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FORM "JP"

FILE No. 6553

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: MATSUMURA, Shizuko (Mrs. Seitaro)

HOME ADDRESS: North Winch Cannery, Steveston, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 03425 SEX: Female AGE: 23

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? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Seitaro

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: same as above

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Mitsuo (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: same as above

AGE OF CHILDREN: 5 months

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: Lives in North Winch Cannery house at Steveston, B.C.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: B.C. Packers Ltd., Vancouver, B.C.

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: Arrangement by Cannery

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:

4 piece Bedroom suite value about $125.00, to be stored in house No. 1 Canadian Pacific Cannery, Steveston, 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

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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

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 27th day of April 1942.

(Signature) Shizuko Matsumura

A R McOmber
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE April 30, 1943.

Our File No. 6553

Full Name MATSUMURA (Shizuko) Mrs. Seitaro
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 03425 Male - Female (Check) Age August 16, 1918

Former Address North Winch Cannery, Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated May 15, 1942 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National (Check)

Present Address ~~Lethbridge, Alberta~~ c/o Frank Turachek, General Delivery, Coaldale, Alta. (Dec 27/42)

~~Married~~ - Single (Check)

Name of Wife --

Name of Husband Seitaro #03457

Name of Mother nee DEGUCHI Kiua #-07585 Name of Father HISHIMURA Sanjiro #02401

Names of Children under 16

Requested by E.C.T. Registered with Custodian YES (Yes or No)

Additional Information

File Nos. 6440 (6555)
6442, 6558.

November 25, 1946.

MEMORANDUM - Miss C. Girard

Re: Yoshio SANESHIMA
Registration No. 03403

The following list of goods auctioned has been credited to the above-named Japanese. These cannot be identified as his, as it appears they belong to the following Japanese and it is impossible to identify them.

Mrs. (Shizuko) Seitaro MATSUMURA, Reg. # 03425, File #6553
Mrs. (Ume) Matsujiro MATSUMURA, Reg. # 03436, File #6545
Mrs. (Fujie) Tomokichi SANESHIMA, Reg. # 03464, File #6550
Mrs. Ibo (Tamizo) HIKIDA, Reg. #03462, File No. 4511

Kindly put these goods into Suspense. They were removed on July 29, 1942, from the Canadian Pacific #1, under List No. 34.

ARTICLE	PRICE	AUCTION
Toilet paper	$ .80	42
2 grips	3.50	42
2 house books	1.00	42
2 house festival goods	.75	41
Clothes	2.25	41
5 window screens	1.25	40
Box of lamps	.50	40
Bean scale	2.00	40
Umbrella	2.25	40
Display rack	.25	37
Dresser mirror	2.00	37
Dresser mirror	1.90	37
Dresser mirror	1.00	37
Gramophone	1.50	14
Toy piano	1.50	13
Cross cut saw	2.00	3
Buck saw	1.50	3
Parasols	1.00	3
Clock	1.25	3
Clock (Chime)	4.50	3
Upright gramophone	3.00	3
Dresser (no mirror)	4.00	3
Dresser (no mirror)	2.75	3
Dresser (no mirror)	4.00	3
Dresser (no mirror)	3.25	3
Child's bureau	3.00	3
Sideboard	10.50	3
Kitchen cabinet	.50	3
Oil cloth top table	5.00	3

George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/ls

Accounting Department

See over

MEMORANDUM

File 6553.

TO: Miss F. May.

FROM: Mr. R. G. Bell.

December 30th, 1948.

Re: Shimako (Mrs. Seitaro) MATSUMURA - Reg. No. 03425.

The funds carried in this account are derived from Chattels, the ownership of which has not been definitely established. Four interests are involved - this file (Mrs. Shimako MATSUMURA, File 6553); her husband (Seitaro MATSUMURA, File 6544); latter's mother (Ume MATSUMURA, File 6545) and Toshio SANESHIMA, File 6548.

To permit of closing this ledger account, and the file, please transfer balance ($36.71) to Chattels Suspense Account. This amount is made up as follows:

	Gross	Charges	Net	Auctioned at	Date
	$ 1.00	$ .28	$ .72	Steveston 37	July 20, 1945
	$ .25	$ .05	$ .20	Steveston 38	Sept. 21, 1945
	$ 7.25	$1.26	$ 5.99	Steveston 42	Nov. 14, 1945
	$30.00	$7.92	$22.08	Steveston 14	June 2, 1944
X	$10.50	$2.78	$ 7.72	Steveston 31	
			$36.71	Net proceeds	

Mrs. Matsumura has not filed a claim but her husband and mother-in-law have.

X This $10.50 is made up as follows:
Bed & Spring $3.50
Bed & Spring $7.00

RGB/F.

To Accounting Department
From Miss May

January 5, 1949.

Would you please credit Chattel Suspense Account and charge account of Shimako (Mrs. Seitaro) MATSUMURA, #03425, File 6553, with the above mentioned items and amounts?

Frances May

File No. 6953 November 23, 1946.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

Re: Mrs. Seitaro (Shizuko) MATSUMURA
Registration Number 03425

There are no claims against the above-named Japanese revealed on the file.

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

George Peters.

George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/ic

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December 19, 1946

File No. 6343

CHATTEL SUMMARY

Re: Mrs. Ume (Matsujiro) MATSUMURA
Reg. No. 03436

As Mrs. Ume MATSUMURA declared the same items as declared by her daughter-in-law with whom she lived at the Pacific Coast Cannery, we are transferring all funds to the daughter-in-law's account.

We are attaching herewith a Chattel Summary made up on the daughter-in-law file which will show the disposition.

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

(signed) Geo. Peters
George Peters
Office of the Custodian.

GP/KO.

File No. **MEMORANDUM** June 1st, 1948
PERSONAL PROPERTY SECTION

6544 - Seitaro MATSUMURA,
Reg. No.03457

6553- Shizuko(Mrs. Seitaro) MATSUMURA,
Reg. No. 03425

6545 Ume MATSUMURA (widow)
Reg. No. 03438

6548 Toshio SANESHIMA,
Reg. No. 03403

Re: Household effects

The Household effects of the above 4 persons became all mixed at the Steveston address where they were left when these people were evacuated.

No. 6544 did not declare any Household effects but is now claiming for same as enumerated in his claim as filed.

No. 6553 declared Household Effects as shown on J.P. Form and reported others as shown on Analysis of Personal Property Claim but has not filed any claim. No. 6544 and 6553 are husband and wife and their files have been combined for analysis.

No. 6545 declared some Household effects and has filed a claim. She is the mother of Seitaro MATSUMURA and was living with her son and daughter-in-law.

No. 6548 did not declare any Household effects but later it developed that he claimed a large assortment of them and has signed a lengthy inventory dated Dec. 7/42 that was forwarded to him by the Custodian.

The (a) Chattel Schedule of #6553 - 2 pages - of Dec. 23/46 defines the situation as then appearing. The (b) Memo of Nov. 22/46 gives other details of #6553. The (c) Chattel Summary of Dec. 20/46 re #6553 and #6545 ex presses the confusion in Respect to the Household Effects of daughter-in-law and Mother-in-law on account of duplication by them in their lists of items.

The items identified as belonging to #6553 and #6545 were sold at Auction and credited to the account of #6553. On account of the uncertainty in respect to certain of them, the proceeds amounting to $36.71 were forwarded to them in a cheque drawn in their names. This cheque was returned by them as Feb. 14/47 and the amount is presently to the account of #6553. A Statement of Auction Sales credited to #6553 is in the Index of claim file showing a gross total of Auctions as $165.90.

The Analysis of Personal Property re Household Effects of #6544/6553 deals only with the items claimed and does not include other items auctioned and credited to #6553, or otherwise disposed of.

Certain Household effects that were sold and the proceeds credited to #6548 were later transferred to a chattels Suspense account on the books of the Custodian pending clarification of ownership involving #6544, #6553, #6545, #6548 and any other persons whose Household Effects may have been placed at this location in Steveston, B.C.

BRD/DD.

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File No. 6545 CHATTEL SCHEDULE December 20, 1946

Re: Mrs. Une (Matsujiro) MATSUMURA
Registration Number 03438

JAPANESE DECLARATION APRIL 27, 1942

1 Sewing machine
1 Sofa
4 beds
1 table
1 cupboard
1 chest of drawers
12 chairs
1 Box kitchen utensils

GOODS REMOVED FROM CANADIAN PACIFIC NO. 1
JULY 29, 1942- MATSUMURA (UNE)

1 Child's crib
1 spring
1 wooden bed and sides
3 iron beds
3 springs
4 mattresses

For disposition of the above chattels, see Chattel Summary.

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

(signed) Geo. Peters.

George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/ic.

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6131
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE No. 6553

506 ROYAL BANK BLDG.,
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

February 9, 1943.

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B. C. Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Mr. M. L. Brown.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Mrs. Seitaro (Shizuko) MATSUMURA ~~Iwaon~~ Alma

We enclose herewith in duplicate a copy of a letter dated February 2, 1943 from the above-named, asking for their gramophone records.

The Custodian has no objection, and if you are agreeable, will you kindly forward the duplicate copy of this letter to Mr. C. C. Robinson with the necessary instructions?

Yours truly,
R.B.Mackedie

R. B. Mackedie,
Protection Department.

RBM:NDE
Encl.

8 cartons
1 box

Feby 24/43
C.C.Robinson Esq Director
OK Ship - Express. if 30 lbs or less
or two parcels of 30 lbs by Express
Cheaper than freight - We will pay
Charges & collect from owner
Note Records only - C.W.Sisler 2/24/43
B.C.Security Com

6553

P.O.Box 635,
Steveston,B.C.,
24th February 1943.

Attention Mr.C.W.Fisher

British Columbia Security Commission,
355 Burrard Street,
Vancouver,B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: MATSUMURA,Mrs.Seitaro

Relative to your request asking us to ship certain gramophone records to the above at Turin, Alta.,we regret to state that it will be very difficult for us to locate these records. In this Japanese effects there are 8 cartons and 1 box all closed and no doubt the records are in some one of these.

While it is our desire to assist in every way possible we feel that you will agree with us that we cannot undertake to trace minor articles such as the above. In a great number of cases the container of small articles may be at the bottom of a huge pile of household goods in one of our storehouses.

Yours truly,

HJS. C.C.Robinson.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

March 11th, 1943.

353 BURRARD STREET,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Mr. C.C.Robinson,
Custodian Agent,
P.O.Box 635,
STEVESTON, B.C.

Re: MATSUMURA, Mrs. Seitaro #03425

Have a letter from above at Turin, Alta., stating there are eight cartons and asking us to open each one and send the two which contain records. I am passing this information on to you without suggesting that you take any action. If you figure it is unreasonable to do anything further, please so advise and we will refund the $4.00 which this person has deposited on the charges.

C.W.Fisher
Transportation

CWF:FF

I figure it unreasonable to do anything further.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

April 29th, 1943.

355 BURRARD STREET,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

C.C.Robinson, Esq.,
Custodian Agent,
P.O.Box 635,
STEVESTON, B.C.

Re: MATSUMURA, S. #03425, P.O.Box 50,
Turin, Alta.

Attached is Custodian Release for goods to be shipped to above when convenient to deliver to the Richmond Transfer for movement to the C.P.R. Station, Vancouver.

Richmond please note the freight charges to be COLLECT at destination, guaranteed by us, sending us both copies of the bill of lading and bill for cartage. Be sure to mark on the bill of lading "FREIGHT CHARGES COLLECT".

C.W.Fisher
Transportation

CWF:FF
Encl.

Custodian of Alien Property
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

X Can Pac No 19
Via Edst 35' 23 Feb 43

Richmond Transfer
204 Alexander St.
Vancouver, B.C.

Steveston BC

15 June 1943

Mr C W Fisher

BC Security Commission

Vancouver BC

S. MATSUMURA # 03425

Re your release april 29/43 for boxes and
1 cedar box containing sewing machine to
be shipped to the above at Iverin Alta

our list of chattels removed from this mans
home to storage does not show any sewing machine
and there are a dozen or more boxes and cartons
which may belong to this man and others as well
we will have to have more complete details
in order to identify which boxes belong to
this man

C B Robinson

C O P Y

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Lethbridge, Alberta.
August 30, 1943.

Mr. M. L. Brown, Office Manager, Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Seitaro MATSUMURA, #03457

Above named has requested us to authorize the Custodian to sell the undermentioned items at the prices quoted or higher. In the event that these items can be sold, but at a lesser figure than that quoted, it is requested that such information be forwarded here before sale is effected:

Baby's crib (cream colour), also spring		$20.00
4 Pr. bedroom set complete with spring, and spring filled mattress		100.00
1 Davenport		65.00
1 Walnut magazine rack		15.00
1 Brass ash tray stand		12.00
1 Shoe cabinet (orange & green coloured, glass handles)		5.00
1 Box of tea set (unused)		18.00

The family state that "all these items are in perfect condition, and were bought for our new home, one year before evacuation."

We hold manuscript authorization for this transaction and will forward any other authorization that may be required.

(Sgd.) A. E. Russell

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A. E. Russell

Encl Sept 1943

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Sept. 7th, 1943

TRANSPORTATION

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

Attention Mr. H. L. Brown

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Mr. & Mrs. Seitaro NAKAMURA
Reg. Nos. 03457 and 03425

Thank you for yours of September 22nd dealing with the husband. We will see what we can arrange though in this connection there are no special efforts we can make as our Steveston representative is too busy to undertake small separate sales of this nature. It may easily be, however, that he will contact some interested purchaser among his tenants.

In a case like this where a Japanese sets a price, we would not normally make a sale below his figure until such time as wholesale disposal of effects is undertaken when, of course, the price bid at an auction or set by an independent appraiser would be accepted without further question.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IF

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September 22nd, 1943

TRANSPORTATION

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

Attention Mr. W. L. Brown

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Mr. & Mrs. Seitaro NAKAMURA
Reg. Nos. 03457 & 03425

Please refer to your letter of September 2nd with an enclosure from Mr. Russell and our reply of the 7th. We now hear from our Steveston representative that none of the articles mentioned were found when we moved the belongings of this man and his wife from Canadian Pacific House No. 1. We shall require further information of where they were left before we can take any action.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IF

[redacted]

File Nos. 6918
6922
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October 2nd, 1944

To: Accounting Department
From: R. B. Reinecke

Re: [redacted] Trophie

Will you please forward the proceeds of auction sales credited to the above until the various owners of chattels involved can be identified.

RBR/MH

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December 8th, 1944

Mrs. Shizuke MATSUMURA,
Reg. No. 03425,
Turin Alta.

Dear Madam:

We thank you for your letter of November 30th, contents of which we have noted.

We will be pleased to let you know when the articles you listed have all been sold, and we will enclose lists at that time showing prices obtained at the auction sales.

At the present moment just some of the items have been sold.

Yours truly,

R.B. Mackedie
Protection Department

RBM:LM

Box 82
Twin Falls
Idaho

June 30



Dear Sir.

Recently hearing you can't find my good electric sewing machine (White) I am very disappointed. My machine is just bought and it is not been used much. It was packed well in a wood box with my name and address on outside. I have a idea that they might be using it at the Red Cross so please be kind and look it up for me. as I urgently need it here. as I have to make young children clothes and can't be able to get clothes. I thank you very much.

Yours truly
Mrs. D. McNamara

P.S. It was a "White" Model Machine.

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P.O. Box. 50.
Turin. Alta
June 30/43

Dear. Sir:-

I recived your letter that ask about boxes & cartons I like to send me all the boxes & cartons But I don't know what kind of of stuff inside. But here is the list of chattels well you send me which I marked X sign

Yours. Truly
S. Matsufuru

Chattels

1 Basket clothes
1 mirror
2 Cartons china ware
1 wash board
2 Boxes kitchen utensils
1 Carton wooden plates
X ✓ 1 Box
X 2 Cartons can't locate
3 Small Addes
1 Hat box
1 Cigarette stand
3 Cartons dishes
X ✓ 4 Cartons
X 1 Gas lantern—
X ✓ 1 Carton Miscellaneous
1 Carton trays & dishes
1 Addie blind
2 Cartons decoration
X ✓ 1 Box
X ✓ 1 Addes
2 Boxes dishes
X ✓ 1 Cartons
1 Mattress
1 Box of kitchen utensils
X 1 Tin box—can't locate
1 mattress
1 Bdle wall paper
3 Bdle oil cloth
1 Box tool
1 Trunk dishes
1 Gramaphone
3 Bdle pails
1 Galv. boiler
1 Ironing board