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BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE No. 1187

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: NISHIMURA, Chokiehi.

HOME ADDRESS: P.O. Box 150, Steveston, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 04401 SEX: Male AGE: 64

OCCUPATION: Fisherman

(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: Retired

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: MRS. 4/72

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: P.O. Box 150, Steveston, B.C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: None

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: None

AGE OF CHILDREN: None

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: None

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) None

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) None

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)

None

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) None

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: None
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: None
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN: None

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: P.O.Box 150, Steveston, B.C. 2-room bungalow wooden frame.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: B.C. Packers, Steveston B.C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: pays no rent, lives with his son who is employed by the B.C. Packers, Steveston B.C.
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: 1 stove, 3 beds, 10 chairs, 3 tables, kitchen utensils, 2 Sockeye net, stored at P.O.Box 150, Steveston, 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) _____
None
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: None

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 3rd day of April 1942.

(Signature)

C. Nishimura

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Our File No. 1187

DATE June 5/43

Full Name NISHIMURA, Chokichi
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 04401

☒ Male - Female
(Check)

Age Nov. 23/1876

Former Address P.O. Box 150, Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated May 1/42

☒ Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address Greenwood, B.C.

☒ Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife ^{nee} (SAKINO) Han #04325

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother Deceased

Name of Father Deceased

Names of Children under 16 _____

Requested by E.C.T.

Registered with Custodian Yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 1187

July 6, 1946.

RE: Chokichi NISHIMURA, Reg.No.04401

This file reveals the above owned no real property in any protected area of British Columbia.

The file reveals the above carried no Fire Insurance.

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

July 6/46
RBM:LBM

R.B. Mackenzie
R.B. Mackenzie

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 1187

July 6/46

RE: Chokichi NISHIMURA, Reg. No. 06401

A claim in the sum of \$1.25 was filed against the above by the M. FURUYA & CO. In his letter of Jan. 16/44 NISHIMURA denies owing this firm anything. This was reported to P.S. Hume & Sons on Feb. 3/44, as they represent the M. FURUYA CO., and no further action was taken by the Custodian.

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

July 6/46
RBM:LEW

R.B. Mackenzie
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PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 1187

July 6, 1946.

RE: Chokichi NISHIMURA, Reg. 04401

CHATELS:

The above, who made his declaration to the Custodian on April 3/42 and was evacuated on May 1/42, declared household effects and 2 nets left in the 2 room bungalow in Steveston owned by the B.C. Packers Ltd. No effects were found in this house by the Custodian and Mr. Kitchener, the placement manager for the B.C. Packers Ltd., states that no chattels were left there by the above or his wife, Han, File 4172, who also declared leaving chattels at the same address. On Jan. 30/43 we received a net form from the above listing two nets which he said were stored at the Imperial Cannery net house. These were not found or inventoried by the Custodian.

In Oct., 1942, Custodian agent, Mr. C. C. Robinson inventoried fishing gear at the Imperial Cannery net house in the name of the above and removed this equipment to Custodian net house where it was given Custodian numbers. We sold this fishing gear as per statement of Jan. 31/44 on file for the total sum of \$28.20, and this sum was credited to the account of the above. He was advised of this in our letter of Jan. 20/44, and in his reply dated Jan. 26/44 he asks what this credit was derived from. We gave him this information in our letter of April 15/44 and NISHIMURA advised us through the B.C.S.C. in their letter of May 13/44, that this fishing gear was his and asks that the money for same be remitted to him. On May 16/44 Custodian cheque for this sum was mailed to the above leaving no balance in his account. He made no mention of the two nets he had declared and which appear on our net statement as "unaccounted for". It may be assumed therefore that he disposed of them himself before being evacuated. This was probably the case as from information received by us he did sell on May 1/42, direct to the B.C. Packers and was paid by them, without our knowledge or consent, fishing gear in the sum of \$160.00, as noted in memo of April 11/46.

On Fe. 7/44, the above sent us, through the B.C.S.C. a Custodian Release asking for shipment of a bureau and a box of cushions stored at 139 Garry Road, Steveston. This house was owned by Michiharu MORI, File 4969, and the chattels when removed from this house were listed in the name of MORI, List #404, on his file. The bureau, which had been declared by his wife, Han, was sold on Jan. 14/44 for the net sum of \$18.30, and this sum was credited to the account of NISHIMURA. The cushions and a box of effects were shipped to him on May 11/44. This box was marked "Fragile" and had the name of "E. NISHIMURA" painted on it. (This is Eiko, a daughter of the above) The cushions were declared by both his wife and his daughter Eiko, File 1319.

On Jan. 18/44 a bed and spring were removed from the Catholic Mission at Steveston labelled with the name "S. NISHIMURA". Investigation revealed that this was Shizue NISHIMURA, File 2462, a daughter of the above. This was sold for the net sum of \$6.38, and this sum was credited to the account of Shizue NISHIMURA. As this girl had declared no property we wrote to the above on Dec. 28/45 asking him who owned this bed found in her name and he replied on Jan. 10/46

that the bed belonged to his daughter Shizue and asked us to send proceeds from its sale to her. A cheque for \$6.38 was accordingly sent to her on Jan. 10/46. None of the other articles declared by NISHIMURA and his wife were found by the Custodian and it must be assumed that they were taken with them or disposed of prior to their evacuation.

SPECIFIED
ARTICLES:

According to information supplied to this office the above was the registered owner of a fishing vessel which was sold through the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee for the net sum of \$541.50, and this sum was paid to the above through his attorney, U. SAKAMOTO, on June 11/42. Full details given on Specified Articles Summary on file.

Another fishing vessel, the "C.N.", Vancouver License No. 5805 was reported to the J.F.V.D.C. by the Japanese Fisherman's Assn. as being the property of Chokichi NISHIMURA. This vessel was released to the licensed owner, the B.C. Packers Ltd., on Feb. 27/42. There is no record of the above having any equity in this vessel. Full details are given on Specified Articles Summary on file.

LIFE
INSURANCE:

At the request of the above the following assessments were paid on his behalf to the Canadian Mutual Benefit Assn. from his credit with this office:

Sept. 15/45	\$7.20
Nov. 3/45	4.80
	<u>\$12.00</u>

This leaves his balance with the Custodian at \$6.30, and a cheque for this sum is now being sent and his file closed.

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

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

July 6/46

RBM:LBM

R. B. Mackenzie
R. B. Mackenzie

NAME NISHIMURA, Chokichi

REGISTRATION NO. 04400

FILE NO. 1187

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Stevenson, B.C. on January 14, 1944.

Walnut Vaneer dresser & mirror

\$ 24.50

Total

Less Expenses

(Auctioneer's Fee: \$2.45
Advertising: 1.05
Moving: 2.70

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 24.50
\$ 6.20
\$ 18.30

Members of Custodian Staff Present Mr. C.C. Robinson

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Stevenson 3.

Remarks.

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: June 8, 1944

Name: NISHIMURA, Chokichi

Reg. No. 04401

File: 1187

Boat File No.: JFVDC 643

Name of Vessel: "M.N. 1200" 30'x7'x3' (1931) Vivian 15 HP

Lic. or Reg. No.: New Westminster 1993

Naval No.: NW.100-E

Owner's Valuation: \$1,400.00

JFVDC Valuation: 489.00 Survey #626 NW

Custodian Valuation: None

Date of Sale: May 27, 1942

Purchaser: Canadian Fishing Company Ltd.

Signature on Sales Papers: Copy unsigned (*Vender Chokichi Nishimura*)
GM

Selling Price: \$600.00

Paid to JFVDC ~~on condition~~: 600.00

Supervision Costs: 8.50
\$50.00 paid to Canadian Fishing Co. Ltd. (no explanation
on file)

Balance due Owner: 541.50

Paid to: C. Nishimura, per U. Sakamoto, June 11, 1942

Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster

Claims Against Canadian Govt.:

Repairs: Star Shipyard Job 74 - \$429.07 (Paid)

The following equipment was supplied with boat: Battery, water pump, anchor, and generator. These had been missing from boat when surveyed, and were supplied from naval store.

Additional Information:

GM on loan
This vessel was
reused in the name
of Chokichi Nishimura

Reviewed
Dec 17, 1945

GM

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: June 8, 1944

Name: NISHIMURA, Chokichi

Reg. No. 04401

File: 1187

Boat File No.: Released Vessels JFVDC

Name of Vessel: "C.N.", 29'6"x83"x3' (1931) Vivian 8 HP

Lic. or Reg. No.: Vancouver 5805

Naval No.: NW.077-E ~~NAVAL NO. ISSUED TO MASAKI KARIYA~~

Owner's Valuation: \$900.00

JFVDC Valuation: None

Custodian Valuation: None

Date of Sale: No sale

Purchaser:

This vessel was released to the licensed owners, British Columbia Packers Ltd. on February 27, 1942.

Signature on Sales Papers:

Selling Price:

Paid to JFVDC or Custodian:

Supervision Costs:

Balance due Owner:

Paid to:

*This vessel was reported to the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee by the Japanese Fisheries representatives as being owned and licensed in the name of Chokichi Nishimura.
Dm!*

Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster

Claims Against Canadian Govt.:

Repairs & Loss Claim 298-B.C. Packers Ltd. \$92.89 (Paid)

Additional Information:

The owner's name is shown on naval list as T. Kariya.

~~NAVAL NO. ISSUED TO MASAKI KARIYA~~
NAVAL NO. ISSUED TO TATSUORO KARIYA

J. Watson

*Amended
Dec 17/46
Dm!*

02442

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IN THE MATTER OF a Commission to Investigate Claims of Japanese Canadians for Property Losses.

TO: The Commissioner,
Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Pursuant to the notice issued on the 26th day of September, 1947, I submit the following claim:

(1) NAME Nishimura Chokichi (RCMP) Reg. No. 94901
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address P.C. Box 150, Steveston, B.C.

(3) Present Address Greenwood, B.C.

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) _____

City or Municipality, _____

Province _____

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.) _____

(c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):

(i) ~~Farm~~

(ii) ~~Residence~~

Type of business _____

(iii) ~~Business~~

(iv) Any other type of property (describe) _____

(d) What was your interest in the property (e.g., sole owner, life tenant, joint tenant, owner of one half or one third interest, leasehold, etc.) _____

(e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):

(i) ~~Land~~ - - - - - \$ _____

(ii) ~~Buildings~~ - - - - - \$ _____

(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable) - - - - - \$ _____

(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - - - - - \$ _____

(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - - \$ 556.30

(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - \$ _____

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation _____

Not left at Imperial Cannery, Bureaux & furniture, Green St. Red Catholic

(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.) _____

Cannery not house, Mr. R. Mori's residence and Catholic Mission.

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation Unpacked.

(over)

Name of Vessel (船名)	M. N.	Official Number (登記番號)	NW 1903	Naval Control Number (海軍省人番號)	NW 100 E
Port of Registry (登記港名)	New Westminster	Date of Registry (登記期日)			
Length (長さ)	30'	Width (幅)	7'	Depth (深さ)	3'
Make of Engine (Present) (機名) (現在ノ)	Vivian	Date When Re-Installed (若シ入替ヘタ場合ハ其ノ期日)			
Horse Power (馬力)	15	Knot (Speed) (速力)			
When Hull Built (船体建造期日)	1931	When Hull Rebuilt (若シ改造ノ場合ハ其ノ期日)			
Type of Vessel: (船ノ型)	Seiner ☐	Packer ☐	Gill-Netter ☒	Troller ☐	Trawler ☐
	セイナー	パツカー	ギルネット	トロラー	底引キ
Formerly Used as (従来ノ用途)		Value (Replacement) (船價) (建造スル場合)			
Date When Surveyed Last (最近ノサーベイサレタル期日)		Value (Present) (船價) (現在ノ)			
Pace of Operation (使用區域)	Fraser River	Value (Insured) (船價) (保險ヲ附スル場合)			
Charter Rate: 1940 (賃船料金率)	1941	Chartered To: 1940 (傭船先)	1941		
Amount of Mortgage, If Any (抵當額ノ金額)		Mortgaged To: (抵當權者入先)			
Registered Owner's Name (登録船主名)	Nishimura, Chokichi	Actual Owner's Name (現實所有者名)	Nishimura, Chokichi		
ADDRESS (住所)	Steveston, B. C.	ADDRESS (住所)	Steveston, B. C.		

© Please refer to "Certificate" of British Registry in filling this blank; special attention is required in cases of "Length" "Width" and "Depth"
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JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Committee:
THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE SIDNEY SMITH
CHAIRMAN
COMMANDER B. L. JOHNSON, D.S.O., R.C.N.R.
KISHIZO KIMURA
A. E. McMASTER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

1528 MARINE BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

May 27th, 1942.

Wm Anderson

*John
C. Kishimura*

To Custodian of Japanese Fishing Vessels:

This will be your authority to release the
Fishing Vessel "M.N." NW 100E
Official No. NW 1993
to her owner THE CANADIAN FISHING COMPANY LIMITED.

The receipt on this page should be signed
by the new owner and the original retained by you.
Duplicate to be returned to this office.

A. E. McMaster

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the
Fishing Vessel "M.N."
Official No. NW 1993 NW 100E

*Carl Gust C
Ow S. Lurie*

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

June 11th 1942

\$541⁵⁰

RECEIVED from the JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

the sum of Five hundred and Forty-one ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ DOLLARS

on account of sale of Vessel "M. No. NW 1993" Holis 643

ck# 727-6/11
Lj 643 - CB 48

C. Nishimura
Yasakamoto

filled Correct

[Signature]

the sum payable to "C. Nishimura"

Vancouver B.C. Dec 1915 No. 107

Received of Japanese Fishing Vessel *Sipowad* owner
Kifto DEC 1915 $\frac{xy}{100}$ Dollars

Re *K. Nishimura* Boat "M. N." for Gulf of Georgia, Cuy
June 17/1881

\$50⁰⁰/₁₀₀

THE CANADIAN FISHING COMPANY LIMITED

Per *[Signature]*

GREENWOOD
Name of Owner: NISHIMURA, CHOKICHI
Registration No.: 04401
Address: GREENWOOD, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JAN 30 1943
File No. <u>1187</u>
Ans. <u>6/8</u>
Referred

FISHING NET INVENTORY

1. Place of Storage IMPERIAL CANNERY, STEVESTON, B.C.
(a) In whose care MR. CHARLES (GROSBY) Gillis
(b) Whereabouts of key (if any) _____

2. Description of nets as follows:

Type	Mesh	Ply	Mesher Depth	Fathom Length	Valuation	Any other marks of identification
SOCKEYE NET	5 7/8	4	50	300	\$100.00	C. NISHIMURA
"	5 1/4	5	50	200	\$75.00	C. NISHIMURA
						Morecord of some on C.C.R. inventory
						44 four dollars 2 nets in house some?

N. B. Please do not exaggerate fathom length or valuation, as this will only make it harder to identify your nets, and to credit any money received from their sale to their rightful owners.

Handwritten note: Memo of Apr 11/46 states that B.C. Packers
pd Nishimura \$160.00 does - may
have covered their net.

MEMORANDUM

Files 21157
21172

July 7, 1943.

TO: Mr. G. G. Robinson
FROM: Mr. R. B. Mackenzie.

Re: Mr. & Mrs. Chokichi NISHIMURA

The Japanese' chattels were left at a house on
Moncton Street. It is two doors left from the Royal Bank
of Canada and on the right, next door to Mr. Martin, tinmith.
With this information you will please let us know if the
chattels can be located. The following is the list of effects
declared by:-

Mr. Chokichi NISHIMURA:

- 1 Stove
- 3 Beds
- 10 Chairs
- 3 Tables
- Kitchen utensils
- 2 Bockeye nets

Mrs. Chokichi NISHIMURA:

- ~~1 Chiffonier C.~~
- 1 Trunk
- 1 Singer Sewing machine - *Inten Lybke Merson*
- 1 Typewriter
- Kitchenware
- Kitchen utensils
- 3 Beds with spring and mattress
- 5 Homemade satin cushions, in box (shipped)

RBK/MFP

S. Sold by Auction 14/7/44-

Stevenson 3.

File No. 1187
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Steveston, B.C.

July 13, 1943.

MEMORANDUM

To: R.B. Mackenzie

From: C.C. Robinson

SEARCHED SECTION
DATE JUL 14 1943
FILED
17/7/43
Referred

Re: Mr. & Mrs. C. NISHIMURA

Investigation of this case reveals that the house in question belongs to the B.C. Packers Limited. Mr. Kitchener of B.C. Packers states that no chattels were left there by the above. In the loft of Mr. Martin's shop next door, however, there are a few chairs which evidently belong to these Japanese but nothing else was located.

"C.C. Robinson"

CCR:VCD

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4172

July 17, 1943.

Mr. & Mrs. Chokichi NISHIMURA,
Reg. Nos. 04401 & 04325,
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Sir & Madam:

Re: Chattels.

In response to your letter of June 21st, a copy of which we sent to our Steveston representative for attention, we have today received a reply, copy of which we enclose herewith.

May we please have your comments as to the whereabouts of your goods. Did you take them with you when you were evacuated?

Your immediate reply will oblige.

Yours truly,

R. B. Mackenzie.
Protection Department.

RBM/WFP
Enc.

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November 23rd, 1943.

Mr. & Mrs. Chokichi NISHIMURA,
Registration Nos. 04401, 04325,
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Sir and Madam:

Not having received a reply from you
to our letter of July 17th, 1943, we must now
assume that you have taken all your chattels
with you or otherwise disposed of them and that
you have nothing left in the Protected Area for
which the Custodian need care.

Yours truly,

R. B. Mackenzie,
Protection Department.

RBM/HMS

NISHIMURA, Chokichi,
Registration No. 04401,
File No. 1187.

January 31, 1944.

NET STATEMENT

<u>Cust. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
1404	anchor	\$ 2.00
1406	anchor	2.00
1407	galley stove shell	.50
1409	lead mould	1.00
1410	dogfish gear	15.00
1412	rope	1.40
1412	pr. sweep oars	1.50
1416	lantern & corks	3.00
1417	12 lbs. cotton rope	<u>1.80</u>
TOTAL SALES.....		\$28.20

UNACCOUNTED FOR

not found by us

4 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 50 - 300 \$100.00

5 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 50 - 200 75.00

(Ex Imperial Cannery Cold Storage Building)

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EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd APR 11 1944
File No. 1187
Referred *MacKedie*

G-165-B

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION
CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Address:

Date: April 6, 1944

Greenwood, B.C.

To: The Secretary of State, acting in his
capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.

I, NISHIMURA, Chokichi, Police Registration No. 04401

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted articles stored at
139 Garry Road, Steveston, B.C.

in possession of Custodian

and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to such
articles, and ship same through the B.C. Security Commission.

Description of articles wanted:

1 box cushions

shipped May 1/44 (same as requested 7/2/45)

Original Address: Monaton St., Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated to Present Address: May 2, 1942

Total Number in Family: 4

CHARGES:

I agree to pay all charges as required by the British
Columbia Security Commission.

Deposit received: Two letters dated Feb. 24 & Mar. 15/44 written by Mr. Mastavish,
\$10.00 in care of Mr. H. D. MacDonald. to Mr. M.L. Brown.

Approved:

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per:

[Signature]
[Signature]

[Signature]
(Claimant Signs Here)

Vancouver, B.C., April 10th, 1944.

Mr. G.M. Harris, Custodian Agent, Steveston, B.C.

Custodian of Alien Property, 505 Royal Bank Bldg., Vancouver, B.C.

This box of cushions has been ordered before. Please make further efforts to locate
and deliver them to us for shipment. We have a \$10.00 deposit.

B.C. SECURITY COMMISSION

CWF:FF

[Signature]
C.W. Fisher - Transportation

April 15th, 1944

The B. C. Security Commission,
The Dick Building,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Chokichi NISHIMURA--Reg. No. 04401

Thank you for yours of March 1st. We have provisionally credited \$28.20 to the account of the above Japanese being the proceeds of sale of fishing gear as per attached list which perhaps you will kindly forward to him. This was found tagged with the name of "Nishimura" in the Imperial Cannery Cold Storage Building. His is a common name but if he confirms ownership of these articles, we will make the proceeds available to him.

We have reason to believe that the nets shown as unaccounted for were disposed of by him prior to evacuation.

The dresser has not been sold nor have we any record of ever having received it. This Japanese doubtless assumed that the sum of \$28.20 represents the proceeds of its sale. He will, however, recall that on July 17th last year, we reported being unable to find any of his belongings. Neither this nor a subsequent letter of November 23rd brought any reply.

We have, however, found two boxes belonging to him stored at 139 Garry Street and understand that these are all ready for shipment and will be going ahead very soon.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IF
Enc.

file
File 1187

MEMORANDUM

May 17, 1944.

To: The File

From: Mr. Mackenzie

Re: NISHIMURA, Chokichi - Reg. 04401

The following goods were handed to the B.C. Security
Commission on May 11th, for shipment to the above:

1 Ctn. Effects

RBM/GM

DEPARTMENT OF
LABOUR



CANADA

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd MAY 15 1944

File No. 1187

Ans. H. J. R. R. M.

Referred M. Keddie

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.,
May 13th, 1944.

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

Re: NISHIMURA, Chokichi #04401

On May 11th we shipped a carton of cushions and dishes on Custodian Releases from above of April 6th and February 7th. The bureau and mirror were not shipped as you stated they had been sold, although NISHIMURA claims that young KONISHI saw them when he was in Steveston.

No, we never
so stated -
for record of
12/11/44

In letter of May 4th, referring to your letter of April 15th, file #1187, our Supervisor writes that NISHIMURA states that the articles listed by you were his property, and therefore the \$28.20 should be to his credit, and he wishes this sum remitted to him.

In this same letter he asks that the bureau be traced also and forwarded. We presume that no action will be taken toward this end even if it is found, in view of the recently adopted policy of not shipping such goods.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

CWF:FF
c.c. Gen. Files

C.W. Fisher
C.W. Fisher
Transportation

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GREENWOOD, B.C.
July 13th 1944

Mr M.L.Brown
Office Manager,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re Chokichi NISHIMURA #04401

The above named has received a letter dated May 16 under file #1187 from Mr R.B.Mackedie of the Custodian's office in regard to the proceeds of certain articles formerly stored at 139 Gary St, Steveston.

Mr Mackedie asks for the description of certain articles of which, apparently, there were several of a similar kind at the above address, and Nishimura informs us that the bureau referred to was of the usual type, except that the mirror was oval shaped and walnut finished. The description is rather meagre but we trust will be sufficient to indentify the articles.

We presume that these articles have already been auctioned but Nishimura requests us to inform Mr Mackedie that he ought to receive about \$40.00 for these articles and that he wishes the contents of the bureau forwarded to him. He also wishes to know what is being done about the beds stored by him at the Catholic Mission.

(sgd) D. Mactavish
Supervisor.

August 21st, 1944.

The B. C. Security Commission,
The Dick Building,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Chokichi NISHIMURA--Reg. No. 0A401

Answering yours of July 17th enclosing copy of
letter from your Greenwood Supervisor, we sold at auction on
January 14th, a dresser and mirror belonging to the above.

Net Amount Realized:	\$24.50
Less Expenses:	<u>6.20</u>

Net Credited:	<u>\$18.30</u>
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Referring to the beds which the above states were
stored by him at the Catholic Mission, neither his file nor
that of his wife declared anything stored there. On February
4th, we moved one bed from the Catholic Mission which the
Mother Superior at Greenwood informed us belonged to Miss Anita
Shizue Nishimura, a daughter of the above. This has been sold
for the net amount of \$6.38, the proceeds being credited to her
account.

If there are any more beds stored there, the Cas-
todian has no objection to the above making his own arrange-
ments with Father Kenny who is the Priest in charge of the Cath-
olic Mission at Steveston, to have the beds sent to him at his
own expense.

Yours truly,

R. B. Mackenzie
Protection Department

RBM:LF

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December 28th, 1945.

Mr. & Mrs. Chokichi NISHIMURA,
Reg. Nos. 04401 & 04325,
GREENWOOD, B.C.

Dear Sir & Madam:

On January 18th, 1944, we removed from the Catholic Mission at Steveston, 1 complete bed and spring, tagged with the name of "Shisue NISHIMURA". This bed was sold for the net amount of \$6.36 and the proceeds were credited to her account.

As this young girl is your daughter and did not declare any property in the protected area, will you please let us know if she is entitled to receive this amount. You both declared three beds and other goods when you made your declaration to the Custodian in April 1942. Would the bed and spring referred to above be one of the beds declared by either one of you?

We might mention that we have had no reply from you to our letters of July 17th and November 23rd, 1943.

Will you kindly let us have a prompt reply to this letter so that we may know who is entitled to the \$6.36 at present credited to the account of Shisue NISHIMURA.

Yours truly,

H. B. Mackenzie
Protection Department

RBW:LBM

File No. 1187
4172

EV. CUST. SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 11 1946
File No.	1187, 4172
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Tracy</i>

Building No. 8,
Greenwood, B. C.
January 10, 1946.

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

Dear Sir:

From your letter of December 28th, 1945,
we have noted that our one complete bed and
spring has been removed from Catholic Mission
at Steveston has been sold for the net amount
of \$6.38.

The above goods was tagged under my
daughter's name "Shizue Nishimura." I'll be
greatly appreciated if you could send the
credit balance of \$6.38 to my daughter.

Hopeing that the above information will
be clear.

Yours very truly,

Chokichi Nishimura
Chokichi Nishimura
#04401

File No. 1157

March 15th, 1946.

Re: Chokichi NISHIMURA
Reg. No. 04401

The following table is extracted from record books received from the B.C. Packers Co., covering their IMPERIAL CANNERY (K. SAIMOTO) net house. The Japanese Fish Collectors were instructed to have the Japanese fishermen enter in these record books the nets which were left by them in the company net houses.

The original record books are in the hands of Mr. F.G. Shears, Director.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Value</u>
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 150 fathoms 50 mesh 4 ply	\$ 50.00
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 150 " 50 " 8-6 "	50.00
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 200 " 50 " 5 "	50.00
 Cork Line -- 150 fathoms	
150 "	\$ 20.00
200 "	20.00
150 "	30.00
	20.00
 Lead Line -- 150 fathoms	
150 "	\$ 25.00
200 "	25.00
150 "	35.00
	25.00

Reported on March 28th, 1942
by C. Nishimura.

/is

Lawrence

File No. 1187

March 14, 1946.

Re: Chokichi NISHIMURA
Reg. No. 04401

The following table is an extract from the record books received from the British Columbia Packers Co., Ltd., covering their Imperial Cannery Net House. The Japanese fish collectors were instructed to have the Japanese fishermen enter into these record books the nets which were left by them in the company net houses.

The original record books are in the hands of Mr. F. G. Sherars,
The Director.

No.	Fly.	Inch.	Deep.	Fathom.	Value.	
1	4/40	5 $\frac{7}{8}$	50	300	50.00 no line)	Barbour Nets
2	6/80	5 $\frac{7}{8}$	50	300	50.00 no line)	
3	4/40	5 $\frac{7}{8}$	50	400	50.00 no line)	
4	one line C4L Soekeye net			150 fa.	45.00	
5	one line C4L Soekeye net			150 fa.	45.00	
6	one line C4L Soekeye net			200 fa.	50.00	
7	one line C4L Spring net			200 fa.	50.00	

W. Carter

File No. 1187

April 11, 1946

Re: Chokichi NISHIMURA
Reg. No. 04401

At the request of the Custodian, The B. C. Packers forwarded a letter to this office, dated April 4, 1946, stating money paid direct to individual Japanese fishermen for fishing equipment that cannot be identified.

C. NISHIMURA

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160.00

W. Carter

27th March, 1951.

Mr. Chokichi NISHIMURA,
Regn. No. 04401,
Greenwood, B.C.

Dear Sir:

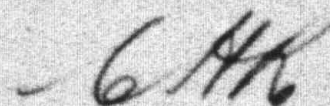
Distribution is now being made from the assets
of the River Fish Company at the rate of \$33.98 per share.
You were the holder of 5 shares and payment to you is as
follows:

5 shares	\$169.89
Less previously advanced	<u>100.00</u>
	\$ 69.89

Custodian cheque for this amount is attached
hereto.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,



C.H. Reed,
Office of the Custodian.

CHR:HA
Encl.

Greenwood, B.C.
April 9, 1951.

Office of the Custodian,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	APR 11 1951
File No.	1187
Ans.	<i>[Signature]</i>
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Dear Sir:

This is to notify you that I have
received your cheque few days ago.

Thanking you for your kindness.

Yours truly,

Chokichi Nishimura
Seiroku Shiozaki

IN THE MATTER OF THE INQUIRIES ACT
PART 1. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927. CHAPTER 99

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E
 (HIS HONOUR, JUDGE M.M. COLQUHOUN, SUB-COMMISSIONER)

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Grand Forks, B.C.,
 June 3, 1948

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
CHOKICHI NISHIMURA

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

20 APPEARANCES:

HAROLD W. McINNES, Esq.,

appearing for the
 Dominion Government.

A.E. COBUS, Esq.,

appearing for the
 Claimant.

L.A. DODD, Esq.,

Secretary to Grand
 Forks Sub-Commission

G.N.R. UPTON, Esq.,

Official Interpreter

G. HAMBLETON, Esq.,

Official Reporter

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MR. COBUS: The claim, your honour, of Chokichi Nishimura, which is No. 69 on the Secretary's list, and which will become Case No. 511, Mr. Secretary.

THE SECRETARY: 511, yes.

MR. COBUS: I am calling Mrs. Nishimura.

(MRS) HAN NISHIMURA, a witness called on behalf of the claimant herein, being first duly sworn testified through the official interpreter as follows:

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DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. COBUS:

Q: Witness, you are the wife of Chokichi Nishimura, is that correct? A: Yes.

Q: And your name is Han Nishimura?

A: Yes.

MR. McINNES: What is it, again?

MR. COBUS: Han. H-a-n.

MR. McINNES: The wife?

20 MR. COBUS: The wife.

I would ask leave, your honour, to amend the claim by striking out, if you would, the figure and the words typed in 4 (e) "Boat and 1 Bed, \$556.30." That was improperly entered on the front of the sheet.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. COBUS: If you would just eliminate that, your honour. On the reverse side of the claim with respect to the personal property which is the subject of the claim, we are abandoning item 1,

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the fishing boat, subject to the Terms of Reference being broadened. That eliminates that \$1200.00 item. The remaining two items are unchanged. The total, therefore, is \$250.00. The credit to the Custodian for the sale of the bureau — this is the only credit — is \$24.50. That leaves a net claim of \$225.50.

Q: Witness, I produce to you a statement concerning the personal chattels for which you are claiming.

10 Did you instruct Mr. Leckie to prepare this statement and is that your signature?

A: Yes.

Q: Are the statements contained therein true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A: Yes.

Q: Have you discussed this matter of the claim with your husband?

A: Yes.

Q: And have you any knowledge on your own part of the matters relating to this claim?

20 A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: I ask to file the personal chattels statement as one exhibit, your honour.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. COBUS: The statement is complete in itself in that it lists all of the items with details as to each item claimed. The total shown under estimated value at the date of evacuation is \$250.00.

With respect to the storage of the goods, the witness says, with the exception of the bureau which was left at 139 Garry Avenue, Steveston,

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the other household articles claimed were left at their house on Moncton Street, Box 150, Steveston. The net being claimed, and the other net declared by her husband but not claimed, were declared in her husband's J.P. form as left at their house. This, the witness says, was stated in error. The nets were left in the Imperial Cannery Net House, Steveston, and in January, 1943, she says her husband completed a net form so advising which was forwarded to the Custodian. The comment she makes with respect to the goods that are claimed is that depreciation has been allowed on all items, and she says that she has full knowledge as to the items claimed and the facts set out in her statement, and that she is representing her husband with respect to this claim.

Would my learned friend produce the Analysis of Personal Property Claim?

(Handed to Mr. Cobus)

MR. COBUS: I would ask to file the Analysis of Personal Claim, produced from the Custodian's file, on behalf of the Crown.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

MR. COBUS: Your witness.

MR. McINNES: It will be submitted, your honour, as to the goods which came into the custody of the Custodian, that the same were sold for their fair market value. It will be further submitted that the nets, particularly, did not come into our

H. Nishimura
Cross exam

custody and therefore do not come within the
Terms of Reference.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. McINNES:

Q: Witness, did you receive or did your husband
receive in May of 1944 a cheque for \$25.20?

A: Yes.

Q: That was for fishing gear?

A: Yes.

10 Q: Now, I am instructed, Mrs. Nishimura, that you
received \$160.00 -- at least, when I say "you"
I refer to your husband -- from the B.C. Packers
for nets. A: I have not received that.

Q: Well, when you say "you" have not received it,
did your husband receive it?

A: No. I did not receive this from the B.C. Packers.

MR. McINNES: May it please your honour, I see no
good purpose to be served by pursuing the cross-
examination of this witness. Obviously she might
20 not be able to answer all the questions I want
to ask, because the cheque would be payable to
her husband. I simply want it noted on the re-
cord, to give my friend notice, that the file re-
veals that the B.C. Packers claim to have sent
direct to this individual Japanese fisherman,
that is, Chokichi Nishimura, \$160.00. I take it
it would be on the 1st of May, 1942.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. McINNES: That is all.

30 MR. COBUS: Your honour, I would like to pursue the

question of the \$160.00. I want it clear on the record. I think the witness has a right to answer the question.

THE COMMISSIONER: Very well.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. COBUS:

Q: Now, witness, listen to this question carefully. Did you, yourself, or your husband receive a cheque from the B.C. Packers for the sum of \$160.00 at any time?

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A: No.

MR. COBUS: No further questions, your honour.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right, that is all, thank you.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings herein.

Gordon Hambleton
G. Hambleton
Official Reporter

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I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript purports to be an accurate record of the evidence adduced before me.

M.M. Colquhoun
Sub-Commissioner

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Sub-Commission

DEFENCE BRIEF

Chokichi NISHIMURA
(Per Mrs. Han Nishimura)

File No. 1187

Case No. 311

Chattels
Grand Forks, B.C.
June 3, 1948.

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

Chattel Claim

\$250.00

Sold

\$24.50

Note - Claim amended - See p. 2, 3 Transcript.

(a) Chattels valued at \$30.00 sold by auction for \$24.50.

This item is a Walnut Veneer dresser & mirror.

Mr. C.C. Robinson attended auction.

(b) Chattels valued at \$230.00.

Declared, not found.

2 Double steel beds	35.00
1 Kitchen stove	30.00
1 Single steel bed	10.00
10 Dining Room chairs	20.00
1 Small table	5.00
1 Dining table)	
1 Kitchen table)	20.00
1 Sockeye net	
5 $\frac{7}{8}$ - 4/50 - 300 fa.	100.00
	<u>\$230.00</u>

Claimant asserts (Ex.1) that the household articles claimed were left at their house on Moncton Street, Steveston. The net was left at the Imperial Cannery Net House at Steveston.

Defence Submission - (p.4)

That the goods which came into the custody of the Custodian, that the same were sold for their fair market value. That the nets, particularly, did not come into our custody and therefore, do not come within the terms of reference.

There is no information in either the master file or the claim file that clears up the mystery of the disposition of these lost chattels.

There is a memorandum in the file dated 11 April 1946 which states "At the request of the Custodian, the B.C. Packers forwarded a letter to this office, dated April 4, 1946, stating money paid direct to individual Japanese fishermen for fishing equipment -
THAT CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED -
"C. NISHIMURA 1 - 5 - 42 J.U.34 \$160.00"

Claimant's wife denies that either she or her husband received the money - see p.5 transcript.

Accordingly, the cancelled cheque should be obtained from B.C. Packers and entered as an exhibit.

It is very probable that the net claimed was sold in this batch of nets for most of the claimant's other nets were sold by the Custodian - see memorandum re: personal property (red border) dated July 6, 1946.

No chattels were found in claimant's house. Letters were sent to the claimant asking the whereabouts of his chattels but he did not reply - see letters in file dated July 17, 1943; Nov. 23, 1943. Note particularly letter dated Nov. 23/43.

"Not having received a reply from you to our letter of July 17, 1943, we must now assume that you have taken all your chattels with you or otherwise disposed of them and that you have nothing left in the protected area for which the Custodian need care."

R. B. Mackenzie of the Custodian Staff should be called to explain the situation with regard to claimant's chattels.

Summary of Defence Witnesses

C.C. Robinson

R. B. Mackenzie

Where required

1 (a)

1 (b)

JLG/mw

Name of Claimant

NISHIMURA, Chokichi

Case

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Custodian File

1187

REAL PROPERTY										
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village		Total	
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total		
PERSONAL PROPERTY										
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear								
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column			
NETS										
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing		Percentage Total Award to Total Claim		Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price	
						00 100.00			00 70.00	
MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS										
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
39.00	24.50	7.35	81.66%	120.00	98.00		105.35			
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										175.35

October 5th, 1950.

Mr. Chokichi NISHIMURA,
P. O. Box 648,
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission
Case No. 111

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, Release executed by yourself covering the award recommended under the above Commission, for the sum of \$175.35.

Cheque for \$165.21 is enclosed herein, and the sum of \$10.14 has been paid to the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians for legal fees as authorized.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FCS/js
1 encl.