

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

In re. WONG KONG MING, Laundryman, No. 597 W. Madison st., Chicago, Illinois.

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 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 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 19th, 1894; and it is numbered "5975".



MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: WONG KONG MING.
AGE: Forty-One (41) Years.
HEIGHT: 5 Feet, 7-3/4 Inches (In American Shoes).
RESIDENCE: No. 597 West Madison st., Chicago, Illinois.
OCCUPATION: Laundryman.
EYES: Dark Brown. COMPLEXION: Dark.
MARKS: Several Shallow Pits on Forehead, Cheeks and Face.

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 WONG WON (WONG ONE), Restaurateur, of No. 2557 State street, in the said City of Chicago, for money loaned, the sum of Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$520.00).

Payable by one WONG FOONG, Laundryman, of No. 970 West Lake street, Chicago aforesaid, the sum of Five Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$575.00), for money loaned.

Said debts aggregate, and are actually and reasonably worth at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). They are unsettled and unascertained, and are not covered by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

I HEREBY AGREE That none of such debts shall be diverted, transferred 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 sub-port of Portal, 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, North Dakota, within one year thereafter.

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

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., August 23, A.D., 1906.

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Subscribed and sworn to, by the above-named WONG KONG MING, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, this 23 day of August, A.D., nineteen hundred six, before me.

Chinese & Immigration Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

See letter dated July 27.07.06
in Moy Sin's file No. 485

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August 27, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
WONG KONG MING, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
Lab. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Wong Kong Ming.
Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
Q Where is your laundry? A I have no laundry now.
Q Where was your laundry when you last owned one?
A The last place I worked in was at Valparaiso, Indiana.
I owned that laundry before I sold out.
Q When did you sell it?
A Year before last; the last part of the year.
Q Where do you live now? A No. 597 W. Madison St., Chicago.
Q Upon what do you base your right to a return certificate?
A I have a certificate, and people in this country owe me money.
Q Who owe you money? A Wong Foong and Wong One (or Won).
Q What does Wong Foong owe you money for?
A He borrowed it to buy a laundry with.
Q How much did he borrow? A \$575.00.
Q When and where did this loan take place?
A K.S. 32nd, middle part of the 4th month, at the store of
Quong On Lung Co., 317 S. Clark St., Chicago.
Q Where was the laundry that he wanted to buy?
A No. 970 West Lake St., Chicago.
Q Didn't he have any money of his own at that time?
A I don't know whether he had any or not.
Q How much did he pay for the laundry?
A I don't know how much he paid for the laundry. All I know is
that he asked me to lend him this money.
Q How long have you known him? A 3 or 4 years.
Q Where did you know him? A Chicago.
Q Did he give you any note for this money?
A No, sir; no note given, as we are good cousins.
Q Does he pay you any interest?
A No, sir, no interest, as I know he is a good man.
Q How much does Wong One owe you? A \$520.00.
Q When and where did he borrow it?
A K.S. 32nd, the middle part of the 3rd month, at the store of
Quong On Lung Co., 317 S. Clark St., Chicago.
Q Did he give you any note for it? A No.
Q Does the loan draw any interest? A No.
Q How long have ~~known~~ you known Wong One?
A I have known him 11 or 12 years.
Q Where have you known him? A Chicago.
Q What did he borrow this money for? A To use in a restaurant.
Q Where is the restaurant?
A On State St., Chicago. I don't know the number.
Q How much did he ~~he~~ put into that restaurant?
A I don't know how much he put into the restaurant. All I know is
that he asked me to lend him this money.

- Q What security have you for these loans?
A I have no security at all. I only know that these men are good men.
Q You haven't known them very long. How ~~can~~ do you know that they are good men?
A This man I have known 11 or 12 years. Sometimes I have borrowed money from him, and so I loaned him this money.
Q Did you put either of these loans down in any book?
A No, sir; because these are large amounts and I remember them very well.
Q Don't you think it is pretty poor business to lend out so much money without anything to show for it?
A I remember it very well.
Q But don't you think it is pretty poor business?
A If I thought it was poor business I wouldn't have made the loans. I know they are good men and so I don't think it is poor business.
Q Suppose you never come back from China, what would become of these loans?
A If I thought I would never come back I wouldn't have loaned the money.
Q What do you think they will do if you never come back from China?
A In case I don't come back they will send it to me, but if I didn't trust a man I wouldn't lend him money on any security.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) WONG KONG MING, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

Witness, WONG ONE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Wong One.
- Q Are you registered?
- A Yes.
- (Witness produced certificate No. 5797, issued to Wong One, laborer, at Chicago, March 12, 1894.)
- Q Where is your restaurant? A No. 2557 S. State St., Chicago.
- Q How long have you had the restaurant?
- A I opened up this restaurant on the 12th day of the 4th month this year, K.S. 32.
- Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
- A Yes, that is Wong Kong Ming.
- Q How long have you known him? A 11 or 12 years.
- Q What is his business? A Laundryman.
- Q Where is his laundry at the present time?
- A He has no laundry at the present time.
- Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes, I owe him \$520.
- Q What do you owe that money for? A To use in this restaurant.
- Q When did you borrow it?
- A This year (Chinese), third month 12th day.
- Q Did you borrow it all at one time? A All at one time.
- Q Did you give him any note for it or pay any interest?
- A No; no note and no interest. We know each other very well.
- ~~Did you put the book down in any book?~~
- A No, sir; I didn't put it in any book, as we knew each other very well.
- Q How much money did you spend in that restaurant?
- A About \$1800.00.
- Q Where did you get the balance of the money?
- A We are two partners. much
- Q How much did you put in and how did the other partner put in?
- A We put in equal money.
- Q Then you put in over \$900.00?
- A Yes, about \$900.00 apiece.
- Q Where did you get the balance of the money that you put in?
- A I had it of my own.
- Q Did you have \$900 of your own?
- A I had \$400 and I borrowed \$520 from him because I knew I didn't have enough.
- Q Where did this loan take place?
- A At the store of Quong On Lung Co., 317 S. Clark St., Chicago.
- Q Does Wong Kong Ming own any interest in your restaurant?
- A No.
- Q What security have you for this money?
- A No security at all, except we trust each other and know each other very well.
- Q Did you ever lend Wong Kong Ming any money?
- A Yes; some times I loaned money to him and he paid it back. Now, I have borrowed this money from him and he is going to China and I can't pay him.
- Q When will you pay him? A After he comes back I will pay him.
- Q Are you making any money in that restaurant?
- A We just about pay expenses.
- Q Is this a true debt or is it one that you have trumped up to enable him to go to China?
- A No, sir; it is not false; it is a true debt.

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- Q What would you do if Wong Kong Ming never came back from China?
A I would send it back to him or his family.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

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

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Witness, WONG FOONG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is ~~xx~~ your name? A Wong Foong.
Q Are youk registered?
A No. I have a certificate of birth issued to me by U.S. Commr.
B. L. Babbitt of St. Louis, Mo., showing that I was discharged
in St. Louis on August 20, 1904. (Produces paper.)
Q What is your business? A Laundryman at 970 W. Lake St., Chicago.
Q Do you own that laundry? Yes, sir.
Q How long have you owned it?
A Since the middle part of the 4th month this year, Chinese.
Q Did you open a new laundry or buy it? A I bought it.
Q From whom did you buy it? A My own cousin Wong Lot.
Q What did you pay him for it? A \$550.00.
Q Where did you get the money?
A I borrowed it from Wong Kong Ming.
Q Didn't you have any money of your own at that time?
A No, I didn't have any at all. I had to borrow it all.
Q Why didn't you have any of your own? A I spent it all.
Q What do you mean by that?
A I was out of a job for a long time and I had to spend what I had
for my expenses.
Q There has been lots of work here. Why were you out of a job?
A I was sick for quite a while.
Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)?
A Yes, I know him; that is Wong Kong Ming.
Q How long have you known him? A Three or four years.
Q Where did you know him? A Chicago.
Q How did you happen to get arrest in St. Louis if you lived in
Chicago?
A At that time I went to St. Louis to see the Fair.
Q Isn't that where a good part of your money went, in defending
that case?
A No; it didn't cost me anything.
Q But it must have cost you something?
A I paid \$25.00 for a lawyer.
Q Where did you borrow this money of Wong Kong Ming?
A At the store of Quong On Lung & Co., 317 S. Clark St., Chicago.
Q Did you put the loan down in any book? A No.
Q Did you give him a note for the money or pay him any interest?
A No, no note given and no interest paid.
Q Now, as a matter of fact, do you owe him this money or don't you?
A Yes, I owe him.
Q Is this a true debt? A Yes.
Q When are you going to pay him back?
A When he comes back from China.
Q How much business do you do over there in your laundry?
A Two of us; about \$60 a week.
Q How much rent do you pay? A \$20 a month.
Q Do you own the whole laundry or half of it? A All myself.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

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