

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 348

IMMIGRATION FILE

SUBJECT:

YEE SHING WAH, RETURNING LABORER.

Chicago, Illinois, November 16, 1904.

WITNESS SORN:

L.T. Plummer, Inspector,
Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

Q. What is your name?
A. Lee Chung.
Q. What is your business?
A. Merchant, member of Wing Tank Co., #301 S. Clark St., Chicago.
Q. Do you know this man here? (Showing photograph of applicant.)
A. Yes.
Q. Who is it?
A. Yee Shing Wah.
Q. How long have you known him?
A. A long time; about 20 years.
Q. Where have you known him?
A. I have known him in Chicago.
Q. Do you owe him any money?
A. Yes, I owe him money.
Q. How much?
A. \$600.00.
Q. What do you owe him that for?
A. We are particular friends. I borrowed money for my business and I lost it.
Q. When did you borrow that money?
A. I don't remember how long. I think about eleven or twelve years ago.
Q. Did you borrow it all at one time?
A. All at one time.
Q. Can't you tell me when it was that you borrowed it?
A. I cannot tell now. I can tell by looking at my book. I have not the book with me.
Q. Why didn't you bring that book down?
A. I didn't know you needed it. I came away in a hurry and forgot all about it.
Q. How much interest have you in Wing Tank Co.?
A. \$1500.00.
Q. You were in the firm of Quong Lee Yuen before going with Wing Tank?
A. Yes, I was there, but I sold out.
Q. When did you sell out there?
A. I sold out last year American October or November.
Q. How much money did you have in that?
A. \$1000.00.
Q. How long were you in Quong Lee Yuen?
A. Altogether about 18 months.
Q. What did you use to do before you went in with Quong Lee Yuen?
A. I was a laundryman before that.
Q. How did you happen to lose this \$600.00 that you borrowed of Yee Shing Wah?
A. I bought a laundry with that money. The landlord took the building back, and so I lost the money.
Q. Where?
A. Near LaSalle and Madison Streets.
Q. How many years ago?
A. About ten years ago.
Q. Do you pay any interest for that money?
A. It is not the custom among our people to pay interest to our friends; but when he comes back if I have my feet in the world I will use him right.
Q. Did you give him any promissory note for that money?
A. No.
Q. Have you understood the questions put to you?
A. Yes.

LEE SHING WAH, RETURNING LABORER.

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Chicago, Illinois, November 3, 1904.

WITNESS SORN:

L.T. Plummer, Inspector.

Q. What is your name?
A. Charley Lee.
Q. What is your Chinese name?
A. Lee Quong.
Q. Do you own this laundry? (#11047 Michigan Avenue.)
A. Yes.
Q. How long have you owned it?
A. About ten months; not quite ten months yet.
Q. Whom did you buy it of?
A. My cousin Lee.
Q. Lee what?
A. I forget; I don't know what his Chinese name is; he belongs to the Lee Company.
Q. What did you pay for the laundry when you bought it?
A. \$725.00 for everything.
Q. Where is this cousin you bought the laundry of now?
A. I think he is down Clarke St. at time.
Q. Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant.)
A. No, I never saw him; I bought this laundry of my cousin.
Q. What number on Clarke St. is your cousin now?
A. He lives anywhere, all around, I see him sometime.
Q. Are you registered?
A. Yes. (Shows Certificate No. 122446, issued to Lee Quong, Philadelphia, April 5, 1894.)
Q. Who do you pay rent to?
A. Mr. Burkhoff.
Q. How much rent do you pay?
A. \$20.00 a month.
Q. What month did you buy this place?
A. Chinese January K.S. 30.
Q. Did you pay all cash?
A. Certainly, I paid all cash.

Copy
Hong Kong China
April 20 1904

Mr. Alfred Fortin
Dear Sir:

It seems to be a long times I have seen you so I thought I would write you a lines to let you know that I will return to Chicago soon, but I do not know if have any new law now or not. If anythings come to my case, I hope you will help and make it everything as lawful for me at the time when I come back. I heard the american law it is very hard to detention the Chinamen come to America. but I ~~hope~~ am afraid that I can not come back to Chicago again. Now if any Custom officers come to investigate in my case dont you forget to answer the evidence what you have agreed with me, that I hire the Store of you that I own the laundry it will be all right; dont you see? I will see you soon I hope. the weather is very hot here at present justlike summer, now there is nothing news for me to tell you so I must close, send my best regards to you

I remain as ever

Yours sincerely

Charley Wah