

2009

Victoria B.C.

FILE No. 2009

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: KUSUMI Yasugiro

HOME ADDRESS: 2721 Bridge St., Victoria, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 09952 SEX: Male AGE: 62

OCCUPATION: Unemployed

(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: -

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE ~~SUGIYAMA~~: HaruADDRESS OF WIFE ~~OR HUSBAND~~: 2721 Bridge St., Victoria, B.C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Yasutaka (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: 2721 Bridge St., Victoria, B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 15 yrs.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: -

3. 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: **2721 Bridge St., Victoria, B.C.**
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: **Mr. Miller - Metchesin, B.C.**
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:
rent
\$10.00/paid to end of March '42
4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: _____
5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid) _____
6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: _____

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS: _____
- 8 boxes of household goods at 2721 Bridge St., Victoria, B.C.**
1-C.C.M. bicycle
2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS _____
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) \$50.00 Victory Bond - \$ 5.00 War Savings Stamps in name of son (Yasutaka)
8. BANK ACCOUNTS: Few dollars in Bank of Montreal, Douglas & St. Yates, Victoria, B.C.
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 27 day of March 1942.

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Witness

(Signature)

Y. Kasumi

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date

Dec. 11/42

✓
Full Name

KUSUMI, Yasuhiro
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No.

09952

✓
Male - Female
(check)

Age

April 15, 1881

Former Address

2721 Bridge St. Victoria BC

Date Evacuated

28/9/42

✓
Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address

Slocan Extension, BC

✓
Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife ^{nee} (NAKAMURA) Haru #09973

Name of Husband

Name of Mother

Shino (Heid)

Name of Father

Kenemon (Heid)

Names of Children under 16

Yasutaka (M) April 15, 1927

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Registered with Custodian
(yes or no)

yes

Requested By

P. Hunter

Additional Information

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 2009

March 6, 1946.

Re: Yasuhiro KUSUMI, Reg. No. 09952

This file reveals no liabilities. File 2320, the file of this man's wife reveals no liabilities.

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

FM/MM

J. M. Harrison
March 6, 1946.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 2009

March 6, 1946.

Re: Yasujiro KUSUMI, Reg. No. 09952

This man signed a declaration to the Custodian on March 27, 1942. He was evacuated from the protected area on September 28, 1942.

In his declaration he reported 8 boxes of household goods at 2721 Bridge St., Victoria, B.C. This was his former residence. According to report received from H. G. Hinton, Custodian agent at Victoria, articles were removed from the former residence of this man on April 21, 1942, and on May 18, 1942. These were 8 boxes, cases and cartons, contents unknown, 2 trunks and 1 basket, contents unknown, 1 boiler filled with household effects, and 1 roll of carpet, roped, 1 rug, tied with string, 1 wardrobe and 1 watering can. The list of the articles stored at the Willows was sent to Mr. and Mrs. KUSUMI and this list was confirmed by these people on July 28, 1942. On December 18, 1942, the Custodian sold at auction the contents of tub and boxes, lot of dishes, etc., lot of glassware, etc., box of tools, etc., cupboard, carpet and kitchenware. The net proceeds from this sale amounted to \$39.92, which was credited to the account of Yasujiro KUSUMI. Since we do not know the contents of the various boxes, trunks and other containers and the auction sheet is rather vague it is impossible to judge whether all the chattels of this man have been accounted for.

KUSUMI declared 1 C.C.M. bicycle but he later informed this office that this bicycle had been sold by his son.

He declared one \$50.00 Victory Bond and \$5.00 in War Savings Stamps, the latter in the name of his son, Yasutaka, and a few dollars in the Bank of Montreal, Douglas & Yates, Victoria. None of these items came under the control of this office.

This file reveals no other property of any kind.

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

J. M. Hinton

March 6, 1946.

FM/MM

2009 & 2320

July 23, 1942.

Mr. Yasugiro KUSUMI, #09952,
and Mrs. Hara KUSUMI, #09973,
Hastings Park,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir and Madam:

Re Chattels, 2721 Bridge St., Victoria, B.C.

It has been reported to us by our agent that certain goods have been stored at the Willows, Victoria, B.C., under your names.

These goods appear to include all of those declared by both of you to the Custodian on the 27th day of March.

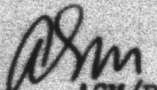
We enclose herewith a list in duplicate which we would ask you to confirm by signing both your names where indicated on the marked copy, at the same time stating, if correct, that these comprise all the chattels which you own in any restricted area of B. C.

We note that 1 C.C.M. bicycle was declared by Mr. Kusumi which our agent was unable to locate.

Please advise us concerning the disposition of the bicycle, sending your reply by return mail in the enclosed envelope.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green,
Manager, Protection Department


AGM/P.
Encl.

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INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS TRANSFERRED TO THE WILLOWS

Name: Y. KUSUMI

Reg. No: 09952

- 4 ✓ cases (contents unknown)
- 2 ✓ boxes (contents unknown)
- 1 ✓ wooden trunk (contents unknown)
- 1 roll carpet (roped)
- 1 rug (tied with string)
- 1 boiler filled with household effects
- 1 wardrobe *Acacia wood*
- 1 ✓ wood box (contents unknown)
- 1 ✓ carton (contents unknown)
- 1 ✓ small trunk (contents unknown)
- 1 ✓ basket (contents unknown)
- 1 watering can

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Files No. 2009
and 2320.

July 28, 1942,
Hastings Park.

Mr. H. F. Green,
Office of Custodian,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: YASUGIRO, #09952, and KUSUMI, Haru #09973

The above parties have confirmed the
list of chattels, and signed the list which is
returned herewith. As regards to the bicycle,
it was sold by his son in April 1942.

Yours truly,

Encl.
AW:

Geo. B. Spain.
Per: *E. Chaffley*

on 2320, q.v.

*this seems to close personal property
on this file*

NAME KUSUMI, Yasugiro

REGISTRATION NO. 09952

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The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Victoria, B. C. on December 18, 1944.

Contents of tub and boxes	\$ 3.00
Lot dishes etc.	26.00
Lot glassware etc.	13.00
Box tools etc.	2.00
Cupboard, carpet and kitchenware	7.00

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 5.10
(Advertising: 0.57
(Moving: 1.41

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$	51.00
\$	11.08
\$	39.92

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Victoria 1.

Remarks.

NEW DENVER, B.C.,
FEBRUARY 2, 1946.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN,
ARTICLES DEPT.,
JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION.

EVACUATION SECTION	
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DEAR SIR:

I WISH TO KNOW WHAT HAS BECOME
OF OUR BELONGINGS, (MR. YASUJIRO KUSUMI),
THAT WAS LEFT AT THE CUSTODIANS' WAREHOUSE,
WILLOW'S PARK, VICTORIA, B.C., IN APRIL 1942.

I WOULD BE VERY THANKFUL IF YOU WOULD
CONTACT — MR. Y. KUSUMI, NEW DENVER, B.C.,
AS TO ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE ARTICLES
LEFT IN CHARGE OF THE CUSTODIAN.

Yours truly,
Yasujiro Kusumi.

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March 6, 1946.

Department of Labour,
Japanese Division,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs

Re: Yasugiro KUSUMI Reg. No. 09952

We are today remitting to this man cheque for \$39.92 representing all the funds standing to his credit with this office.

All property of which this office has a record has been disposed of.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Protection Department.

New Denver, B. C.
April 3, 1946.

Mr. Matheson,
Protection Department.

EVACUATION SECTION	
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Ans.	
Referred	Matheson

Dear Sir:

I demand an explanation as to why you not only unlawfully sold our chattels but without our consent (And I thought we were living in a "Democratic country"!)

Among those goods which you unlawfully sold were included many articles amounting to great value and also were included many articles which we were holding as keepsake.

Since you only sent a fraction of the total value of the goods, I am very dissatisfied and I hope that you can do more than just send a thirty-nine dollar and ninety-two cents check (\$39.92) or at least return some articles or if that is impossible how about sending more money so as we can replace at least some of sold chattels.

Yours truly,
H. K. L. L.

June 3, 1946.

Mr. Yasuhiro KUSUMI,
Reg. No. 09952,
NEW DENVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter in regard to your chattels has been received. Your comments in connection with the sale of your effects have been carefully noted.

These chattels were sold in accordance with the Government's policy of liquidation. In view of the expense entailed in maintaining warehouses for the storage of chattels, it was not possible to store goods indefinitely. Sales of household effects were not commenced until over a year after the evacuation of the owners, when it was felt that the owners had obtained shipment of any articles they were likely to wish to have shipped.

Sales were made at public auction. This office has endeavored to obtain the best prices possible for articles sold. However, prices obtained for articles sold by any method are subject to the demand for such articles on the part of the buying public, and on the condition of the articles themselves. In many cases, articles have been offered for sale by this office on a number of occasions before any offers at all were obtained from buyers.

We regret that articles you valued as keepsakes have been sold. However, your goods were not sold until December, 1944, and it is felt that had you placed great sentimental value on any of your chattels you would have requested shipment of these before that date, especially as you must have been aware before that time of the fact that the Custodian was selling chattels.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Protection Department.

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