

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 542

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 March 17th, 1894, ratified December 7th, 1894, and proclaimed by the President of the United States December 8th, 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 the 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 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 First District of Illinois, at the City of Chicago in said district, April 9, 1894, and is numbered "6476".



HEREUNTO ATTACHED IS A TRUE PHOTOGRAPHIC LIKENESS OF ME NOW; AND MY DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

NAME:- MOY YOT SHING.
AGE:- Forty Eight (48) Years.
RESIDENCE:- No. 323 Clark st., Chicago, Illinois.
OCCUPATION:- Laundryman (Last at Aurora, Ill's.).
HEIGHT:- Five Feet, Five Inches.
EYES:- Dark Brown. COMPLEXION:- Light.
MARKS:- Scar Under Chin.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS DESCRIBED BELOW:

PROPERTY:- None, except the Personal Property described below, and Money in hand.

DEBTS:- Payable by one MOY GOP SHEU, Laundryman, of No. 309 Clark street, Chicago, Illinois, for Money Loaned, the sum of Four Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$480.00).

Payable by one ARTHUR MOY, Laundryman, of No. 303 Clark street, Chicago, Illinois, for Money Loaned, the sum of Five Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$560.00).

Said property and debts aggregate, and are actually and reasonably worth, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), at the least. The same are unsettled and unascertained, and are not covered by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

I HEREBY AGREE That none of such property and debt shall be transferred, diverted, assigned or collected during my absence from the United States, but shall remain as they now exist until my return to the United States.

I intend to depart from the United States at the ~~sub~~-port of Seattle, Washington, within one month from the date hereof, or as soon hereafter as I may, and to return to the United States at the same port of Seattle, Washington, within one year thereafter.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request a Certificate of my right to return into the United States.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, February 25 A.D., 1907.

May Yot Sing

Subscribed and sworn to, by the above-named MOY YOT SHING, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, this 25 day of February, A.D., nineteen hundred seven, before me.

L. J. Plummer
Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

CHICAGO, ILL., October 26, 1907.

Case of : L.T.Plummer, Examining Inspector,
MOY YOT SHING, : J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter.
Lab. Ret.

Witness, MOY GOP SHEU, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A Moy Gop Sheu.
Q What is your business? A Laundryman.
Q Do you know this man? (showing photo of applicant)? A Yes it is
Moy Yot Shing.
Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes, \$500.
Q Have you paid him any money since he has been in China? A No.
Q Has there been any change in the debt or obligation since he went
away? A No.
Q When will you pay him? A When he comes back if I can I will pay
him.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes.

(Signed) L.T.Plummer, Inspector,
(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon, Interpreter.

Witness, ARTHUR MOY (MOY LOY FOON) sworn by Inspector Plummer,
testified:

Q What is your name? A Arthur Moy.
Q What is your full Chinese name? A Moy Loy Foon.
Q What is your occupation? A Laundryman.
Q Do you know this man? (showing photo of applicant) A Yes, it is
Moy Yot Shing.
Q Do you owe him any money? A Yes, \$560.
Q Have you paid him any money since his departure for China? A No.
Q Has there been any change in the debt or obligation since his de-
parture? A No, it is the same.
Q When will you pay him? A I don't know. When I get the money
I will pay him.
Q Have you understood my questions? A Yes.

(Witness signed his name in English)

(Signed) Moy Loy Foon, Witness,
(Signed) L.T.Plummer, Inspector

March 4, 1907.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
MOY YOT SHING, : Wong Aloy, Stenographer.
Lab. Dep. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Moy Yot Shing.
Q What is your full Chinese name?
A Moy Yot Shing is my full Chinese name.
Q What is your business?
A Laundryman.
Q Do you own a laundry?
A No, sir; not now. I sold my laundry some time ago.
Q On what do you base your right to a return certificate?
A On the ground that I am registered and people in this country owe me money.
Q Who owe you money?
A Arthur Moy and Moy Gop Sheu.
Q State all the circumstances connected with the indebtedness of Moy Gop Sheu?
A The money I loaned to Moy Gop Sheu was last year, K.S. 32, 12, 12; he borrowed \$480 from me. He said he wanted it to send back to China to pay some debts he owed. This loan took place in the store of Sing Lung Co., 309 S. Clark St., Chicago.
Q Did he borrow this money all at one time?
A All at one time.
Q Why did he borrow so much? Didn't he have any of his own?
A At that time he had just returned from China, and although at the time two different men owed him money only one paid him back but the other did not, and so he asked me for this money to send back to China to pay up his debts.
Q How long have you known him?
A We have known each other since we were boys.
Q What is Arthur Moy's Chinese name?
A Moy Loy Foon is his Chinese name. This name on his paper is his school name.
Q State all the circumstances connected with the indebtedness of Arthur Moy?
A I loaned Arthur Moy \$560 in K.S. 31, 5, 5. This loan took place in the store of Tai Wah Co., 303 S. Clark St., Chicago. He wanted this money to send back to China to build a house with.
Q Why did he borrow so much money of you? Didn't he have any of his own at that time?
A Although he has been keeping a laundry for a long time business was very poor with him. I knew him in China and lived about half a mile from him. At the time he came to me and said he had a letter from China that his house had been destroyed by a storm, and he wanted this money to send to China to build a house with.
Q Where did you get all this money?
A I have been keeping a laundry for a long time and had my money in a Chinese loan association, and so I had this money all together.
Q Let me see the notes that these men gave you for this money?
A I put the loans down in my book but they draw no interest. There were no notes given.

Q Let me see the book?

A [Witness produces account book and the Interpreter reads:

"K.S. 31, 5, 5 Moy Loy Foon borrowed \$560. --On the next page.-- K.S. 32, 12, 12 Moy Gop Sheu or Moy Nie Han borrowed \$480.")

Q How does it happen that these are the only items in this book?

A I do very little money lending and these are the only debts that are due me.

Q How long have you had this book?

A (Produces account book and the Interpreter reads, on the cover:

"K.S. 20, 3.")

Q Suppose you never came back from China? What arrangements would these men make toward paying the debts?

A In case I don't come right back they will wait for me, but if I never come back they will send the money home to China.

Q Are these genuine debts or have you made them up so that you can go to China?

A They are true debts.

Q Have you understood the Interpreter?

A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) MOY YOT SING, Applicant.

(Signed) L.T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

Witness, ARTHUR MOY, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Arthur Moy.
Q What is your Chinese name?
A Moy Loy Foon. My school name is Arthur.
Q Are you registered?
A Yes.
(Produces certificate No.8235 issued to Arthur Moy, Chicago, April 24, 1894.)
Q What is your business?
A My trade is a laundryman but at the present time I am not doing anything.
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes, that is Moy Yot Sing.
Q How long have you known him?
A We knew each other since we were boys in China.
Q Do you owe him any money?
A Yes, \$560.
Q State the circumstances connected with this indebtedness?
A In K.S. 31, 5, 5 I went to this man and asked him to let me have this money to send to China to rebuild my house, as at that time I received a letter from China stating that my house had been destroyed by a storm. This loan took place in the store of Tai Wah Co., 303 S. Clark St.
Q How much money did you send to China at that time?
A I remember at the time I didn't have much money of my own but I think I sent \$800 to China.
Q Silver or gold?
A United States money; gold.
Q Did you give him any note?
A No note given.
Q Do you pay him any interest?
A No interest, as we are all good cousins.
Q When do you expect to pay him?
A After he returns to this country I will pay him.
Q Suppose he never returns?
A I will pay him anyway.
Q Is this a true debt? Do you actually owe this man this money, or have you made this debt up to enable him to go to China?
A This is absolutely a genuine debt. I am not manufacturing this debt at all, as we are good cousins and he loaned me this money without interest.
Q Would you be willing for me to go into court and testify to what you have just told me in case you refused to pay him upon his return and he sued you for the money?
A Yes, I am willing for you to do that.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter?
A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) MOY LOY FOON, Witness.

(Signed) I. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, MOY GOP SHEU, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Moy Gop Sheu.
- Q What is your trade?
- A My trade is a laundryman but at the present time I am not doing anything.
- Q When did you come back from China?
- A I arrived in this city from China last year about the last part of the 10th month.
- Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
- A Moy Yot Sing.
- Q How long have you known him?
- A I knew him in China, as we lived in the same village together.
- Q How much money do you owe him? A \$480.
- Q State the circumstances connected with this indebtedness?
- A I borrowed this money from this man last year, 12th month, 12th day. I borrowed \$480 from him to send to China to pay up some debts I owed there. This loan took place in the store of Sing Lung Co., 309 S.Clark St., Chicago.
- Q How does it happen that you had to borrow money so soon after your return from China? Didn't you have debts due you upon your arrival here?
- A Yes, sir, two men owed me money. One paid me back but the other did not. Before I came back I bought some land in China and borrowed the money, and so I had to borrow this money to pay it back.
- Q How much money did you send to China?
- A I sent \$1200 Mexican money.
- Q Did you give him any notes for this money?
- A No, sir; no notes given.
- Q Did you put it down in your book?
- A No, sir; I can remember it.
- Q When will you pay him back?
- A After he comes back to this country I will pay him if ~~he~~ I have it.
- Q Is this a true debt? Do you actually owe this man this money, or have you made it up to enable him to make this trip to China?
- A It is an absolutely true debt. This man actually loaned me this amount of money.
- Q Would you be willing for me to go into court and testify to what you have just told me in case you refused to pay him upon his return to this country and he sued you?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q If he never returned from China what would you do about the debt?
- A He will come back to this country next year.
- Q Have you understood the Interpreter?
- A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) MOY GOP SHOU, Witness.

(Signed) L.T.PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.