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**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: OMORI, Kazuo Frances

HOME ADDRESS: 628 East Georgia St., Vancouver, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 02557 SEX: Female AGE: 31

OCCUPATION: Housewife

(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: Self

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Yataro

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: 628 East Georgia, St., Vanc'r.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Grace Midari (F); David Sakae (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: 628 E. Georgia.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 10; 9 respectively.

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: 628 E. Georgia St., Vanc'r.
apartment 3-storey Brick Building. Living quarters behind store
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mr. W. J. Dickenson
2304 West 5th Ave., Vanc'r.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:
\$20.00 a month paid up to the end of March 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:
See attached list
2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS
None 1 cat
3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY None

Personal

Round Heater for livingroom
Singer Sewing Machine
Victrola Orphonic Gramophone
Hardwood Desk with Bookcases on both ends
Round Hardwood Dining Table
8 chairs
Book case & Small side Table
Sofa
1 Double Bed and mattress
2 Trunks
1 Small camp stove and Gas stove
Four burner and two oven Gas Range
1 Complete set English dinner set
" " Silver ware
Kitchen Utensils & dishes
1 Bureau
1 Davenport ~~is~~ used as a bed

(see over)

V. F. OMORI.
Reg. No. 02557

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F. D. D. 111
No. 0255
Francis Omori I promise to pay
if possible I'll pay half of the bill
(\$56.00) on the 19th of Dec otherwise
~~at~~ at the end of December and
the other half on end of January

Mrs E. Begner
550 Prior St.
Vancouver B.C.

Husband in Army
(Edward)

Claims for groceries
Supplied.

Mrs. E. Beaver 550 Prior St.
\$ 56.00

I've heard she has moved lately but
her husband is in the army Edward
Beaver and she gets her cheque
at the end of each month.

Mrs. Gladys Wilcox \$ 5.00

Mrs. Wilcox Senior \$ 4.85

613 Union St.
Also Mrs. Wilcox is a soldier

Mrs. Jaranoff.

646 Georgia East \$ 14.92

K.F. DMORI.

Reg. No. 02557.

FORM 11-2

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: None5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF
OTHERS: None6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom)
See attached list.7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)
None8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None9. LIFE INSURANCE: 3 None10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. None11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None2. TRADE DEBTS: R. Tagashima - \$129.00; E. A. Morris - \$109.00;
Pacific Papers - \$11.00; Chess Bros. - \$4.00REMARKS: Husband at Camp #2 Jasper.

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 20th day of March

1942.

(Signature)

Mrs. Y. O. MoriV. H. Stevenson
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

✓
INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Feb. 15/43.

✓
Full Name OMORI Kague Francis
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 02557

Male - Female
(check)

Age June 14, 1909.

Former Address

628 E. Georgia St, Vancouver, B.C.
Hastings Park. " "

Date Evacuated

1/9/42.

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address

Slocan Extension, B.C.

✓
Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife Yataro - 9/24/3.

Name of Husband

✓
Name of Mother KIMOTO, Tama - 03877

Name of Father Deceased

Names of Children under 18

Grace Midori - 5/12/31. } adopted by
(see husband's Reg) David Sakae - 2/1/33. } husband, wife
Children are here.

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Registered with Custodian
(yes or no)

yes

Requested By

PHunter

Additional Information

X

Mr. Green

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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GRANDALE COMPANY, LIMITED

HEAD OFFICE:

35 JENKINS STREET

TORONTO 8 - ONTARIO

1818 Cornwall Street,
Vancouver, B. C.
March 26, 1942

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

Dear Sirs: Re: Yataro Omori, 626 E. Georgia

Mrs. Omori advises us she has registered contents of her store with the Custodian of Enemy Property, and this is to advise you that we hold lien note under Grandale Company Limited Contract No. 368, against the Kelvinator Electric Bottle Cooler for "Coca-Cola", serial 10377, showing an unpaid balance of \$122.00.

We would be very glad to hear from you in regards to this.

Yours very truly,

Grandale Company Limited, Vancouver

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GT:dt

Wanted like to see him

file

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Omori has file

ERIC R. THOMSON
BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR
NOTARY PUBLIC
615 PENDER STREET WEST

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

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TEL. PACIFIC 6545

VANCOUVER,
BRITISH COLUMBIA

March 31, 1942.

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The Custodian of Enemy Properties,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver B.C..

Dear Sir:

Re: OMORI Yataro, 628 - Georgia St. East.

Yataro Omori, Japanese National, formerly store-keeper at 628 Georgia East, was sent to Jasper March 7, 1942. He gave his wife Kazuo Omori permission to sell the store business. She registered this business with you after her husband went.

On March 25, 1942 General Business Exchange, 1021 Robson Street, (Mr. Farby salesman) came to Mrs. Omori and asked whether she would sell the business. He offered \$675.00 which was a fair price. Mrs. Omori concluded that it was a good chance to sell, as she did not want the responsibility of the store, in case she had to move in a hurry, and she also wanted to live with her mother. She therefore accepted the offer, and the transfer was made to a Mr. McKowan the following day. Of the \$307.00 cash payment Mrs. Omori used about \$250.00 to pay up the wholesale account, and used the balance for clothing and so on for her family. There was a hold-back of \$300.00 against undisclosed debts, to be paid to Mrs. Omori on March 31, 1942.

Apparently some difficulty has arisen about the lady's right to sell, and the purchaser Mr. McKowan has been spoken to by Mr. Brown, the Custodian's representative at the Powell Street offices. The deal seems to have been a fair one at a reasonable price, and as I understand that there is no intention on the Government's part to interfere with these people unduly or cause them hardship, I suggest that Mr. McKowan be notified by your department that there is no obstacle to the sale.

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Yours faithfully,

Eric R. Thomson

March 25

March 31st, 1942.

Custodian of Japanese Properties,
314 Powell St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Sale of 628 East Georgia

I Mrs. Kazu Omori Reg. No. 02557 have sold my store for \$675.00 previously registered with the Custodians at Powell Street. Along with this I sold some of my furniture including 3 tables, 1 bed, 1 day-bed, 2 stoves, 1 sofa, 1 bureau, and 1 book-case.

With the money received for this property I have paid all my debts. The agent "General Business Exchange" is holding \$300.00 of the sale until the purchaser is satisfied there are no liabilities against the said store.

Yours truly,

K. Omori

V. A. Stevenson
Witness

N.B. My new address is with my mother at
550 Campbell Ave., Vancouver, B. C.

COPY ONLY:--

April 7, 1942.

Messrs. General Business Exchange,
1021 Robson Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs,

Re: OMORI to McKOWAN

Confirming your Mr. Kemp's telephone conversation with me today, I understand him to say that the Custodian of Enemy Properties wants you to pay the \$300.00 hold-back from the sale of the business at 828 Georgia Street East to him. As you are aware, this hold-back was for the purpose of securing McKowan against any undisclosed creditors, and your firm gave an undertaking to pay the money to Mrs. Omori on March 31, 1942. McKowan has taken hold of the business and is operating it, and I have therefore to hold you to your agreement. Your firm got a commission out of this sale from Omori, and we expect you to protect the vendor under the circumstances. You made the sale and when the money is handed over, you have fully earned your commission. The custodian had nothing to do with the matter from start to finish.

I have therefore to demand that you forward the \$300.00 to Mrs. Kazuo Omori immediately upon receipt of this letter, otherwise, she will have no alternative but to take proceedings to enforce collection.

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Yours faithfully,

Eric R. Thomson

April 7th, 1942.

C.L.Drewry, Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

You have requested me to declare to you any debts owing by me personally or in connection with my business recently situated at 628 East Georgia Street, Vancouver. I now declare to you that I have no debts of any kind and also that all claims against my business at 628 East Georgia Street, Vancouver, have been liquidated. I make this declaration in full knowledge of Regulation 56(2) of Consolidated Regulations respecting Trading with the Enemy (1939).

Yours truly,

Kazuo O. Mori

Regulation 52(2) Consolidated Regulations
respecting Trading with the Enemy (1939)

56.(2) Any person who refuses or fails to furnish information and particulars within the time mentioned in these Regulations, or fails to deliver to the Custodian the documents or other evidence of title pursuant to the Custodian's written request as provided by these Regulations, shall be guilty of an offence under these Regulations. (P.C. 2512, R. 28 (4) Am.)

April 7th, 1942.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
501 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

re Kazuo Frances Omori - Store
at 628 East Georgia St.

The agent's report in connection with the above is forwarded for your information. This Japanese registered her property on 20th March.

Mrs. Omori declared at Powell Street on 31st March that her husband's business was sold on 25th of March for \$675.00. In a written declaration she stated that money received from the sale had been used to pay all her debts. The agents through whom the sale was negotiated, "General Business Exchange", have informed us that they are holding \$300.00 of the purchase price until the purchaser is satisfied that there are no liabilities against the store. We have requested the General Business Exchange to forward a cheque to this office for the amount withheld, namely \$300.00, made payable to (G.W. McPherson) Deputy Custodian.

Yours truly,

C.L. Drewry
Manager.

RB:EB.
Encl:

Registration number #02557

OMORI

Kazuo Frances

628 East Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C.

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF BUSINESS

Small store dealing in groceries, soft drinks and tobacco located at 628 East Georgia Street.

REMARKS

This business was registered with the Custodian on March 20th, 1942. On March 25th the owner sold the business to Joshua E. McKowan for the sum of \$675.

I have been advised and so far as I am able to check I find that the liabilities shown on registration form "JP" have all been paid in full.

I am of the opinion that the owner received a fair consideration for this business.

A. Marker

J. D. MATHER

315 METROPOLITAN BUILDING

VANCOUVER, B. C.

April 13th, 1942

Custodian Enemy Property,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention - Mr. R.F. Brown

Dear Sir:-

Re - Kazuo Frances Omori #02557

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 7th, in which you refer to my report recommending that the Owner be allowed to carry on.

Please note, as I previously reported, that this business was sold prior to my taking over. It was in possession of the new owner who had made payment in full, so that it was impossible for me to take inventory under the circumstances.

Yours truly,

J. D. Mather

PARTNERSHIPS
ARRANGED

TELEPHONE: PACIFIC 4941

APPRAISALS
LOANS

GENERAL BUSINESS EXCHANGE
BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

ROOMING HOUSES, BEER PARLORS, HOTELS, STORES, BOATS

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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1021 ROBSON STREET

VANCOUVER, B.C.

April 15th, 1942.

The Manager,
Dept. of the Sec. of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: 628 East Georgia Street
OMORI--McKOWAN

Following telephone conversation of today's date with your Mr. Brown, we are enclosing herewith, copy of letter received from Mr. Eric Thomson, solicitor for Mrs. Omori, wherein he has demanded that we pay this money to Mrs. Omori, namely, THREE HUNDRED (\$300) DOLLARS, which we held back at the time the sale was made to Mr. McKowan, at Mr. McKowan's request. We were informed by telephone today, by Mr. McKowan, that he would call at our office on Thursday, April 16th, and sign a letter stating that he was satisfied that there were no more bills against the store, and would give us authority to release the said THREE HUNDRED (\$300) DOLLARS to Mrs. Omori. However, while talking to your Mr. Brown by telephone, he advised us to not pay this money to Mrs. Omori until such time as your Department was satisfied.

This places us in a rather difficult position for we have done considerable business for the Japanese people and have given them complete satisfaction as well as satisfaction to our purchasers, and it seems as though we are between two fires, and we would very much appreciate it if this matter could be cleared away satisfactorily so that we could release this money to the rightful owner, Mrs. Kazue F. Omori.

We trust you will take this matter up with Mr. Thomson and arrive at an immediate decision, and advise us accordingly.

Yours very truly,

GENERAL BUSINESS EXCHANGE,


J.F. Kemp

JFK/GM
Encl.

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21st April, 1942.

Eric R. Thomson, Esq.,
Barrister and Solicitor,
615 West Pender Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Kague Omori

I wish to thank you for your letter of the 13th inst. with enclosed declaration as to debts signed by Mrs. Omori.

We have had some correspondence with the General Business Exchange about this matter and they have now forwarded to us a copy of your letter to them of the 7th inst. I wish to point out that the position taken by the General Business Exchange is entirely correct in that they were instructed by this office not to pay the sum of \$300.00 which they are holding over to anybody without the written consent of the Custodian's office.

As this lady had registered her property with the Custodian and thereby vested it in the Custodian she technically had no right to make a sale of it without the consent of the Custodian. Notwithstanding this, in all likelihood the Custodian would be prepared to approve the making of the sale but he is entitled to have all the facts placed before him before making his decision. I have no doubt that you and your client are quite prepared to give full particulars to the Custodian regarding this matter and I shall be glad if you will write me giving this information, after which the matter can be promptly disposed of. In the meantime I have requested the General Business Exchange to continue to hold the \$300.00 in question pending further written instructions from this office.

Yours truly,

C. L. Drewry
Manager

CLD:LF

ERIC R. THOMSON
BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR
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818 PENDER STREET WEST

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TEL. PACIFIC 8848

VANCOUVER,
BRITISH COLUMBIA

April 22, 1942.

Ref. File 3000.

C.L. Drewry Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
506-Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver B.C..

The file please

Dear Sir:

Re: KAZUE OMORI.

In reply to your request dated April 21st for particulars, I report that Mrs. Omori came to me on March 31st, with the undertaking of General Business Exchange to pay her \$300.00 on that date.

She reported, (and on receipt of your letter I have confirmed the details), that she was approached by Mr. Furby of the above firm about selling her store. She knew that she would have to sell it, and that there were many other stores of similar class for sale. She listed it with Mr. Furby at \$675.00, and on March 25th Mr. Furby produced Joshua Edward McKowan, millworker, who paid cash against the usual Bulk Sales Affidavit. The Business Exchange took its legal 10% commission, \$67.50, and handed to Mrs. Omori \$307.50 with which she paid off all outstanding accounts, (a little over \$250.00), and she has used the rest for herself and family to live on. The remaining \$300.00 was held back by the General Business Exchange to March 31st to protect McKowan against undisclosed debts. There were no undisclosed debts then or now, and the \$300.00 is therefore under ordinary circumstances free to Mrs. Omori.

The purchaser got the small stock in trade, ice-box, showcase, scale, meat slicer, coca-cola box, 2 counters, shelving, tobacco case, cash register, biscuit jar, 4 tables 8 chairs, desk, couch bedside table, book-case, stove and gas-stove, and has told the General Business Exchange that he considers he has paid "plenty" and is considering a sale for \$100-\$150.00 less. When the Hudson's Bay Company was in the wholesale grocery business I had quite a number of these foreign-owned stores to salvage, and I am inclined to think that Mrs. Omori got a good price for hers, and it was cash, which is much better than having to handle deferred payments. McKowan has had the place for nearly a month, and is doing all right, has changed the place round to suit himself, Mrs. Omori and her family are getting near the stage of want, and need the \$300.00 in the worst way to get ready to vacate the defense area, and to have a few dollars prudently in hand for contingencies. She made a good clean deal, and I think that she should be allowed her money forthwith.

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Yours faithfully,

Eric R. Thomson

ERIC R. THOMSON
BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR
NOTARY PUBLIC
818 PENDER STREET WEST

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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MAY 4 1942

TEL: PACIFIC 6549

VANCOUVER,
BRITISH COLUMBIA

May 4, 1942.

Mr. C. L. Drewry,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: File 3000,
Kazuo Frances Omori.

I called for and obtained your letter of April 29th, which was in its terms vaguely disappointing. I have on hand a receipt from R. Tagashira dated March 31, 1942, for \$129.05, but as it is the only proof I have of payment, I don't like letting it out of my possession.

With regard to the \$122.00 claim for the Kelvinator, it would appear that your office is not familiar with the way these machines are dealt with in local businesses. Mrs. Omori sold only the equity she had in this machine and the balance of payments are taken care of by successive purchasers. The payments are made by some complicated method of reckoning on the Coca Cola and other soft drinks ordered so that the machine eventually pays for itself, and as a matter of fact very few of these machines are ever paid for in full. The finance company for the Kelvinator always retains title to the machine until the last payment is made and as the purchaser has been carrying on the business and has presumably been making the usual deductions for payment, there would appear to be no reason for withholding any longer the money from Mrs. Omori. On account of the long time it takes to get an answer from your Department and as Mrs. Omori has to leave Vancouver on May 7th, I am having this letter delivered and trust that there will be no further obstacles in the way of her getting this money.

Yours faithfully,

Eric R. Thomson

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May 5, 1942

Eric R. Thomson Esq.,
Barrister & Solicitor,
615 West Pender Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Kazuo Frances Omori

Confirming my conversation with you this morning, there will now be no objection, as far as the Custodian's office is concerned, to the balance of \$300.00 held by the General Business Exchange, being turned over to Mrs. Omori and I have advised them accordingly,

Yours truly,

C. L. Drewry,
Manager.

CLD/PMH