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**BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN**

FILE NO. 5161

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: SORA (Hanayo) Mrs.

HOME ADDRESS: Box 222 Cumberland, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 06130 SEX: F AGE: 45

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: None

MARRIED? Widow

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: --

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: --

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Sumio (M), Takako (F)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Same address

AGE OF CHILDREN: 14, 7.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: Built on ground belonging to Cumberland Collieries (Dunsmuir) Japanese Town # 5, 170 Cumberland, B.C.: 2-storeyed 6-roomed wooden frame Dwelling. Wooden Shed 32' x 24' used for making "tofu" (bean curd) and bath-room.

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: Ground in Japanese Town # 5 - 170 Cumberland, B.C., belonging to:-
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS Cumberland Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd.
Cumberland, B.C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: Ground Rent Free.
4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: None
5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid) None
6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: None

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:
- At 170 Cumberland, B.C:- Goods as per list attached.
- At Cumberland Storage, Cumberland, B.C:- Goods as per list attached.
2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS None
3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY None

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: None

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF
OTHERS: None

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom)
None

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)
None

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None

9. LIFE INSURANCE: None

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: None

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None

2. TRADE DEBTS: None

REMARKS: 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 20th day of April 1942.

(Signature)

Id Sora

[Signature]
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

[Handwritten mark]

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Aug 3/43

Our File No. 5161

Full Name SORA (Hanayo) Mrs. Kichiro
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 06130

Male - Female ☒
(check)

Age Aug 23, 1906

Former Address No 5 Japtown, Cumberland B.C.

Date Evacuated 24/9/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National ☒
(check)

Present Address Bay Parka, Sloan, B.C.

(Widow)
Married - Single ☒
(check)

Name of Wife -

Name of Husband -

Name of Mother dec'd Name of Father dec'd

Names of Children under 16 Chizuko (F) 27/6/25
Sumiko (M) 8/2/28
Takako Kato (F) 29/1/35

Requested by CCF Registered with Custodian MS
(Yes or No)

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May 16th, 1944

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Kichizo (Hanayo) SORA - Reg. No. 06130

CREDITORS:-

1. Cumberland Electric Lighting Co. Ltd..... \$34.44 JP & Ex. *admitted about 20th*
2. Dr. Bacons, Victoria,..... 10.00 JP *admitted*
3. Mr. Nakamichi ... (hardware)..... 60.00 JP
- No claim lodged by Nakamichi, Mr. Sora says Nakamichi, ignore.*

Spoke to Green re chattels in Cumberland, he thinks we may receive sufficient from sale to pay #1 & #2.

*Delay settlement until chattels sold
See letter dated 10-10-44 from BOSC*

Cr. Bal. \$20.00

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NAME SORA, Hanayo (Mrs. Kichiso)

REGISTRATION NO. 06130

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The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Cumberland, B. C. on March 24, 1945.

Wire couch

\$ 5.00

Total	(Auctioneer's Fee)	\$ 0.50
Less Expenses:	(Advertising)	0.09
	(Moving)	<u>0.07</u>

\$	5.00
\$	<u>0.66</u>
\$	<u>4.34</u>

Net Proceeds Credited:

Members of Custodian Staff Present.
Extracted from Auctioneering List No.
Remarks.

Mr. Matt Brown
Cumberland 6.

Property of Mrs. Hanayo Sora,
Box 222,
Cumberland, B. C.

Registration #06130.

The following articles were left in House #170, Cumberland, B.C.: -

X Box #1. - containing as follows:

5 Fruit dishes	\$1.00
9 small plates	1.40
6 dessert dishes	1.20
30 Saucers	3.00
2 teapots	2.00
1 doz. cups	2.50
1 fish plate	2.50
Roasting set griddle	30.00
6 kitchen knives	6.00
1 baking bowl	1.00
3 ladels	.45
1 lemon squeezer	.25
7 pie plates	.75
2 frying pans	2.00
6 knives & forks	1.00
1 egg beater	.75
1 doz. glass cups	1.00
2 doz. spoons	2.00
	<u>\$59.30</u>

X Box #2 - Containing as follows:

5 pots	\$5.00
1 rice pot	3.75
2 tea pots	2.00
2 kettles	6.00
1 large knife (Cutter)	.80
1 coffee perculator	5.00
1 sugar & milk jug	.50
2 rolling pins	.75
6 kitchen knives	6.00
3 can openers	.75
2 salad sets	.70
	<u>\$31.25</u>

X Box #3, Trunk, containing as follows:

3 sets Japanese clothing	\$200.00
4 trays	25.00
5 half coats	20.00
4 overcoats	75.00
Books	25.00
1 Fur Wrap	5.00
2 parasols	4.00
	<u>\$354.00</u>

X Box #4, Trunk, containing as follows:

Photographs	\$75.00
Books	25.00
	<u>\$100.00</u>

House #170, Cumberland, B. C.

Bookcase	Valued at	\$20.50
Writing Desk	"	10.90
Kitchen Range	"	90.00
Cupboard	"	30.00
Round Table	"	8.75
		<u>\$159.25</u>

Soya Bean Mixture

200.00
\$359.25

✓ Box # 5 & 6, 2 tubs, kitchen utensils valued at \$15.00
Left at the Cumberland Storage, Cumberland, B.C.

- Box # 7, Couch Mattress \$10.00
Left at the Cumberland Storage, Cumberland, B.C.

- Box # 8, Couch \$10.00
Left at the Cumberland Storage, Cumberland, B.C.

X Box # 9, Sewing Machine \$100.00
Left at the Cumberland Storage, Cumberland, B.C.

House # 170, Cumberland, B.C:

One Kitchen Stove Valued at \$ 50.00

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To the Secretary of State acting
in his capacity as Custodian.

I SORA K., Police
registration No. 06130, hereby request you to
release to me the under-noted property stored at Matt Brown Storage
& No. 5 Storage, Cumberland, B.C. Mr. Matt Brown
and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to
such property.

Description of Property:

1 Sewing Machine)
1 Big Trunk) Both stored at Matt Brown Storage.

#1 Box Kitchen Utensils
#2 Box Kitchenwares
#5 Small Trunk These are stored at No. 5 storage.

Total 5 pieces.

Dated this 21st. day of July 1942.

K. Sora
(Japanese sign here)

Approved

James Rose

B.C. SECURITY COMMISSION

NOTE:

The Custodian is advised that the B.C. Security Commission will pay transportation charges up to 1,000 pounds (which amount includes the free baggage allowed by railroad company on tickets), and any charges over this amount will have to be for the account of the individual Japanese evacuee.

P.O. Box 431,
Cumberland B.C.
Jan 7/43.

Mr. H.F. Green,
Protection Dept.,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Vancouver B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 9 1943
File No.	5-161
Ans.	
Referred	Tolson

Dear Sir:-

Report on SORA (Hanayo) Mrs. Reg. # 06130.

1 & 2 Location and Nature of property. Two (2) storey six (6) room dwelling known as House # 170, # 5 Japanese Town, Cumberland B.C. Built on the property of Canadian Collieries "D" Ltd. Ground rent \$1.00 per month, no rent has been paid since July of 1928. House vacant and boarded up.

3 Personal effects shipped out c/o B.C. Security Commission Vancouver B.C. are:-
July 1942: 1 sewing machine # 9, 2 trunks # 3 and 4, 2 boxes # 1 & 2, - (5 pieces).
July 31/42. 2 boxes kitchen wares # 5 & 6, 2 galv. tub effects (4 pieces in all).
Balance left in Cumberland Storage are:- 1 old wire frame couch.
Balance left in the home are:- 1 old kitchen range, 1 kitchen table, 1 cupboard, 1 homemade desk, 1 open book case, 3 old bed frames etc. These are of no actual value not worth while putting in storage.

4 Insurances. None.

5 Liabilities and personal debts. None to date.

6 Recommendations. Effects are as listed above, those shipped out and those in storage, the balance being left in the home.

NOTE: Soybean mixture as listed at \$200.00 is an old stone grinder located in ~~the~~ outshed, this was used for grinding beans and rice etc. It is immovable. There is also 1 Donkey Heater intact.

Owing to condition of the house and location we will be unable to rent same at present.

This will clean up this party's report to date.

Yours truly

Matt Brown

Matt Brown.
Custodian Agent.

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August 27th, 1943

Mrs. Hanayo SORA,
Registration No. 06130,
Hay Farms,
Slocan, B. C.

Dear Madam:-

The Custodian is pleased to inform you that arrangements have now been completed whereby Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Limited, have taken over numerous houses on their properties that were at one time occupied by persons of the Japanese race.

As the Company owned the land, the right to use and occupy such buildings was contingent upon payment of a nominal rent. We are informed that the right of occupation and use of any structure on the land was to terminate if the occupier ceased to be an employee of the Company. The Corporation, however, agreed to pay an estimated salvage value for the buildings, and pursuant to the agreement, the Company's Inspection Engineer, along with our agent, appraised each building on the basis of its value to the Company, in connection with their building plan.

You occupied the building known as House #170, No. 5 Japanese Town, and the award fixed as aforesaid amounted to \$20.00. Your account has, therefore, been credited with this sum.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell
Administration Department

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*V. pl. 6-room Dwelling (24x32), shed (18x28) x
boat shed. No ground rent paid since
July 1928.*

DEPARTMENT OF
LABOUR



EVACUATION SECTION	
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Ans.	
Referred	McAlister

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.
Sept 7th 1944

Dept of Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr A. McAlister

Dear Sir,

Re Mrs Hanayo SORA #06130
Custodian File #5161

Referring to your letter of the 20th
July, the above named woman has been interviewed
by our Supervisor, and we now enclose a copy of
his letter regarding the claims lodged against Mrs
SORA.

Yours truly,

M. L. Brown
Office Manager.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Slocan City, B. C.
September 2, 1944

B.C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention Mr M.L. Brown

Re Mrs Hanaye SORA #06130

In answer to your letter of August 24th we have interviewed the above and the following explanations are given:-

- (1) Cumberland Electric Lighting Co. Ltd \$34.44
This person claims that this amount should be approximately \$20.00, thereby disputing the amount mentioned by you.
- (2) Dr Eacons, Victoria, B. C. 10.00
This amount is accepted as correct.
- (3) Mrs Nakanishi 60.00
Mrs Sora remembers this debt being borrowed by her husband 18 years ago. We have checked into this person's affairs and find that she is financially unable to pay any amount whatsoever.

B. C. Security Commission

Supervisor (sgd) G.T. King
for E.R. Adams.

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September 9th, 1944

Mr. W. L. Brown,
B. C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

re: Hanayo SORA (Mrs. Kichizo)
Registration No. 06130

We thank you for yours of the 7th instant enclosing a report from your Slocan Supervisor, which we much appreciate. Replying to Mrs. SORA'S statements:-

(1) Cumberland Electric Lighting Co. Ltd. - \$34.44. Mrs. SORA states that the claim should be approximately \$20.00. However, this Company handles both electricity and water. The claim for electricity comes to \$20.94, and the claim for water is \$13.50, making a total of \$34.44 as shown above. We think that this explanation will clarify this claim.

(2) We note that Dr. Bacons' claim, amounting to \$10.00, is correct.

(3) As Mrs. Mekanishi has not lodged a claim and as Mrs. SORA says the claim is over 18 years old we are not doing anything more about this claim. We might add, however, that we took the original information from Mrs. SORA'S "JP" form.

The position of the claims now stand as follows:- There is \$44.44 outstanding and we have a credit of \$20.00, as Mrs. SORA has been previously advised.

We notice from her file that she has some chattels still remaining in Cumberland. There will likely be a sale of same in the next few months and we might be able to get sufficient from the proceeds, added to her credit balance, to take care of both claims. We would like Mrs. SORA to authorize us to use these funds, if and when received, for this purpose. Anything your Supervisor can do along the lines of getting this authorization will be very much appreciated.

Yours truly,

A. McAllister,
Claims Department.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.
October 18th 1944

Dept of Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr A. McAllister

Dear Sir,

Re Hanayo SORA (Mrs Kichizo)
Custodian File #5161

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	18 1944
File No.	5161
Ans.	<i>[initials]</i>
Referred	<i>McAllister</i>

Referring to your letter of the 9th ulto., we wrote our Supervisor at Slocan asking him to interview the above named regarding the claims lodged against her, and we now enclose, for your information, a copy of his letter giving the result of the interview.

Yours truly,

M. L. Brown
Office Manager.

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This enclosure is a travesty of the facts. Pat Brown, our most reliable & conscientious agent reports 7-1-43 that 2 shipments had been made. His accounts for all her personal stuff, leaves only poor furniture. Obviously everything grossly overvalued. No 5 of course town was a shun and while more advanced thought does not refute the presence of shuns to the fault of the inhabitants, the fact remains that nothing of more than a few dollars value remains left in the protected area.

Sloosan City, B. C.,
October 10, 1944.

B. C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. M.L. Brown

Re: Hanayo SORA (Mrs. Kichizo)
Reg. No. 08130

After your letter of 15th inst. arrived,
we interviewed the above person and she has
given us to understand that she will not give
any written authority for the Custodian to
apply \$20.00 against claims mentioned; owing to
the fact that her belongings are being sold with-
out her consent, when other people appear to
get their chattles without much trouble.

B. C. Security Commission

Supervisor

G. T. Vining
/ (E. R. Adams)

GTK/KF
✓ c.c. Custodian.

October 24th, 1944.

The B. C. Security Commission,
The Dick Building,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Mrs. Hanayo SORA--Reg. No. 06130

Our Claims Department have drawn our attention to the enclosure from your Slocan City Supervisor to yours of October 18th. We feel we must put it on record that Mrs. Sora's statement is a travesty of the facts. Our records indicate very clearly that she has received (two shipments made in July 1942) all the personal effects she asked for, leaving only in her former residence at Cumberland some furniture. Mr. Matt Brown, one of our most reliable and conscientious agents, reports that the articles remaining (which agree exactly with those declared by her) were of no value. It seems quite clear from our file that this lady overvalued her possessions, in particular pricing the Soya Bean mixer at \$200.00. Mr. Brown points out that this is an old stone grinder located in an out-shed and immovable. This is very definitely not a case where an evacuee has suffered financial loss by her evacuation at least insofar as her effects are concerned. Her remaining assets are, as indicated, practically valueless but if they fetch anything, we shall have no hesitation in applying them to her debts.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

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May 9, 1947

Cumberland Electric Lighting Co. Ltd.,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Mrs. Kichiao SORA - \$34.44

Attached is Custodian cheque for the sum of \$24.34 to apply on your claim of \$34.44 against the above named person. Your claim was made up of an unpaid bill of light in the amount of \$20.94, and an unpaid bill of \$13.50 for water.

No further assets of this woman are under the control of the Custodian.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this cheque.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Office of the Custodian.

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Enclosure