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BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO.

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: YAMADA Asaji
HOME ADDRESS: Box 129, Cumberland, B.C.
REGISTRATION NUMBER 06516 SEX: Male AGE: 67
OCCUPATION: Coal Picker

(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: Tami
ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: same as above
NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: none

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: none
AGE OF CHILDREN: none

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: No. 14, Japanese Town No. 1, Cumberland, B.C.
The following buildings:-
(1) A 2 story wooden frame, 6 room house, with seperate outside bath-
2 woodsheds, chicken house(250 cap.) and garage. (room,
(2) 1, 4 room wooden frame bungalow.

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)
self

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: 2 story wooden frame, 6 room house, with bungalow, both owned by declarant and located at No. 14 Japanese Town No. 1, Cumberland, B.C., on land belonging to:-

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Canadian Collieries Dunsmuir Ltd., Cumberland, B.C.

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: 3 beds, 3 bureaux, 3 china cabinets, kitchen utensils, at No. 14 Japanese Town No. 1, Cumberland, B.C. Total value \$110.00. 1 box kitchenware, 1 box chinaware, 1 box dry goods, stored at Cumberland And District Storage And Sales, Cumberland, B.C.

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

none

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

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

none

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY:

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)

One \$100.00 Victory Bond, due June 1951, in own possession.

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: Royal Bank of Canada, Cumberland, B.C. \$500.00

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 28th day of April 1942.

(Signature)

A. Yamada

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

CUMBERLAND AND DISTRICT STORAGE AND SALES

PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS, ETC.

I, the undersigned, A. YAMADA
of Cumberland have stored my personal goods, as listed, in
care of Matt. Brown, Cumberland, B. C. The listed goods are stored at the owner's
risk, which will be properly taken care of, as to any regulations, Dominion or Provincial,
under the evacuation orders.

No. of Packages:

3

A. Yamada
Registration No. 06516

Matt. Brown, Agent

P. O. Box 431

Witness D. Swann

1 Box

#1

Kitchen Utensils & Chinaware

1 Box

#2

Chinaware

1 Box

#3

Comforters & Clothings

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Aug. 17/43.

ur File No. 6634

Full Name YAMADA, Asaji
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 06516

Male ☒ - Female
(check)

Age May 20, 1874

Former Address Box 129, Cumberland, B.C.

Date Evacuated Sept. 12/42

Naturalized ☒ - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address New Denver, B.C.
May 13/47

Married ☒ - Single
(check)

Name of Wife ^{nie} (TAMASHI) Tami #06489

Name of Husband -

Name of Mother Deceased.

Name of Father Deceased

Names of Children under 16 _____

Requested by [Signature]

Registered with Custodian (Yes or No)

Additional Information Coal Picker

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

I A. Yamada, Police

registration No. 06516, hereby request you to

release to me the under-noted property stored at _____

Matt Brown Storage, Cumberland, B. C.

and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to
such property.

Description of Property:

Box No. 1 Kitchen Utensils

" No. 2 Chinawares

" No. 3 Comforters and Clothing

3 Pieces shipped as per Bill of Lading June 9th, '42

Dated this 4th day of June 1942.

A. Yamada.
(Japanese sign here)

Approved

MURR ROSE
B. C. SECURITY COMMISSION,
per,

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.

Lot 13 File #6634 June 4, 1945.

CUMBERLAND AND DISTRICT STORAGE AND SALES

PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS, ETC.

To.

I, the undersigned, ...Office of Custodian.....
of.....Vancouver, B.C.....have stored my personal goods, as listed, in
care of Matt. Brown, Cumberland, B. C. The listed goods are stored at the owner's
risk, which will be properly taken care of, as to any regulations, Dominion or Provincial,
under the evacuation orders.

YAMADA A.

No. of Packages:

.....1.....

Registration No. 06516.....

Agent
~~Witness~~

Matt..Brown.....

Matt. Brown, Agent

P. O. Box 431

Shipped Freight Prepaid to Vancouver, B. C.,
for Future Storage.

1 Dunnage Bag Effects #4 33 lbs.

NAME YAMADA, Asaji

REGISTRATION NO. 06516

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The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 71 E. Hastings St. Vancouver, B.C. on April 30th, 1946.

Cushions	\$.20
Coats	.30
Coats	.60
Toy	.25
Paints	.50
Net	.60
Toys	1.00
Clothing	.25
Air gun	2.10

Total	(Auctioneer's fee \$.72	\$ 5.80
Less Expenses:	(Advertising .58	\$ 1.88
	(Moving .58	
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$ 3.92

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 63

Remarks.

NAME YAMADA, Asaji

REGISTRATION NO. 06516

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The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Cumberland, B. C. on November 8, 1944.

Round table	\$ 0.30
Square table	0.25
Cabinet ✓	0.25
Tub and tools	0.50
2 Chairs	0.50
Chest drawers ✓	0.25
Wash stand and bureau ✓	2.00
Washstand ✓	0.50
2 Tables	1.00
Cabinet	1.50
Ironing board and stool	0.15
Saw and shovel	0.25

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 0.74
(Advertising: 0.37
(Moving: 0.91

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$	7.45
\$	2.02
\$	<u>5.43</u>

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Matt Brown

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Cumberland 3.

Remarks. *See Inventory*

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August 28th, 1942.

Mr. Asaji YAMADA,
Registration No. 06516,
Hastings Park,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

In making declaration of your property to the Custodian, you claimed to be the owner of a house built by you on land owned by the Canadian Collieries Limited at Cumberland, B. C. We have been informed by the Canadian Collieries that you were permitted to build upon this land and occupy the premises only while you remained an employee of the Company, and that the building is now the property of the Company.

While we desire to protect your ownership of the house, we shall have to accept the statement of the Company unless you can submit some evidence of your right to retain ownership of the house. I suggest that, to this end, you give me information on the following questions:

1. When you built this house did you get a lease of the land from the Company; or did you belong to an association which was granted a lease of a larger area of land of which the land on which your house is situated is a part, and if so, can you give me the name and address of the party holding this lease? Any lease of the land occupied should be sent to me for inspection.
2. Have you any letter or other document from the Company giving you the right to occupy the land, and if so, please send such letter or document to me.
3. Did you occupy this land only by verbal permission of the Company?
4. Are you supposed to pay rent to the Company, and do you propose to continue paying it?
5. Was there any understanding between you and the Company that the house should become the property of the Company if and when you quit working for the Company?

If you still consider yourself owner of this house it is important that you should write me at once giving such information as you may be able in substantiation of your claim.

IM:PB

Yours truly,

Ian Macpherson, Title Examiner.

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May 8th, 1942.

Canadian Collieries Limited,
Cumberland, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

In making declaration to the Custodian of Japanese Property the parties below named have stated that they are owners of houses built on lands owned by your company.

Will you please inform me upon what terms they occupy the lands, and in particular, if your company claims any interest in the houses or other improvements.

Miss Nobuko Yano
Shokichi Kiyonaga
Sadaki Asao
Benjiro Doi
Tetsuo Doi
Rumaichi Harada
Sanji Kinoto
Tokiji Kiyono
Haruka Okuda
Kasaku Okuda
Masutaro Sugimori
Matsuji Terada
Asahi Yoneda
Kenichi Yano

Yours truly,

IMcP:EB.

C.L. Drouery
Manager

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6131

PLEASE REFER TO

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

September 19th, 1942.

Mr. Asaji YAMADA,
Registration No. 06516,
Hastings Park,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

We regret to inform you that we unfortunately are unable to trace having received any reply from you to our letter dated August 28th, 1942.

Our letter was in reference to the house you occupied on Canadian Collieries land at Cumberland. If you consider yourself still the owner of the house please advise me of your reason. If not, will you kindly advise me that you abandon any claim to it.

Will you please give this matter your immediate attention.

Yours truly,



Ian Macpherson
Title Examiner.

IM:EB.

Handwritten note:
New. Macpherson
Sept 12/42

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Ian Macpherson

File No. 6634

Hastings Park,
September 21, 1942.

Mr. Ian Macpherson,
Office of the Custodian,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Asaji YAMADA No. 06516

Referring to your letter of the 19th instant addressed to Mr. Yamada, we regret being unable to contact this party as he was evacuated to Slocan on September 6th. Enclosed please find the letter addressed to Mr. Yamada.

Yours truly,

F. T. Williams

F. T. Williams

FTW/ECT

✓

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August 21st, 1943

Mr. Asaji YAMADA,
Registration No. 06516,
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

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 buildings known as House #21 and #21A, No. 1 Japanese Town and the awards fixed as aforesaid amounted to \$20.00 and \$40.00. Your account has, therefore, been credited with these sums.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell
Administration Department

RGB:IF

These houses shown as "No. 14" on JP forms & "20 & 22" in Matt Brown's first report (6 Oct. '42).

Milson
P.O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B.C.

Oct. 6/42.

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Mr. R.P. Alexander, Manager,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Vancouver, B.C.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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Dear Sir:-

Report on YAMADA Asa11 Reg. # 06516.

1 & 2 Location and Nature of property. 1-2 storey building, house # 22, # 1 Japanese Town, West Cumberland, B.C. On Canadian Collieries "D" Ltd. property. Ground rent \$1.00 per month. No. rent has been paid since July of 1928. Also 1 old 4 room shack # 20.

3 Effects of actual value were shipped out c/o B.C. Security Commission, Vancouver, B.C. 3 large boxes on June 9/42. Balance left in the home are: 3 old beds, 3 bureaux, 3 china cabinets, built in the wall, a few old kitchen wares etc.

4 Insurances. None.

5 Liabilities and personal debts. None to date.

6 Recommendations. Balance of effects are left in house # 22 which is vacant and nailed up. There is nothing in house # 20 as it is in very bad condition. House # 22 is in fair condition and being located in this village will be hard to rent at present.

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

Yours truly

Matt Brown
Matt Brown,

Custodian Agent.

MEMORANDUM

Files G/92, 5367, 7999, 6632, 6869,
6630, 6645, 5124, 4677, 6628,
6629, 6656, 6669, 6634, 6639,

July 21, 1943.

TO: Mr. Alexander

FROM: Mr. Ian Macpherson

RE: The Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited.

Herewith refers to those Japanese formerly employed by the Collieries and who have houses erected upon this land. None of them have made any claim to an interest in the land and the houses may be regarded as personal property. The Collieries as per their letter of March 2nd, 1943, in file G/92, assert their ownership, and so far as this department is concerned in this circumstance, it does not seem that anything more has to be done. The interests of the declarants in the houses however, will require some attention, and you may desire to refer these interests to another department. If not, I shall be pleased to have your comment as to what action should be taken.

5367	Miss Nobuko YANO
7999	Shokichi KIYONAGA
6632	Sadaki ASAO
6869	Denjiro DOI
6630	Tadao DOI
6645	Kumaichi HARADA
5124	Sanji KIMOTO
4677	Tokiji KIYONO
6628	Haruka OKUDA
6629	Kasaku OKUDA
6656	Masutaro SUGINOMORI
6669	Matsuji TERADA
6634	Asaji YAMADA
6639	Kenichi YANO

IM:ML

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May 25th, 1943

TRANSPORTATION

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

Attention Mr. M. L. Brown

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Asaji YAMADA--Reg. No. 04516

Mr. Matt Brown has sent us a letter from the above Japanese at New Denver asking for the shipment of the following effects to House No. 21 there.

- 1 Iron pot (Diamond shaped and 15 in. long)
- 1 Duffle bag. (Plus contents)
- 1 Kettle
- 1 7 x 11 pot (Baba)
- 1 Pot (Enameled and 6 Gal. capacity)
- 5 Baskets (Bamboo)
- 1 Teapot (New)
- 2 Earthenware bowls (suri bachi)
- 2 Buckets

Mr. Brown says that everything has been packed and is ready for shipment pending receipt of your permission.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IP

c/c sent to Matt Brown

P.O. Box 431,

Cumberland, B.C. SECTION

May 15/43.

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By	
Initials	<i>Green</i>

out to San Diego

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: A. YAMADA Reg. # 06516, File # 6634.

Kindly find enclosed letter received from the above mentioned party asking us to ship their effects listed in their letter on to them. We have packed all the bulk effects left in the home consisting of crockery and enamel kitchen wares etc. canned goods and drapes etc. and have same ready for shipment pending B.C. Security Commission release. Please contact them regarding same.
Awaiting your early reply.

Yours truly

Matt. Brown.

Matt Brown.
Custodian Agent.

MB/MAB

Encs. *Apr 16/43*

EVACUATION SECTION	
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New Denver, D.C.,
April 10, 1943.

Mr. Matt. Brown,
Cumb rland, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Will you be kind enough to send me the following goods stored at House #21 (Mr. A. Yamada's house)

- 1 - Iron pot (Diamond shaped and 15 in. long)
- 1 - Duffle bag. (plus contents)
- 1 - Kettle
- 1 - 7 x 11 pot. (Nabe)
- 1 - pot (enameled and 6 gal. capacity)
- 5 - Basket (bamboo)
- 1 - Teapot (Nabe)
- 2 - Earthenware Bowl (suri & chi)
- 2 - Buckets

I will appreciate it very much if you will ship them at the earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

A. Yamada.

Encl. May 15/43

6634 & 11800.

December 2, 1942.

Mr. Matt Brown,
P. O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:

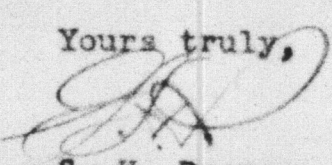
Re: Asaji YAMADA &
Sawaichi IRIZAWA

With reference to our letter of November 3rd regarding numerous files, we stated in the paragraph headed "T. Yamada" that this man was not registered and that we had no record.

It may be that this refers to Mrs. Tami Yamada, wife of Asaji YAMADA, on whom we have your report dated October 6th.

If this is the case and there is nothing to be dealt with under the name of T. Yamada, please advise us.

Yours truly,


G. H. Peers,
Administration Department.

GHP/P.

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October 8, 1942

Matt Brown, Esq.,
P. O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Asaji YAMADA

Please accept our thanks for your report of October 6 in connection with the above party's houses (#22 and #20) which are built on land belonging to the Canadian Collieries "D" Ltd. We note that house #20 is in very bad condition and that house #22 is vacant and boarded up.

We also understand that all the personal effects of any value have been shipped out to Asaji Yamada, the balance of which has been left in house #22.

Yours truly,

G. D. Milsom
Administration Department

GDM/GH

New Denver, B.C.,
January 15th, 1946.

Matt. Brown, Agent,
P.O. Box 431,
Lumberland, B.C.

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Dear Sir: -

With reference to our houses - House No. 21 and the other new house in No. 1 Japanese Town we would like to inquire about them. Please let us know what has happened to them. There were some Household Goods left inside and we want to know about them too. Other people have all ~~been~~ been notified if they were sold but we haven't had any word from you or anybody else so we thought we'd write to you and find out.

He will very much appreciate it if you will kindly check up on this matter at your earliest convenience and please be sure to give us a reply as we will be looking forward to it.

Thanking you in anticipation,

we remain,

Yours very truly,
(Mr.) Masquida Mayda
(Mr.) Lajao Mayda.

EVACUATION SECTION

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File No.

Ans.

P. O. Box 451.
Cumberland, B.C.,
Jan. 23/46.

Mr. M. Mayeda, & Mr. T. Mayeda,
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

In reply to your letter of Jan. 15/46 inquiring about your houses #21 and 21A and your household goods left in your house #21A, #1 Village, West Cumberland, B. C. These houses #21 and #21A and effects are in the name of Mr. Asaji Yamada, Reg. #06516, Custodian File #6634, whom I presume is your father. The only information I can give you to date, as all records in detail are kept in the Office of the Custodian, Royal Bank Bldg., Vancouver, B. C., is that the houses were taken over by the Canadian Colliers "D" Ltd., All household effects were sold at Public Auction. One Duffle Bag of clothing, etc., #4 was shipped to Vancouver for future storage c/o Custodian Office. I will send your letter to the Office of the Custodian at Vancouver who will give you full details regarding same. I would suggest you write direct to Office of the Custodian for further information.

Hoping this will keep you to date on the above.

Yours truly

Matt. Brown
Custodian Agent

MB/G

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Referred	Bell

P. O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B. C.,
Jan. 23/46.

Mr. R. G. Bell,
Administration Dept.,
Office of the Custodian,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Mr. Asaji YAMADA, File #6634.

Kindly find enclosed letter I received from Masasuye and Toyoo Mayeda, New Denver, B. C. I presume they are the sons of Mr. A. Yamada, the above mentioned party.

Also enclosed is a copy of our letter to them, which reads for itself.

Hopping this meets with your approval.

Yours truly

Matt. Brown

Matt. Brown
Custodian Agent

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