to buy it.
Q How much is he going to pay for it? A \$600.
Q Didn't he have any money of his own? A No.
Q Dont you own that laundry? A The laundry is mine. I am going to turn it over to him for \$600 when I go to China.
Q How long have you known him? A More than one year; since last year, 4th month.
Q How many men employed there? A There are four men now, working.
Q Do you own the whole laundry, or only part of it? A All is mine.
Q How long have you known Mark Ge? A I know him 13 years.
Q Wasn't that laundry worth more than \$600 if it employed four men? A No, it is worth \$600.
Q Did he give you any note for the money? A No; we are good friends.
Q When you come back from China will he pay you that money, or will you come back and take the laundry again? A He will pay me when I come back from China.
Q Well, if he does not pay you, will you take the laundry back? A Yes, if he does not pay me, I will take back the laundry.
Q Who did you buy the laundry of; how much did you pay for it? A I bought it for \$710; Wong Oi Chong.
Q Tell me why Fong Yim is indebted to you? A Last year, 15th day, second month, he borrowed \$500 from me. I do not know what he borrowed that money for. The loan took place at Quong Wing Yuen.
Q How long have you known him? A I knew him 13 years.
Q Did he give you any note for the money? A No.
Q Dont you know what he did with it? A No.
Q Didn't he tell you what he was going to do with it? A He didn't tell me. ~~He just came up to you and borrowed \$600, and didn't tell you anything, is that right?~~
Q He just came up to you and borrowed \$600, and didn't tell you anything, is that right? A I do not know; he did not say; he just asked me for the loan.
Q Does he own a laundry, or does he have any property in this country? A Yes, he had one, long ago; he has none now.

Q What would you do if he never paid you this money? A When I come back, if he has it he will pay me.

Q Dont you think it strange that you would lend a man \$500 without any security and without even asking him what he wanted it for? A No, because we are good friends, and he says that when I come back he will pay me.

Q Are these genuine debts, or have you made them up? A They are true.

Q Have you understood the interpreter? A Yes.

(Witness signed his testimony in English)

(Signed) Gong Ming,

(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon,

(Signed) I.T.Plummer,

Witness,

Interpreter,

Inspector.

CHICAGO, ILL., October 14, 1907.

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

Witness, FONG YIM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Fong Yim.
Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
Q Are you registered? A Yes.

(Witness produces certificate No. 6240, issued, Chicago,
March 30, 1894)

Q Do you own a laundry at the present time; if so, where is it
located? A No.

Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)? A Yes,
Gong Ming.

Q How long have you known him? A More than ten years.

Q What is his full Chinese name? A I do not know him by any other
name; I do not believe he is married.

Q How do you happen to owe him so much money? A I had no money,
and my people in China sent to me for some, so I borrowed this money to
send to them.

Q When did you borrow it? A Last year, 15th day, second month.

Q Did you put this transaction down in your book? A No. May be
he has it in his book.

Q Why didn't you have any money at that time? A Because I had no
work.

Q Why not? A Because I am not strong.

Q Don't you think it strange that he would lend \$500 to a man who was
not strong enough to get work, and has not got work, when there is as
much work as there is around town, and has been for two or three years?
A Sometimes I get work for a couple of days, and what I get I spend
for myself.

Q Are you any relation of Gong Ming's? A No; I know him for a long
time. If he is related to me, I do not know.

Q Why would he lend you this money if you are a man that don't work
steady and cannot make money enough to support yourself, hardly? A It
is true that I am not very strong to do any hard work, but I am waiting
to get a good job and then I will be able to pay him back.

Q How long are you going to wait? A I do not know how long; as soon
as people call me to give me work, I will go.

Q How much money did you send to China at that time? A I sent all
that I borrowed, \$500.

Q When was the last time that you did any work? A Last week.

Q How long did you work? A Five days. Whenever I get a job I take
it.

Q Are you ever going to pay this money back? A I will wait until
he comes back, and if I get work I will pay him.

Q Have you understood the interpreter? A Yes.

(Witness signed his testimony in Chinese)

(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallon,
(Signed) L.T. Plummer,

Interpreter,
Inspector.

CHICAGO, Ill., October 14, 1907.

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

Witness, MARK GE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Mark Ge.
Q What is your full Chinese name? A That is the only name I have.
I am not married.
Q Are you registered? A Yes.

(Witness produces certificate No. 143386, issued by the Bureau of Immigration, March 31, 1905, Mark Ge.)

Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
Q Do you own a laundry at the present time? A Yes, in Hammond, Indiana.
Q How long have you owned it? A Since 15th day, 8th month, this year.
Q Do you know this man? (showing phot of applicant) A Yes, Gong Ming.
Q How long have you known him? A About 20 or 22 years.
Q Did you buy that laundry of him? A Yes, I bought it for \$600.
Q Pay him cash? A No.
Q What arrangements did you make about payment? A This \$600 I will pay him when he comes back.
Q If you don't pay him when he comes back, can he come back there and take the laundry? A Yes; when he comes back, I will pay him.
Q If you don't pay him, can he take your laundry? A But I will pay him.
Q How many men are in that laundry? A Four.
Q How much business do you do a week? A More than \$100.
Q How much rent do you pay? A \$25 a month.
Q Isn't that laundry worth more than \$600? A No, it is worth \$600.
Q Did you give Gong Ming any note for the money? A No.
Q Did you put this transaction down in writing anywhere? A No, because we are good friends.
Q Did you put the loan down in your book? A No.
Q Are you sure that Gong Ming owned that laundry before you bought it. A Yes.
Q How do you know he did? A We are good friends so long, and I know it to be so.
Q Are you sure you didn't pay him cash for that? A No.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

(Witness signed his testimony in Chinese)

(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter,
(Signed) L.T.Plummer, Inspector.