

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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No. 364

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 on March 17, 1894, ratified on 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 May 5, 1892, as amended by the Act of November 3, 1893. My Certificate of Residence, which is attached to this statement was issued by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the Eleventh District of Ohio, at the City of Springfield, in said district, dated March 14th, 1894, and numbered 30305. (Photograph.)



Name, GIN YICK TEN.

Present Age:-Forty-one (41) Years.

Local Residence: ~~No. 299~~ Clark st., Chicago, Illinois.

Occupation: Restaurateur.

HEIGHT: - 5 Feet, 5/8 Inches. Weight: \_\_\_\_ lbs.

Color of Eyes:-Brown. Complexion:-Light.

Physical Marks or Peculiarities for identification:

Large, shallow Scar near Left Temple.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS the property and debts described below:

PROPERTY: Full Description.-As stated below.

DEBTS:-Aggregating at least \$1000, which are unsettled and unascertained, and not covered by promissory notes or other evidence of ascertained liability:

Due from GIN HAM, of No. 299 Clark street, Chicago, Illinois, the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00), for Money invested in the Restaurant of the "HONG FONG LO CO.", at No. 296 State street, Chicago aforesaid.

Due from GIN YICK QUONG, of No. 299 Clark street, Chicago, Illinois, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), for Money invested in the Restaurant of the "HONG FONG LO CO.", at No. 296 State street, Chicago aforesaid.

I HEREBY AGREE that none of such property or debts shall be diverted, transferred, or collected during my absence, and that the above-described claims shall remain as they now exist until my return.

I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST a Certificate of my right to return to the United States.

I intend to depart from the United States at the port of ~~Porter, North Dakota~~, San Francisco, Cal., one month from the date hereof, or as soon thereafter as I may, and to return to the United States at the same port within twelve months thereafter.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., July 13th, A.D., 1905.

Subscribed and sworn to, before me, this 13 day of July, A.D., nineteen hundred and five. } Gin Yick Ten

Chief Officer in Charge.

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Department of Commerce and Labor  
IMMIGRATION SERVICEOFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER  
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

In answering please refer to No. 1973-C.

August 9, 1906.

Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Immigration Service,  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 17, 1905, I have to state for your information that Gin Yick Ten, a Chinese laborer of Chicago, returned to this port on the S.S. Manchuria, August 2, 1906, ticket No. 27, and was landed the same day.

Respectfully,

*W.W. Worth*

Commissioner.

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CHICAGO, July 17, 1905.

Case of : Ward E. Thompson, Examining Inspector.  
 Gin Yick Ten, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.  
 Departing Laborer.: D. A. Plumly, Stenographer.

- Q What is your name?  
 A Gin Yick Ten.  
 Q How old are you?  
 A 41 years.  
 Q Where do you live here in Chicago?  
 A 299 South Clark St.  
 Q What is your occupation now?  
 A I am not doing anything at present.  
 Q What has been your occupation during the last two years?  
 A Laundry and restaurant man.  
 Q Your occupation is given here as restaurant man. Is that correct?  
 A Yes.  
 Q When did you first come to the United States?  
 A I don't remember the exact year, but I have been 26 or 27 years.  
 Q Is that your certificate of residence? (Showing applicant's certificate.)  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q Have you a wife, parent, or child in the United States?  
 A No, sir.  
 Q Do you own any property in this country?  
 A No, sir.  
 Q Have you any debts due you in this country?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q Give me the names of the men who owe you money and the amount owed you by each?  
 A Gin Ham owes me \$600, and Gin Yick Quong owes me \$500.  
 Q What is the local address of these two men?  
 A One of them lives at 299 South Clark St., and the other at the restaurant at 296 South State St.  
 Q Do these men pay you any interest on the money they owe you?  
 A No, sir; no interest.  
 Q Did they give you a promissory note for the money when they borrowed it of you?  
 A No, sir; it is the Chinese custom never to give notes, but we understand among ourselves that if the money is borrowed it will be paid back.  
 Q Where did you get this \$1100 you loaned these men?  
 A I worked and saved it.  
 Q What kind of work did you do?  
 A I earned most of it at the laundry and some of it at the restaurant.  
 Q When did you loan this \$600 to Gin Ham?  
 A K.S. 30th year and first month.  
 Q All at one time?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q When did you loan this money to Gin Yick Quong?  
 A About the same time.  
 Q \$500 at the same time.  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q What did they want with this money?  
 A They wanted to invest it in a restaurant.  
 Q Do you mean Hong Fong Lo Co.?  
 A Yes.  
 Q Do you base your right to go to China and return to this country on the \$1100 owed you by these men?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q Will you collect these debts or any part of them during your stay in China?  
 A I will come back before they pay me.

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- Q Why don't they pay you now?  
A The money is already invested and tied up in the restaurant and they can't pay me.  
Q Is that your picture? (Showing applicant's picture.)  
A Yes, sir.  
Q And you have understood the Interpreter, Wong Aloy?  
A Yes, sir.

The applicant, Gin Yick Ten, was sworn by Inspector Thompson.

(Signed, in English) GIN YICK TEN  
(Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.  
(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Gin Ham, Witness.

- Q What is your name?  
A Gin Ham.  
Q What is your business?  
A I am a merchant; Sam Lung Co., 299 South Clark St.  
Q Have you any investment in any other business than that store you speak of?  
A I have some investment in the Hong Fong Lo Co.  
Q How much money have you invested there?  
A \$500.  
Q Is that all the money you have in the restaurant, \$500?  
A I have another man with me for \$1,000; my own share is \$500.  
Q Do you know that man? (Showing picture of applicant.)  
A Yes, sir.  
Q What is his name?  
A Gin Yick Ten.  
Q Did you ever have any business dealings with him?  
A Yes, I have had.  
Q Please state what they were?  
A I borrowed some money from him to invest it in the business.  
Q What business?  
A Hong Fong Lo restaurant.  
Q How much money did you borrow from him?  
A \$600.  
Q Did you put all that \$600 in the restaurant?  
A Yes, I borrowed money to put it all in the restaurant.  
Q Why did you say then you had only \$500 interest in the restaurant when you borrowed \$600 to put in there?  
A I have put in \$600 with another man to make up \$1,000 and I have a \$500 interest. I loaned the other man \$100.  
Q When did you borrow the \$600 from this applicant?  
A K.S. 30th year and first month.  
Q Borrowed it all at one time, did you?  
A We have business dealings off and on and at that time we made a full settlement for \$600.  
Q Did you give him a promissory note for it?  
A No note, but on the book.  
Q Does it draw interest?  
A No, sir; no interest.  
Q What book was this entered in?  
A A book of the store.  
Q At the store or restaurant?  
A The book at the store now.  
Q Why don't you pay this man back the money?  
A My money is invested in the restaurant there and tied up, and he wants to go to China, and I can't pay him now.  
Q Won't you pay him any of this money until he returns?  
A I wouldn't pay him anything until he returns.  
Q This is a bona fide debt, is it, and not one specially created to evade the laws?  
A Yes, it is a true debt.  
Q You have understood the Interpreter, Wong Aloy, have you?  
A Yes, sir.

The witness, Gin Ham, was sworn by Inspector Thompson.

(Signed, in Chinese) GIN HAM, Witness.  
(Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.  
(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Gin Yick Quong, Witness.

- Q. What is your name?  
A. Gin Yick Quong.  
Q. What is your business?  
A. Restaurant business.  
Q. What restaurant?  
A. Hong Fong Lo, 266 South State Street.  
Q. How much money have you invested there?  
A. \$1,000.  
Q. Do you know this man? (Showing picture of applicant.)  
A. Yes, it is Moy Yick Ten.  
Q. How long have you known him?  
A. About ten years.  
Q. Did you ever have any business dealings with him?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Please state what they were?  
A. I borrowed some money from him.  
Q. How much money did you borrow?  
A. \$500.  
Q. What did you do with it?  
A. He originally invested \$500 in this restaurant and after it opened he sold that interest to me.  
Q. Do I understand you to mean that the man loaned you \$500 he had in the restaurant and you bought yourself an own interest in it?  
A. Yes.  
Q. Did you give him a promissory note for this money?  
A. Just on a book; no note.  
Q. On what book is this account entered?  
A. On my personal book.  
Q. Have you that book with you?  
A. It is down at my place.  
Q. Does this debt draw any interest?  
A. No interest.  
Q. When did you borrow this \$500 from this man?  
A. K.S. 30th year and first month.  
Q. This is a bona fide debt, is it, and not one specially created to evade the law?  
A. Nothing but the truth.  
Q. And you have understood the Interpreter, Wong Aloy?  
A. Yes, sir.

The witness, Gin Yick Quong, was sworn by Inspector Thompson.

(Signed, in Chinese) GIN YICK QUONG, Witness.  
(Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.  
(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Hong Sling, Witness.

- Q What is your name?  
A Hong Sling.  
Q What is your business?  
A Merchandise business, restaurant and railroad.  
Q How much interest have you in the Hong Fong Lo restaurant?  
A Over \$40,000.  
Q Do you know these two witnesses?  
A Yes, they are partners with me.  
A In the restaurant?  
A Yes, and in the store, too.  
A Do you know how much interest Gin Ham has in the restaurant?  
A About \$1,000.  
A And the other man, about a \$1,000 too?  
A Yes.  
Q You would believe these men were telling the truth when they said they borrowed \$600 and \$500, respectively, from Moy Yick Ten?  
A Yes.

The witness, Hong Sling, was sworn by Inspector Thompson.

(Signed, in English) HONG SLING, Witness.  
(Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.  
(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.