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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 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 Third district of New York, at New York, N. Y. dated April 9th, 1894, and numbered 120810



Name, GEE FOOK  
Present age, forty years.  
Local residence, 301 So. Clark St.  
Occupation, Laundryman.  
Height: 5 feet 7-1/4 inches. Weight,        lbs.  
Color of eyes dark brown Complexion, light  
Physical marks or peculiarities for identification: Slightly pock marked. (Pock mark at each corner of mouth)

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,         
       Value, \$       

**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 GIN LEE, of 611-1/2 West Madison St.  
Five hundred fifty (\$550.00) dollars, for money loaned.  
Due from PING YEE, of 713 West Taylor St.  
Five hundred twenty (\$520.00) dollars, for money loaned.  
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.

Gee Fook

(Signature of applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this fourth day of May, 1908

(Name)       

(Title) Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.



Original

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Immigration Service

Virginia, Minn., December 14, 1908.

Testimony taken in the case of GEE FOOK, a Chinese laborer, who has filed formal notice of intended return to the United States from a visit to China.

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William H. Dean,  
Acting Chinese Inspector.  
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I, 何炳怡, being duly sworn, testify

to the following:

Q. What is your name?

A. My name is Bing Yee.

Q. Is Bing Yee your American name?

A. Yes, sir, and Hor Bing Yee is my Chinese name.

Q. Are you registered?

A. Yes, sir. (Witness produces certificate issued to Bing Yee at Boston, Mass. April 16, 1894, No. 122896.)

Q. Have you any other names besides Bing Yee?

A. Yes, sir, I have another name. Hop Lip Que is my other name.

Q. Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of GEE FOOK.)

A. Yes, that man is Gee Fook.

Q. How long have you known Gee Fook?

A. I knew him before I came to this country; I knew him when we were both boys in China.

Q. Do you owe Gee Fook any money?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How much money do you owe Gee Fook?

A. Five hundred and twenty dollars, (\$520.00)

Q. When did you borrow this \$520.00 of Gee Fook?

A. November 20, 1907.

Q. What did you borrow this \$520.00 from Gee Fook for?

A. Well part of it I used in buying an interest in a laundry at No. 713 Taylor Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Q. Did you own this laundry yourself after you borrowed this money of Gee Fook?

= A. No, I had two partners.

Q. Did all three of you buy the laundry at the time you bought your interest?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How much did you pay for this laundry at No. 713 Taylor Street, Chicago, Illinois?

A. One thousand dollars, (\$1,000.00).

Q. Then you only had about \$333.00 invested in this laundry in Taylor Street in Chicago?

A. Yes, that's all.

Q. Do you still own your share in this laundry in Chicago?

A. No, I sold out.

Q. Who did you sell to?

A. I sold to Kong Sin Wong.

Q. How much money did Kong Sin Wong pay you for your interest in your laundry?

A. \$350.00.



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Q. When do you intend to pay this \$520.00 you owe to Gee Fook?

A. I have it with me now and intend to pay it to him when he comes back from China and asks for it.

Q. Do you own any interest in this laundry where you are now working?

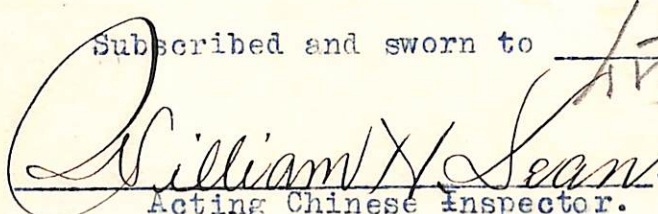
A. Not at present but I am thinking of buying an interest in it.

Q. Have you ever signed your name to any sworn statement before that you owed any Chinaman any money that would assist him in going to China and to show that he had sufficient debts here to comply with the law in permitting him to get a certificate entitling said China to return to the United States?

A. No, sir.

Subscribed and sworn to

Witness:

  
Acting Chinese Inspector.

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522, Commercial Nat'l. Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO December 7th, 1908.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.  
GEE FOOK, :  
Lab. returning. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

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

Q What is your name? A. Gin Lee is my American name.  
Wu Yee You.  
Q Do you identify the photograph on this certificate?  
A. Gee Fook.  
Q You were a witness in this case May 7th, this year? A. Yes  
Q Do you owe him any money? A. Sure.  
Q How much? A. \$650.00. He gave me the money to buy  
a new place.  
Q Haven't you got a memorandum of that? A. No.  
Q Why do you owe him this money? A. I borrowed it to buy  
a place on Madison St.  
Q When did you borrow it? A. Some time last year.  
Q What date did he lend you this money? A. It was last year  
I do not recollect the month. The money was paid to me at Wing Tank,  
341 So. Clark St.  
Q At that time how much money did Gee Fook lend you?  
A. \$650.00. I bought a laundry for over a thousand dollars.  
Q Did he hand you \$650.00 in Wing Tank at that time? A. Yes  
he gave me \$650.00 in Wing Tank's store.  
Q Haven't you paid him anything? A. No, I haven't paid him  
anything. I will wait until he comes back.  
Q The debt remains just the same now as it did then? A. Yes,  
I will do my best to return the money to him when he comes back.  
Q You say he borrowed \$650.00 from Gee Fook, this man whose  
picture is on this certificate? A. Yes.  
Q And did you buy a laundry with this \$650.00? A. Yes.  
Q You have the laundry now? A. Yes.  
Q I want to ask you again when did you borrow this money?  
A. I think, last year the third month, Chinese date.  
Q Where were you when you got the money? A. I am sure that  
I was in Wing Tank's. I can prove that I was in Wing Tank's store.  
Q You were examined as a witness in this case May 7th, 1908?  
A. Yes.  
Q Do you remember how much money you stated you had borrowed  
from this man at that time? A. I think I said \$650.00.  
Q At the time you testified in this case May 7th, 1908, did  
you have a memorandum book to show how much money you owed this man?  
A. I did produce a little book. I didn't bring it today. I came  
all of a sudden after being told to over the telephone.  
Q Can you produce that book again? A. Yes.  
Q Well, you will have to go back and get that book and come  
up again.

The witness left the office to get the book, and returned in  
about an hour with the same, when the examination was resumed.

Q Let's see the book. A. (Witness produces a memorandum  
book containing numerous entries, and the interpreter reads:  
"Borrowed from Gee Fook, \$650.00.")  
Q You told me before \$650.00. A. I forgot whether it was  
\$650.00 or \$550.00.  
Q Which is correct? A. \$550.00.  
Q What date did you borrow it? A. (Referring to memorandum  
book) K.S. 31, 10th month, 1st day. (Witness also produced cer-  
tificate of residence No. 43320 issued to JAN LEE, person other than  
laborer, at Portsmouth, N.H., March 4th, 1894.)

Witness signed his testimony in English & Chinese.

(Signed) Jan Lee, Witness.

(Wu Yee You)

(Signed) H. E. Tippet, Inspector.



Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
 GEE FOOK, : J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter.  
 Lab. departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Applicant, GEE FOOK, sworn by Inspector Plummer testified:

Q What is your name?  
 A Gee Fook.  
 Q What is your full Chinese name?  
 A Gee Quong Chee.  
 Q What is your occupation?  
 A Laundryman.  
 Q Do you own a laundry at the present time?  
 A No, I sold it.  
 Q When did you sell it?  
 A I sold it about three years ago, but I have been working  
 all the time since then for different people.  
 Q Upon what do you base your right to a return certificate?  
 A People owe me money.  
 Q Give me the names of the debtors and the amounts that  
 they owe you.  
 A Gin Lee owes me \$550.00 and Ping Yee \$520.00.  
 Q Tell me how was this debt of Gin Lee incurred.  
 A (Applicant produces book containing numerous entries,  
 and interpreter reads, "K.S. 31, 10th month 1st day, Gin Lee  
 owes me \$550.00")  
 Q Where did this loan take place?  
 A At Wing Tank's, 301 So. Clark St.  
 Q Did you loan him this money all at one time?  
 A Yes, it was all one loan.  
 Q What was the purpose of the loan?  
 A To put in the laundry business.  
 Q Did he want to buy a laundry or open one?  
 A He bought one from somebody.  
 Q Where was the laundry?  
 A 611-1/2 W. Madison St.  
 Q What did he pay for it?  
 A Five hundred odd dollars.  
 Q Didn't he have any money of his own?  
 A If he did, he had very little.  
 Q Why didn't he have any money?  
 A As he came from Boston lately, he had no money. I have  
 known him since we were in the old country, so I loaned him the  
 money.  
 Q Why did you let him have the money to buy a laundry,  
 when you didn't own a laundry yourself?  
 A I had the money. I have known him since we were in the  
 old country. So, I loaned him the money.  
 Q Why didn't you buy a laundry yourself?  
 A I was afraid I could not get people to work for me.  
 Labor was scarce.  
 Q What is Gin Lee's full name?  
 A Ng Yee You.  
 Q Did he give you a note for this money?  
 A No, there was no note, as I knew him.  
 Q When did you enter that item in your book?  
 A At the time the loan took place.  
 Q What would he do about this debt if you never returned  
 from China?  
 A I will come back to collect my debts.  
 Q Could you take that laundry on West Madison St. if he  
 didn't pay you after you came back?  
 A He will have money to pay me as he is in business.  
 Q If he don't pay you, can you take the laundry?  
 A If he has not the money to pay me, he can either turn



## Testimony of Applicant, continued.

the laundry over to me or sell it and pay me.

Q Was that the understanding at the time you made the loan?

A Yes.

Q Tell me about this loan of Bing Yee.

A Last year, 11th month, 20th day, he borrowed \$520.00 from me. The loan took place at Wing Tank's, 301 So. Clark St.

Q What did he want this money for?

A He borrowed the money from me to buy a laundry.

Q Did you put this loan down in your book?

A Yes. (Applicant produces book containing many entries. The interpreter reads: "K.S. 33, 11th month, 20th day, loaned Ping Yee \$520.00. Loan took place at Wing Tank's")

Q What is Bing Yee's full name?

A Hor Lip Que.

Q How long have you known him?

A I have known him since he was a little boy in the old country.

Q Did he buy a laundry or did he open one?

A He bought one.

Q How much did he pay for it?

A The laundry that he bought had other partners, and the whole laundry was worth one thousand dollars.

Q How much did he pay for his part?

A I don't know how much each partner had, but he borrowed \$520.00 to put in the laundry.

Q Where is this laundry?

A 713 West Taylor St.

Q Why would you work in a laundry for other people, and then loan money to Chinamen to buy laundries?

A I had the money. These men had found chances to buy laundries, so I let them have money, as we are friends.

Q Will you take Bing Yee's interest in his laundry if he doesn't pay you?

A He will pay me after I come back, as he is in business.

Q If he does not pay you can you take his interest?

A If I want his share, he can turn it over to me. If I don't, he can sell it and turn the money over to me.

Q Was that the understanding at the time the loan was made?

A Yes.

Q Did you get a note for this money?

A Yes.

Q Haven't either of these men any money to buy laundries with, themselves?

A The business has not been paying more than enough to clear expenses, and they have not had any money to pay me until after I come back.

Q Have you understood the interpreter?

A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Gee Fook,

Applicant.

(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallon,

Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.



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Witness, BING YEE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?

A Bing Yee.

Q Are you registered?

A Yes. (Witness produces certificate No. 122896, issued to Bing Yee at Boston, Mass., April 16th, 1894.)

Q What is your Chinese name?

A Hor Bing Yee.

Q Have you any other name besides Bing Yee?

A Yes, Hor Lip Que.

Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)

A Yes, it is Gee Fook.

Q How long have you known him?

A I have known him a long time, ever since we were boys in China.

Q Do you owe him any money?

A Yes, I owe him \$520.00.

Q What for?

A I borrowed the money from him to put in a business.

Q What kind of business?

A To put in a laundry on West Taylor St.

Q How much did you pay for that laundry?

A \$1,000.00.

Q Do you own the whole of it?

A There are three shares.

Q Three shares and the whole laundry is worth \$1,000.00.?

A Yes, three men altogether. One thousand dollars for the laundry.

Q Then you spent \$333.00 for your share?

A Yes.

Q Then why did you borrow \$520.00?

A I sent some home which made made it five hundred odd dollars.

Q When did you borrow this money to send to China?

A Last year, 11th month, about the 21st day. I have it down in my book. (Witness produces book containing numerous entries. Interpreter reads, "K.S. 33, 11th month, 20th day, borrowed from Gee Fook, \$520.00. The loan took place at Wing Tank.")

Q When did you put that down in your book?

A Last year, when I borrowed the money from him.

Q Didn't you have any money of your own?

A No.

Q Why not?

A As I had not been working steadily, I had none. As I had a chance to buy a laundry, I therefore borrowed the money.

Q Didn't you think it was enough to borrow money to buy a share in a laundry, without borrowing a lot more to send home?

A As I have not written home for over a year, and as I was sick and could not get any work, I borrowed enough money to send home.

Q Is this money that you borrowed in Chinese or American money?

A American money.

Q Who are your partners in that laundry?

A Hor Lok Ying and Ing Yee Get.

Q When are you going to pay Gee Fook?

A After he comes back, I will see him and pay him.

Q Can he take that interest in your laundry, if you don't pay him?

A After he comes back, if I don't have the money, I will try to sell my share; and if I can't do that, I will give it to him if he wants it.

Q Suppose he decides not to return from China, what will you do about the debt?

A If he doesn't come back, and I have it, I will send the money to him.



May 7th, 1908.

## Testimony of BING YEE, continued.

Q Have you understood the interpreter?

A Yes.

Witness signed his name in Chinese.

(Signed) Hor Bing Yee, Witness.

(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

Room 855 Federal Bldg.

May 7th, 1908.

Case of GEE FOOK.

Witness, GIN LEE, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?

A Ng Yee You, Chinese name. Gin Lee is my American name.

Q What is your business or occupation?

A Laundryman.

Q Do you own a laundry?

A Yes.

Q Where?

A 611-1/2 W. Madison St.

Q Do you own the whole of it?

A Yes.

Q How much did you pay for it?

A \$680.00. Since then I have moved, and have made improvements to it.

Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)

A Yes, it is Gee Fook.

Q How long have you known him?

A Since we were boys.

Q Do you owe him any money?

A Yes. (Witness here produced a book, and read) I owe him \$550.00. Borrowed from Gee Fook, K. S. 31, 10th month, 1st day, \$550.00. Loan took place at Wing Tank's.

Q What did you borrow that money for?

A To put in a laundry on Madison St.

Q Didn't you have more than \$100.00 of your own at that time?

A Yes, I had one hundred odd dollars.

Q Why didn't you have some money, so you would have to borrow any?

A As we are all good friends, and as he had the money and I wanted it to buy a laundry, he lent it to me.

Q Why didn't you have more money than \$100.00?

A As I have been out of the city and have just come back I have not much. So, I did not have enough money.

Q Why haven't you paid him some since you borrowed this money?

A I have not got it now. I will wait until after he comes back.

Q Have you not made any money in your laundry?

A The rents are high and labor is high.



Case of GEE FOOK.

Testimony of GIN LEE, continued:

Q Then how are you going to pay him when he comes back?

A After he comes back, and he wants the money, I will try to sell the laundry. If I can't sell it, then if he wants it, I will turn the laundry over to him.

Q Was that the understanding at the time you borrowed the money?

A Yes.

Q Where was this laundry at the time you bought it?

A 617 W. Madison St.

Q When did you move to 611-1/2?

A Last month.

Q If Gee Fook should decide not to return from China, what will you do about the debt?

A He will come back to the United States.

Q Did you give a note for this money?

A No, we are good friends to each other, and I didn't give him any note.

Q Have you understood the interpreter?

A Yes.

Witness signed his name in Chinese.

(Signed) Gin Lee

Witness.

(Signed) J.G.C. Longchallon,

Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer,

Inspector.