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FORM "J"

File 287

HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. 287

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having no property in any protected area.

NAME: **KAYAHARA: Hajime**HOME ADDRESS: **826 Powell St., Vancouver, B. C.** REGISTRATION No. **07414**SEX: **MALE**AGE: **43**MARRIED? **NO**

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER:

Logger**Dumaresq Logg. Co. Ltd., Allison Harbour, B. C.**

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND:

NO

ADDRESS:

NO

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN:

ADDRESS:

NO

ADDRESS:

NO

ADDRESS:

I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia.

Dated this **23rd** day of **March** 1942

WITNESS

John Williams

(Signature)

H. Kayahara

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Aug. 30/43

File No. 287

All Name KAYAHARA, Hajime ^{Deceased}
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 07414

☒ Male - Female
(Check)

Age Feb. 1/1898

Former Address 326 Powell St. City

Date Evacuated March 27/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address W. Gosnell St. March 27/42 ^{Deceased} Did en route to

☒ Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife _____

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother ^{nee} (SEKI) Yoani (Deceased)

Name of Father Saichiro (Japan)

Names of Children under 16 _____

Requested by C. Girard

Registered with Custodian Yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Logger

Record of any relatives of R.C.M.P. state no
But no more

DIVISION: **sgu**
DISTRICT: **Kamloops**
DETACHMENT: **Red Pass**



FILE No.

DATE: **29-3-42.**

UNORGANIZED TERRITORY

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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REPORT

**RE: KAYAHARA, Hajime -- Vancouver, B.C. -- (Japanese) -- Enemy
Alien -- Evacuated From Protected Area -- Sudden Death Of.**

1. On Friday, March 27th, 1942 the following telegram was received from the N.C.O. 1-c Kamloops District. 'Contact Constable Kinghorn R.C.M.P. at Albreda re death of Japanese named Hajime Kayahara who died enroute to that point Coroner wishes you to investigate and advise will wire you instructions on receipt of your findings'.
2. On same date I proceeded to Albreda and found on arrival that Constable Kinghorn had taken body to Jasper, Alta. Whilst there received further telegram from the N.C.O. 1-c Kamloops District stating: 'Re deceased Japanese at Albreda inquire off other Japanese names and address of relatives of deceased and advise as soon as possible. I was then contacted by Constable Harlock of Blue River who relayed a message received from Sergt. Faulkner, R.C.M.P. Jasper stating: 'Hajime Kayahara age 47 Japanese evacuee from Vancouver died on Number two date after leaving Blue River stop body brought to Jasper stop external examination reveals no marks of violence has scars on body made recently stop Dr. O'Hagan advises all Japanese have some scars stop can you arrange coroners investigation stop coroner at McBride confined to hospital stop all witnesses at Connell work camp stop officer commanding R.C.M.P. Vancouver advised unquote'. I forwarded this message to the N.C.O. 1-c Kamloops District.
3. On the evening of same date I proceeded to Connell by track car where the evacuees were detained that day. I interviewed Koneo Saito, an interpreter who was present when the deceased was ill on the train. I questioned him as to the deceased's illness and he stated they all presumed it was train sickness. I questioned him about relatives of the deceased, but neither he nor the other Japanese knew of any. I returned to Albreda and notified the N.C.O. that there was no known relatives.
4. On the morning of the 28th I proceeded to Jasper and contacted Sergt. Faulkner and Constable Kinghorn. We, accompanied by Dr. O'Hagan visited the McBride Funeral Parlour and examined the body and saw where there were blister marks around the region of the heart. Dr. O'Hagan stated that it was the custom of the Japanese to blister themselves in the region of any pain and believed that was due to Coronary. I notified S/Sergt. King, Kamloops District, to the result of the above investigation.
5. I secured the following statement from Const. Kinghorn, R.C.M.P.: On March 27th, Cst. Gibson and I were conducting a party of evacuated Japanese on N. 2 train, C.N.R. At approximately 8.40 A.M. Conductor Regan reported to me that one of the Japs was sick. I located one Koneo Saito who acted as an interpreter for me and I had him question the sick man. The sick man touched his stomach and said something in Japanese. The interpreter told me that he complained of a sore stomach. It was the general opinion among the Japanese that he was not seriously ill, but thought he was suffering from train sickness. One of the Japanese produced some Jintan pills and they explained to me as being used by them in place of Aspirin and I permitted the

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DIVISION: 200

DISTRICT: Kamloops

DETACHMENT: Red Pass



FILE No.

DATE: 29-3-42.

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RE: KAYAHARA, Hajime -- Vancouver, B.C. (Japanese) Death of;

Interpreter to give him some, possible half a dozen, followed by a drink of water. I stayed with him for a little while and then went through the train and made enquiries for a doctor, but to no avail. I was also advised that the nearest doctor was at Jasper. In the meantime I checked for poison but there was no evidence of any. I then went to my seat and at approximately 9.45 A.M. the interpreter came and told me that the condition of the sick man looked pretty serious. I went back with the interpreter and had a look at the sick man, and in my opinion he was dead. I felt his pulse and there was no beat. I went through his pockets and found his Alien Registration Certificate with the name Hajime Kayahara. I left the body in the seat and covered him up. I tried to obtain some statements from the Japanese but owing to so much confusion and as it was just about time to detrain at Connell, this could not be satisfactorily completed. I wired my O. C. from Albreda, the nearest Telegraph office, advising him of the situation. We accompanied the body to Jasper and placed it in the McBride Funeral Parlour. (Signed.)

6. The following wire was received from Staff Sergt. King, Kamloops in reply to my telegram notifying him of Dr. O'Hagan's statement as to the cause of death: 'No objection to the Coroner at Jasper holding an inquiry re deceased Japanese as body is at present within his jurisdiction'.

7. Dr. O'Hagan the Coroner consented to hold an inquiry. He took Constable Kinghorn's statement quoted in Para. 5 of this report and a statement of my findings at Connell. Para. 5 of this report. His findings on the inquiry are as follows: 'An Enquiry was held on Hajime Kayahara (Deceased) on March 28th 1942 and it was decided after investigation that the deceased came to his death from a Coronary Thrombosis. An inquest was not deemed necessary. Signed Dr. Thomas O'Hagan, Coroner. The body was turned over to Sergt. Faulkner, R.C.M.P., Jasper.'

CONCLUDED:

To: The N. C. O. 1-c.,
Kamloops District,
B. C. Police,
Kamloops, B. C.

The Commissioner, C.I.B.,
VICTORIA, B. C.

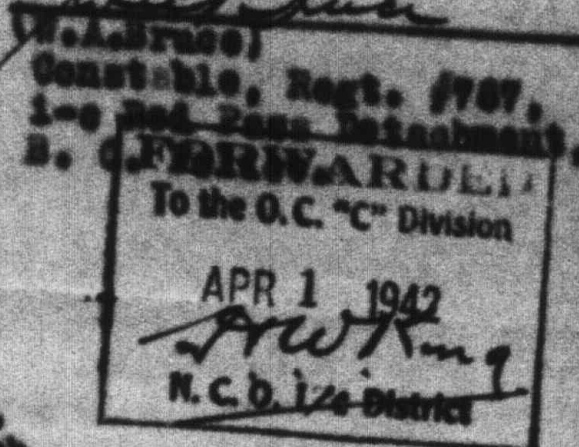
1. FORWARDED, original and copy.
Burial at Jasper. Radiogram #737, March 31st, advising B.C. Security Commission will be responsible for burial expenses.

The Officer Commanding,
"B" Divn., VANCOUVER, B. C.

1. Herewith five copies of report as per request.

Kamloops, B. C.,
April 1st, 1942.

G.C. Barber, Inspector,
O.C. "G" Divn.



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Re: Hajime Kayahara, Vancouver,
(Japanese Deceased)

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary of
State and or Custodian,
1404 Royal Bank Bldg., Vancouver.

Sir: FORWARDED for your information, further to
reports sent to you on the 1st instant.

Vancouver,
13-4-42.
DLM/LK

CHHill

(C.H.Hill) Asst. Comm'r.
Commanding "E" Division.

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTIONRECEIVED
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Vancouver C.I.B. Intelligence Section

March 30, 1942

B. C.

Hajime KAYAHARA-Vancouver, B. C.
Sudden Death of.

1. On the 27th instant while conducting a party of evacuated Japanese via C.N. Rlys to Comell, B. C., Conductor RSDAN notified me, at approximately 8:40 A.M. that one of the Japs in the front coach was sick. I located Kanoe SAITO who acted as my interpreter and took him to the sick man. I requested the interpreter to ask the sick Jap what was the trouble, and the sick man touched his stomach and answered something in Japanese. The interpreter informed me that he complained of a sore stomach. One of the Japs produced some "JINTAN PILLS" and I was informed that they were taken by the Japs in lieu of aspirin. I permitted the interpreter to give him some, possibly half a dozen, and a drink of water. KANOE SAITO's opinion was that he was only train sick and there was nothing seriously wrong with him, and was the general opinion amongst the Japs. However, I tried to locate a doctor on the train but of no avail, and I was informed that the closest doctor was at Jasper. In the meantime, I searched for poison, but there was no evidence of any. I, then went to my seat.

2. At approximately 9:45 A.M., SAITO came and told me that the condition of the sick man looked quite serious. I then went with SAITO to the sick Jap, and in my opinion he was dead then. I searched his pockets for identification, and found Certificate of Parole No. 151587 which revealed the name of Hajime KAYAHARA, 328 Powell St., Vancouver, B. C. Inquiries were made as to this man's relatives, but apparently he was not well known amongst the Japs, and this met with no success. Cst. GIBSON, who was accompanying me was instructed to guard the body while I made an effort to obtain statements, but owing to confusion, and it was about time for them to detain, this could not be completed satisfactorily.

3. The C.C."E" Division was wired from the closest telegraph office, which was Albreton, B. C., as follows:
"BEGIN"

Albreton, B. C.
March 27th, 1942O.C., "E" Division
R.C.M.P.
VANCOUVER B C

HAJIME KAYAHARA DIED SUDDENLY THIS A M WILL PROCEED TO JASPER WITH BODY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED

J KINGHORN

"ENDS"

RE: Hajime KAYAHARA-Vancouver, B. C.
Sudden Death of

4. I inquired at Red Pass which is approximately 1 1/2 hours run from Albreda for a reply to the above wire, but up to that time none had been received.

5. Sgt. GIBSON and myself proceeded to Jasper with the body and on arrival there the following wire was received:

"BEGIN"

Vancouver B. C. via Albreda, B. C.
March 27th, 1942

GST. J. KINGHORN
R.C.M. POLICE ARRIVING NO. 2 TRAIN JASPER ALTA

RE KAYAHARA HOLD BODY NOTIFY PROVINCIAL POLICE MC BRIDE
B C TO ARRANGE CORONER'S INVESTIGATION FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS
RE DISPOSAL OF BODY TO FOLLOW

C H HILL

"ENDS"

6. Sgt. FAULKNER i/s Jasper Detachment was located and advised of the above telegram. The body was then removed to the Howard & McBride Funeral Parlors where it was examined by Sgt. FAULKNER, Sgt. GIBSON, L. AVENY, undertaker, and myself. Blister scars were quite prominent in the region of this man's heart, and no marks of violence could be observed.

7. Dr. O'HAGAN, Jasper, was interviewed re the blister scars and he stated that it was the common practice amongst the Japs to blister themselves in the region of pain.

8. The following telegram was then sent to B. C. P. Police MCBRIDE:

"BEGIN"

Jasper, Alta. MARCH 27TH 1942

H C O OR CONSTABLE I-C
B.C.P. POLICE
MCBRIDE B C

HAJIME KAYAHARA AGE FORTY SEVEN JAPANESE EVACUATED FROM VANCOUVER DIED ON NUMBER TWO TODAY AFTER LEAVING BLUE RIVER STOP BODY BROUGHT TO JASPER STOP EXTERNAL EXAMINATION REVEALS NO MARKS OF VIOLENCE STOP HAS SCARS ON BODY MADE RECENTLY DR O'HAGAN ADVISES THAT ALL JAPANESE HAVE SAME SCARS STOP CAN YOU ARRANGE CORONER'S INVESTIGATION STOP OFFICER COMMANDING MOUNTED POLICE VANCOUVER ADVISED STOP ALL WITNESSES AT GOSWELL WORK CAMP

SOT FAULKNER

"ENDS"

RE: Hajime KAYAHARA-Vancouver, B. C.
Sudden Death of

9. The following reply was received:

"BEGIN"

MORRIS B C MAR 27TH

SERGT FAULKNER
CARE R C M POLICE JASPER ALTA

RE SUDDEN DEATH OF HAJIME KAYAHARA ADVISE CONST IN CHARGE
BLUE RIVER DETACHMENT CORONER HERE CONFINED IN HOSPITAL

"ENDS"

10.

A further telegram was received:

"BEGIN"

BLUE RIVER B C
MARCH 27TH 1942

SOT FAULKNER
R C M POLICE JASPER

CONSTABLE BRUCE HAS SITUATION IN HAND AND WILL ADVISE LATER

CONSTABLE MURDOGH

"ENDS"

11.

The following telegram was from O. C. "M" division

"BEGIN"

VANCOUVER B C VIA ALBERDA B C
MARCH 27TH, 1942

CONST J KINGHORN
R C M POLICE JASPER

ENTER KAYAHARA AS SOON AS THIS MATTER TURNED OVER TO
PROVINCIAL POLICE AND CORONER YOU MAY RETURN HERE IF NOT
REQUIRED AS A WITNESS

C H HILL

"ENDS"

12. Cst. BRUCE B. C. P. Police, Red Pass Detachment,
arrived in Jasper in A. M. 28th instant and advised that
he had been to Connell and interviewed the Japs there but
could gather no information other than that they were of
the opinion that KAYAHARA was not seriously ill at time
and thought he was only train sick. Cst BRUCE then viewed
the body and sent a telegram, a copy of which, was handed
to me, as follows:

"BEGIN"

JASPER ALTA MARCH 28TH 1942

STAFF SEROT KING
B C P POLICE KAMLOOPS B C

RE KAYAHARA BODY EXAMINED THIS MORNING BY SEROT FAULKNER
CONSTABLE KINGHORN AND SELF LEFT BREAST ABOVE HEART
SURROUNDED BY BLISTER SCARS DR O'HAGAN STATES THAT IT

RE: Hajime KAYAHARA-Vancouver, B. C.
Sudden death of

IS THE USUAL CUSTOM FOR JAPANESE TO BLISTER THEMSELVES IN THE
REGION OF ANY PAIN AND BELIEVES DUE CORONARY DECREASED COMPLAINED
OF INDIGNATION IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO DEATH

CONSTABLE W A BRUCE

"ENDS"

13. The following reply was received by Cst. BRUCE
in answer to telegram in Para. 12, a copy of which was handed
to me:

"BEGINS"

KAMLOOPS B C MARCH 28 1942

CST BRUCE & BRUCE B C P POLICE
CARE B C M P JASPER ALTA

NO OBJECTION TO CORONER AT JASPER HOLDING AN INQUIRY RE DECEASED
JAPANESE AS IS AT PRESENT WITHIN HIS JURISDICTION

S/SGT KING

"ENDS"

14. Dr. O'HAGAN, Coroner, at Jasper, was advised of
the above telegram and after the necessary inquiry was made by
him, the following written verdict was handed me:

"BEGINS"

JASPER ALTA MARCH 28TH 1942

AN INQUIRY WAS HELD ON HAJIME KAYAHARA DECEASED ON MARCH 28TH
1942 AND IT WAS DECIDED AFTER INVESTIGATION THAT THE DECEASED
CAME TO HIS DEATH FROM A CORONARY THROMBOSIS INQUEST WAS NOT
DEEMED NECESSARY

SGD DR T O'HAGAN

"ENDS"

15. The body has been released to Sgt. PAULIKER who
awaits immediate instructions as to the disposal of the body.

16. List of personal effects were taken from the body
as per attached Forms 246 and will be held pending instructions.

17. Trans. Reg. No. 917 was issued to cover transportation
for the remains from Coonell, B. C., to Jasper, Alta.

18. Parole Certificate No. 15187 with Reg. Card attached
has been handed over to the Registrar of Enemy Aliens (Japanese),
Vancouver, B. C.

19. Nat. Reg. Certificate was left in possession of
the undertaker at Jasper, Alta.

20. Cst. GIBSON & KINGHORN returned to Vancouver at 8:35
A.M. 29-3-42.

EXPENSES AS PER F. 93 PER. MAR. 16-31ST
ORIGINAL & COPY OF TELEGRAMS ATT.

DR'S STATEMENT ATT.

FORMS 246 ATT.

EXTRA COPIES TO "K" DIVISION
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

[Signature]
J. KINGHORN REG 11859

Re: Naime KAYAHARA - Vancouver, B.C.: Sudden death of

The Commissioner,
B.C. Provincial Police,
VICTORIA, B.C.
Sir:

TRIPLICATE copies herewith for your information and that of the Administrator of Estates. Attached are Forms 246, covering the effects of deceased, which are held at this Office. Please note paragraphs 18 and 19, regarding Parole Certificate and National Registration Certificate.

I am supplying copies of this report to the B.C. Security Commission and the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property, and I would be obliged for a copy of your reports. Your assistance in this connection is much appreciated.

SGD

Vancouver
1-4-42
DLM/ES

Encl.

(C.H.Hill) A/Comm'r.,
Commanding "E" Division.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Authorized Deputy of the
Secretary of State and/or Custodian,
1404 Royal Bank Bldg.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.
Sir:

COPY for your information, together with Form 246 listing effects of the deceased. Parole Certificate and National Registration card were disposed of as set out in paragraphs 18 and 19.

Vancouver
1-4-42
DLM/ES

Encl.

CHHill
(C.H.Hill) A/Comm'r.,
Commanding "E" Division.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

EXHIBIT REPORT

Form 246

HEADQUARTERS File No.

DIVISION & File No.

SUB/DIV'N. & File No.

DETACHMENT & File No. E

DATE MARCH 31st 1942

Re: Rejins KAZAHARA-TANAKAWA, R.C.
(Name of File)

On 28-3-42 1 Cst. J. KINGHORN
(Date) (Member's Name)

Came into possession of the following described goods by removing same from the body
of the deceased.

(State Authority from whom seized and place of seizure)

No. of Exh.	No. of Packages	Qty. or Size	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS
	2		Cash \$2.32
	1		Wallets
	1		War Savings Cert. A 5420848 (\$5.00)
	2		Watch (New Haven)
	2		Cig. Lighters
	1		Cig. Holder.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

[Signature]
(Signature of member submitting report)

GENERAL SUMMARY

File No. 287

Hajime KAYAHARA, Dec'd.

Reg. No. 07414

Hajime KAYAHARA died on March 27, 1942 on a train en route to a camp in the Kamloops District. An Enquiry was held and the Coroner reported that death was caused by Coronary Thrombosis.

According to information received from the R.C.M.P., the deceased was single and had no living relatives.

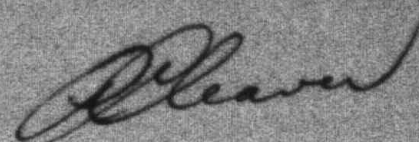
KAYAHARA declared no assets to the Custodian. However, a small amount of cash, a \$5.00 War Savings Certificate, some personal papers and a key ring with five keys were removed from the body and turned over to the Custodian by the R. C. M. P. The keys were found to belong to some pieces of baggage belonging to the deceased which were mentioned by Isamu Shigematsu, Reg. No. 00743, File No. 10438, in his declaration as being stored at 268 Powell Street. They were removed to Custodian storage at 992 Powell Street and sold at auction for the net amount of \$14.99. The War Savings Certificate was cashed and the amount received, \$4.25, credited to the account of the deceased in this office.

The file reveals a claim against KAYAHARA in the amount of \$40.00, filed by Yoshiichi SHIN, file No. 1040. Among the papers found on the body at the time of death was a receipted account from Yoshiichi SHIN for the sum of \$44.71. On December 13, 1943, SHIN was advised of the death of KAYAHARA and asked to advise us whether the receipt found on the body was for payment of the \$40.00 claim lodged by him against the deceased. As we received no reply to our letter, the claim was considered paid.

The British Columbia Security Commission filed a claim for recovery of the sum of \$81.00 to reimburse the Commission for the cost of burial of the deceased, and a further sum of \$7.50, paid to the Coroner for his investigation.

A cheque for \$21.57, being all the funds to the credit of the deceased, was forwarded to the B. C. Security Commission on January 3, 1946, to apply against their claim.

This summary is certified to be in accordance with information on file.



/AC

NAME KAYAHARA, Hattaro

REGISTRATION NO. 97414

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The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 992 Powell St., Vancouver, B. C. on April 4, 1945.

Pair rubber boots	\$ 2.50
Lunch kit and pair boots	1.40
Blanket and comforter	3.00
Bedding etc.	1.25
Bedding etc.	2.10
Bedding etc.	1.10
Bedding etc.	3.25
Bedding	5.20

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fees \$ 1.98
(Advertising 0.50
(Movings 2.33

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$	19.80
\$	4.81
\$	14.99

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 43.

Remarks. *no inventory on file*

File No. 287.

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

December 13th, 1943.

Halime KAYAHARA - Bag. No. 07414 (Deceased)

CREDITORS:

Yoshiichi SHIN ¹⁹⁴⁰ 1940..... \$40.00 J.P.

NOTE: B.C. Security Commission (Funeral expenses) - \$81.00

Letter 24/7/42.

BRD:DE

*Coroner's Bill \$7.50
L28-4-42*