

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
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No. 719

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No. 719.

December 4th, 1908.

Commissioner-General of Immigration,  
Department of Commerce and Labor,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith original certificate of residence No. 120456, purporting to have been issued in the Second District of New York at New York, N.Y., March 29th, 1894, to CHIN KEE YORK, Chinese laborer, and would thank you to compare it with the duplicate on file with the Bureau and inform me whether or not it is genuine.

This Chinaman has made application for a laborer's return certificate.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.



STATEMENT OF REGISTERED CHINESE LABORER ABOUT TO DEPART FROM THE UNITED STATES WITH  
THE INTENTION OF RETURNING THERETO

Made in compliance with 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 Commerce and Labor 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 Second district of New York, at New York, dated March 20th, 1894, and numbered 120456



Name, CHIN KEE YORK  
Present age, Thirty-nine years.  
Local residence, 626 W. Seventy-ninth St.  
Occupation, Laundryman  
Height: 5 feet, 4-3/4 inches. Weight, \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.  
Color of eyes, brown Complexion, yellow  
Physical marks or peculiarities for identification: (Scar on first joint of middle finger of left hand)

I CLAIM TO POSSESS the family, or property, or debts described below:

FAMILY: Wife, named \_\_\_\_\_, residing \_\_\_\_\_

Child or children, named \_\_\_\_\_, residing \_\_\_\_\_

Parent, named \_\_\_\_\_  
residing \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY: Full description, whole interest in laundry located at 626 W. Seventy-ninth St., Chicago, Value, \$1,100.00

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 \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
dollars, for \_\_\_\_\_

Due from \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
dollars, for \_\_\_\_\_

Due from \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
dollars, for \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Chin Kee York  
(Signature of applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of December, 1908

(Name)

L. H. Hume

(Title) Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.



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No. 719.

June 12th, 1909.

Mr. L. T. Plummer,  
Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

In compliance with your verbal detail I proceeded to 626 Seventy-ninth St., the laundry of CHIN KEE YORK, the papers in whose case were <sup>forwarded</sup> to this office by Seattle, Washington, for the usual ad interim investigation.

I examined LEE DON, who was apparently in charge of the laundry and inclose a transcript of the notes taken. This man states that the laundry is still owned by the applicant and that conditions are the same as at the time of applicant's departure for China. From my observation I would say that the laundry is substantially in the same condition as at the time I investigated it, last December.

I would therefore recommend that Chin Kee York be admitted upon his return.

Respectfully,

Chinese Inspector.

Approved and forwarded to the Chinese Inspector in Charge, Seattle, Washington, in reply to his letter of May 25th, 1909, No. 001-c and returning all papers in the case received therewith.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

No. 719.

626 Seventy-ninth St.

CHICAGO

June 12th, 1909.

Case of  
CHIN KEE YORK, :  
Laborer returning. : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.

Witness, LEE DON, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Lee Don.  
Q How many names have you? A. Only one.  
Q Do you know this man? (Showing picture) A. Yes, that  
is Chin Kee York.  
Q Who owns this laundry, "Sam Sing"? A. Chin Kee York  
owns it. I am running it for him.

Witness signed his name in Chinese.

Subscribed and sworn to before me June 12th, 1909.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.



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Department of Commerce and Labor

What is your name? Lee Leon  
How many names have you? Only one  
Do you know this man, showing  
picture? Yes this is Chin Kee Yark  
Who owns this land, "Sam Sing"  
Chin Kee Yark owns it. I  
am running it for him.

Subscribed and 李讚  
Owens to be for me  
June 12/09  
H. E. Steppan  
J. W. P.

No. 719.

December 14th, 1908.

Chin Kee York,

c/o Quan Hung Chong,

339 So. Clark St. (Basement)

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith copy of your application for a laborer's return certificate and would instruct you to present it to the Chinese Inspector in Charge at Portal, North Dakota, upon your departure through his port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

December 31st, 1908.

Chin Kee York,

Sir:-

As you wish to depart via Seattle instead of Portal, North Dakota, present the inclosed papers to the Inspector in Charge at Seattle, upon your departure through that port.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer:

Chinese Inspector in Charge.



626-79th St. Chicago

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Department of Commerce and Labor

Dec 11-10

What is your name? Lee Ton  
do you know this apartment? yes  
That is Chin Kee York.

Who owns this laundry  
"Sam Sing Laundry"?

Chin Kee York owns it.

Are you going to  
conduct the laundry for  
him? yes

How long have you been  
here? 2 or 3 years

How much do you work? Three.

Signed + sworn to 李漢

Witness Dec 11-1908

H. E. Tipping  
Jap.

No. 204  
(Ed. 1-8-08-100,000)

Department of Commerce and Labor

Dec 12-08

name. Chin Kee York.

Occupation - Laundryman.

How long you owned that laundry on 79th  
About 2 years

Who did you buy it of? - Jap Low Toon.

How much you pay? \$1100

How many men work - 3 altogether

How much rent - \$20.

Will you go back to the laundry when you  
return from China - yes

How much business do a week - about \$90  
now more in summer time.

Do you understand my question - yes

What is your Chinese name. Chin Kee York.

What other name have you? Some friends  
call me Chin Ti Jai.

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Chin Kee York

No. 205  
(Ed. 4-20-06-500,000.)



No. 719.

626 Seventy-ninth St., CHICAGO

December 11th, 1908.

Case of CHIN KEE YORK, : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.  
Laborer departing. :

Witness, LEE DON, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A Lee Don.  
Q Do you know this applicant? (Showing photograph) A. Yes,  
that is Chin Kee York.  
Q Who owns this laundry? "Sam Sing Laundry"? A Chin Kee  
York owns it.  
Q Are you going to conduct the laundry for him? A Yes.  
Q How long have you been here? A One year.  
Q How many men do you work? A Three.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Lee Don)

Signed and sworn to before me, December 11th, 1908.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet.

No. 719.

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

December 12th, 1908.

Case of :  
CHIN KEE YORK, : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
Lab. departing. :

Applicant, CHIN KEE YORK, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Chin Kee York.  
Q What is your occupation? A Laundryman.  
Q How long have you owned that laundry on 79th St.?  
A. About two years.  
Q Who did you buy it of? A Jew Gow Toon.  
Q How much did you pay for it? A \$1,100.00.  
Q How many men work there? A Three altogether.  
Q How much rent do you pay? A Twenty dollars.  
Q Will you go back to the laundry when you return from China?  
A. Yes.  
Q How much business do you do a week? A About ninety dollars,  
now.. More in the summer time.  
Q Do you understand my questions? A Yes.  
Q What is your Chinese name? A Chin Kee York.  
Q What other name have you? A Some friends call me Chin  
Ti Ju.

Applicant signed his name in English and Chinese.

(Signed) Chin Kee York

Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.

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