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FORM "J" HANEY FILE No. 6663

# 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: YOKOYAMA, Akira

HOME ADDRESS: R.R. No.1. Haney, BC

REGISTRATION NUMBER 13687 SEX: Male AGE: 23

OCCUPATION: 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: Myself

MARRIED? No

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: ---

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: ---

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: ---

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: ---

AGE OF CHILDREN: ---

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Lot 4 of the NW quarter of Sec 11 twp 12 Map 1363 in the District of New Westminster. Title No. 146873E

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: Seven-room dwelling house, barn, chicken house, garage, woodshed,

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) None

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) $32 for 1941, payable at Haney, BC

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

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) Myself

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: In my possession

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: My brother Tomio has a ½ int.

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN Raspberries, strawberries, potatoes,

**STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED**

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: See page 1

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Myself and my brother Tomio

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: See clause 9

**STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:**

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

Household furniture, kitchen utensils, chinaware, carpenter tools, farm implements, , Singer sewing machine, in the house at R.R. No.1 Haney, BC, key will be ~~[illegible]~~ taken with me.

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 My brother has a half interest.

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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)

Six $5 War Savings Certificates at home

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: $1100 (about) Bank of Montreal, Haney, BC

9. LIFE INSURANCE: $1000 25-year endowment policy in Sun Life Assur. Co. Beneficiary my father. Policy No. 2198556 in my 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 27th day of April 1942.

(Signature) Akira Yokoyama

E. J. Williams
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date June 28, 1943.

Our File No. 6663

Full Name YOKOYAMA Akira
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 13687 Male ✓ - Female (check)

Age June 20, 1919

Former Address R.R.#1, Haney, B.C.

Date Evacuated 17/9/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born ✓ - National (check)

Present Address Tashme, B.C.

Married ✓ - Single (check)

Name of Wife —

Name of Husband —

Name of Mother (nee TATEMURA) Name of Father Tsunekichi #13762

Names of Children under 16 moto #13761

Requested by Mary Campbell ✓ Registered with Custodian ____ (Yes or No)

Additional Information Farming

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# PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 6663

13th February, 1947.

Re: Akira YOKOYAMA - Reg. No. 13687

CHATTELS: The above Japanese declared, when registering with this office on the 27th April, 1942, that he was leaving household furniture in a house jointly owned by himself and his brother, at Haney. The property was inventoried by our fieldmen on the 28th October, 1942, and AKIRA YOKOYAMA signed his acknowledgement to the inventory on the 31st October, 1942. This house was vacant for some time and was in an isolated spot, and it was found that a great many articles were missing when the property was inspected with a view to removing same to auction. All saleable goods were removed and sold by auction on the 14th March 1945, for the net sum of $14.49, and this sum was credited to the joint account. A large quantity of small items had to be abandoned on the property as being of no sale value.

Shipment of books requested in this file was apparently not shipped.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: A Provincial 1941 Income Tax refund in the amount of $3.19 was received at this office and credited to his account.

In April 1945, a cheque in the amount of $55.18, being a refund of 1943 Income tax, was forwarded when received at this office through the B.C. Security Commission.

BANK ACCOUNT: YOKOYAMA declared having a Bank account at Haney, but this was not brought under control by the Custodian.

BONDS & INVESTMENTS: YOKOYAMA declared some War Savings Certificates, but these also were not brought under control by the Custodian.

LIFE INSURANCE: The above Japanese declared a Sun Life Assurance Policy, but this was not brought under control or administered in any way by the Custodian.

This file reveals no other personal property assets.

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

/HA

A. E. Anderson

## REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

**JAPANESE NAMES:** Akira YOKOYAMA Reg. No. 13687 File No. 6663
Tomio YOKOYAMA " " 13817 " " 6664

**CATALOGUE NO:** Sold by Special Arrangement, The Director, The Veterans' Land Act. BC/208-P. First Offer.

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 3040 - 15th Road, Whonnock, B. C.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Lot 4 of the North West ¼ of Section 11, Township 12, Map 1363, Municipality of Maple Ridge, D. N. W.

**TITLE:** Registered in the names of Akira YOKOYAMA and Tomio YOKOYAMA "Joint Tenants"

**ENCUMBRANCES:** None registered. No indication of any unregistered charges.

Vesting Order No. 25082, dated December 10th, 1942.

**ASSESSED VALUE:** Land - $ 400.00
Improvements - $1900.00 - $2300.00. Taxes - $34.29.

**CLASSIFICATION:** Small Fruit Farm with Dwelling and out-buildings.
The Custodian's representative reported on 22nd October, 1942, that this property had an area of 9.69 acres of which approximately 4 acres were cleared and planted to the following crops: 1 acre raspberries, strawberries, 30 mixed fruit trees. The bushes and plants on this property were in very bad condition and not of commercial value.
Owner claims, on his JP Form, that there were also potatoes, but our representative reports that there were no potatoes.
1 - 1½ storey 7 room dwelling, 1 woodshed, 1 bath house, 1 barn and leanto, 1 chicken house, 1 garage. Dwelling in good condition, other buildings fair.

**HISTORY OF ADMINISTRATION:** These premises were not rented until 1st April, 1943, becuase of there being no crop of marketable value and the situation of the property is considerable distance from transportation and very inconvenient.

The property was leased by the Custodian for 9 months from April 1st, 1943, to Mrs. R. R. Clarkson, on a monthly basis. Consideration being $8.00 per month.

**SOLD:** To The Director, The Veterans' Land Act for $1,009.00 as at 1st January, 1943.
Approval of Advisory Committee - 1st June, 1943.

Funds released to the joint credit of Akira YOKOYAMA and Tomio YOKOYAMA as at May 10th, 1944, against which were charges for

charges for



Registration Fees - $3.00, Legal Fees - $15.00, leaving a net credit of $991.00 from said transaction.

In view of the rents being collected by the Custodian up to August 31st, 1943, a cheque for $40.00, covering same, was paid November 17th, 1943, to The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

On January 22nd, 1946, the balance at credit of the Joint account was divided evenly and the following amounts were placed to each of the respective accounts:

Akira YOKOYAMA - $502.24
Tomio YOKOYAMA - 502.25 = $1004.49.

Certificate of Title No. 169877-E in the name of The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

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

February 12th, 1946.

D. A. CRAMER.

DAC:JS

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No.6663

13th February, 1947.

Rei Akira YOKOYAMA - Reg. No. 13687

The above Japanese declared no liabilities when registering and the file reveals none.

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

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JAN 19 1948
File No. 6664/6667
Ans. No
Referred

January 15, 1948
East Lillooet, B.C.

The Custodian's Office
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Please forward us with the cheques and the full statement covering the sale of all our property.

Yours truly,

T. Yokoyama 13817
A. Yokoyama 13687

March 2nd 1947
East Lillooet B.C.

Department of the Secretary of State
506 Royal Bank Building
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is two cheques which we are returning to you as we are not satisfied with the sale.

| Cheques. | | $ |
|---|---|---|
| Bessie Yokoyama | 13817 | 502.25 |
| Akira Yokoyama | 13687 | 505.43 |

Yours truly,
Yokoyama
A. Yokoyama

Copy on Mr Shears file

6663

13th February, 1947.

Re-mailed
JAN 26 1948 de.

REGISTERED

Mr. Akira YOKOYAMA,
Registration No. 13687
12 Mile Camp,
Hope, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Your file has now been reviewed and equal distribution made of the funds credited to the joint account of yourself and your brother, Tomio. For your information we are enclosing a statement of the joint account showing entries made since the one sent to you with details of the property sale on the 26th May, 1944.

We enclose herewith Custodian cheque in the amount of $505.43, which includes your proportion of the above mentioned, and $3.19 credited to your personal account from a refund of your 1941 Provincial Income Tax.

We note that you still have in your possession the Title document of the property, and we request that you forward it to this office as soon as possible as it has been cancelled at the Land Registry Office.

It would appear that we have accounted for all the property of every kind left by you in the Protected Area which vested in the Custodian and in order that you may confirm this and acknowledge the cheque, we are enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for your convenience in replying.

Yours truly,

W.E. Anderson,
Office of the Custodian.

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Encls. (3)Cheque

File Nos. 6663 & 6664

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Akira YOKOYAMA, Reg. No. 13687 & Tomio YOKOYAMA, Reg. No. 13617

| Date | Particulars | Debit | Credit | Balance |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1944 | Balance as per statement sent 26th May, 1944 | | $1005.00 | |
| 1945 | | | | |
| March 14 | Net proceeds Auction sale | | 14.49 | |
| Apr. 23 | Legal fees in connection with conveyance of property | $15.00 | | |
| 1947 | | | | |
| | Equal distribution of funds in joint account | | | |
| | To Akira YOKOYAMA, File 6663 | $502.24 | | |
| | To Tomio YOKOYAMA, File 6664 | 502.25 | | |
| | | $1019.49 | $1019.49 | ∅ |

Files 6663, 6664, 6662. January 19, 1946.

MEMORANDUM.

To: Miss Charlotte Girard,

From: W.E. Anderson.

Certain chattels sold in auction Kissiem 18, and credited to the account of Akira TOKOYAMA (6663) and Yuzo TOKOYAMA (6664) jointly, actually belong to Tsunaichi TOKOYAMA, File 6662. Please make the transfer in accordance with the following:

Transfer from Files 6663 & 6664 to File 6662 -

Kissiem file.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chesterfield | 20.00 |
| Cultivator | 3.00 |
| Gramophone | 2.00 |
| Drum heater | .50 |
| Table | 1.00 |
| 10 chairs | 2.75 |
| 1 bed | 4.00 |
| 2 beds | 1.00 |
| box-mattress | .00 |
| | $34.25 |

Transferred 1/2/46. C.G.

Less

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Auction Fee | 3.43 | |
| Advertising | .44 | |
| Moving | 9.44 | 13.31 |
| | | $20.94 |

To be left in account.

| | |
|---|---|
| Total | 23.70 |

Less

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Auctioneer Fee | 2.37 | |
| Advertising | .30 | |
| Moving | 6.54 | 9.21 |
| | | $14.49 |

WEA:AS

W E Anderson

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April 24th 1945.

Inspector of Income Tax,
739 Hastings Street, West,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Income Tax Refund Cheques
(1943)

We are in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, enclosing Refund Cheques as follows:

Roy T. [redacted], Cheque No. E/11-082842 - $44.88
Akira YOKOYAMA, Cheque No. E/11-082917 - $55.18

and we wish to advise you that we have forwarded same to these Japanese.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Johnston,
Administration Department.

WJJ/HMS
Enc.

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April 20th, 1945.

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

Dear Sirs:

Re: Akira YOKOYAMA
Reg. No. 13687

We enclose herewith cheque in the amount of $55.18 payable to Akira YOKOYAMA, and 1943 Income Tax Notice of Assessment which have been sent to this office.

We ask that you have same forwarded to Mr. YOKOYAMA.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

RDR:OH
Enc.

NAME YOKOYAMA, Tsunekichi (Mr.)

REGISTRATION NO. 13762 FILE NO. 6662

The following chattels were sold by public auction at Mission, B.C. on March 7 and 14, 1945

EXHIBIT No. 26 - 5
DATE 12 Jan. 1948
FILED BY R. J. McMaster

| | $ |
|---|---|
| Chesterfield | 20.00 |
| Cultivator | 3.00 |
| Gramophone | 2.00 |
| Drum Heater | 0.50 |
| Large table | 1.00 |
| 10 Chairs | 2.75 |
| 1 Bed | 4.00 |
| 2 Beds (1 not complete) | 1.00 |
| Total | $ 34.25 |
| Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: $3.43 (Advertising: 0.44 (Moving: 9.44 | $ 13.31 |
| Net Proceeds Credited: | $ 20.94 |

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. W.E. Anderson

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Mission 18.

Remarks:

NAME YOKOYAMA, Akira
YOKOYAMA, Tomio

REGISTRATION NO. 13687
13817

FILE NO. 6663
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The following chattels were sold by public auction at Mission, B.C. on March 7 and 14, 1945.

| | $ |
|---|---|
| Old range | 3.00 |
| Dresser | 6.00 |
| 2 Cupboards | 0.75 |
| Dining set | 11.00 |
| Block and tackle | 1.75 |
| Box of old books | 0.35 |
| Stand | 0.25 |
| Box of sundries | 0.60 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total | | | $ 23.70 |
| Less Expenses | (Auctioneer's Fee: | $2.37 | |
| | (Advertising: | 0.30 | $ 9.21 |
| | (Moving: | 6.54 | |
| Net Proceeds Credited: | | | $ 14.49 |

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. W. E. Anderson

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Mission 18.

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

B.L.

March 22, 1948

Margaret Worsteel

File No. 6663/L Date March 1945

SUMMARY

Name: Akira Yokoyama

Address: 13th Rd Hanaya

(1) - We have today moved to auction room at Musa 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:

~~Large quantity of small items missing and also a large quantity of small items from the property being of no resale value~~

The tenant gave us the following explanation: _____

~~This property was evacuated and was vacant until Sept 1943 and had been ransacked with back door broken in~~

C S Eaton.

Custodian

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
CANADA

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd OCT 4 1943
File No. 1663
Ans.
Referred

# BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.,
October 1st, 1943.

J. Moryson, Esq.,
Custodian Agent,
HANEY, B.C.

Re: YOKOYAMA, Akira #13687 Tashme

You may ship goods shown in attached Custodian Release when convenient, the charges to our account, sending both copies of bill of lading and two copies of cartage and packing bill. Extra copy of this letter as authority to the truck driver and C.P.R. Agent. If a sufficient number of these shipments from Tashme could be accumulated at one place, can arrange to have Boothby or Gallagher truck run along the North shore and pick up. The day of this service would have to be arranged by us after advice that the shipments have been collected, and I would telephone you the date.

However, if there are not enough to warrant this arrangement, you may go ahead and ship as the goods are made ready.

C.W.Fisher
Transportation

CWF:FT
c.c. Gen.Files

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

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd OCT
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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Address Tashme, B.C. , Date September 28

To: The Secretary of State, acting in his capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.

I, Akira Yokoyama, Police Registration No. 13687

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted property

stored at Haney, B.C.

in possession of Custodian

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

Description of Property:

All School books and all clipped notes(school),Looseleaf.

1 alum pot.,/metal tea pot., 1 galv. pail., 1 2 gal. crock.

6 boxes nailed up., 1 straw rug., 1 carton sealed.

All above upstairs. Outside on back porch --- Radio aerial

Original Address Haney, B.C.

Date Evacuated to Vancouver September 2nd.

Date Evacuated to Present Address September 22nd.

Number in Family - 12 years and over 5

Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old None

Number in Family - under 5 None

TOTAL NUMBER IN FAMILY 5

~~I agree to pay all charges as required by the British Columbia Security Commission.~~

APPROVED:
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: _____

Akira Yokoyama
Claimant Signs Here

All charges maybe deducted from pens
(See Custodian)

(Information supplied by Ins. Co.)

## LIFE INSURANCE

Name MR. AKIRA YOKOYAMA
Taulne BC.

File No. 6663

Reg. No. 15687

Company SUN LIFE

Agency VANCOUVER

Policy No. 2198556

Premium - $40.40

X
Payable: Annually, Semi-annually or monthly

Month July Day 1st

REMARKS:

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Letter sent 11/8/62

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd AUG 25 1943
File No.
Ans. Form 10
Referred Green

Vernon, B.C.
Aug. 23rd 43

Dear Sirs

Your letter of Aug 19th

(first) { You have asked us to pay the premiums for the Life Insurance. Concerning this we have already paid in full to the Co. sometime ago.

Besides as I am studying.

I will have to ask You to send me a few things from our house

The Following:—

1. All the School Books.
2. Fassiles containing notes (SCHOOL NOTES)
3. Also Zipped Notes (maybe WRAPPED UP IN NEWSPAPER.
4. School Test Papers (in paper candy box)
5. Japanese charts some papers (in white shoe box)

(second) { In Japanese Yoshiko Yamamura 13687 FILE No. 6663

While these books are necessary for school studies You will Please send them as possible, well packed. You will find all these (listed above) upstairs North West Corner of the house (Most of the School books will be packed in suit case, do not send case)

Yours Truly
K Yamamura

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd AUG 7 1943
File No. 3-1-A-3
Ans.
Referred

Webster Ave
Sold

Custodian Jap Property
Vancouver B.C.

YAKOYAMA-A
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed find sum of $8.00 as rent on 3040 15th Ave road.

Could you please tell me if it would be possible for us to buy this place. If so what is the price? My husband is a soldier. I understand this property has been sold to Ex Soldiers Settlement Board.

Yours truly

Mrs R. Clarkson

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PS Am anxious to know if I can buy this place because if I can't I will look elsewhere for saleable property.

Yrs.

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August 21, 1943.

Mrs. R. Clarkson,
Webster's Corner, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Re: YOKOYAMA, Akira
YOKOYAMA, Tomio

Your letter of August 3rd inquiring as to whether or not you may be able to purchase the Japanese property on which you are at present living, has been passed to me for reply.

You are correct - the Director of the Veterans' Land Act has purchased the Japanese holding and we understand, intends to administer it until after demobilization when those who may qualify upon their return from the armed forces to civilian life, will be eligible to purchase under the Veterans' Land Act. In the meantime, you can get no assurance that you will be able to acquire the place on which you live. As far as we know, the Soldier Settlement Board will be renting only from year to year.

Yours truly,

G. [illegible]cKay.
Farm Department.

GTM/MFP

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7th June, 1943.

Mrs. R. Clarkson,
Websters Corner, B.C.

Dear Madam:

re: A. & T. YOKOYAMA.

We enclose herewith our receipt No.5103 for $8.00 covering rental for the month of June.

With reference to your enquiry about the quantity of cut wood on the property, we have written to Yokoyama and upon receipt of his reply will advise you in due course.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

WEA:GF

Encl:

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7th June, 1943.

Mr. Akira YOKOYAMA,
Registration No.13687,
Tashme, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We have to advise that we have leased your property for a period of nine months up to December 31st, 1943, at a rental of $8.00 per month, and that according to the tenant there is a quantity of cut wood on the property which a Mr. Stonehouse of that neighbourhood claims belongs to him. We would appreciate your advising us if this is correct.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

WEA:GF

Rochester Corner
June 1 / 43.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JUN 2 1943
File No.
Ans.
Refer Auckland

File 6663 + 6664
13617 + 13817

Jap Custodian
Vancouver, B.C.

YOKOYAMA, akira
" Isamu

Rent for June/43

Dear Sir;

I am inclosing sum of ($8.00) eight dollars as monthly rent on this place.

I notice on my lease that we are not supposed to cut timber on this place. Are we not allowed to cut up fallen timber for our own use? There are about 12 or 15 cords of ~~of~~ wood cut on this place. My boy cut up some for our own use but Mr Stonehouse who runs the green house claims that it is his wood. There is also a truck driver who said that the Japs cut the wood ~~for~~ to fill an order for him. Do you know which is correct? Or could we use it? My boy is nearly

(over)

16. and could cut wood to sell if there is any place we could get a timber lease on. There is quite a stand of good timber across the road from us next to Mr. Oliver. Is that Jap property or could we get permission to cut wood there?

I would be much obliged to you for the above information.

Yours very truly

Mrs B. Clarkson.

PS. Would also like to know where to write to get particulars about buying this place.

L. C.

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13th March, 1943.

Mr. Akira YOKOYAMA,
Registration No.13687,
Tashme, B.C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your request of March 9th, we have to advise that as we have no record of receiving refund of one percent tax from the Provincial Collector, we have written to him today in this connection and will communicate with you further on receipt of word from him.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

RDR:GF

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18th March, 1943.

C. R. Brown, Esq.,
Provincial Assessor,
Court House,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: Akira YOKOYAMA, #13687.

Will you please send to this office the one percent wage deduction (January 1st to June 30th, 1941) due the above Japanese, who reports that he was formerly employed by the Growers Supply Ltd., Haney, and has not as yet received any refund.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

RDR:GF

File Nos. 6663,6664. February 5th, 1943.

MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. G. T. McKAY

FROM: MR. W. E. ANDERSON

Re: Tomio & Akira YOKOYAMA
3040 - 15th Rd. Haney, B. C.

According to our report on this property there is a two-story, wood-frame house, 26 X 44, six rooms, in first-class shape. Other buildings: open barn, chicken-house, woodshed and garage. It is apparently vacant.

WEA/EM

File #6643

MEMORANDUM

Per Akira YOKOYAMA

Our field men report on investigating the above's property between the 9th and 15th of September, 1942, that the dwelling house and adjoining buildings were securely locked and boarded by the owner prior to his evacuation.

BERG/BM

J.L. No. 265

Canada

# DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
# OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

## JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

File No. 6663 & 6664
Reg. No. 13667 & 13817

Mr. Akira YOKOYAMA & Mr. Tomio YOKOYAMA.

MAY 26 1944

Dear Sir:

Re: 3040 - 19th Road, Thornook, B. C.
Lot 4 of the North West quarter of Section 11, Township 12, Map 1363, District of New Westminster, C. of T. 30706.

You have previously been advised that a sale of lands in rural districts was entered into between this Department and The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

Due to the size of this transaction, the arrangements for same and the completion of the transfer have taken a considerable time. Negotations were started in the early part of 1943 and were based upon valuations made by qualified appraisers and on the basis of a sale effective as at January 1st of that year. This means that the 1943 revenues from the property were for the benefit of the purchasers, but that taxes, fire insurance and other operating charges were assumed by them.

The following is a statement showing the sale price and adjustments:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sale price of above described property - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | | $ 1097.00 |
| **Add:** | | |
| Unexpired insurance premium as at January 1st, 1943 - - - - - - - | | |
| | | $ 1097.00 |
| **Less:** | | |
| Tax arrears to December 31st, 1942 - - - - - | $ | |
| Registration fee - - - - - - - - - - - - | $ 3.00 | |
| Encumbrance—Principal - - - - - - - - - | | |
| —Interest - - - - - - - - - - - - - | | 3.00 |
| Net proceeds of sale - - - - - - - - - - | | $ 1006.00 |

This amount has been placed to your joint credit and a statement of your account is endorsed hereon showing the present balance on our books. A small amount for legal fees in connection with the conveyance to the Veterans' land will be charged later.

Yours truly,

F. G. SHEARS,
Director.

| 1943 | | Debit | Credit | Balance |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 1 | Credit re Sale of Property | $ | $1006.00 | $ |
| | Land Registry Office C. of T. | 1.00 | | |
| | | $1.00 | $1006.00 | |

CR. $1005.00

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S.S. Form No. 43
(Sheet 1)

# Farm Appraisal Report

File No. J.L.165

Land Description Lot 4 of NW¼ of Sec.11 Map 1363, N.W.D.

Containing 9.68 Acres

Owner's Name YOKOYAMA, Akira & Tomio Post Office Address R.R.Haney, B.C.

Nearest Rail Point Albion, C.P.R. Distance 2½ miles

Market Town New Westminster 25 miles, Haney 5 miles Distance "

Church (give denomination) All denominations Haney Distance 5 "

Nearest School A. Robinson School, Public Distance 2 "

State how property was identified: One iron pin located and map and road check.

Roads: State whether property has access to main road, the kind of road and its condition.

Property fronts on No.15 Road, gravelled, fair.

Is this district a good one? Very undeveloped and isolated.

Employment opportunity Poor.

Predominating Nationality and religion: British Protestant, Japanese mostly in immediate area.

Describe Fencing and its condition: No fencing. Value $

Water supply: Water by dug well - fair. Value $

## BUILDINGS ON FARM

| BUILDINGS | DIMENSIONS | MATERIAL | HEIGHT | ROOF | AGE | Foundation | REPAIR | VALUATION |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HOUSE | 32 x 42 | Frame | 1½ st. | Shgle | 10 | Cement blocks | Good | $1500.00 |
| Woodshed | 18 x 27 | " | 10' | Shke | 10 | Cedar blks | fair | 100.00 |
| Addn. | 9 x 18 | " | 10' | " | 10 | " " | " | |
| Garage | 20 x 27 | " | 10' | " | 10 | " " | " | 100.00 |
| | x | | | | | | | |
| BARN | x | | | | | | | |
| | x | | | | | | | |
| GRANARY | x | | | | | | | |
| Old milk shed | 20 80 | Salvage value for lumber | | | | | | 50.00 |
| With additions | 12 x 30 | | | | | | | |
| | 12 x 20 | | | | | | | |
| | x | | | | | | | |

No electric light available.

Total present day value $ 1750.00

Total Value Buildings add to farm House, woodshed and garage $ 900.00

Is dwelling habitable without repairs? Yes. If not what is your approximate estimate of cost to make it habitable? Well finished with wood panelling and walls and ceilings all 3" fir flooring. $

Describe the basement and chimneys: Two brick on brackets.

No. rooms downstairs? 6 Upstairs? 2 How finished Wood-lined.

Are buildings painted? House only Condition of paint Fair.

Distance from nearst bush None near.

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

## Cultivated Land

| ACRES | LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY | SOIL (State Depth) | SUB-SOIL | KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP | VALUE PER ACRE | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.70 | Level | 12" sandy clay loam | Clay | Small patches rasps, straws, peas and garden. | $50. | $85.00 |

**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.**

| ACRES | LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY | SOIL (State Depth) | SUB-SOIL | NATURE OF RECLAMATION NECESSARY | RECLAMATION COST PER ACRE | VALUE PER ACRE | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| .75 | Undulating | 10" sdy clay loam | Clay | Stumps | $100.per ac. | $10. | 7.50 |
| 7.22 | | 8"to 10" gravelly loam. | Gravel & clay | Logged off land, some firewood. | $150. up | 5. | 36.15 |

**Area Unsuitable for Cultivation.**

| CHARACTER OF LAND E. G. HILLY, SWAMPY, ROCKY. | NATURE OF TIMBER IF ANY AND WHETHER MARKETABLE | VALUE OF LAND PER ACRE | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

Total value of Land $ 128.65

Total added by buildings to value of farm $ 900.00

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

Total value of farm $1028.65

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied:
Cleared land appears to have been neglected and is badly infested with thistles. Property has only been used as a home to work out from.

State most suitable type of agriculture for farm bearing in mind the district's limitations, if any.
This would make a good home but only limited acreage cleared and only suitable as such.

Noxious weeds: Thistles.

Give approximate detail and amount of all annual taxes and names of Taxing Authorities: Maple Ridge Municipality - Haney, B.C.
Land assessed at - $ 400.00
Improvements - 1900.00 $2300.00. 1942 Tax $39.29

Date: 27th May, 1942.
Place: New Westminster, B.C.

I certify that the above report is based on a personal examination of the whole farm made on the 26 day of May 19 42

Inspector's Signature "L. B. PLUMBLY"

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

# Farm Appraisal Report

Remarks: This property is topheavy with house which I have scored down owing to small cleared area, no light or phone available, is situated on top of a hill on 15 Road up from Kanaka Creek, was built by a white man and sold to present owner 12 months ago for $1100.00 cash.

(FOR ORCHARD LANDS ONLY)

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

Thirty mixed fruit trees in bearing.

ANNUAL COST OF IRRIGATION, DYKING AND DRAINAGE.

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 |
|---|---|
| Approximately 1.00 acre in small fruits. Strawberries and raspberries badly neglected; balance of cleared acreage in grass. | $ |
| | $ |
| | $ |
| | $ |
| | $ |
| | $ |
| | $ |
| | $ |
| | $ |
| Total | $ |

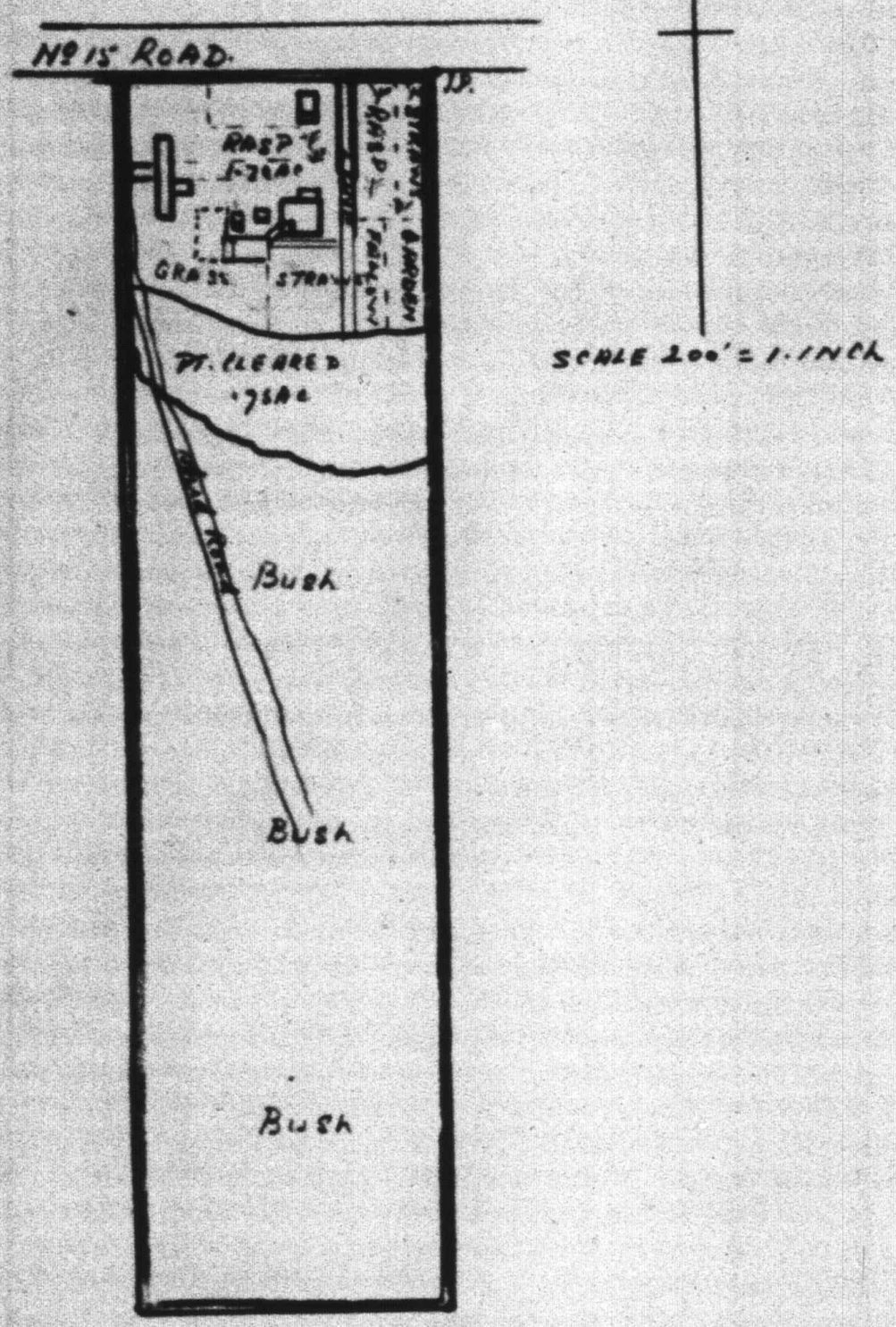
Amount fruit trees add to value of farm $

## Diagram of Property

AKIRA & TOMIO YOKOYAMA.

LOT 4. OF N.W. 1/4 OF SEC. 11. MAP 1363 N.W.D.

9.68 ACRES.




Following careful review of this appraisal report, it is my opinion that the present value is $ 1000.00

Date 1st June 1942

"I. T. BARNET"
District Superintendent.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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File No: 6663

Name: Mr. Akira YOKOYAMA

Reg. No: 13687

Addr ss: R R. 1, Haney, B. C.

October 28, 1942

## INVENTORY OF CHATTELS LEFT ON PROPERTY

### In house, main floor

~~1 kitchen stove~~ §
1 frying pan
1 tea kettle
2 wash basins
~~1 kitchen cabinet~~ §
3 sml. pans
~~1 large, 2 sml. homemade tables~~ §
2 h. c. benches
1 screen cooler
1 sml. cushion
5 shallow boxes
1 stove toaster
2 cookie tins
3 ft. copper tubing
1 box sake bottles
6 sml. blinds
4 qt. sealers
2 sacks and 1 6 gal. stone crock
1 wall letter holder
1 oil lantern
tin cont. watch parts
1 school suit case
1 sml. tin grease
1 sml. tin cont. pers. effects
1 ash tray
4 pictures
1 tie rack
1 wisk
3 paint brushes
1 fiber floor mat
1 ball twine
1 basket pers. effects
2 mattresses
2 cushions
sml. quan. loose clothing
1 paper boat on wall
1 dresser picture

### Outside on back porch

2 prs. gumboots
1 umbrella
10 ft. rope ½"
1 homemade desk
1 dust pan
13 sake bottles
1 clothes line on ground
2 radio aerials

### Woodshed

1 lacrosse stick
1 water jug
1 wash tub
1 bicycle wheel and tire
2 galv. pails
4 Jap. tubs in use
1 scrub board
approx. 1 cord of wood
1 cow bell
2 large Jap. tubs
2 4 gal. oil cans
2 tea pots
1 flower basket
2 axe handles
1 coil 1" rope
1 lantern chimney
1 saw horse
1 screen cooler
2 mouse traps
1 sledge head

### Woodshed continued

sml. quant. screen
1 spade head
1 carton tied up
1 chick shipping box, 3 feed troughs

File No: 6663 October 28, 1942

Name: Mr. Akira YOKOYAMA, #13687

Inventory of chattels continued

Barn

2 stone boat
1 h. m. wheelbarrow
1 single burner gas stove
1 4 gal. oil can containing oil
1 ladder
sml. quantity metal pieces
sml. quantity used lumber
quantity bark

Chicken House

~~1 45 Gal. Dalton Oil drum~~ S
8' 1" rubber hose

Garage

2 bicycle fenders
1 hoe, handle broken
1 1 gal. oil can
10 labs berry wire
30 pickers trays
4 berry boxes
1 cook stove
10 lengths stove pipe
3 bicycle tires
1 1 gal. can of coal oil
2 prs. gumboots
1 box salt
1 old car battery
1 scythe, blade broken
1 lantern
1 mattress
2 sml. brooders
sml. quan. floor carpets
1 box newspapers

In house upstairs

~~2 sml. cupboards (h.m.)~~ S.
2 biscuit tins
bag cont. 4 lamp tops

2 boxes clothes
1 school suit case full of books
1 single hole gas camp stove
2 part rolls tar paper
20 lbs. salt
1 homemade table
4 pieces Jap. boxes
sml. roll screening
4 prs. curtains
sml. book rack
old club bag
1 lamp holder
sml. quantity fishing tackle
1 gas lantern
~~1 cultivator~~ S
~~1 dresser~~ S
1 sml. screen door (loose) 1 large
1 candy pail cont. dishes
3 galv. pails
1 box cont. 3 3namel pots and 1 coffee pot
2 metal tea pots
~~4 beds complete~~ S (3)
1 bed spring
1 hoe
part roll screen
ctn. cont. few seeds and 4 castors
~~3 pce. chesterfield suite~~ S
~~1 dining set (6 chairs, 1 table, 3 leaves)~~ S.
~~6 kitchen chairs~~ S
1 ironing board
box cont. 2 iron pots, 1 alum. pot, 2 lunch pails, 1 spoke shave
box cont. 1 iron pot, 2 ½ gal. jars, 2 2 qt. sealers, 1 lqt. sealer
box cont. quantity tobacco tins
1 Jap. saw
carton containing:
7 baskets large roast pan
new coffee pot 1 button box
enamel wash basin, 1 rolling pin
wood tray



S Sold by auction 7-14/3/45
/ missing 18.

File No: 6663 October 28, 1942

Name: Mr. Akira YOKOYAMA, #13687

Inventory of Chattels continued

gal. quant. ins. wire
1 brass bound pickle tub
1 wood pail
1 box cont. Jap. dolls
2 door mats
6 boxes nailed up
1 carton sealed
1 carton dishes
1 watering can
~~1 gramophone~~ $
6 pictures
13 records
1 new shovel handle
1 table cloth
1 roll oil cloth
1 h. s. table with drawer cont. pers. papers
1 10 gal. crock
1 8 gal. crock
1 2 gal. crock
2 bdles. curtain rods
1 mattress
1 stn. sealers
1 straw rug
2 blinds
1 pr. curtains
2 rain capes and caps
~~Gal. cont. loose books and magazines~~ $
1 sun helmet

This represents all my chattels remaining in any protected area of British Columbia.

Confirmed:

DATE: October 31st 1942 SIGNED: Akira Yokoyama

Please sign and return one copy to the Custodian.

# R E P O R T
## ON EVACUATED JAPANESE PROPERTY

File No. _____

**MUNICIPALITY:** MAPLE RIDGE **Date:** Oct. 22nd. 1942

**NAME:** YOKOYAMA , Akara **REGISTRATION NO.** 13687

**ADDRESS:** 3040 15th. Rd. Whonnock, B.C.

**PROPERTY:**

**ACREAGE:** 9.69 App. 4 acres cleared

| **KIND OF CROPS:** | Rasps, 1 | Straws in weeds | Fruit trees 30 mixed | Potatoes none |
|---|---|---|---|---|

**APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF EACH:**

**HOUSE:** 1½ storey **VACANT:** Yes **OCCUPIED:**

**DESCRIPTION:** Frame **ROOF:** Shingle

**SIZE:** 30 x 40 **NO. OF ROOMS:** 7

**CONDITION:** Good

**OTHER BUILDINGS:** Woodshed 15 x 36, Bath house 10 x 12, Barn 18 x 66 Lean To 10 x 15, Chicken House 12 x 18, Garage 20 x 28

**NAME OF LESSEE OR RENTOR:**

**TERMS:**

**WATER:** Tapped to house **ON:** **OFF:**
Couldn't fined well
**LIGHT:** Lamp **ON:** **OFF:**

**REMARKS:** House well boarded & locked, in good condition other bldgs. fair.

**INVENTORY OF CHATTELS LEFT ON PROPERTY:**

SEE ATTACHED LIST

**Signed:**

E. Graham

V.L.A Sale

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**IN THE 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.**

NOV 20 1947

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**Pursuant to the notice issued on the 26th day of September, 1947, I submit the following claim:**

**(1) NAME** Yokoyama Akira & Yokoyama Tomio **(RCMP) Reg. No.** 13667-13817.
(Print) Surname — Given Name

**(2) Pre-Evacuation Address** 15th Road Haney, B.C.

**(3) Present Address** 25 East Lillooet, B.C.

**(4) REAL ESTATE**

**(a) Street Address (if any)** 15th Road Haney, B.C.
City or Municipality — Province

**(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.)** North West Quarter of Section Eleven (11) Township Twelve (12) Lot Four (4) of the Map 1363.

**(c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):**

**(i) Farm**
**(ii) Residence** **Type of business** Fruit Farming
**(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~~ Joint Tenant

**(e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):** Amended pertaining to Pg 4 Par 5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **(i) Land and Improvements** | $ 900.00 | Land 900.00 Imp. 2000.00 2,900 1 Log |
| **(ii) Buildings** Chattles and Equipment | $ 3500.00 | Sale of Land by 1,891.00 |
| **(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable)** | $ | Chattels 500.00 less Sales 57.95 gm 442.05 Amended claim 2,333.05 |
| **(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value)** | $ 4400.00 | |
| **(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account** | $ 1006.00 | |
| **(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv)** | $ 3394.00 | 2333.05 Total 95 Adjusted |

**(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY**

**(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation**

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

**(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation**

**(over)**

(d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to the terms of reference which exclude claims where the property was lost, destroyed or stolen while under the custody, control or management of any person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner of the property. It involves some definite arrangement whereby you appointed someone to take care of the property and such person accepted the responsibility of so doing. Unless such an arrangement was made the question should be answered "in no one's care") CUSTODIAN

(e) Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim:

1. _____ Estimated Value $_____
2. _____ Estimated Value $_____
3. _____ Estimated Value $_____
4. _____ Estimated Value $_____
5. _____ Estimated Value $_____
6. _____ Estimated Value $_____
7. _____ Estimated Value $_____
8. _____ Estimated Value $_____
9. _____ Estimated Value $_____
10. _____ Estimated Value $_____

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS $_____

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.

(f) Total claim including real and personal property (this figure can be arrived at by adding items 4(f) and 5(e) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $ 3394.00

(6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard. (Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.) Kamloops

(b) Do you require the services of an interpreter at the hearing? Yes or no YES

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.

DOMINION OF CANADA,
of )
TO WIT:)

I, Akira Yokoyama Esq. Tomio Yokoyama of the East Lillooet of Lillooet in the Province of British Columbia

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".

DECLARED before me at the Province of British Columbia
of Lillooet
in the Province of British Columbia
this 18. day of November.
A.D. 1947.

A. Yokoyama
Tomio Yokoyama

A Commissioner &c. Judith L. Sloss

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.

SASK.NO.A.26.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART I, REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 99.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION.

REPORT

(THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE H.I. KERR, COMMISSIONER).

Lytton, B.C.,
January 12th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

AKIRA YOKOYAMA and
TOMEJIO YOKOYAMA.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

APPEARANCES:

J.W.G. HUNTER, Esq., appearing for the Dominion Government.

R.J. McMASTER, Esq., appearing for the Claimant.

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A. WATSON, Esq., Secretary.
G.E.R. UPTON, Esq., Official Interpreter.
G. HAMILTON, Esq., Official Reporter.

As Interpreter,
In Chief.

THE COMMISSIONER: Does not this young man speak English?

MR. McMASTER: No, my lord, I had to use the Interpreter myself.

AKIRA YOKOYAMA, one of the claimants herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the Interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. McMASTER:

Q Is this first signature on the claim form your signature, Mr. Yokoyama?

A Yes.

Q Do you recognize the other signature?

A Brother's signature.

Q And you swore the declaration -- both of you swore it together on the back of this claim form?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: Will my learned friend admit the assessed value of this land in 1943 was $400.00 and the improvements $1900.00?

MR. MEEKER: $400.00, $1900.00 is correct.

THE COMMISSIONER: Now wait a moment. This man was only a tenant according to the claim.

MR. McMASTER: No. Only a joint tenant, my lord. I will adduce that evidence.

Q With respect to the land concerning which you and your brother are making a claim, who was the owner of those lands?

A Jointly, brother and himself.

THE COMMISSIONER: What were the assessment figures again?

MR. McMASTER: $400.00 on the land and $1900.00 on the improvements.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is as of which year?

MR. McMASTER: 1943, my lord. I don't think they would change from 1942.

THE COMMISSIONER: $400.00 and $1900.00.

MR. McMASTER: Correct, my lord.

Q Mr. Yokoyama, I produce to you a form. Is that your signature on that form?

A Yes.

Q And the signature under it is your brother's signature? A: Yes.

Q And was that form prepared on your instructions to your solicitor?

THE COMMISSIONER: Can't we assume that and go right to the accuracy of it?

MR. HUNTER: I presume so, yes. I am quite agreeable to that, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: All we are concerned with them is the truth of the contents.

MR. McMASTER: Yes.

Q Now do you say that the contents of that form are true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A Yes.

Q Now, you have claimed the estimated value of the land at the date of sale was $900.00. You have shown the estimated value of the buildings on the land at $1900.00. With respect to what date do you estimate that value?

THE INTERPRETER: Of the improvements?

MR. McMASTER: Of the improvements; the estimated value of the land as shown at date of sale. What date does the estimated value of the improvements relate to?

(Question Interpreted).

A 1942.

THE COMMISSIONER: Under (c)(i) you show land and improvements, $900.00, in your claim form.

MR. McMASTER: I am afraid, my lord, that that statement has become properly mixed because under "Chattels and Equipment" he certainly isn't claiming $3500.00 worth of chattels.

THE COMMISSIONER: You had better amend it.

MR. McMASTER: I would apply to amend, my lord, for the value of the land to be $900.00, and the value of the improvements as $2000.00. You will notice his statement here is that it is "at least the assessed value of $1900.00".

THE COMMISSIONER: Well then, the total value of land and improvements is $2900.00.

MR. McMASTER: That is correct, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: And that will reduce his claim then to roughly one thousand dollars, will it?

MR. McMASTER: No, my lord, he has a claim for chattels, of $500.00, so that would reduce it then to —

THE COMMISSIONER: Chattels, $500.00.

MR. McMASTER: —would reduce the claim by one thousand dollars, my lord.

A. Velmyrune,
In Chief.

THE COMMISSIONER: $900.00 for the land, $2000.00 for improvements on the front page, then, it will be a total of $2900.00 less $1006.00. Is that figure correct?

MR. McMASTER: Yes my lord, subject to adjustments.

THE COMMISSIONER: So that mistake on the real estate piece of it then is —

MR. McMASTER: $2900.00 on the real estate.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, but his net will be one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-four, correct?

MR. MEETER: The actual sale price, my lord, was $1,089.00.

THE COMMISSIONER: It would be $[illegible].00, your claim in respect of the real estate and improvements, is that it?

MR. McMASTER: Correct, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: And then you round by adding $500.00 for chattels?

MR. McMASTER: That is right, my lord.

Now I haven't filed yet, I guess, this statement which is Exhibit 1.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. McMASTER: My learned friend has drawn my attention, my lord, to the fact that we have not shown on the claim form a credit with regard to sale of chattels for which the Custodian received a gross sum of $57.95, and which the claimant got a net amount of $55.43.

THE COMMISSIONER: $55.43.

MR. MORRISON: That is right, so it should be
stricken in the claim.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. MERVYN: This again, my Lord, involves the old question of who is responsible for applications.

MR. MORRISON: Q: Now if I might refer to this form which we filed as Exhibit 1, I notice from it that you state that you and your brother purchased these premises in October, 1941, for $1100.00 including improvements as shown on this form? A: Yes.

Q And I notice on your form that you say that three weeks after you bought the place, you had an offer from the same real estate man who sold it to you to buy it for $1600.00?

A Yes.

Q And you didn't consider that offer?

A Yes, he refused to sell it at that price.

Q Did you consider that you got a good buy or what sort of a buy when you bought this place for $1100.00? A: Yes, he was satisfied with the price.

Q Why did you consider it was such a good buy?

A He thought that it was a very good buy at the price and it was a good chance.

Q Yes. And you and your brother did the work, the improvements on the premises, that is shown on this form? A: Yes.

Q I produce to you a picture. Can you identify that picture?

A That is a picture of his house.

Q And approximately when was it taken?

A July, 1941.

MR. McMASTER: I file that as an exhibit.

THE COMMISSIONER: This was taken in July, 1941. Is that the effect of the evidence?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, that is the effect of the evidence, my lord. I see there is a memorandum on the back to that effect.

MR. McMASTER: July 3rd on the back, my lord.

(PHOTOGRAPH MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

MR. McMASTER: Now I produce to you, Mr. Yokoyama, another form which you asked me to draw — that is your signature on that form?

A Yes.

Q Relating to your chattels. And is this the list that is referred to in that form?

A Yes.

Q Now is the other information contained in that form and on that list the truth, to the best of your recollection and knowledge?

A Yes, that is the truth.

MR. McMASTER: I file that as an exhibit.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is a chattel statement, is it?

MR. McMASTER: Chattel statement, my lord.

(CHATTEL STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3)

Q Now I produce to you, witness, a letter addressed to yourself purporting to be signed by R.D. Richardson of the Farm Department of the Custodian's office. Did you receive that letter and

the list that is attached to that letter?

A Yes, he received that.

Q Is that your signature which appears at the end of that list? A: Yes.

MR. McMASTER: This is a letter, my lord, dated October 28th, 1942, on the letterhead of the Department of the Secretary of State, Office of the Custodian, addressed to this claimant, and purporting to be signed by R.B. Richardson, having attached thereto, bearing the same date, an inventory of chattels left on property. At the end of the inventory there is a note, "Confirmed: Date: October 31st, 1942. Signed: Akira Yokoyama," and "Please sign and return one copy to the Custodian",

Q Did you sign and return a copy of that list to the Custodian? A: Yes, he sent it to the Custodian.

MR. McMASTER: I would ask to have that letter and list marked as an exhibit.

(LETTER AND LIST MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4)

Q In fact, were these goods that appear on the list to Exhibit No. 4 the property of yourself and your brother? A: Yes.

Q And have you and your brother agreed to claim jointly with respect to those chattels?

A Yes.

Q Now are all of the items which are included in Exhibit No. 3, that is the personal property list, which are included in the list referred to

in this yellow form, Exhibit No. 3,—all of the items you had on that list, are they included in the list which we just filed as Exhibit No. 4?

THE INTERPRETER: You mean the list of the Custodian?

MR. McMASTER: Yes.

(Question Interpreted).

A Yes.

Q And in addition to the things which you showed on Exhibit No. 3, there are other things shown on the list by the Custodian — that is a simple matter of observation; I don't think I need to ask that question, my lord.

I produce to you certain reports of auction sales of property which the Custodian alleges was yours. Did you have chattels of that type on your premises when you left?

A Yes.

Q And do you consider that the prices which were obtained at auction as shown on that statement represented a fair market value of those goods?

A No.

Q Do you think it is too high or too low?

A Too low.

Q How much too low? I don't want to know the exact amount. A: About 450 too low.

Q I see. That is on the two appraisals.

MR. HUNTER: Excuse me, my lord, but I think perhaps he is confused. Does he mean just the individual items there are $450.00 too low?

MR. McMASTER: I am sorry. I see. On these individual

items. What I want is general statement -- is it very much too low, or not very much too low; what would your comment be in general terms, not the total amounts for these particular items?

A He says, for instance, this chesterfield cost $20.00 and he paid $85.00 for it.

Q You mean it was sold for $25.00?

A It was sold for $20.00 and he paid $85.00 for it.

Q That would be sufficient.

MR. McMASTER: I would like to file these.

THE COMMISSIONER: What do you call these documents you are putting in now?

MR. McMASTER: Reports of auction sales. You had better state the dates.

THE SECRETARY: The dates -- March 7th and 14th, 1945; March 7th and 14th, 1945.

MR. McMASTER: Thank you.

(REPORTS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5).

MR. McMASTER: Your witness, Mr. Hunter.

MR. HUNTER: I should like to state at this point, my lord, that the inventory, which is Exhibit 4, was the complete list of things left upon the premises, and which, of course, the claimant has confirmed. The only items which we sold are those in the auction sheets, which are Exhibit 5, and the other items were all either stolen or were considered of no value. We are not in a position to say which are which because the report which we have merely states that "this property is isolated, was vacant until April, 1943, and has

been ransacked with the back door broken in. A large quantity of small items is missing and also a large quantity of small items left on the property have no re-sale value". I think your Lordship will just have to, from the perusal of this list, see that there are some things that would appear to have little or no sale value. I mean some of the items there — they have made a very detailed inventory here — and I am sure your Lordship, when you see two mouse-traps or something, you will realize that they are probably some of the items that were left as having little value. But which ones have the value, I am afraid we can't be of any assistance.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HUNTER:

Q As far as these values which Mr. Yokoyama has made here: Mr. Yokoyama, would you please tell me if you have had any experience in the sale of chattels? A: No, he has never done any selling of chattels.

MR. HUNTER: That is all, my lord.

MR. McMASTER: My lord, I have the other claimant. I don't know what your wish is, whether there is any necessity to call him.

THE COMMISSIONER: It is up to you. As far as I am concerned, the claim is adequately presented now.

MR. McMASTER: I might just call him, I suppose, and have him verify his signature on the claim form and on those two yellow sheets.

T. Yokoyama,
In Chief.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

(Witness aside)

TOMEJIO YOKOYAMA, one of the claimants herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the Interpreter as follows:

THE COMMISSIONER: If you prove his signature, it will be sufficient.

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. McMASTER:

Q Witness, is that your signature on your claim form? A: Yes.

Q And is this your signature on the form with relation to real estate?

A Yes.

Q And on the form with relation to chattels appearing here? A: Yes.

Q Are the contents of these forms, of these two forms dealing with real estate and personal chattels, true to the best of your knowledge and recollection? A: Yes.

Q You have heard the evidence which your brother has just given; you heard him giving evidence here now? A: Yes.

Q And was that evidence true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: That is all.

THE COMMISSIONER: Any cross-examination?

MR. HUNTER: No, my lord.

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

Certified a correct transcript.

Gordon Hambleton.

"G. Hambleton."
Official Reporter.

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## Notes in Defence

Akira YOKOYAMA and
Tomoio YOKOYAMA

Files 6663 & 6664

Case No. 26

**Claims:**

1. Land and Buildings
2. Chattels

**Claim 1:**

| | | Sold for | Claim |
|---|---|---|---|
| Land | $900.00 | | |
| Buildings | 2000.00 | | |
| | $2900.00 | $1009.00 | $1891.00 |

This appears a question of value only.

Page 2 Appraisal states: Only 1.70 acres of the 9.6 acres cleared. Cleared land neglected and badly infested with thistles. Property has only been used as a home to work out from.

**Claim 2:**

| | | Sold for | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chattels | $500.00 | | |
| (a) | 258.00 | 57.95 | 23% |
| (b) | x 180.- | Abandoned | |
| (c) | x 112.- | Recorded now missing. | |

Trans.pp 10 & 11. Items (b) & (c) cannot be itemized.

No submission.

RHN/mw

Name of Claimant YOKOYAMA, Akiro and Tomio Case 26

Custodian File 6663-4

## REAL PROPERTY

| 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 Total | Amount | Sale Price | Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Total | Amount | |
| | | | | | 1009 | | 1597.03 | | | | 1597.03 |

## PERSONAL PROPERTY

| 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 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

| 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 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 250 | 57.95 | 17.38 | 22.46% | 228.00 | 51.21 | | | 68.59 |

TOTAL RECOMMENDATION 1665.62

1540

6663 & 6664.

October 31st, 1950.

Messrs. Akira & Tomio YOKOYAMA,
Lillooet, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 26

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 ... $1,665.62.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for $1,569.27

and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. $ 96.35

for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

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1 encl.

F.G. Shears
Director