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**OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION**

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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 INFORMATIONNAME: OKANO YoshihiroHOME ADDRESS: Imperial Cannery, Steveston B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 10805 SEX: Male AGE: 29OCCUPATION: Fisherman (formerly)

(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: B.C. Packers, Steveston B.C. *(Harmon)*MARRIED? noNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: noneADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: noneNAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: noneADDRESS OF CHILDREN: noneAGE OF CHILDREN: none**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) none4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) none

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

none6. 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: Living with Brother at the
Imperial Cannery, Steveston B.C.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: B.C. Packers, Steveston B.C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:
Rent Free
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:

See 16/12 Fishing Boat, Surrendered at Prince Rupert. B.C.

Boat Stove, Ropes, 1 Bed, Fishing Net all at the Mill Bay, Naas
River B.C. Carpenters Tools, in Custody of Mr M. Okano
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: Carpenter's tools will be left with Imperial Cannery if he cannot take same with him.

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 4th day of April 1942.

A. J. McManus

Witness

(Signature)

Yoshikida O. Kano

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE 31/5/43

Our File No. 1307

Full Name OKANO, Yoshihiro
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 10805

^V
Male - Female
(Check)

Age June 7/1912

Former Address Mill Bay, Naas River, B.C.

P.O. Box 72, Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated 21/4/42

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Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address Three Valley, B.C.

Giscombe, B. C. (Feb. 12/47)

^V
Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife _____

Name of Husband _____

^{nee}
Name of Mother (INABA) Mine #05558

Name of Father Sekiji (Dec'd)

Names of Children under 16 _____

Requested by V.C.D.

Registered with Custodian yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman. Owner of a Gasboat "Dandelion".

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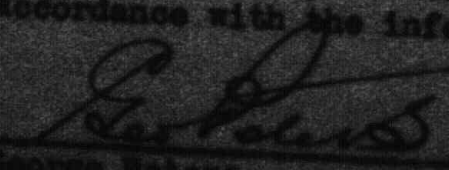
February 12th, 1947.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

Re: Yoshihiro OKANO
Registration No. 10805

There are no claims against the above-named
Japanese revealed on the file.

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


George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/1a

February 12, 1947.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: Yoshihiro OKANO

Registration No. 10805Chattels:

In his declaration of April 4, 1942, Yoshihiro OKANO claims to have left: boat stove
ropes
1 bed
fishing net

at Mill Bay, Naas River, B. C. There is no evidence of anything having been found at Mill Bay, by the Custodian's agents.

OKANO also declared carpenters tools in custody of one M. Okano at Steveston, B.C., and on this same declaration he states that the tools are to be left at the Imperial Cannery if he cannot take same with him.

A request was received from OKANO on June 30, 1943, for the shipment of carpenter tools stored at a shed on the Japanese United Church property. Some confusion was encountered, owing to OKANO's declaration, and on June 24, 1943, a diagram of the property was sent in by his uncle, Shoichi MATSUSHITA. The location was investigated by the Custodian and Mr. Robinson, Custodian's agent at Steveston, reports that the tool box was found, but was empty of tools. The house was broken into before the Custodian took over.

Specified
Articles:

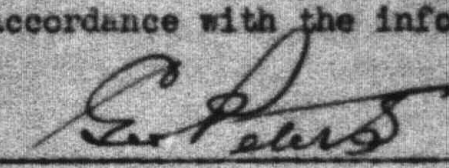
There are no cameras, radios, motor vehicles or fire arms revealed in the registration or the file.

Vessels:

In his declaration of April 4, 1942, OKANO declared a fishing boat surrendered at Prince Rupert, B. C. This was sold through the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee and the net amount of \$740.00 was paid direct to Yoshihiro OKANO on August 15, 1942.

No personal property interests other than those mentioned are revealed on the file.

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


George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: June 19, 1944
Name: OKANO, Yoshiro Reg. No. 10805 File: 1307
Boat File No.: JFVDC 738
Name of Vessel: "Dandelion", 29'x7'x3', Palmer 12 HP
676
Lic. or Reg. No.: ~~None~~ Prince Rupert 1212
Naval No.: None
Owner's Valuation: None
JFVDC Valuation: \$719.00 Survey #47 NW
Custodian Valuation: None
Date of Sale: June 19, 1942
Purchaser: British Columbia Packers Ltd.
Signature on Sales Papers: Yoshihiro Okano
Selling Price: \$750.00
Paid to JFVDC ~~or Custodian~~: 750.00
Supervision Costs: 10.00
Balance due Owner: 740.00
Paid to: Yoshihiro OKANO, 15/8/42
Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster
Claims Against Canadian Govt.:
None

Additional Information: The licence number shown, did not appear at any place in the boat file, apparently was not on the vessel. This licence, however, was issued to Y. Okano, for the M/V "Dandelion" at Port of Prince Rupert.

G. Maclean
Exh 13, 1947

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June 22nd, 1943.

Mr. Yoshihiro OKANO,
Registration No. 10803,
Unit No. 4,
Three Valley, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Applications for shipment of
effects to evacuated Japanese.

We have received your request for the
shipment of some of your effects to you.

Please note that this matter is being
cared for by the Security Commission. You should,
therefore, apply to them giving very exact particu-
lars of what you require, where it is located, and
place to which you wish it shipped.

If you are located near a Security Com-
mission Supervisor, you should secure from him three
copies of the standard Custodian Release Forms and
after filling them up, send them direct to the B. C.
Security Commission, Marine Building, Vancouver. If
you cannot secure these, a letter to the Security
Commission in Vancouver will be sufficient.

If the Security Commission see fit to
make shipment, they will contact us and we shall be
pleased to release the goods.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green,
Protection Department.

HFG:IF

MAI.

September 3, 1943.

Mr. Yoshihiro OKANO,
Registration No. 10805,
Three Valley, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Further to the Security Commission's letter of August 20th dealing with your stolen tools, we regret that this should have happened and feel that you are entitled to the following explanation.

On April 4th last year, you registered "carpenter tools in custody of Mr. M. Okano, Steveston" and stated "carpenter tools will be left with Imperial Cannery if not taken on evacuation".

We heard nothing further about these tools until February 8, 1943 when we received an unsigned statement asking for shipment of them from the attic of Mr. M. Okano's residence in the Imperial Cannery. This request was forwarded to our Steveston representative on February 15th, but we cannot trace that any action resulted.

On June 8th you wrote to us as follows, "I have left in the hands of the Custodian a box of carpenter tools marked with my full name and stored in the Japanese United Church at Steveston". This was referred to our Steveston agent again and at the same time our form letter, No. 107, sent to you instructing you to apply through the Security Commission.

On June 29th a letter was received from Mr. Shoichi Matsushita, being presumably your nephew, giving further particulars of the whereabouts of the tools and on July 8th a copy of the Custodian Release from you dated June 30th.

Further reference was made to our Steveston representative with the result that he reported as per Mr. Fisher's letter to you of July 9th.

From the above you will see that we have done our best to find your tools, although we do appear not to have kept you advised as frequently as we could have done. We are still not clear as to what was finally done with the



EVACUATION
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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Unit #4.

Date June 30, 1943

Lee Valley, B.C.

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

I, Yoshiko Okano, Police Registration No. 10805

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted property

stored at Steveston, B.C.

in possession of Japanese United Church, Stead.

and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to such property.

Description of Property:

Carpenter Tools One box only.

Original Address P.O. Box 72, Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated to Vancouver April 22, 1942.

Date Evacuated to Present Address April 23, 1942.

Number in Family - 12 years and over

Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old

Number in Family - under 5

TOTAL NUMBER IN FAMILY

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

APPROVED:

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per:

Yoshiko Okano
Claimant Signs Here

Encl. July 1/43

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd AUG 9 1943
File No. G-165-A

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Address Three Valley, B.C.
Unit No 4 (Japanese Camp)

Date

Referred Mackenzie
Aug 6 1943

EVACUATION SECTION
AUG 16 1943
File No. 1307

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

I, Yoshihiko Okano, Police Registration No. 0805

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted property

stored at Japanese United Church

in possession of At Steveston, B.C.

and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to such property.

Description of Property:

Carpenter tools (2 boxes) one large box
one small box, Japanese Carpenter tools

Original Address P.O. Box 72 Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated to Vancouver

Date Evacuated to Present Address April 22/1942

Number in Family - 12 years and over

Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old

Number in Family - under 5

TOTAL NUMBER IN FAMILY

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

APPROVED:
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per:

Yoshihiko Okano
Claimant Signs Here

CC Robinson Steveston
OK to ship if found See yours for 8th
Inspector Richmond to bill freight PPD
usual manner - advising BCSC
W. J. D. L.
Vancouver Aug 14 43