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Hastings Park
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: YAMASHITA, Shoichiro
HOME ADDRESS: 1529 Atlin Ave., Prince Rupert, B. C.
REGISTRATION NUMBER 10532 SEX: Male AGE: 46
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: Nelson Bros. Fisheries, Prince Rupert, B. C.

MARRIED? yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Hara

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: 1529 Atlin Ave., Prince Rupert, B. C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Shiro (M) Ayako (F) Junko (F)

Goro (M) Matsuo (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: 1529 Atlin Ave., Prince Rupert, B. C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 15, 14, 12, 11, 9.

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: 3 storey frame house at 1529 Atlin Ave., Prince Rupert, B. C.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: S. Fujimoto, B. C. Rooms, Jackson St., Vancouver, B. C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: No lease. \$10.00 per month, paid to March 31, 1942.
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:
- 2 trunks, 3 boxes and 1 tub stored with Lindsay's Cartage & Storage Co., Prince Rupert, B. C. marked with owner's name.
- Personal effects at Hastings Park, Vancouver, B. C.
- 1 shot gun and 1 rifle in custody of the police at Prince Rupert, 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: none5. 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)

Nelson Bros. Fisheries, Prince Rupert, B. C. \$99.81 (not assigned) *Pd*

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)

\$15.00 War Savings Certificates in owner's possession.8. BANK ACCOUNTS: none9. LIFE INSURANCE: none10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: none11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: none

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: none2. TRADE DEBTS: noneREMARKS: 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 25th day of March 1942

(Signature)

*Shoichiro Yamashita**[Signature]*
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Sept. 17/43

File No. 2132

Full Name YAMASHITA, Shoichiro
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 10532

V
Male - Female
(Check)

Age Oct. 20/1896

Former Address 522 Fulton St., Prince Rupert, B.C.

Date Evacuated 4/5/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address Sloean, B.C.

20/7/46: c/o Mr. J. Leiden, Vineland Station,
Ontario

Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife Haru #10533

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother _____

Name of Father Deceased

Names of Children under 16 Shiro(M) Aug. 11/26; Goro(M) July 31/30;

Ayako(F) Sept. 27/27; Junko(F) June 9/29; Mutsuo(M) Aug. 8/32

Requested by E.C.T.

Registered with Custodian
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman, Gasboat "A.K." Formerly used name of
KISHIMOTO, but later reverted to own family name, YAMASHITA.

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REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Cat. No. (Direct Sale)

File No. 2132.

Name: Shoichiro YAMASHITA.

Reg. No. 10532.

Address: Prince Rupert, B. C.

Legal Description: Lot 5, Block 7, Section 2, City of Prince Rupert, Map 923.

Classification: Dwelling.

Registered in the name of: TORANOSUK FUJIMOTO.

State of Title (No. 10296-I): Clear. Received from Collart & McCaffery: July 22/42.

Sold to: MRS. THEOPHINE ELMER for \$535.00 (see "Administration" below).

As at: June 1st, 1942.

Title delivered to Purchaser: Completed Deed sent Oct. 9/42 to Prince Rupert Agents for delivery to Purchaser against payment (received Oct. 28/42).

Net proceeds (\$494.90) credited to a Joint Account in the names of Shoichiro YAMASHITA and Toranosuke FUJIMOTO (Files 2132 & 4670) on November 3rd, 1942, and subsequently transferred to the Personal Accounts of Shoichiro YAMASHITA (File 2132) and Toranosuke FUJIMOTO (Int. 935) in the sums of \$189.90 and \$209.00 respectively.

Completed sales statement to evacuee sent on: May 7th, 1943.

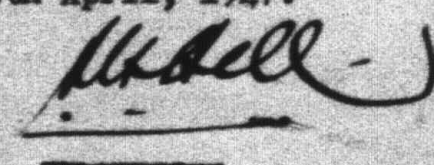
Chattels: Not involved.

Insurance: None.

Administration: This property was sold by the registered owner, Toranosuke FUJIMOTO (Int. 935, formerly Evac. File 4670), for \$535.00, of which the purchaser, Shoichiro YAMASHITA (File 2132), paid \$230.00 up to the time the Vendor left for Japan. The unpaid balance (\$305.00) was to have been paid to Collart & McCaffery Ltd., for account of Vendor's son, Saikichi FUJIMOTO (File 12087), these Agents holding a blank Deed of Land signed by Vendor. Purchaser being unable to complete the transaction the property was resold, for the same price, to Mrs. Theophine ELMER, unpaid Vendor (Toranosuke FUJIMOTO) receiving credit for balance due him (\$305.00) and original purchaser (Shoichiro YAMASHITA) credit for amount of his equity (\$230.00 less adjustments \$40.10 = \$189.90).

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

8th April, 1947.



INTERIM GENERAL SUMMARY

File 2132.

Shoichiro YAMASHITA.

Reg. No. 10532.

This 46-year old Fisherman from Prince Rupert, signed a Custodian "JP" declaration form on the 25th March, 1942. He was evacuated on the 4th May, 1942.

His wife, Hara (File 280), signed a Custodian "No Property" card on the 25th March, 1942. She was evacuated, presumably with her 5 children, on May 30th, 1942.

The following is a summary of the contents of this file as disclosed by a review made today.

Real Property: This evacuee declared no Real Property but his file shows him to have been the purchaser, under a verbal agreement, of the Prince Rupert property known as: Lot 5, Block 7, Section 2, Map 923, of which Toranosuke FUJIMOTO (Int. File 935) was the registered owner (see Oct. 25/42 and May 7/43).

Of the agreed price (\$535.00) \$230.00 was paid before the property was re-sold (also for \$535.00), of which \$305.00 went to son of Toranosuke FUJIMOTO, Saikichi FUJIMOTO (Int. 1396) and \$230.00 (less agent's commission \$26.75 and tax adjustment \$13.35) to Shoichiro YAMASHITA.

Personal Property: See Chattels Schedule (to follow) for particulars of chattels disclosed in this file.

Specified Articles: See Fishing Vessels Summary (Oct. 24/44) for particulars of F.V., "A. K." (mortgaged to Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd., and released to that Company—25th April, 1942—by Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee).

See Fishing Vessels Summary (Oct. 24/44) for particulars of second boat, the "S. Y.", which was sold (Jan. 6/42) by owner direct to Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd., who had a claim for \$400.19 on the vessel. Actual sale price is not disclosed in file.

Evacuee declared a Shotgun and a Rifle to be in the custody of police at Prince Rupert. No action has been taken by this office with regard to Fire arms—in custody of police. (See Specified Articles Summary (Oct. 24/44) on file).

Bills Receivable: This Evacuee declared the sum of \$99.81 owing to him by Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. but later (Aug. 12/43) wrote to this office to the effect that this claim was settled before he left the Protected Area.

Transportation expenses in connection with delivery of F.V., "A.K." was recovered from the Government, and credited to this account (Apr. 11/45) in the sum of \$50.25.

Bonds, Shares, etc.: Evacuee declared War Savings Certificates (\$15.00) to be in his possession, and they were so left by this office.

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Bank Accounts: None.

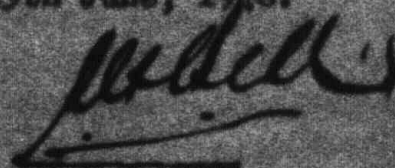
Life Insurance: None.

Liabilities: The only claim recorded in this file, \$156.44 account Hirokichi YAMAMAKA (File 9085) was paid by this office on August 19th, 1943.

Funds: There is a credit balance of \$50.25 in this account at the present time.

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

13th June, 1946.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. J. [unclear]", written over a horizontal line.

RGE/T.

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LIABILITIES SUMMARY

File 2132.

Shoichiro YAMASHITA.

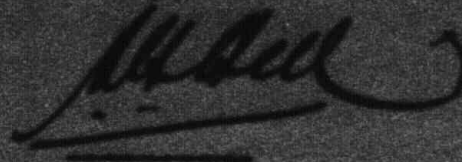
Reg. No. 10532.

\$156.44 Hirokichi YAMAWAKA (File 9085). Extract (Dec. 23/42).
Paid 19th August, 1943.

There are no other claims recorded in this file.

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

6th July, 1946.



RMB/P.

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CHATTELS SCHEDULE

File 2132.

Shoichiro YAMASHITA.

Reg. No. 10532.

Declared (Mar. 25/46)

Shipped

Sold

Stored

Remarks

(1) Trunks (2)
(2) Boxes (3)
(3) Tab

} Lindsay's Cartage
& Storage Co.,
} Prince Rupert.

*nothing
stored
16/9/46.*

E. & O. E.
6th JULY, 1946.

Michael

RGB/P.

MEMORANDUM: File 2132

October 24, 1944

Re: Shoichiro YAMASHITA. #10532

Statement of Personal Property on JP lists:

One Shotgun and One Rifle in custody
of police at Prince Rupert.

The Custodian has no record of the fire-arms in the
custody of the R.C.M.P. For the present no action is
being taken in regard to these articles.

*J. Macdonald
July 4, 1946*

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: October 24, 1944

Name: Shoichiro YAMASHITA

Reg. No. 10532

File: 2132

Boat File No.: JFVDC "Released Vessels"

Name of Vessel: "A.K."/"Rupert 17" 28'x8'x2'6" (1926) Easthope 10-14 HP

Lic. or Reg. No.: Prince Rupert 1742 (Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd.)

Naval No.: PR.021-B

Owner's Valuation: None

JFVDC Valuation: None

Custodian Valuation: None

Date of Sale:

Purchaser:

Signature on Sales Papers:

Selling Price:

Paid to JFVDC or Custodian:

Supervision Costs:

Balance due Owner:

Paid to:

Location of Boat at Sale:

Claims Against Canadian Govt.:

This vessel was mortgaged to Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd., and was released to that company on April 25, 1942.

There is no record of any payment to Yamashita by Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. in connection with this vessel.

Yamashita declared a debt owing to him by Nelson Bos. Fisheries Ltd. in the amount of \$99.81, and on 12/8/43 he wrote the custodian that Nelson Bros. had paid him before he left this area.

From this it would appear that full settlement had been made by Nelson Bros. Fisheries for any equity of Yamashita in this boat or the "S.Y."

Boat was in custody at New Westminster
No claim

Additional Information:

G. Macdonald
July 4/46

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SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: October 24, 1944

Name: Shoichiro YAMASHITA

Reg. No. 10532

File: 2132

Boat File No.: JFVDC "Released Vessels"

Name of Vessel: "S.Y."/"Rupert 16" No description

Lic. or Reg. No.: Prince Rupert 1741

Naval No.: PR.026-N

Owner's Valuation:

JFVDC Valuation:

Custodian Valuation:

Date of Sale:

Purchaser:

Signature on Sales Papers:

Selling Price:

Paid to JFVDC or Custodian:

Supervision Costs:

Balance due Owner:

Paid to:

Location of Boat at Sale: Prince Rupert

Claims Against Canadian Govt.:

None

Additional Information:

This vessel was released to Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. from Prince Rupert on March 13, 1942.

The gas-boat licence was in the name of Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd., who had a claim for \$400.19 on the boat, and who purchased the boat on January 6, 1942.

The sale was made privately by the Japanese owner and no information in regard to the price is on the boat file.

John Macdonald
July 4, 1946

CLAIM

Oct. 24, 1944

DEBTOR: Canadian Government

CREDITOR: Shoichiro YAMASHITA, Reg. 10532, File 2132

AMOUNT: \$50.25

(Expenses incurred in bringing the vessel "A.K." to
Steveston in December, 1941, and returning to his
home in Prince Rupert.)

Claim sent to Ottawa Jan 17, 1944

Maclean

Pd. - Apr 11/45

File No. 2132.

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

July 31st. 1943.

Shoichi YAMASHITA - Reg. No. 10532

CREDITORS:

Hirokichi YAMAWAKA ^{Kill} _{905A} \$156.44 *70*

DEBTORS:

Nelson Bros. \$ 99.81 *Paid 12 T. 43*

AMCA:DE c. Bal ^{189⁹⁰} ₁₂ 11-23-43
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*Note No claims on wife filed 280
12/6/44*

CLAIM

File No.

2132

DB

DATE

May 12, 1942.

CREDITOR

Hirokichi YAMANAKA

DEBTOR

Shoichiro Yamashita

AMOUNT OWING

\$156.44

AGENT

ORIGINAL FILE

9085

Dec. 23, 1942.

B. T.

Adrian

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501 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,
July 30th, 1942.

Messrs. Collart & McCaffery, Ltd.,
P.O. Box 987,
353 West 3rd Ave.,
PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

Re: Toranosuk Fujimoto

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of July 22nd and the documents, together with the entire file on this matter, has been referred to me for consideration.

It appears from the file that the sale to Mrs. Almer has been agreed upon by Officers of this Department, and under these circumstances the Custodian will complete the transaction, although it is the policy of the office not to sell anything by private sale unless the approval of the Japanese evacuee owner has been obtained. In this case, on reading the file I am not sure who is the owner of the property, since I have seen no evidence as to Mr. Yamashita's interest, other than statements made in correspondence, and it does not appear that Mr. Yamashita has given a written statement, nor has S. Fujimoto approved of the sale.

In the normal course of events the policy of the Custodian's Office would be, in a case of this kind, that the Custodian, representing the enemy interest in the land as disclosed by the Title to same, would have required the evacuee to prove his interest. If satisfied with the proof submitted, then the Custodian would recognize that he was the owner and obtain his approval to any proposed sale, and charge against the evacuee the commission for the sale, plus the taxes which he should have paid on the property, the property under those circumstances being his. These would have been a first charge and the enemy interest would have been paid off in full. If the evidence was not satisfactory, the Custodian would have considered the property as enemy owned and have advertised it for sale, in accordance with his general policy - the Japanese owner's consent not being available - thus forestalling any claim at the end of the war as to the value of the property by the Jap. or any charge during the war that the Custodian had made a private sale, not giving the general public a chance to bid for the property.

However, it appears that this sale has been approved by this office and I am, therefore, prepared to take the necessary steps to complete same, but I cannot approve of the Deed of Land submitted by you. On looking over this Deed, I note that there are several

Collart & McCaffery.

July 30/42.

mistakes and the least of which is the fact that your Mr. Collart, as a Notary, has signed a certificate, stating that Toranosuk Fujimoto appeared before him on the first day of June, 1942, at Prince Rupert and acknowledged that he was the owner of the land. This statement is, obviously, not correct, since Mr. Fujimoto, according to information on the face of the document, resides in Japan. In addition to this, the Deed itself is dated the 20th day of July, 1942, and the Notary Certificate contradicts this date of execution, since the certificate is dated the 1st day of June, 1942. I also note that in the Deed Mr. Fujimoto's name is spelled with a "j", while in the Title it is spelled with a "g". This is, I presume, immaterial, but the Registrar of Titles might raise some point as to identity.

Under these circumstances, therefore, I am arranging for a Vesting Certificate to be filed immediately, which will indicate the Custodian's title, and I am then asking the Registrar to transfer the land from the Secretary of State, acting in the capacity of Custodian, to the purchaser.

The Deed signed in blank by Mr. Fujimoto will be kept in the Custodian's file as evidence to rebut any claim by this party at the end of the war.

I trust you will hold the moneys received until the Title can be completed.

Yours truly,

G.W. McPHERSON.

Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of the State and/ or the Custodian.

GWMcP:HW.

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July 6th, 1946.

REGISTERED MAIL.

Mr. Shoichiro YAMASHITA,
Registration No. 10532,
Slocan City, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 3rd ultimo on the subject of your claim for recovery of transportation expenses connected with the delivery of your Fishing Vessel.

This claim was recovered from the Government and credited to your account on the 11th April, 1945, in the sum of \$50.25. Your request that this money be remitted to you was referred to the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, as you are a resident of their Slocan Interior Housing District, and we are now in receipt of their reply and will make this remittance under separate cover.

This payment has necessitated a review of your file and we take advantage of this opportunity to give you a brief resume of our administration of your affairs.

As you know, the policies in regard to the management and subsequent liquidation of your property were decided upon by the Government of Canada, and while the problem was a difficult one for all concerned, we can assure you that it has been the aim of this office to carry out those policies in as careful and fair a manner as possible.

Real Property: You declared that you owned no Real Property in the protected areas of British Columbia but your file shows that under a verbal agreement with the registered owner, Toranosuke FUJIMOTO, you purchased the Prince Rupert property known as Lot 5, Block 8, Section 2, Map 923.

After paying \$230.00 of the agreed purchase price of \$535.00 you re-sold this property (at the same price) to Mrs. T. Elmer. This transaction was completed by this office as outlined in our letter of the 7th May, 1943.

Personal Property: The only Chattels declared by you were left with Lindsay's Cartage & Storage Company, Prince Rupert, and remained under your control.

Specified Articles: A Shotgun and a Rifle left in the custody of the police at Prince Rupert, did not come under our care.

(Over)

Mr. Sheichiro YAMASHITA.

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July 6th, 1946.

^{your} Fishing Vessel, the "S.Y.", was sold by you to Messrs. Nelson Bros. and did not come under the administration of the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee, or this office.

Your Fishing Vessel, the "A. K." was turned over by you to Nelson Bros. (Mortgagees) and did not come under the administration of the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee or this office.

Bills Receivable: You declared (March 25th, 1942) the sum of \$99.81 to be due to you by Nelson Bros. but on the 12th April, 1943, reported that Messrs. Nelson Bros. paid you this money prior to your evacuation.

Bonds, Shares, etc.: War Savings Certificates valued at \$15.00 declared by you were left in your possession and under your control.

Liabilities: The only claim filed against you, \$156.44 by Hirokichi YAMANAKA was paid by this office (August 19th, 1943) at your request.

Funds: There is a balance of \$50.25 standing at the credit of your account and as advised you earlier in this letter this amount will go forward under separate cover.

This would appear to account for all 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 your convenience.

Yours truly,

R. G. Ball,
Administration Department.

RGE/P.
Encl.

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