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POWELL STREET
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having property in any protected area. The proper administration of this property requires such persons to give full particulars as requested in this form.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: HIGUCHI, OtajiroHOME ADDRESS: 1013 Royal Ave., New Westminster, B. C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 08403 SEX: Male AGE: 50OCCUPATION: Sawmill worker

(If any business or businesses carried on, state where, under what name and whether carried on by yourself or in partnership with anyone; if partnership, give partner's name.)

EMPLOYER: Mohawk Sawmill Co., New Westminster, B. C.MARRIED? YesNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: NoneADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: 1013 Royal Ave., New Westminster, B. C.NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: NoneADDRESS OF CHILDREN: -----AGE OF CHILDREN: -----

STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: None3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) -----4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) -----5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) -----6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) -----

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: ---
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: ---
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN ---

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Dwelling house at 1013 Royal Ave., New Westminster, B.C.
house is in rear of lot.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mrs. T. Takada, 1013 Royal Ave., New
Westminster, B. C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: \$7.50 per month
paid up to date
4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: None
5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid) None

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: None

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES,
EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:
- 3 planes 3 hand saws 5 chisels 2 squares 2 coal chisels
2 wood files 1 brace and bit etc. Contained in a tool box.
Contained in his home at 1013 Royal Ave., New Westminster, B. C.
2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS None
3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR
CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY None

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: ~~None~~
5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF OTHERS: ~~None~~
6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) ~~None~~
7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)
~~About seven \$5 War Savings Certificates at his home.~~
8. BANK ACCOUNTS: ~~None~~
9. LIFE INSURANCE: ~~None~~
10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: ~~None~~
11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: ~~None~~

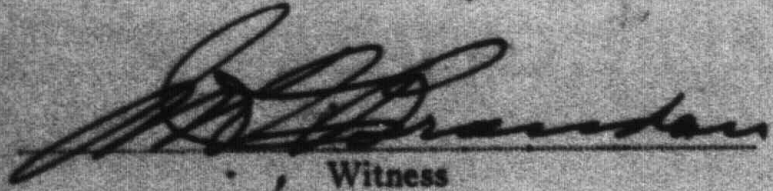
LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: ~~None~~
2. TRADE DEBTS: ~~None~~

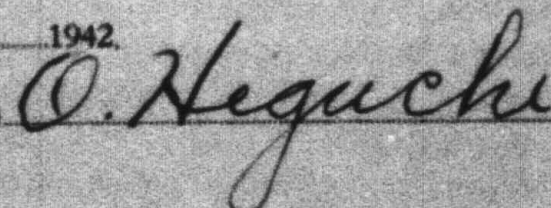
REMARKS:

I certify that the above information is true and complete and fully discloses all my property of every description in any protected area in British Columbia and sets forth all my liabilities direct and indirect.

Dated this 28th day of March 1942.


Witness

(Signature)



FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE



RETURNED TO JAPAN
S.S. MARINE ANGEL INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.
31st MAY, 1946

DATE August 27, 1943

Our File No. 540

Full Name HIGHCHI, Otsujiro
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 08403 Male - Female
(Check) Age Sept. 24, 1891

Former Address 1023 Auckland St., New Westminster, B.C.

Date Evacuated Mar. 29/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address Tashme, B.C.

Married - Single
(Check) Name of Wife YOSHIKAWA, Moya #08152

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother (MOSE) Mitsu (Japan) Name of Father HIGHCHI, Sotaro (Japan)

Names of Children under 16 _____

Requested by RM Registered with Custodian
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Sawmill Worker

711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,
475 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B.C.
October 10th, 1946.

Custodian of Enemy Property,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ 250.⁰⁰
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Re: HIGUCHI, Otojiro. No. 08403

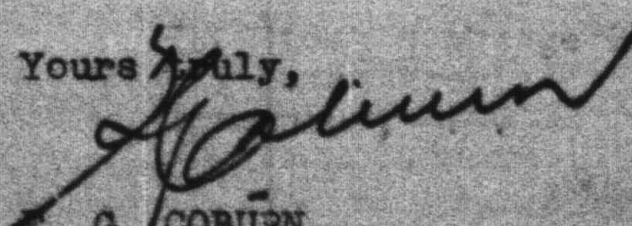
Please note that the above has been
repatriated to Japan. At the time of repatriation, the
following transactions took place:

Cash turned in - - - - - \$ Nil

Draft Issued - - - - - \$ 250.00

It will be seen that this Japanese is
indebted to the Department on account of repatriation in
the amount of \$ 250.00. Therefore should you receive
further funds on this account such funds should be turned
into this office. It will be applied first to recoup the
expenditure made and, second, if there is any surplus such
surplus will be remitted to Japan for the account of the
Japanese in question.

Yours Truly,


F. G. COBURN,
Supervising Treasury Officer.

FGC/EJ.

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File 540

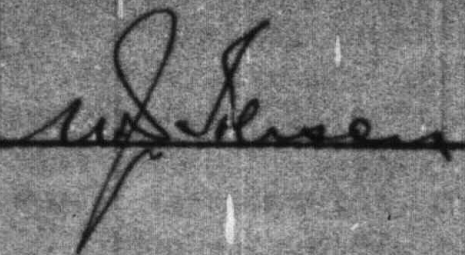
December 7th, 1945.

Re: Otojiro HIGUCHI, Reg. 08403

This file reveals no real property interest.

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

WJI:DP



FIRE INSURANCE SUMMARY

December 7th, 1943.

Re: Charles STURGEY, Reg. 32403.

This file contains a record of fire insurance carried on
any property belonging to this person.

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

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LIABILITY SUMMARY

File 920

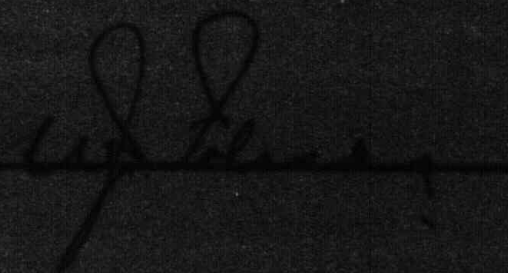
December 7th, 1945.

Re: Charles HUNTER, Rev. CH403

This file reveals no liabilities.

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

WJ:EF

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "WJ:EF", is written over a horizontal line.

File No. 240.

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

July 29th, 1943.

Shelton HUGHES - Reg. No. 08403

CREDITORS:

NO CLAIMS on file

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File 540

December 7th, 1945.

Re: Otojiro HIGUCHI, Reg. 08403

CHATELS:

The above Japanese person declared 1 box of Carpenter's tools which was not located at 1013 Royal Avenue, New Westminster.

SPECIFIED
ARTICLES:

This file reveals no specified articles.

WAR SAVINGS
CERTIFICATES:

HIGUCHI declared about \$35.00 worth of War Savings certificates which were at his home. These were not brought under the control of the Custodian.

MONEYS
RECEIVABLE:

A refund of 1% wage deductions for the first six months of 1941 amounting to \$4.33 was received from the Provincial Collector and was placed to Mr. HIGUCHI'S credit.

LIFE
INSURANCE:

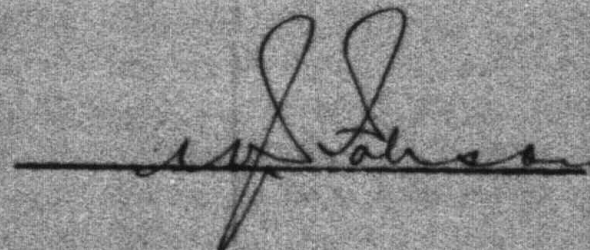
The following Life Insurance Policy was found among HIGUCHI'S effects:

Sun Life Policy #648463, Otojiro HIGUCHI. This policy lapsed in July 1935 according to information received from the Sun Life Assurance Company.

No property interests other than those mentioned above are found on this file.

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

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S. NAKANO & CO.
300 CORDOVA ST. E.
VANCOUVER, B. C.
(PHONE 557-882)

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

HEAD OFFICE MONTREAL

中野保險事務所

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貴社より御送付の
お礼としまして、
先般お送りした
お金の領収書と
お金の振込金
の領収書を、
同封して送付
いたします。ご
査収のほど、
よろしくお願い
いたします。
此致、
植田 昌次郎

**THE
AETNA LIFE
INSURANCE CO.**

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.

Has Insured the lives of certain employees of
MOHAWK LUMBER COMPANY LTD.

*by a Group Policy of insurance, No. 2845, issued and
delivered to the employer. Under and subject to
the terms and conditions of said policy, and the ap-
plication therefor, the life of*

OTAZIRO HIQUCHI

an employee, is insured for the sum of
ONE THOUSAND Dollars.

*This insurance will be terminated whenever said
employee for any reason whatsoever ceases to be in the
employ of said employer.*

MOHAWK LUMBER COMPANY LTD.

DATE AUG. 16, 1925

CERTIFICATE No. 44

ÆTNA LIFE
Insurance Co.

of
Hartford, Connecticut



CERTIFICATE
ISSUED TO
EMPLOYEES
OF
MOHAWK LUMBER COMPANY LTD.

PHONE 106

609 COLUMBIA STREET

NEW WESTMINSTER,
BRITISH COLUMBIA

August 28, 1942.

M Office of the Custodian.

Coulthard, Sutherland & Co., Limited
ESTATE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL AGENTS

*File this
cc to Mrs
Deft
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RE: Otsiro Higuchi. 540.

To checking and arranging for storage of furniture

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furn. to get "tate" sending to
storage. up.*

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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Sept. 4th, 1942

Mr. Otojiro Higuchi,
Registration No. 08403,
c/o J. H. Mitchell,
Grantbrook, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

In your registration form you mentioned one box carpenter's tools at 1013 Royal Avenue, New Westminster.

We presume that at the time of your evacuation to Grantbrook you took these tools with you.

If this proves to be the case, please sign and return the attached copy of this letter for our record.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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Work Camp B 7,
Red Pass Jct., B. C.,
September 12, 1942.

Mr. H. F. Green,
Protection Department,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings and Granville,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: File No. 540

In receipt of your letter dated
September 4th, I wish to inform you that
my carpenter's tools are not brought here
with me.

These tools are left in one of the
room at 1013 Royal Avenue, New Westminster,
which is now occupied by an occidental.

Hoping this will give sufficient
information,

Yours truly,

Otojiro HIGUCHI

P.S.

Please note the change of address.

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They were
not found in
this place
10/2/46

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Name:

HIGUCHI, Otojiro

Address:

1013 Royal Avenue

Effects:

3 planes
3 hand saws
5 chisels
2 squares
2 coal chisels
2 wood files
1 brace and bit etc.,

Contained in a tool box.

9/12/45
No tools found
at the address

Comments made by Coulthard, Sutherland & Co. Ltd.:

In Takida house. Better move out (O Kihiro says so).



Copy of effects dated re by
O. Higuchi. They were evidently
tagged by Mr. Tomo Takeda under
name of K-Tatebe and moved
to storage

MEMORANDUM

File Nos.: 13314)
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January 12th, 1943

To: FILES

From: Mr. Mackenzie

Re: Mr. & Mrs. Otojiro HIGUCHI

A. W. MacIntosh are the agents.

Chattels locked up in two or three rooms
at 1023 Auckland Street belong to Baba.

Chattels belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Higuchi
are locked up at 1013 Royal Avenue and they have
taken the key with them. These Japanese have no
chattels belonging to them at 1023 Auckland Street.

RBM:IP

25/2/46
Higuchi's chattels were
not left at 1013 Royal Ave
but were moved to storage
from 1013 Quebec St and
had been tagged by
Mr. Jome Takeda under
name of K Takeda
1013 Royal was opened by Hyorabun
Takeda File 11929
M.P.

September 15th, 1942

Messrs. Coulthard, Gutherland & Co.,
609 Columbia Street,
New Westminster, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

We recently received from you a number of accounts for checking and storing furniture of Japanese whose names and file numbers are set out below.

AKADA, (Saki) Mrs. Sadajiro.....	File 7870
NAKAMURA, Jutaro.....	7534
KINUCHI, Matsuo	978
FUJIMURA, Fumi (Mrs. Koichi).....	7874
FIGUCHI, Otojiro.....	540 ✓
SANATA, Junzo.....	6024
KIMURA, Tomio.....	2343
SUGA, Tatsuo.....	923
FUKUYAMA, Goto.....	422
IKEMOTO, Mitsuhiko.....	2341

We cannot trace having received any previous communications from you about these Japanese nor has any list of goods stored by Balyen & Company come to our attention. Could you let us know the dates on which such information was sent to us or any other particulars which would help us to trace your communications about these Japanese?

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

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COULTHARD, SUTHERLAND & CO. LTD.

Your File: 138

September 26, 1942

Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Mr. Green.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Sept. 24th received. You will find enclosed a number of lists of Japanese and a letter dated May 19th asking us to arrange for the moving and storage of these effects. In a great many cases all it was necessary for us to do was to check with the Japanese Committee on this end and locate where the different parcels of effects were stored.

As you will note by the pencil notations on the lists this entailed a great deal of work because very frequently we found the given address to be occupied by a different family or entirely vacant. We would then have to contact the Japanese Committee and endeavour to locate the missing furniture.

None of the articles belonging to these particular Japanese were moved by Belyea & Co. and for that reason you have no record of our work other than our invoice for services rendered and the enclosed lists which we would ask you to kindly return as they may be of value to us later on.

You will note, also, that on some of the lists appear the names of the Westminster Trust and McLeods. The reason for this is that the three offices held a meeting and divided the lists so that they could be worked out with a minimum of expense.

We did not check all these chattels against the lists sent to us as we pointed out to your Messrs. Reed, Shears, and Alexander at a meeting held in your office that this was impossible and they agreed that it was not necessary. What we did was to determine that the articles were positively located and securely locked away.

Trusting this is the required information,

Yours very truly,
COULTHARD, SUTHERLAND & CO. LTD.

F. H. Coulthard.

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September 30th, 1942

Messrs. Coulthard, Sutherland & Co.,
609 Columbia St.,
New Westminster. B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

Thank you for your letter of Sept. 26th
and enclosures. We shall have to make extracts of
these enclosures for each file and this will take us a little
time. When we have completed this we will return your
lists to you.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green,
Protection Dept.

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October 5th, 1943.

Mrs. Noyo HIGUCHI,
Registration No. 38152,
TAMEN, P.C.

Dear Madam:

Thank you for your letter of September 27th, asking for the shipment to you of some of your belongings. We are enclosing herewith our form letter 107 and request you to follow out the instructions given therein.

We draw your attention, however, to the following points:

1. Your house at 1013 Royal Avenue. Our records show that these premises contain some effects belonging to you but the rooms are locked and we have no keys. Please be careful to send these with your application form.
2. The articles required from 840 East Cordova Street, being the house of Mr. Hideo Matsuyama now interned. We have already advised the P.C. Security Commission that Mr. Hideo Matsuyama, on being requested to release these goods to you, refused to do so, and there is, therefore, nothing further that we can do about this.

Yours truly,

H.F. GREEN.
Protection Department.

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Date	DEC 23 1943
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

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260 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.,
December 20th, 1943.

S.G. Carlson, Esq.,
922 Burnaby St.,
NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

Re: HIGUCHI, Gtefile #32403

Referring to Release of Oct. 20th for goods for
above from 1015 Royal Avenue, Tashne advises the goods
shipped recently via Woods' Truck Line belonged to Mrs. Tami
TAKEDA, of Kaslo, and he received none of his own goods. I
instructed Woods' Truck driver to contact Mr. Iversen in
Westminster when picking up this shipment, and presume this
was done, although I have had no advice from you on the matter.
Please advise when you are ready to deliver HIGUCHI's goods
and what disposition you wish made of those belonging to
Mrs. TAKEDA.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

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c.s. Gen. Files

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Custodian of Alien Property, ✓
506 Royal Bank Bldg., Vancouver, B.C.

C.W. Fisher
C.W. Fisher
Transportation

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*Higuchi did not declare
anything but he took on
1015 Royal.*

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December 21st, 1943

Mr. & Mrs. Otojiro HIGUCHI,
Reg. Nos. 08403 & 08152,
Tashme, B. C.

Dear Sir and Madam:-

As requested by Mrs. Otojiro Higuchi in her Release of October 25th, we have now shipped to you at Tashme, everything that we could find there as per enclosed Bill of Lading. This cleans up 1013 Royal Avenue and we trust everything will arrive in order.

We note the remarks at the foot of Mrs. Higuchi's Release of October 25th but draw her attention to the fact that she was most unhelpful when we asked her to register, would not hand our representative the key and refused to sign the declaration of property.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

(N.B. some of this may be Mrs. Higuchi's property see her file)

Enc.
HFG:IF

7625, 540, 1199, 13314, 3233

Jan. 11, 1944.

Mrs. Tame TAKEDA,
Reg. No. 08336
Kaslo, B.C.

Dear Madam:

We regret we could not answer yours of Sept. 28th before however, here are our comments on your letter:

SINGER SEWING MACHINE:- This was returned to the Company by yourself as per quotation from your letter to Singer Sewing Machine Co. of March 9/43, "so I returned the machine without using it once and Mr. Yanagawa said he will return \$20.00 to us."

The dining table and chairs, double bed, cabinet etc. were sold to the tenant at 1013 Royal Ave.

As for the bulk of effects sold to the account of K. Tatebe, it would seem to us that in view of their being tagged under his name, we should have his consent for the transfer of sale proceeds.

We may say here that all effects found at 1013 Quebec Street were removed to storage in the early part of 1943, and a two page inventory of same is on our files, all under the name of K. Tatebe.

You gave a long list of effects belonging to O. Higuchi, but Mrs. O. Higuchi did not declare any specific list of belongings. She did state that something was left at 840 Cordova St. Vancouver, and at 1013 Royal Ave., New Westminster, and that the key was in her possession. You also state that Higuchi had effects at 1013 Quebec St. which is contrary to our records.

We do not know who Osaki is, will you kindly give us the full name and registration number.

Finally, you will recall the mixup in the shipment of effects called for by Mrs. Higuchi, from 1013 Quebec Street and which turned out to be yours, this was due to her giving us the wrong directions.

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MEMORANDUM

February 5, 1944.

TO: Files 11514 & 11515
FROM: Insurance Department

Re: Sun Life Policy No. 618453-Otajiro NIGUCHI
Sun Life Policy No. 545452-Mrs. Nara "

The above mentioned policies were found by
Mr. Overton among the chattels of Mr. and Mrs. Niguchi.
They have been placed on file in the Insurance Department.

(Lapsed) J.A.

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See Sun Life Correspondence
Letter of Secretary
1/28/44

MEMORANDUM

File#: 540
13314

September 30, 1944.

To: The file

From: Mr. Iverson

Re: NIGUCHI, Otojiro
NIGUCHI, Noyo (Mrs. Otojiro)
1013 Royal Avenue, N.W.

This man and wife lived at the above address although the wife gave here as 1023 Auckland Street.

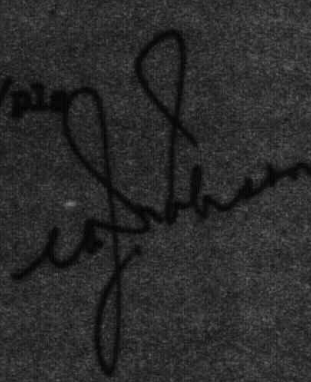
Mrs. NIGUCHI declared her belongings were left at 1013 Royal without specifying what they were and refused to part with a key.

Mr. NIGUCHI declared a tool box and contents left at 1013 Royal Street. In October 1943 Mrs. NIGUCHI asks for all her articles left in the west room of second floor of 1013 Royal. These were found and shipped as indicated on file 13314 but NIGUCHI finds that the effects were Mrs. Tome TAKEDA's.

However, this shipment included everything apparently left in the house by Japanese except a single bed of doubtful, if any, value.

The tool box mentioned in File 540 was not found. Clothing left in Vancouver is dealt with in correspondence. The file can therefore be closed insofar as chattels are concerned.

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2233, 1825, 540, 13314

November 1, 1944

Mr. Kasutaro TAKEBE,
Reg. No. 08313,
Kaslo, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We have had some correspondence with Mrs. Tome TAKEDA relative to chattels removed from 1013 Quebec Street, and tagged under your name. There is a very long list of these, in fact there are 168 items, the bulk of which were sold at auction in January of this year.

Mrs. Takeda states in her last letter to us that most of the effects belonged to her and that she labeled them in your name herself. Be that as it may, but we cannot transfer the proceeds of sale to her name without your consent, excepting the few items she mentions as being yours. We are enclosing herewith copies of the sales sheets and would ask that you indicate thereon, the items you believe to be yours.

Alternatively in view of the fact that Mrs. Takeda apparently owns the bulk of the effects, which were sold and there being four of you interested in these effects, it might be a good idea for you to communicate with Mrs. Takeda and she in turn could communicate with the other interested parties, with a view to arranging a fair division of the proceeds.

Yours truly,

W.J. Iverson,
Protection Department

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December 21st, 1944

Mr. Kasutaro TATEBE,
Reg. No. 06313,
Kaslo, S.C.

Dear Sir:

We thank you for your letter of December 12th, which however, does not clarify the point at issue namely, whether you agree that Mrs. Takeda owned the bulk of the chattels sold at auction, and whether you agree to the transfer of any or all of the proceeds to her account.

As we have pointed out, both to you and Mrs. Takeda, all the goods sold were tagged in your name and this, according to Mrs. Takeda was done by herself. Accordingly we thought that the latter person would be the logical one to distribute the sales proceeds, hence our request of December 1st asking you to write us and state that you are agreeable to this. In the meantime we are writing Mrs. Takeda asking her to indicate on the sales sheets items which can be allotted to the various interested persons.

If you have not already done so, you might forward the auction sales sheets to her so that she can indicate which items she considers should be transferred.

Yours truly,

W.J. Iverson,
Protection Department

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Charlton
7823, 540, 1199, 13314, 1333

January 2nd, 1945

Mrs. Tame Takada,
Reg. No. 08336,
Hank Hotel,
Hank, S.C.

Dear Madam:

We thank you for yours of December 10th, and while we appreciate your gesture of co-operation in the distribution of funds received from the sale of personal effects, we must have the consent of other interested parties. We suggest therefore, that you obtain this consent from the following parties:

T. TATEBE, OZAKI, and Mrs. O. Higuchi, and on receipt of these, we shall be glad to meet your wishes.

For convenience we enclose a form of release for you to send the above named persons. Please have them sign and return to this office as soon as possible.

That part of your letter referring to rentals will be answered by our Administration Department.

Yours truly,

H.J. Iversen,
Protection Department

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File Nos. 7825-540-1199-13314-3233

January 2nd, 1945.

Mrs. Tome TAKEDA,
Reg. No. 08336,
Kaslo Hotel,
Kaslo, B. C.

Dear Madam:

In view of the fact that all personal effects left at 1013 Royal Avenue and 1013 Quebec Street were removed to storage, and thence subsequently sold by the Custodian of Enemy property at auction, and in view of the said belongings being tagged according to Mrs. Takeda's statement, under the name of T. Tatebe, whereas the effects are supposed to belong to various persons, I consent therefore to the sales proceeds being forwarded to Mrs. Takeda, who has agreed to make an equitable distribution of the funds to the following persons:

Tome TAKEDA, K. TATEBE, Mrs. O. HIGUCHI
and OZAKI.

SIGNED: O. HIGUCHI

Reg. No.: 08403 File No. 540

Address: Tashme, Hope. B. C.

WJI:DP

NOTE: The original appears on Tome TAKEDA'S file 7825.

A. L. LEWIS
Barrister & Solicitor

523 Westminster Trust Building,
713 Columbia Street,
New Westminster, B. C.

October 13th, 1945

Office of the Custodian,
509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. W. J. Johnston

Dear Sir: Re Sotojiro Teramura, Deceased

I now enclose original Will together with certified translation. We shall require first an affidavit by one of the witnesses as to the proper execution and attestation of the will and I enclose affidavit to be taken by the witnesses, B. Iwasa, and O. Higuchi, the affidavit by either one or the other will be sufficient. I have stamped the back of the Japanese will, making it an exhibit to the affidavit to be sworn by the Commissioner or Notary Public who signs the affidavit, as the case may be.

I shall also require an affidavit by Esther R. Key as to her qualifications to translate the will, but it is necessary that we first obtain the above affidavit proving the proper execution and attestation of the will.

Yours very truly,

A. L. Lewis,

Per: "J.F."

ALL:F
Encls.

1992, 540, 732
Evacuee Section

507 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
October 16th, 1945

A. L. Lewis, Esq.,
Barrister and Solicitor,
713 Columbia Street,
New Westminster, B. C.

Re: Estate of Sotoliro TERAMURA. Dec'd

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant,
enclosing original Will, certified translation of same, and
Affidavit to be taken by one of the witnesses, B. Iwasa and O.
Higuchi.

We are today placing this matter in the hands of the
Department of Labour, Japanese Division, for their attention, and
instructing them in accordance with the advice contained in your
letter.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Johnston
Administration Department

WJ/JV

1592, 540, 732
Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
October 16th. 1949

Department of Labour,
Japanese Division,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Mr. H. L. Brown

Re: Estate of Sotojiro YAMAHARA, Dec'd,
Registration No. 07247

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith original Will of the above decedent, together with an Affidavit to be taken by one of the witnesses as to the proper execution and attestation of same. The Affidavit by either one or the other will be sufficient.

The back of the Will has been stamped, making it an exhibit to the Affidavit to be sworn by the Commissioner or Notary Public, who signs the Affidavit, whichever may be the case.

The witnesses to the Will are Mr. Bunshiro IWASA, Registration No. 06367, Bay Park, Bloom, B. C., and Mr. Otojiro HIGUCHI, Registration No. 06403, Tachme, B. C.

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Johnston
Administration Department

WJ/J
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Japanese Division

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

16th November 1945.

REGISTERED

Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Attention: Mr. W. J. Johnston

Dear Sirs,

Re: Sotojiro TERAMURA, No. 07147
deceased. Your file No. 1592,
540, 732

We now return original Will of the above-named deceased,
together with the affidavit, all duly completed and sworn before our
Supervisor, Mr. Hartley, in his capacity as Commissioner for Oaths.

We trust you will find these documents in order.

Yours truly,

"M. L. Brown"

M. L. BROWN
Office Manager

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I, O. HIGUCHI of Tashme in the Province of British
Columbia, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. That I am one of the witnesses to the document now produced and shown to me and marked Exhibit "A" hereto which purports to be the last will and testament of Sotojiro Teramura, late of the City of New Westminster in the Province of British Columbia, who died at New Denver in the Province of British Columbia, on the 6th day of July, 1945, said will having been dated the 2nd day of July 1942.
2. That the signature O. Higuchi, one of the witnesses thereof, is my signature.
3. That I was personally acquainted with the said Sotojiro Teramura and he signed and sealed the said will as and for his last will in the presence of B. Iwasa of Bay Farm in the Province of British Columbia, and of me, both being present at the same time who at the request of the said Sotojiro Teramura, in his presence and in the presence of each other, did subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

SWORN BEFORE ME at Tashme, in the
Province of British Columbia,
this 12 day of November, A.D.1945.

"Walter Hartley"
A Commissioner for taking Affidavits
within the Province of British Columbia

SWORN BEFORE ME at Tashme, in the
Province of British Columbia, I having
first read over to O. Higuchi the above
affidavit when he seemed perfectly to
understand the same and swore the same
in my presence this 12 day of November,
A.D.1945.

"Walter Hartley"
A Commissioner for taking Affidavits
within the Province of British Columbia

"O. HIGUCHI"

CHATTEL SCHEDULE

File 540

December 7th, 1945.

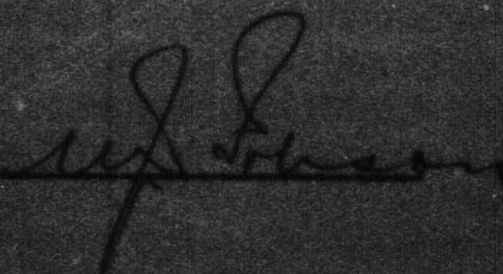
Sgt. Otsiro HIGUCHI, Reg. 08403

The above Japanese made his declaration to the Custodian on March 28th, 1942 and was evacuated on March 29th, 1942.

<u>DECLARED</u>	<u>INVENTORIED</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>OTHER DISPOSITION</u>
March 28/42	No physical		No tools or tool box
3 planes	inventory taken.		found at 1013 Royal
3 hand saws	The tools listed		Avenue.
5 chisels	on the inventory		
2 squares	are copied from		
2 cold chisels	the Declaration		
2 wood files			
1 brace & bit			

This schedule is certified to
be in accordance with the in-
formation on file.

WT:DP



SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA
HEAD OFFICE: MONTREAL

VANCOUVER BRANCH
J. L. BROWN, B.A., Branch Manager
W. C. Housley, Assistant Manager
A. E. HAY, Branch Secretary

ROYAL BANK BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT POLICIES
PLEASE REFER TO THEIR NUMBERS

EVACUATION SECTION	
December 18, 1945	REC'D
File No. 540-13304	
Ans. <i>[Signature]</i>	
Referred <i>[Signature]</i>	

Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Attention: Mr. Iverson

Gentlemen:

Re: Policy Nos. 648,462-
648,463- Higuchi

About two weeks ago, you called us on the telephone regarding the above-numbered two policies. As we had no record of either policy in this office, we said we would write to our Head Office in Montreal and find out about them.

Information has now been received from our Head Office to the effect that the first policy lapsed in July 1935 and the second policy in July 1931.

Yours faithfully,

C. E. HAY
BRANCH SECRETARY

W.C. Housley
LS

Per: *[Signature]*

CHATTLE SUMMARY

File 540

February 28th, 1946.

Re: Otsiro HIGUCHI, Reg. CH403

This Japanese person declared that he owned and left at 1013 Royal Avenue, certain tools contained in a tool box. He was evacuated on March 29th, 1942. There is no definite evidence that these tools remained at this place. Coulthard & Sutherland Co., our agents, merely stating on an undated list of the tools "better move out Otsiro, says so".

However, evidence on file 7825, Mrs. Tame TAKEDA, proves that HIGUCHI's wife, who declared she left her declared effects at 1013 Royal Avenue actually left them at 1013 Quaker and it is assumed that the tools were moved to there. These chattels had been tagged by Mrs. TAKEDA under the name of K. TATEBE and were moved to storage by us. Included was a box of carpenter's tools. Mrs. TAKEDA was evacuated on May 11th, 1942.

Two boxes of tools were sold at our auctions of January 28th, 1944 and February 25th, 1944 realizing the net sums of \$2.75 and \$6.75 respectively. The proceeds were credited to K. TATEBE, File 3233 under whose name they were tagged.

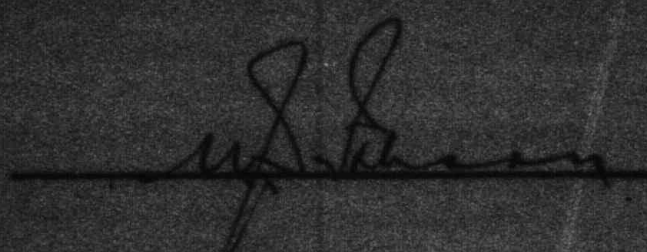
Mrs. Tame TAKEDA, File 7825 on September 28th, 1944 admitted that she was responsible for tagging the HIGUCHI's effects under the name of TATEBE and gives a list of these goods in her letter.

Otsiro HIGUCHI agreed with Mrs. TAKEDA and K. TATEBE that Mrs. TAKEDA should distribute the aggregated funds credited to TATEBE, to the respective parties as their interests may appear and she was sent a cheque in the amount of \$170.85, accordingly on May 9th, 1945.

The tenant of 1013 Royal Avenue could throw no light on the matter.

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

WFL:RP



March 13th, 1946.

REGISTERED:

Mr. Otojiro HIGUCHI,
Registration No. 08403,
Yasino, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your file has been reviewed and the following has been noted:

You declared that you left at 1013 Royal Avenue certain tools contained in a tool box. At the time of your departure from the Coast however, we were unable to locate these. Subsequent to inquiries, it appeared that these things had therefore, been taken to 1013 Quebec Street by Mrs. Tome TAKEDA or had been tagged with the name of K. TATEBE.

All the goods under this name were moved to our storage and subsequently sold. As suggested by Mrs. Tome TAKEDA you agreed that the proceeds from the sale of chattels belonging to you and your wife, should be sent to her for distribution. This was eventually carried out and you should now be in receipt of funds for your share of the auction proceeds sent to Mrs. TAKEDA.

A refund of \$4.33 was received from the Provincial Collector, representing 1½ wage deductions for the first six months of 1941. This was credited to your account and the Custodian cheque for this amount is enclosed herewith. This closes your account.

You also declared that you possessed seven \$5.00 War Savings Certificates which you retained in your own possession.

It would appear that we have accounted for all the property of every kind left by you in the Protected Area which vested in the Custodian and in order that you may confirm this we enclose a stamped addressed envelope for convenience in replying.

Yours truly,

W. J. Iverson,
Protection Dept.

WJ:DP
Encl.

Pis 7/16

Tashme, B. C.,
March 23, 1946.

Mr. W. J. Iverson,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Date	MAR 27 1946
File No.	54288
Ass.	<i>Kate</i>
Referred	<i>W. J. Iverson</i>

sent to you

Dear Sir:

Acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th instant in which was enclosed cheque in the sum of \$4.33 representing 1% wage deductions for 1941.

I believe this closes my account with you as all chattels left by me on the Coast has been settled.

In my previous letter, I had stated that I had received \$50.00 from Mrs. Tome Takeda which may or may not be an equitable distribution of the proceeds from the sale of chattels, both mine and hers.

Yours truly,

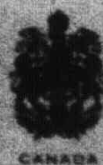
O. Higuchi

Otobiro Higuchi

Reg. No. 08403

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE

ADDRESS REPLY TO
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INCOME TAX



TAXATION DIVISION

710 WEST HASTINGS ST.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

QUOTE
THIS REFERENCE

23rd February, 1949.

Department of the Secretary,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Hastings & Granville Sts.,
Vancouver, B. C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
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Referred	

Dear Sir:

RE: Otojiro Higuchi - #08403

It is understood that the above named taxpayer has returned to Japan aboard the "Marine Angel" on May 31st, 1946. This Department would appreciate advice as to any assets recorded as held by your office under the above named, or any known assets which could be attached in order to liquidate tax arrears.

Yours truly,

D. H. Sheppard,
Director General of Income Tax.

PER: W. S. G. L. L.

WSG/DM

February 28, 1949.

Director General of Income Tax,
739 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Otsiro HIGUCHI, Reg. No. 08403

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant, the
above Japanese returned to Japan on the 31st of May, 1946,
indebted to the Dominion Government of Canada.

There are no assets belonging to him now under
the control of the Custodian.

Yours very truly,

CHM/fm

G. H. Mead,
Office of the Custodian.