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Surrey
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 INFORMATIONNAME: TOHITA, Mrs. HaruoHOME ADDRESS: 245 Sandall Rd., New Westminster, B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER: 12589 SEX: Female AGE: 36OCCUPATION: Farmer

(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: NoneMARRIED? YesNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Mamoru (Deceased)ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: NoneNAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Nobuko Tomita (F), Emiko (F),
Shizuo (M).ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: 245 Sandall Rd., New Westminster, B.C.AGE OF CHILDREN: 14, 11, 9.**STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY** (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Lot North East Quarter of Section 32
Block 5, North Range 2, - 10 acres - cleared 6.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: house (4 room) & chicken
house, packing shed, wood shed, bath house and well.

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) Policy No. 32-27470 -
Bankers and Traders Insurance Co., for \$1,000.00. Policy in owner's
Possession.

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) \$36.25 paid to Municipal Hall Gloverdale
Surrey, B.C.

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)
None

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

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

None

1. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS

2 cats, 1 dog

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS. In declarant's possession.

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST. None

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN $\frac{3}{4}$ acres strawberries, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre black currants, $\frac{1}{8}$ acre asparagus, $\frac{1}{8}$ acre raspberries, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre gooseberries, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre tree fruits.

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: None

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: None

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.

Will be left in declarant's house at 245 Sandall Rd., New Westminster, B.C. - Household furnishings for 4 rooms house -

Farm implements will be left in declarant's chicken house.

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS

2 cats, 1 dog.

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

None

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS. In declarant's possession.

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: None

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN 3 1/2 acres strawberries, 1/4 acre black currants, 1/8 acre asparagus, 1/8 acre raspberries, 1/4 acre gooseberries, 1/4 acre tree fruits.

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: None

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: None

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: None

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Will be left in declarant's house at 245 Sandhill Rd., New Westminister, B.C.- Household furnishings for 4 rooms house - Farm implements will be left in declarant's chicken house.

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JAPANESE SECTION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

HOME ADDRESS: 245 Sandall Rd., New Westminster, B.C.

SEX: Female AGE: 36

10 JUL 1964

EMPLOYER:

MARRIED?

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: UNKNOWN (Deceased)

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN:

Hobuko Tomita (P), Makiho (A).

Shiloo (H).

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN.
245 SANDALL RD., NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 14, 11, 9.

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1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION. Lot North East Quarter of Section 32

~~Block 5, North Range 2, - 10 acres - cleared 6.~~

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS. _____ house (4 room) & chicken

house, looking good, wood shed, bath house and well.

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) Policy No. 32-37470 -

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) \$36.25 paid to Municipal Hall, Gloucester

Survey, B.C.

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

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

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY Bankers and Traders Insurance Co., for \$1,000.00 Policy No. 32-27470 - on house and furniture.

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) 4 \$5.00 War Saving Certificates - in owner's possession.

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None

9. LIFE INSURANCE Sun Life Assurance Co., for \$1,000.00 - Beneficiary - brother in law - Kino (Kenichi) - 20 year endowment, premium \$51.50
None policy - Shizuo - Mutual Life Insurance Co., for \$1,000.00 - 20 yr. endowment - premium \$45.00 - Ben. Mother Haruo. Policies in owner's possession.

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS None

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None

2. TRADE DEBTS: None

I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily turn over to the Custodian all my property in the protected area as set out above, excepting fishing vessels, deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities, if any.

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 15th day of April 1942.

(Signature) H. Tomita

R. P. Williams
 Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

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✓
INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date

Mar 22/43

Our File No. 3853

Full Name

TOMITA, Mrs. Haruo

(Mamoru)

(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 12589

Male - Female
(check)

Age Mar. 12, 1906

Former Address

R.R. #4, New Westminster, B.C.

Date Evacuated

30/5/42.

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address

c/o E.A. Hawkins,
Picture Butte, Alta.

WIDOW
Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife

Name of Husband

Mamoru (Deid)

Name of Mother

(KATE) Tome

Name of Father

MAENO, Kenji (Deid)

Names of Children under 16

Mobuko (f) 16/11/28

Eriko (f) 5/2/31

Shizuo (m) 22/4/33

Requested by

J. Spratt

Registered with Custodian

yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Farmer

Owner of 10 acres & building

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File 3853

V.L.A. B.C. 469-P

JAPANESE NAME: Haruo TOMITA - - Reg. No. 12589.

CATALOGUE NO: Part of The Director The Veterans' Land Act first offer.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 245 Sandell Road, New Westminster, B. C.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The North East quarter of North East quarter of Section 32 Block 5 North Range 2 West Municipality of Surrey, D.N.W.

TITLE: In the name of Haruo TOMITA "In Trust" filing 21245. Filing number 21245 is Letters of Administration granted to Haruo TOMITA of the Estate of Mamoru TOMITA, Deceased, granted by the court on the 12th September 1938.

ENCUMBRANCE: Vesting 25446, 15th February 1943.

ASSESSED VALUE: 1942 -
Land \$1000.00
Improvements \$ 600.00 Total \$1600.00 Taxes \$36.25.

CLASSIFICATION: Berry farm with buildings. Inspector reported June 3, 1942, farm of 10 acres with 3½ acres strawberries, ½ acre black currants, ½ acre asparagus, ½ acre raspberries, ½ acre gooseberries, ½ acre fruit trees with frame 1½ storey house, 24 x 26, 4 rooms, fair condition, two chicken houses 20 x 50, fair, packing shed 12 x 18, poor, woodshed fallen down. Occupied by Mr. Seaman.

HISTORY OF ADMINISTRATION: There is on file an undated Agreement given by Haruo TOMITA to the Pacific Co-operative Union to carry on the work and conserve the crop on this land for the sum of \$500.00. There is no record of this sum being paid to anyone.

On the 7th May 1943, the Custodian leased the property to David G. REMPEL for a term of 1 year from the 5th December 1942 at a rental of \$180.00 for the year, payable \$15.00 monthly. This lease included buildings and reserved space for storing chattels.

REMPER paid to the Custodian \$135.00 rent of which \$120.00 has been allowed to The Director The Veterans' Land Act as accrued rental.

There is no record concerning insurance except the declaration of the owner that there existed a policy in the Bankers and Traders Insurance Co. for \$1000.00 covering house and farm and of a refund of \$8.53.

SOLD: To The Director The Veterans' Land Act for \$1377.00 as at 1st January 1943.

Approval of Advisory Committee 1st June 1943.

FUNDS: Released to the credit of Haruo TOMITA, sale price \$1377.00

\$1377.00

plus \$15.00 of the rental paid by Rempel, refund of insurance \$8.53, total \$1400.53; less Certificate of Encumbrance \$1.00, registration fee \$3.00, legal fee \$15.00, total \$19.00. Net amount released \$1381.53.

TITLE:

Included in C. of T. 172740-E and payment of consideration included in cheque to the Custodian dated June 27, 1944.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file and on record by accounting department.

DATED February 21, 1946.

John Macpherson

IM:ML

File No. 3853

January 3rd 1950.

TO: Mr. B. Good

FROM: Mr. J. *Cambridge*
Cambridge

Re: Case No. 613 - Haru TOMITA

Would you please arrange to have Shrine, now in storage, shipped to the above mentioned claimant, and advise when this has been done.

Farm Appraisal ReportFile No. JL-575Land Description The N.E. 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4 of Sec. 32, Blk. 5, N., Rgs. 2, W., N.W.D.Containing 10.00 AcresOwner's Name TOMITA, HaruoPost Office Address R.R. #4, New Westminster.Nearest Rail Point KennedyDistance 2 milesMarket Town New WestminsterDistance 4 "Church (give denomination) All denominations-reasonable distanceNearest School Queen Elizabeth - Simon CunninghamDistance 1 "

State how property was identified _____

Roads: State whether property has access to main road, the kind of road and its condition.
On good main road.Is this district a good one? Fair agriculturally; but quite good with employment opportunities.Employment opportunity Industrial, New Westminster.Predominating Nationality and religion British, Protestant.Describe Fencing and its condition: 2 A 5 barb wire fence, S. & W. side; Value \$
poor indiscriminate wire fence on East or front.Water supply: Well. Said to be constant.

Value \$

BUILDINGS ON FARM

BUILDINGS	DIMENSIONS	MATERIAL	HEIGHT SEVERE	ROOF	AGE	Foundation	REPAIR	VALUATION
main 1st st.	22x32x10	Frame	9'	Shgl.	7	Wood	Good	600.00
	(6' wood walled cellar in addition, full size)							
Bas. house	20x6x8	Frame	8'	Shgl.	7	Wood	Good	260.00
attchd.	8x10x8	"	8'	"	7	"	"	
Bas. house	14x10x10	"	8'	"	5'	"	"	100.00
attchd.	8x10x8	"	8'	"	5'	"	"	
Shed	14x8x7	"	6'	Shks	5'	"	Poor	nil
There is also a valueless 14x20x9 packing shed.								

Electric light _____

Total present day value \$ 960.00

Real Value Building add to farm _____

\$ 850.00Dwelling habitable without repairs? Yes. If not what is your approximate estimate of cost to make it habitable? _____Describe the basement and chimneys: Brick on bracket. Wood walled full size basement, dirt floor.Rooms downstairs: 5 Upstairs? 1 How finished Shiplap, part T. & G. up.Buildings painted? No. Condition of paint _____Distance from nearest town 35 feet.

Note: Particular care must be taken when examining and reporting on foundations, sills and roofs.

	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP	VALUE PER ACRE	TOTAL
6.2	Undulating	5-12"lt.sdy.1., clay to lt. clay.		Mixed - fair.	65.00	403.00
Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking.						
	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL		VALUE PER ACRE	
Area which can be cultivated after a reasonable amount of clearing timber, stones, drainage, etc.						
	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	NATURE OF RECLAMATION NECESSARY	RECLAMATION COST PER ACRE	VALUE PER ACRE
3.8	Undulating	As above		Bush	125.00	30.00
						114.00
Area Unavailable for Cultivation.						
	CHARACTER OF LAND E. G. HILLY, SWAMPY, ROCKY.			NATURE OF TIMBER IF ANY AND WHETHER MARKETABLE	VALUE OF LAND PER ACRE	

Total value of Land \$ 517.00

Total added by buildings to value of farm \$ 850.00

Total fruit trees add to value of farm (for use in orchard districts only) \$ 35.00

Total value of farm \$ 1402.00

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied:
Continuously occupied and well tilled. Ground seems in fair fertility.

State most suitable type of agriculture for farm bearing in mind the district's limitations, if any.

Poultry and small fruit.

Noxious weeds:

Canadian Thistle.

Give approximate detail and
amount of all annual taxes and
names of Taxing Authorities:

Surrey - \$36.25.

EXHIBIT NO.

DATE

FILED BY

Date: July 14, 1942.
Place: Chilliwack, B.C.

I certify that the above report is based on a personal examination
of the whole farm made on the 11 day of July 1942.

Inspector's Signature

"R.L. RAISAY"

Note: (Use Form 43 (Sheet 2) in connection with this form.)

IL-575 - H. TOMITA

Farm Appraisal Report

Remarks: Very well situated place. Soil is on the light side but generally good berry land.

Major buildings are generally suitable to the holding. Siemens has it rented for \$500.00 for the season.

Crops are shown on sketch, but consist of 3.25 aces. strawberries; .55 acres currants; gooseberries-.25 acres; raspberries-.19 acres; asparagus-.05 acres.

(FOR ORCHARD LANDS ONLY)

REMARKS: re general lie of land, fertility of soil, irrigation, drainage or dyking and reclamation.

ANNUAL COST OF IRRIGATION, DYKING AND DRAINAGE.

EXHIBIT No.

DATZ.

FILED BY

W/11613-4

ORCHARDS, SMALL FRUITS, ETC.

(Give number, age, variety and condition of all tree fruits, condition and area of each kind of small fruits.)

Present Value

13 apple, 1 cherry, 2 prune-10 yr.old)all fair shape 35.00
19 mixed fruit trees, 3 years old)

\$

\$

\$

\$

\$

\$

\$

\$

Total \$ 35.00

Amount fruit trees add to value of farm \$ 35.00

File No. 3853

June 12, 1948.

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REAL PROPERTY MEMORANDUM

Re: Haruo (Mrs. Mamoru) TOMITA
Registration No. 12582

Veterans' Land Act transaction.

One Real Property only included, being:

The North East quarter of North East quarter of Section 32,
Block 5 North, Range 2 West, Municipality of Surrey in the
District of New Westminster.

Assessments (1943)

Taxes: \$36.25

Land..... \$ 600.00
Improvements.... 1000.00
TOTAL \$1600.00

Soldier Settlement Board Valuations

Land..... \$ 517.00
Buildings..... 850.00
Trees..... 35.00
TOTAL \$1402.00

Claimant's Valuations

Land..... \$2200.00
Buildings..... 2470.00
TOTAL \$4670.00

Sold to Director, Veterans' Land Act for \$1377.00.

Relative documents attached to Claim File.

EXHIBIT NO. 613-8

DATE Aug 25/48

FILLED BY Pro Rice

WJJ/HMS

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File No. 3853

CHATTAL SUMMARY

25th February, 1946

Re: TOBITA, Haruo (Mrs. Manoru) - Reg. No. 12589

Registered: April 15, 1942

Evacuated: May 30, 1942

Declared chattels grouped as household furnishings and farm implements.

Inventoried
January 3/42

Inventoried
April 30/42

Auctioned
October 27/44

5 beds	x (3 poor)	1 (4 abandoned)
dresser	x	
kitchen table		x
4 chairs	x	x (4 abandoned)
ESSEN	x	x
cupboard	x	x
dining table	x	x
6 dining chairs	x	x
heater	x	x
2 small tables		x
congolesun rug	x	
baby carriage		
scales		x
hand truck	x	(abandoned)
wheelbarrow		
	bookcase	
	2 old cabinets	1
	berry cart	
	few tools	3 bundles
	2 cross cut saws	(abandoned)
	45 rabbit hutches	
		duster
		3 boxes tools

1 shrine to storage.

OVERAGE:	4 chairs	\$3.00
	1 chair	1.00
	1 heater	2.75
	3 boxes tools	1.00
	duster	.75

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

February 25th, 1946
WEA:EH

"W. E. Anderson"

I hereby certify that the foregoing words are a true copy of the
original whereof they purport to be a copy.

Sept. 28, 1948

L. McLaughlin

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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 TO TOBITA HARUO (RCMP) Reg. No. 125-9
(Printed Surname Given Name)

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address 245 Sandell Rd. R.R. No. 1. Surrey B.C.

(3) Present Address R.R. No. 1. Max-i Nehleford Alberta

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) 245 Sandell Rd. Surrey B.C.
City or Municipality Province

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

N.E. Quarter Of the N.E. Quarter of Sect. 32.
Block 5, North Range 2 West in the District
of New Westminster

(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.)

Sole owner

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

(i) Land 10 acres . 6 acres cleared - \$ 2200
(ii) Buildings see supplement - \$ 2470

(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, fixtures, 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) - \$ 4670

(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - \$ 2000 1,377.00

(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - \$ 4670 3,293.00

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation
245 Sandell Rd. Surrey B.C.

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

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation
in house & in boxes & as is

(over)

N.B.—THIS FORM FULLY COMPLETED AND SWORN BEFORE A COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE COMMISSIONER, c/o THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN, ROYAL BANK BLDG., VANCOUVER, B.C., BEFORE NOVEMBER 30th, 1947. IF YOU CANNOT MAIL IT BEFORE THIS DATE SET OUT BELOW REASONS FOR THE DELAY.

DECLARED before me at the city of *Edmonton* in the Province of *Alberta* this *21* day of *November* A.D. 1947. *H. J. Smith* A Commissioner etc.

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT: The information set out in the form above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act".

1. *HARUO TOMITA* of the Province of ALBERTA TOWN (DISTRICT) in the Dominion of CANADA TO WIT: N.B.—This Declaration must be sworn before a Commissioner, Notary Public or other person entitled to take declarations. All lawyers are qualified to do so.

(6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard. (b) Do you require the services of an interpreter at the hearing? Yes or no *YES*. (7) Total claim including real and personal property (this figure can be arrived at by adding items 4(1) and 5(e)).

N.B.—If you cannot list all the items here prepare a separate list with values set out opposite each item and attach it to the form. The item "personal property" includes shares, bonds, mortgages, loans, notes and all other forms of property not included in real estate.

10.	Estimated Value \$	475.75
9.	Estimated Value \$	
8.	Estimated Value \$	
7.	Estimated Value \$	
6.	Estimated Value \$	
5.	Estimated Value \$	
4.	Estimated Value \$	
3.	Estimated Value \$	475.75
2.	Estimated Value \$	475.75
1.	Estimated Value \$	475.75
TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS \$ 2291.98		

(e) Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim: to Pacific Co-operative Union Mission City B.C.

(d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question is for reference only and does not affect the claimant's liability for loss, destruction or damage to the property. It involves some definite arrangement whereby you appointed someone to the custody, control or management of any person other than the Custodian appointed by the terms of reference which exclude claims where the property was lost, destroyed or stolen while in the custody of the claimant. This question should be answered "in no one's care")

File No. 3853

June 12, 1948.

REAL PROPERTY MEMORANDUM

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WJJ/HMS

.....*Johnston*.....

I HARUO TOMITA of New Westminster

Ten acres of the North East quarter of Section 32 Block
Owner of property 5, North Range 2, known as 245 Sandell Road, directly across the Sandell Road
from the farm of Kenichi Maeno in the municipality

of Surrey hereby agree to let the above de-

scribed lands to Pacific Co-operative Union for the sum of \$500.00
giving him the right to carry on work immediately on my farm de-
scribed above.

This agreement is to protect both parties against the legal rights
of myself as owner of the said lands and the new occupant carrying
on to conserve the crop thereon and not to be construed as inter-
fering with the legal rights of the Custodian of Japanese property
if and when such property becomes his legal guardianship.

Time is the essence of this agreement.

Haruo Tomita

Witness:

Eva Shiner

NAME TOMITA, Haruo (Mrs. Mamoru)

REGISTRATION NO. 12569

FILE NO. 3053

The following chattels were sold by public
 auction at Surrey, B. C. on October 27, 1944.

X 3 Chairs	\$ 3.75 F
X 2 Bunk beds	2.50 T
X 2 Cups	3.00 M
X Cupboard	0.50 F
X 1st of tools	2.00 T
X 2nd	0.75 T
X Table	3.50 F
X Bed frame	2.00 F
X 2 Tables	0.50 F
X Dinner table	1.00 F
X 3 Boxes tools	1.00 T
X 3 Chairs	2.50 F
X 4 Chairs	4.00 F
X Cupboard	0.25 F
X 2 Bunkers	5.50 F
X Stove	2.50 F

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 3.52
 (Advertising: 1.11
 (Moving: 8.26

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 35.25
\$ 12.89
\$ 22.36

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. R. M. Anderson

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Surrey 7.

Remarks.

File No.

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Date

Nov. 5th 1944

SUMMARY

Name: TDWITO, Haruo # 12689

Address: 245 Sandal Rd., Surrey B., C.

(1) - We have today moved to auction room at Townline & Sandal Rds. effects as per enclosed list at a total cost of \$ as per attached bill.

(2) - We have also moved the personal effects as per attached list to storage at where they will remain until called for. Cost of moving is included in bill above.

(3) - We have sold to the tenant articles as per attached list at \$ for which herewith cheque or cash.

(4) - After the above transactions, the following important shortages were noticed between the original inventory as taken by this office, and the effects accounted for as above:

Nothing Outstanding.

The tenant gave us the following explanation:

Signed.

R.M.A nderson.

MEMORANDUM

File No. 3853

March 21, 1945.

TO: The File

FROM: Mr. W. J. Iverson

RE: Mrs. Haruo TOMITA

The following goods are in storage in the Buddhist
Temple in New Westminster.

1 Shrine

WJI:LEE

File 4/48.

*Above Shrine removed from
Japanese Buddhist Church
to the above messenger's
Delivery System Storage
Warehouse, New Westminster
B.C.*

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April 1st, 1949.

Mrs. Haruo TOMITA,
Registration No. 12589,
c/o Mr. Earl Frits,
R. R. No. 1,
Hobbsford, Alta.

Dear Madam:

Personal goods now in Custodian storage include
one Shrine listed in the name of H. Tomita.

If this item belongs to you and you wish to receive
it, please inform the Custodian on or before the 15th day of
May, 1949, giving your full name and address for shipment.

Failing to hear from you by the above date, the
Custodian will assume that you have no interest in this item
and will dispose of it at his discretion.

In addition to the goods listed as belonging to
yourself and others, there are various unidentified shrines,
photographs and other articles, which will be abandoned as of no
value unless evidence of ownership is submitted to the Custodian
on or before the 30th day of June, 1949.

We enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for your
reply.

Yours truly,

W. J. Johnston,
Office of the Custodian.

WJJ/P.
Encl.

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c/o Earl Fritz,
R. R. #1,
Nobleford, ALBERTA
November 17, 1947.

Dear Sir,

Mrs. Haruo TOMITA,
245 Sandell Rd.,
New Westminster, B. C.

This land is known and described as:
The North East Quarter of the North East Quarter
of Section Thirty - two (32) Block Five (5) North
Range Two (2) West in the District of New Westminster.

I have lived in British Columbia at the above address
before the evacuation to Alberta. For the last few years I have
been hearing from my friends that they have received statements
for their B.C. properties from your office, but I haven't received
it as yet. So if you have any of my account, please send
statements to the above address. Thank you.

Yours truly,

"Haruo Tomita"

Mr. Shears has original letter

Surrey

July 30 1943

OFFER TO LEASE JAPANESE PROPERTY.

File No.

L. 575

Place

Vancouver B.C.

Date

30th Dec/43

Custodian of Enemy Property,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re:

Baruo Tomita

45 Sandhill Rd
Property.

NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec 24 R. 24 E. 1 N. R. 24. W. 2.

I hereby offer to lease the above described property
on the following basis:

Term:

From 5th December 1943 to 31st Dec 1943.

Cash Rental: \$15.00 per month to be paid as follows:

month in advance.

Lease to include all land and buildings, - except:

- nil -

Other special conditions (if any):

The following taxes will be payable by me:

Land & School Taxes:

Irrigation Taxes:

Dyking or Drainage Taxes:

Tolls:

Domestic Water Rates:

(strike out those that do not apply)

Provided Further that if at any time during the term the hostilities in which His Majesty is presently engaged shall have ceased the Lessor may terminate this lease by giving the Lessee one (1) month's notice in writing to vacate the premises, and such notice having been given this lease shall terminate at the end of the said month notwithstanding that it may not be at the end of the current year of the tenancy.

Full Name:

David G. Rempel

Address:

PR 4
New Westminster
B.C.

I recommend that lease on the above terms be approved.

[Signature]
Field Supervisor,
Soldier Settlement of Canada.

45 Sandhill Road

dd. lease Cancelled

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November 3rd, 1950.

Mrs. Haruo TOMITA,
1904-7th Avenue North,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Dear ~~Miss~~ Madam:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 613

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, our form of Release which has been executed by yourself covering the award recommended under the above Claims Commission for the sum of ... **\$743.63.**

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for **\$743.63** and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. **\$11** for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears
Director

FCS/js
1 encl.

Name of Claimant

WHEAT, Harro

Case

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REAL PROPERTY										Total
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		
					1377.	698.99				698.99
PERSONAL PROPERTY										Total
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
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					
MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS										Total
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			
138.00	34.25		24.62%	138.50						
		10.27			34.37				44.64	
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										74.6

DEFENSE BRIEF

(Mrs.) HARA TOMITA

File No. 3853

Case No. 613

LETHBRIDGE
25 Aug. 1948
V.L.A.

REAL PROPERTY CLAIM

1. Real Property Claim

\$4670.00

Appraised at

\$1402.00

Sold for

\$1377.00

Witness: R.L. Ramsay, Appraiser. ^

Ex. 1 - Real Estate statement
Ex. 2 - Photo of property
Ex. 4 - S.S.B. Appraisal
Ex. 5 - Real property memo.

Sold for fair market value.

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

2. Chattel Claim

\$511.00 Ex. 6

(a) Goods valued by claimant at 158.00 Sold by auction for 35.25

Witness: Trapp Motors, Auctioneer.

R.M. Anderson, attended sale.

(b) Goods valued at 47.00 Sold with real property -- Fixtures.

(c) Goods valued at 58.50 Lost, destroyed or stolen.

Witness:

(d) Goods declared but not found 31.67

Witness: R.M. Anderson ^

Goods were declared in a general way
as Household furnishings for 4 room
house and farm implements.

(e) Goods undeclared and not found 102.50

Witness: R.M. Anderson ^

(Mrs.) Hara TOMITA
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(f) Goods abandoned 63.33

Witness: R.M. Anderson ^

(g) Goods stored in New Westminster (Shrine) 50.00

Witness: W.J. Iverson ^

Ex. 3 - Chattels statement
Ex. 6 - Analysis personal property claim.

Submission:

Chattels sold by the Custodian sold for F.M.V.
Chattels not sold, prices claimed exorbitant.

RHM/mw

CASE NO: 613

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART 1, REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 92.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E

(HIS HONOUR JUDGE L.H. STACK, SUB-COMMISSIONER).

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Lethbridge, Alberta,
 August 25th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
HARUO TOMITA.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

20 APPEARANCES:

G.E.A. RICE, Esq., K.C.,

appearing for the
 Dominion Government.

L.S. TURCOTTE, Esq.,

appearing for the
 Claimant.

MRS LILLIE THOMAS,

Secretary.

D.J. HANDFORD, Esq.,

Official Interpreter.

S.R. HOWARD, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

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Mrs. H. Tomita,
In Chief.

THE SECRETARY: Case No. 613, Haruo Tomita.

(MRS.) HARUO TOMITA, the claimant herein,
being first duly sworn, testified
through the Interpreter as
follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. TURCOTTE:

Q Mrs. Tomita, you are making a claim for loss
arising out of the sale of your farm?

A Yes.

10 Q And I am showing you a statement setting out the
particulars of your farm, the buildings on it,
crops, and so forth? A: Yes.

Q Is the information on that true to the best of your
information and memory, belief and memory?

A Yes.

MR. TURCOTTE: I will file that, your Honour, as
Exhibit 1.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT No. 1)

MR. TURCOTTE: Q When did you buy the farm, Mrs.
Tomita? A: I think it was in

20 1927.

Q And how much did you pay for it?

A \$1000.00.

Q And from whom did you buy it?

A Mrs. Bradwick.

Q Mrs. Bradwick? A: Yes.

Q How many acres were there, do you remember?

A Ten acres.

Q Altogether? A: Yes.

30 MR. TURCOTTE: I may be a little out there.

MR. RICH: Wrong again.

MR. TURCOTTE: I don't know where I got the 41, your Honour, but that certainly should be changed to 10 acres. That should be changed in the form, Exhibit 1, your Honour, that was filed.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. TURCOTTE: That should be 4.1 instead of 41.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Well, Exhibit 1 shows 10 acres.

10 MR. TURCOTTE: Yes, but over at the top of the page I have 41 acres uncleared and it should be 4.1 acres uncleared.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. TURCOTTE Q: What was on the land when you purchased it?

A: Nothing.

Q And during the years from 1927 to 1942, how many acres did you clear?

A Something over six acres.

Q I see; and did you build some buildings? Did you build buildings on it?

20 A Yes.

Q What did they include?

A A house and two chicken houses and a separate bath house.

Q Was there electricity on the place?

A Yes.

Q And what houses or what buildings had the electricity?

A: Four buildings; the house, the chicken houses, the two chicken houses, and the bathhouse.

30 Q I am showing you a snapshot (indicating). What is

Mrs. H. Tomita,
In Chief.

that a snapshot of?

A I think this was taken in 1930 or '31 showing the strawberry plants and the house in the background centre with the chicken houses close by and on the right is the packing house.

Q That was taken, you think, in about 1931?

A '30 or '31.

Q '30 or '31?

A Yes.

Q And there were some other buildings built after that?

A Yes.

(PHOTOGRAPH MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

Q Now you are also claiming for the loss arising out of the sale of your chattels?

A Yes.

Q I am showing you a statement (indicating). Does that set out the main chattels that you had?

A Yes.

MR. TURCOTTE: I will file that, your Honour, as Exhibit No. 3.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

MR. TURCOTTE: Q: How did you arrive at the values, Mrs. Tomita, that you claim on these articles? I mean, for example, you have three mattresses, one new and three used, \$35.00, and you are claiming \$20.00; how did you arrive at that?

A The prices have been reduced because some of the things were used.

MR. TURCOTTE: There is one error, apparently, your Honour, in our claim. We have 11 chairs, 5 dining

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Mrs. E. Tomita,
In Chief.

room chairs, and I notice I have that in the claim
at \$25.00, and the original claim for them was
only \$15.00, and that should be amended accordingly.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. TURCOTTE Q: Are you sure, Mrs. Tomita, that you
had all these articles that you have made the list
out in your claim for?

A Yes.

Q Did you make any list of them when you were out
10 at the Coast before you left?

A Yes.

Q And is it from that list that you have made out
your claim?

A Yes.

Q The reason I am asking you that is that the
Custodian says that he has no record whatever of
certain of these articles, such as the one bed,
kitchen utensils, four barrels, the berry trays,
three cross-cut saws, and 70 raspberry crates,
70 strawberry crates, 2 wheelbarrows, and the
20 26 jam crates. Now are you sure that you had all
of these things?

A Yes, I am sure they were there.

MR. REE: I will call my learned friend's attention
that in the personal chattels claim there is
mentioned 70 new crates and I believe in the
claim that was filed these are referred to as 70
strawberry crates.

MR. TURCOTTE: Q: Well, were the 70 new crates that
we have in our claim today the same as the 70
30 strawberry crates?

A Yes.

Q They are the same?

A: Yes.

Q The same crates?

A: Yes.

MR. TURCOTTE: Has my learned friend an inventory in this case? I have just forgotten whether he has or not.

MR. RICH: I have got an inventory on the auction.

MR. TURCOTTE: That is all.

MR. RICH: I am submitting, your Honour, that the real estate was sold at its fair market value. I am submitting the chattels sold by the Custodian were sold at their fair market value. I am submitting that the other chattels that there was no record of at any time and there are other chattels that are not accounted for that have either been stolen or missing, and if the Custodian is responsible for the same, I say the claim is exorbitant.

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I wish to tender as an exhibit, your Honour, a farm appraisal report respecting the land.

MR. TURCOTTE: The farm appraisal report.

MR. RICH: Yes, I am tendering that as an exhibit.

(APPRAISAL REPORT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

MR. RICH: I also wish to submit as an exhibit a real property memorandum showing the assessment, the appraisal and sale, to which is attached the real property summary.

(DOCUMENTS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

MR. RICH: And I wish to submit as an exhibit an analysis of personal property claim.

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Mrs. H. Tomika,
Cross-Exam.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6).

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. RICE:

Q In your personal chattels claim, you claim for
a linoleum, 10 x 14?

A Yes.

Q In your claim that you filed you called it a
carpet? Is it the same thing?

A Yes.

10 Q It is the same thing? A Yes.

Q That linoleum you purchased in 1934 for \$25.00?

A Yes.

Q And after using it for five or six or seven years,
at least, you say it has only depreciated \$5.00
in value?

A Yes.

Q And the strawberry crates, you had 70. How many
of them were new?

A They were all new.

Q All new?

A Yes.

20 Q All right.

MR. TURCOTTE: Your Honour, if I might be permitted to
make a further correction in the real estate form,
I said it was 4.1 acres uncleared; actually what
it is, it is 4 acres uncleared and one acre
cultivated, not planted, which makes up the 10
acres.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes, all right.

MR. RICE: Cultivated, not planted?

MR. TURCOTTE: That is right. That is all, Mrs. Tomika.

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(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)
(Witness aside)
I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript purports to
be an accurate record of the evidence adduced before me.
"S.E. HOWARD", Official Reporter.