

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICENo. 408

SUBJECT:

14-204

In re. CHARLIE SAM (Lim Nie Lip), # 321 Clark st., Chicago, Ill. Laundryman.

Made in compliance with the treaty between the United States and China, concluded and signed March 17", 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 District of Maryland, at the City of Baltimore in said District, on the 19th day of March, A.D., 1894, and is numbered "13,234".

MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

NAME:-CHARLIE SAM (Properly LIM NIE LIP).

AGE:--Forty Seven (47) Years.

HEIGHT:-5 Feet, 6-3/4 Inches (In Shoes).

LOCAL RESIDENCE:-No' 321 Clark st. (Late No. 921 West Madison street), Chicago, Illinois.

OCCUPATION:-Laundryman. (Unemployed at present).

EYES:-Dark Brown. COMPLEXION:-Olive.

MARKS:-Very faint, but old, scars Right Side Mouth.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS BELOW:

PROPERTY:-None, except the personal property below, and money in hand.

DEBTS:-Payable by one LIM TOM, Laundryman, of No. 1893 North Clark st., Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, for money loaned, the sum of Five Hundred Forty Five Dollars (\$545.00).

Payable by one LIM DUCK, Merchant, of No. 321 Clark street, in the said City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, for money loaned, the sum of Five Hundred Sixty Two Dollars (\$562.00).

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 ~~any~~ ascertained liability.

I HEREBY AGREE That none of such debt shall be diverted, transferred or collected during my absence, but shall remain as it now exists 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.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, Sept. 18, 1906. *CHASSAM*Subscribed and sworn to, by the above-named CHARLIE SAM (Otherwise known as LIM NIE LIP), at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, this 18 day of September, A.D., 1906, before me.*L. P. H. M.*
Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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Liu Tew

Woh Kien

Lamduyan

When in Canada

1893 No Block St.

Kun the man (being first)

you it is Liu Ma Lip.

How long know him
about 4 yrs.

Own any laundry

You \$45,

What?

borrowed to buy laundry with

To buy or start own?

B, To start own, but it is closed now
when borrowed.It's 30 feet front of 5 units can't remember day
all at one time,

Yrs,

Any note

No.

When can take place.

Demas Yuen 32, 2d floor.

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~~Has much pay for laundry.~~When was the place you started
1401 No. Clark St,

How long were you there.

3 or 4 months.

How much money do you.

between \$300 & \$400. I had some money left and
opened the place I am in now.How did you happen to borrow just \$45.
It was all be borrowed at that time.Why did you borrow so much money to start
the laundry with.It really requires 400 to 500 to start a good
laundry nowadays.Didnt you have any money at that time,
and

Why not.

I had bad luck and lost some money up there.
They cannot find back any.I lost in the first place and cannot hold them since
I opened this place today here.

When will pay him.

After his return if I can't.

Is this debt

yes

understand fully with him

Yes

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Hong Aloy

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Lehorti Sam Feb 20-1907.

Department of Commerce and Labor

Woman - Lai Toun
 Brunei Laundry
 Am the laundry - yes.
 Tell believe you - Lin Chee Hwang.
 Registered. You saw my certificate at
 14 1/2 Melrose St.
 know this man (show photo) - you & a
 Linbie Lie.
 Am bin any money - you \$45.
 Paid him any over before - no,
 I will pay him when he come back.
 Any charge in obligation some
 deportee - no.
 undertake database - yes

Lai Toun

Hong Aloy
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See letter dated Sept. 27, 06. Portal.
 in Chung Chop's file No. 148.

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CHICAGO February 28, 1907.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
 CHARLIE SAM, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
 Lab. Ret. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Witness, LIM DUCK, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
 A Lim Duck.
 Q What is your business?
 A At the present time I am employed as a cook on the railroad.
 Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
 A Yes, I know him; his Chinese name is Lim Nie Lip, and his American name is Charlie Sam.
 Q Do you owe him any money?
 A Yes, sir; I owe him \$562 or \$563.
 Q Have you sent him any money since he has been in China?
 A No.
 Q Has there been any change in the obligation since his departure?
 A Everything remains the same. I wrote him one letter, but I have sent him no money.
 Q When will you pay him?
 A After he returns to this country I will pay him if I have it.
 Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
 A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

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

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Witness, LIM TOM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
 A Lim Tom.
 Q What is your business?
 A I am a laundryman.
 Q Do you own this laundry?
 A Yes.
 Q What is your full Chinese name?
 A Lim Chee Heung.
 Q Are you registered?
 A Yes; you saw my certificate at No. 1401 N. Clark St.
 Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
 A Yes, it is Lim Nie Lip.
 Q Do you owe him any money?
 A Yes, \$545.
 Q Have you paid him any money since his departure?
 A No.
 Q Has there been any change in the obligation?
 A No.
 Q When will you pay him?
 A I will pay him when he comes back.
 Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
 A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

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

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CHICAGO

September 19, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
CHARLIE SAM, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
Lab. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Charlie Sam.
Q What is your Chinese name?
A Lim Nie Lip.
Q What is your business?
A Laundryman.
Q Do you own a laundry at the present time?
A I sold it out.
Q Where was the laundry located?
A No. 921 West Madison St., Chicago.
Q Who did you sell it to?
A The man's name is Hong.
Q Upon what do you base your right to a return certificate?
A On the ground that I am registered and also that people in this country owe me money.
Q Who owe you money?
A Lim Tom owes me \$545.00 and Lim Dock owes me \$562.00.
Q What does Lim Tom owe you money for?
A He told me he wanted it to buy a laundry.
Q When did this loan take place?
A I will look at my book now; it has been over two years ago.
(Witness produces account book and the Interpreter reads:
"K.S. 30, 5, 10 Lim Tom borrowed \$545.00.")
Q Was this money loaned all at one time?
A All at one time.
Q Where did the loan take place?
A At the store of Quong Yuen & Co., 321 S. Clark St., Chicago.
Q Did he give you a note for it?
A No, sir; he did not give me a note.
Q How long have you known Lim Tom?
A About four years now.
Q Where have you known him?
A I met him in Chicago on my return from China four years ago.
Q How much money did Lim Tom put into that laundry?
A I don't know.
Q Did he have any money of his own at that time?
A I don't know. All I know is that he asked me for this amount and I loaned it to him.
Q Did he give you any security for it?
A No, sir. It is the Chinese custom, especially in this country, never to give any note for money loaned. Some times a note is given in China.

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- Q How much money does Lim Dock owe you?
A \$562.00.
Q When did you lend him this money?
A A little over a year ago. I will look at my book and give you the exact date.
(Witness produces account book and the Interpreter reads:
"K.S. 31, 6, 15 Lim Dock borrowed \$562.00.")
Q What was this money borrowed for?
A He told me he wanted to send it to China to build a house with.
Q How much of it did he send to China?
A I do not know how much he sent to China, although we live in the same village.
Q How long have you known him?
A Since we were boys in China.
Q Didn't he have any money of his own at that time?
A I don't know whether or not he had any money of his own then.
All I know is that he asked me to lend him the money and I refused at first, and then I thought it over and as we lived together in China I let him have it.
Q Did he give you any note for it?
A No, sir; no note given. I have often borrowed money without giving a note and I didn't ask him for a note.
Q Where did you get the \$1100.00 that you loaned these two men?
A I earned it in the laundry. I have been working ~~al~~ the time.
Q Did you do a good business?
A Yes, sir; I had a good business and I often made over \$40.00 a week myself. I have an interest in a bank in China and also have some stock in a railroad in China.
Q Are these debts true debts or are they debts that you made up to enable you to go to China?
A No, sir; they are not false debts; they are absolutely true debts.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
A Yes, sir.

Applicant signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) CHAS. SAM, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, LIM DOCK, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Lim Dock.
 Q What is your business? A I am a chef; I am cooking now.
 Q Do you know this man here (showing photograph of applicant)?
 A Yes, sir; that is Lim Nie Lip; his American name is Charlie Sam.
 Q How long have you known him? A Since we were boys in China.
 Q Do you owe him any money?
 A Yes, sir; I owe him \$562.00 from last year.
 Q What did you borrow that for?
 A To send to China to build a house.
 Q How much did you send to China to build a house with?
 A I sent \$1,000.00 Mexican at that time.
 Q How much would that be in gold at that time?
 A I think the rate of exchange was 44 at that time.
 Q Where did this loan take place? A At his laundry.
 Q Why did you borrow \$562.00 gold when you only sent \$1,000.00 Mexican to China?
 A Two months later I sent \$200.00 Mexican to China out of what I had left.
 Q What did you do with the rest of it?
 A I had a brother in Oakland and sent him \$100.00 gold.
 Q Didn't you have any money of your own at the time you borrowed this money?
 A Yes, I had.
 Q Why did you need to borrow exactly \$562.00?
 A I asked him for \$600.00 in the first place and this was all he had at the time.
 Q Did you give him any note for it? A No, sir.
 Q Did you put it down in any account book of yours?
 A Yes, sir. (Witness produces account book and the Interpreter reads: "K.S. 31, 6, 15 borrowed \$562.00 of Lim Nie Lip.")
 Q What were you doing at the time you borrowed this money?
 A I wasn't doing anything at that time.
 Q Why haven't you paid back part of it since that time?
 A Because I haven't got it.
 Q Why haven't you got it? Haven't you been working all the time?
 A I invested all of my money in the loan association and also have an interest in a restaurant.
 Q When do you expect to pay this man?
 A When he comes back to this country I will pay him.
 Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
 A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English and Chinese:

(Signed) LIM DOCK, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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CHICAGO September 21, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
 CHARLIE SAM, :
 Lab. Dep. : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

Witness, LIM TOM, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
 A Lim Tom.
 Q What is your business?
 A Laundryman.
 Q Where is your laundry?
 Q No. 1893 North Clark St., Chicago.
 Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)?
 A Yes, sir; it is Lim Nie Lip.
 Q How long have you known him?
 A About four years.
 Q Do you owe him any money?
 A Yes, sir; I owe him \$545.00.
 Q What for?
 A I borrowed it to buy my laundry with.
 Q To buy a laundry or start one?
 A To start one. It is closed now.
 Q When did you borrow that \$545.00?
 A K.S. 30th year, first part of 5th month; I can't remember the exact day.
 Q Did you borrow it all at one time?
 A Yes, sir.
 Q Did you give him any note for the money?
 A No, sir.
 Q Where did the loan take place?
 A At the store of Quong Yuen & Co., 321 S. Clark St., Chicago.
 Q Where was the place you started?
 A No. 1401 North Clark St., Chicago.
 Q How long did you run that place?
 A Three or four months.
 Q How much money did you lose there?
 A Between \$300 and \$400. I had some money left and opened the place I am in now.
 Q How did you happen to borrow just \$545?
 A It was all he had at that time.
 Q Why did you borrow so much money to start that place with?
 A It really requires \$400 to \$500 to start a good laundry nowadays.
 Q Didn't you have any money of your own at that time?
 A No, sir.
 Q Why not?
 A I had bad luck and lost some money before that.
 Q Why haven't you paid back any?
 A I lost money in the first laundry and haven't had time since I opened this place to pay him.
 Q When will you pay him?
 A After his return from China if I have it.
 Q Is this a true debt? A Yes, sir.
 Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) LIM TOM, Witness.
 (Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
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