

IMMIGRATION FILE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

No. 367

SUBJECT: _____

14-201

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 on March 17, 1894, ratified on December 7, 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 May 5, 1892, as amended by the act of November 3, 1893.

My Certificate of Residence which is attached to this Statement was issued to me by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Illinois, at the City of Chicago, in said district, on the 3d day of April, 1894, and numbered 6298.

NAME:- MARK DO WEA. *Chinaman*

Present Age:- Forty-five (45) Years.

Local Residence:- No. 5631 Wentworth av., Chicago, Ill.

Occupation:- Laundryman.

Height:- Five Feet, Three and One-Half Inches (5-3-1/2).
In Bare Feet.

Color of Eyes:- Brown.

Complexion:- Light.

Physical Marks or Peculiarities for Identification:-
None except features shown in picture annexed.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS DESCRIBED BELOW:-

DEBTS.- Due from Yo Doe Ming, Restaurateur, of No. 133 North Clark St., in the said City of Chicago, Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) for monies loaned; which said debt is unsettled and unascertained, and not covered by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

PROPERTY:- I own in my own name and right the lease-hold, tools, machinery, good-will, and all other of the assets in and about the business of the Laundry at No. 5631 Wentworth avenue aforesaid. I have no partner in the said business or property; and the said business and property is reasonably and actually worth at least Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

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.

Subscribed and sworn to, this First }
day of August, A.D., 1905, before me. }

Ward G. Thompson

Acting Chinese Inspector in Charge

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Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICEOFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N. DAK.

May 21, 1906.

L. T. Plummer,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of papers in the case of Mark Do Wea, a laborer of your city who has asked for pre-investigation of his case prior to his intended return from China. As the report of your investigation is favorable, the said Mark Do Wea will be advised that he will be permitted to re-enter the United States through this port, provided he controverts none of the statements contained in his application, on his arrival here.

Respectfully,

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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PRE-INVESTIGATION.

CHICAGO

May 17, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
 MARK DO WEA, :
 Lab. Ret. : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

Witness, YO DOE MING, sworn by Inspector Plummer,
 testified:

- Q What is your name? A Yo Doe Ming.
 Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
 A Yes, it is Mark Do Wea.
 Q Do you owe him any money now? A Yes, \$500.00.
 Q Have you paid him any money since he has been back in China?
 A No.
 Q When will you pay him? A When he returns.
 Q Has there been any change in this obligation since his departure?
 A No.
 Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes.

(Signed) YO DOE MING, Witness.
 (Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.
 (Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, MARK HEN LIM, sworn by Inspector Plummer,
 testified:

- Q What is your name? A Mark Hen Lim.
 Q Who owns this laundry?
 A Mark Do Wea.
 Q Where is he now? A China.
 Q Were you in charge of this laundry when he went out?
 A Yes.
 Q What will Mark Do Wea do upon his return?
 A He will come back into this laundry, as I am only running it for
 him.
 Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
 A Yes, it is Mark Do Wea.
 Q How long had Mark Do Wea owned this laundry when he went to China?
 A I was in the country and a few months before he went back he
 asked me to come and run it for him, which I did.
 Q Are you sure you don't own this place?
 A No, I do not.
 Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy? A Yes.

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

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CHICAGO, August 9, 1905.

Case of :Ward E. Thompson, Examining Inspector.
MARK DO WEA, :Wong Aloy, Interpreter,
Returning Laborer.:D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

- Q What is your name?
A Mark Do Wea.
Q How old are you?
A I am 45 years old.
Q Where were you born?
A China.
Q What is your occupation?
A Laundryman.
Q Have you a wife, a parent, or a child in the United States?
A No.
Q Do you own any property in this country?
A I have a laundry.
Q Are you the sole proprietor of that laundry?
A Yes, sir.
Q Where is it situated?
A No. 5631 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago.
Q Have you a partner in that business?
A No partner; only myself.
Q Have you a lease, or do you rent from month to month?
A I have a lease which was transferred to me when I bought the laundry.
Q How long is your lease good for?
A My lease is for an indefinite period and I can not be ousted unless the owner sells or rebuilds. In that case he must give me 30 days' notice.
Q How many men do you employ in that laundry?
A Two.
Q About how much business do you do a week?
A I take in \$50 a week on an average.
Q Name some of the machinery which you own in that laundry?
A One gas ironing machine for ironing collars, cuffs, and shirts; tubs, irons, etc.
Q Who is your landlord?
A The man I pay the rent to is at the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank.
Q Have you any of the rent receipts this man gave you?
A Yes, sir.
Q How much is that laundry worth?
A About \$500.
Q Would you take \$500 for it if you were offered that much?
A No, sir.
Q Do you intend to sell this laundry while you are in China or before you go?
A I won't sell it.
Q Who is going to run this laundry for you while you are away?
A My cousins Mark Gin Lee and Mark Gin Chuey.
Q Will they keep it going while you are in China?
A Yes; when I return they will turn it over to me.
Q And the lease will remain in your name?
A Yes. The laundry name is Mark Sing.
Q Have you any debts due you in this country?
A Yo Doe Ming owes me \$550.
Q What is his business?
A Restaurant keeper at No. 133 North Clark Street, Chicago.

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- Q How much money does he owe you?
A \$550.
Q Where did you get this money you loaned him?
A I earned it in the laundry.
Q Did you loan this money at one time or different times?
A At one time.
Q Can you give me the date?
A K.S. 31st year, 2nd month, 10th day.
Q Do you know what he wanted with it?
A He borrowed it to put up this restaurant.
Q Did he give you a promissory note for it?
A No, but I put it in my book.
Q Is he going to pay you this money while you are in China
or before you go?
A He can't pay me now; he will pay me when I return.
Q You are willing to swear that this is a bona fide debt?
A Yes.
Q Is this your photograph (Showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes.
Q Do you expect to leave from Portal, N.D.?
A Yes.

The applicant was sworn by Inspector Thompson and signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) MARK DO WEA, Applicant.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

(Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.

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Witness, YO DO MING.

- Q What is your name?
A Yo Do Ming.
Q What is your business?
A I keep a restaurant at No. 133 N. Clark St., Chicago.
Q Do you know this man (Showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes, I know him; it is Mark Do Wea.
Q How long have you known him?
A Two or three years.
Q What does he do for a living?
A He is a laundryman.
Q Did you ever have any business dealings with him?
A Yes, I borrowed some money from him.
Q How much money did you borrow from him?
A \$550.
Q What did you do with that money?
A I used it to put into business for myself. I also sent a little to China.
Q Did you give him a note for it?
A There are no notes; we put it on our books.
Q Did you borrow this money from him at one time or different times?
A At one time.
Q Can you give me the date that you borrowed it?
A K.S. 31st year, second month, 10th day.
Q Are you going to repay this man this money?
A Yes; I will pay him when he gets back.
Q But you won't pay him before he goes or while he is in China?
A Not until he returns.
Q You intend to pay him when he gets back?
A Yes, if I have it when he returns I will pay him.
Q Is it a good debt?
A Yes, it is a good debt.
Q Do you know where his laundry is located?
A No. 5631 Wentworth Avenue.
Q Were you ever out there?
A At the time I borrowed this money I was in his laundry.
Q What is the general opinion as to who owns that laundry?
A So far as I know it belongs to Mark Do Wea.
Q Is he recognized by the other Chinamen as the owner of that laundry?
A Yes; the others seem to be working for him and he is the boss.
Q What do you think that laundry is worth?
A I don't know, but I should judge between \$700 and \$800.
Q Do you think he would have any trouble in disposing of it for \$500?
A I know there are men willing to pay him more than that.

The witness was sworn by Inspector Thompson and signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) YO DO MING, Witness.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

(Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.