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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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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 the 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 the statement was issued by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the first District of Illinois, at Chicago, Illinois, dated March 26, 1894, and numbered 6173.

Name, FRANK HOW.

Present age, 41 years.

Local residence, 323 Clark St., 3d floor.

Occupation, Laundryman.

Height: 5 Ft., 8-1/2 In. Weight: _____ lbs.

Color of eyes: _____. Complexion, Dark.

Physical marks or peculiarities for identification: Small mole on left cheek.


 I CLAIM TO POSSESS the debts described below:

DEBTS: Aggregating at least \$1,000, which are unsettled and unascertained, and not covered by promissory notes or other evidence of ascertained liability:

Due from HOW LEM, of No. 366-45th street, Chicago, Illinois,
Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

Due from LEM JIN, of No. 321 Clark street, Chicago, Illinois,
Five Hundred Dollars.

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

(Signature of Applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 1905.

Chief Officer in Charge.

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May 18, 1905.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
FRANK HOW, : No Interpreter.
Departing Laborer. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified in English:

Insp. Plummer:

- Q What is your name?
A Frank How.
Q What year Kwong Sui did you come to the United States?
A K. S. 10 or 11.
Q How long have you been in Chicago?
A I don't know; I was registered here.
Q Do you know How Lum at No. 366 45th St.?
A Yes, sir.
Q How long have you known him?
A Oh! A long time; he is my cousin.
Q Did you know him in China before he came to the United States?
A Yes, sir.
Q Have you and he ever been in business together in a laundry?
A No, sir. We worked together; he worked for me one time.
Q Did he ever borrow any money of you?
A Yes, sir.
Q How much?
A \$550.00.
Q When did he get it?
A The first time about Chinese August--about 17 months ago.
Q What year K.S. is that?
A K. S. 28.
Q How much did he borrow that time?
A About \$300.00.
Q What did he say he wanted that money for?
A He wanted to send it to China.
Q Has he ever paid you any of that \$300.00?
A No, sir.
Q You say he owes you \$550.00?
A Yes, sir.
Q When did he borrow the other \$250.00?
A K. S. 28, about December.
Q Chinese December or English December?
A Chinese.
Q What did he borrow that \$250.00 for?
A He wanted to buy that place.
Q What place? Where he is now--No. 366 45th St.?
A Yes.
Q Did he buy all of that place or only half of it?
A Half of it.
Q How much did he pay for that?
A I don't know how much he paid for it.
Q He borrowed \$250.00 of you to pay for half of it?
A Yes, but I think he had more money. I don't know how much
he paid for it.
Q Do you charge him any interest for that money?
A No, sir.

... have it for if he doesn't pay any interest?

A Oh! Because he is my cousin.

Q Did he give you any note for it?

A No.

Q Has he paid any of that back since he borrowed it?

A No.

Q Doesn't he make any money out there in that laundry?

A Oh! He makes some money.

Q Why doesn't he pay you back some?

A He has a big family at home and he just got married, and is sending his boys to school.

Q Where did you get this money you loaned him?

A I earned it doing laundry work.

Q You are sure, now, he hasn't paid you any of that money back?

A No.

Q What kind of money was it you let him have--gold money, silver money, or paper money?

A Paper and silver.

Q How are you going back to China--what port?

A Vancouver.

Q Do you know whether you go via Portal?

A Yes, sir.

Q How long have you known Lam Chin.

A Oh! A long time. I knew him in China.

Q What does he do here in the United States?

A He did laundry work before but now he is a merchant; Quong Yuen Co.

Q Does he owe you any money?

A Yes, sir.

Q How much?

A \$500.00.

Q What does he owe you that for?

A He wanted to pay for his interest in the Quong Yuen Co.

Q When did he borrow that money of you?

A Just last year.

Q Well, give me the year.

A K.S. 30, January 20, Chinese. 14 or 15 months ago.

Q Well, he was a member of that firm before that, wasn't he? He has been a member of that firm for two or three years, hasn't he?

A Yes. Maybe he owed somebody money.

Q Didn't you say that he borrowed that money to pay into that business?

A It might be he borrowed money of somebody else to put into the business and then borrowed my money to pay him back.

Q Did he borrow that money all at one time?

A Yes.

Q Does he pay you any interest on it?

A No, sir.

Q Did he give you any note for it?

A No.

Q Has he paid any part of it back?

A No.

Q Where did you get this money that you let this man have?

A I worked in a laundry.

Q You must save your money when you worked in the laundry?

A Yes, sir.

Q Is this all true you have been telling me to-day about this money?

A Yes, sir.

The applicant signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) FRANK HOW.

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FRANK HOW, : Ward E. Thompson, Examining Inspector.
Departing Laborer.: D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.
: No Interpreter.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified in English:

Insp. Plummer:

- Q What is your name?
A Lam Chin.
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes.
Q Who is he?
A I don't know his American name (Pause); I think it is Frank How.
Q How long have you known him?
A About 13 years in Chicago.
Q Did you know him in China?
A No.
Q Frank How says you did know him in China before he came to the United States. Did you know him in China.
A I don't know him in China. He come to Chicago--I know him then. I lived too far away.
Q But he said you knew him in China?
A No.
Q Do you owe him any money?
A Yes.
Q How much?
A \$500.00.
Q When did you borrow that money of him?
A I get it last year.
Q What month?
A January.
Q Do you know what day?
A Number twenty.
Q Was that K.S. 30?
A Yes.
Q What did you borrow that money for?
A I borrowed it to send it back to China. I have a store; Quong Yuen.
Q Did you put part of it in the store?
A I put \$300.00 in the store and sent \$200.00 to China.
Q How long have you been a partner in that store--Quong Yuen?
A Either K.S. 19 or 20; I forgot, you see.
Q Are you registered?
A Yes; I had a laundry.

(Witness produced original certificate of residence No. 137653 issued March 22, 1894, by F. E. Coyne, Collector of Internal Revenue, First District of Illinois, in lieu of certificate No. 5918 "which, upon evidence submitted, appears to have been unavoidably lost," to Lam Chin, laborer, occupation laundryman, age 35, height 5 feet 5 inches, color of eyes dark brown, color of complexion dark, local residence Ravenswood, Ill. Identification, wen over left eye. Also certificate from J.A. McDonell, M.D., 584 Washington Blvd., Chicago, dated August 16, 1904, that he had operated on Lam Chin for wen August 9, 1904. Now has scar over his left eye as result of operation.)

Insp. Thompson:

Q How long have you been a merchant?

A I forgot; K.S. 19 or 20.

Q You say you put \$300 in the store that you borrowed from Frank How last year. How then could you have been a merchant since K.S. 19 or 20 if you borrowed that money to put in the store?

A I have been with that store nine years.

Q Did you tell this man what you wanted with that money when you borrowed it?

A No.

Q What does Frank How do?

A He works in a laundry.

Q Did you give him a note for it?

A No; it is in the firm book.

Q What kind of money did you get from him--paper, silver, gold?

A Yes.

Q Are you sure you got gold?

A Yes.

Q Now, was it gold money or not?

A Yes; \$10 or \$20; I don't know now how much.

Q Have you paid him back any of this \$500.00?

A No.

Q Why didn't you pay it back?

A I haven't got the money now. I pay him when he comes back.

Q Are you going to pay him back when he returns from China?

A When he comes back to Chicago I pay him.

Q How much money have you got in that store?

A \$1,000.00.

Q How long have you had \$1,000.00 in that store?

A Ever since K.S. 20.

Q What do you do in that store--what kind of work?

A All-round man--buy and sell.

Q Who is the manager of that store?

A Lam Chee.

Q Does the store make any money?

A A little; not much.

Q Where are you going to get the \$500.00 to pay this man back when he returns to Chicago?

A I don't know. I may make it by then or it may take me a long time after he returns.

The witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) LAM CHIN

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Witness, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified in English:

Insp. Plummer:

- Q What is your name?
A How Lum.
Q Do you know this man (showing witness photograph of applicant)?
A Yes; he is my cousin, Frank How.
Q How long have you known him?
A He was my neighbor in China before either of us came to the United States. He is of the same (How) family as I am.
Q Did you ever have any business with him?
A Yes, I did have once.
Q What kind of business was it?
A We were partners in a Chinese laundry.
Q Do you owe him any money?
A Yes.
Q How much?
A (Takes book from his pocket and reads) One time \$300.00; one time \$250.00.
Q When did you borrow this money?
A K.S. 28, in August Chinese, I got \$300; and in October I got \$250.
Q What did you get it for?
A I wanted to send it home to China and to buy a laundry, too.
Q How much did you send home to China?
A \$300.00.
Q How much did you put into the laundry?
A \$250.00.
Q Have you paid him any back yet?
A Not yet; when I have some I give all back.
Q Why haven't you paid any?
A I have no money yet.
Q You have been in this laundry since October K.S. 28 and have made no money?
A Not much; my expenses are too high.
Q Do you pay him any interest?
A No; just principal; he is a cousin of mine.
Q Did you give him any promissory note for it?
A No.
Q Is this all true that you have told me about borrowing this money?
A Yes.
Q Do you own this laundry?
A No, I own half of it. This other man, How Dock, is my partner.
Q Are you registered?
A Yes. (Shows certificate No. 6417.)
Q You say you haven't paid any of that money back?
A No, business is too poor and I spend too much.
Q When do you expect to pay it back?
A I can't tell; when I have some money.

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April 21, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
FRANK HOW, :
Lab. Ret. : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

Witness, HOW LUNG, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A How Lung.
Q Whose photograph is this (showing photograph of applicant)?
A It is my cousin, Frank How.
Q Do you owe him any money?
A Yes, I owe him \$550 borrowed at two different times.
Q Have you paid him any money since he went to China? A No.
Q When will you pay him?
A After his return I will pay him as I have the money.
Q Does that debt remain the same as at the time he went away?
A Yes; there has been no change.

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Witness, LEM JIM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Lem Jim.
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes, the white people call him Frank How.
Q Do you owe him any money?
A Yes; \$500.
Q Have you paid any part of that loan since he went to China?
A No.
Q Has there been any change in that debt since his departure?
A No, there has been no change.

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