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BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE No. 6674

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: FUKUMOTO (Yukiyo) Mrs. Kunichi

HOME ADDRESS: Chemainus B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 0 8533 SEX: Female AGE: 34

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: self

MARRIED? yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Kunichi

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Chemainus B.C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Eiko (F) Masayuki (M) Major (M)

Ruby (F) Kenneth (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Chemainus B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 13 11 10 7 4

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: property owned by Victoria Lumber and
Mfg. Co. Chemainus B.C.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: dwelling house and woodshed
on above property. and fruit trees.

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, .

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: dwelling house, marked Kunlich Fukamoto.

In China Town District, Cheminus B.C.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Victoria Lumber & Mfg. Co. Cheminus B.C.

own property only.

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: yearly rental

of \$6.00, paid to the end of March 30, 1943.

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:

1 sofa, 3 chairs, 2 wash tubs, 1 gramophone, 1 heater, 1 cookstove,

3 beds, 1 bureau, 2 boxes kitchen utensils, 2 tables, 1 cross cut saw,

1 rake, 1 garden hoe, 1 shovel, 1 double bit axe, 2 doz. saws. All

left in house marked Kunlich Fukamoto, China Town dist. Cheminus B.C.

sewing machine 3 boxes of chinaware, 1 box kitchen utensils, gas stove,

electric stove, all at Japanese Community Hall in protection of local

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS: none

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

none

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

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: none5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF
OTHERS: none6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) none7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)
none8. BANK ACCOUNTS: none9. LIFE INSURANCE: none Manufactures Life Ins. Victoria B.C. no. 746050\$1000. joint 20 yr. endowment on Kuniichi Fukumoto and Yukiye Fukumoto.
policy in owners possession.10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. none11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: none**LIABILITIES:**1. PERSONAL DEBTS: none2. TRADE DEBTS: noneREMARKS: 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 27th day of April

1942.

(Signature)

Y. Fukumoto

H. J. Logan
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Aug 30/43

Our File No. 6674

Full Name FUKUMOTO (Y. K. J.) MRS. Kuroichi
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 08533

Male - Female ☒
(check)

Age Nov 5, 1906

Former Address Box 124, Chumash, B.C.

Date Evacuated Sept 2/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National ☒
(check)

Present Address Lyons Creek, Haida, B.C.
90 S. Nagata, Wallingall, B.C. 9/10/46

Married - Single ☒
(check)

Name of Wife _____

Name of Husband Kuroichi #08533

Name of Mother Kurama Sai #04280

Name of Father NAGATA, Tanshiro #04271

Names of Children under 16 _____

The husband is shut

Requested by S. M.

Registered with Custodian (Yes or No)

Additional Information Housewife

34/10

File No. 6674

October 9, 1946.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

Re: FUKUNOTO, Yukiyo (Mrs. Kunitchi) - Reg. No. 08533.

This file reveals no liabilities.

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

C. Girard

C. Girard,
October 9, 1946.

CG.

October 10, 1946.

CHattel SCHEDULE.Re: FUKUNOTO, Yukiyo (Mrs. Kuniichi) Reg. No. 08533.DECLARED ON 27/4/42
at Japanese Community
Hall at Chemsinus.SOLDSHIPPEDOTHER DISPOSITION

			Unaccounted for
1 sofa ✓			"
3 chairs ✓			"
2 wash tubs	1 Tub - July, 1942.	1 tub:	"
1 gramophone	July, 1942		"
1 heater	November 1942.		"
1 cookstove ✓			"
3 beds ✓			"
1 bureau ✓			"
2 boxes kitchen utensils	1 box - July 1942.	1 box :	"
2 tables			"
1 cross cut saw			"
1 rake			"
1 garden hoe			"
1 shovel			"
1 double bit axe			"
2 dos. sealers			"
Box #1 Sewing machine	May 23, 1942		
Box #2 Chinaware & glassware	"		
Box #3 Crockeries and chinaware	"		
Box #4 Large plates - chinaware	"		
Box #5 Kitchen utensils, gas stove electric stove and etc.	"		
	1 mattress	July 1942.	
	1 washboard	"	
	1 door mat	November 1942.	
	1 mop handle	"	
	1 bucket	"	
	2 gal. crock and lid	"	

This schedule is certified to be in accordance with the
information on file.

C. Girard

October 10, 1946.

CHattel Schedule

File 6674

May 6, 1948

Re: KUKUMOTO, Yukio, Reg. No. 08533

Declared April 15/42

Left in Japanese Comm. ity Hall:

Box #1 containing Sewing Machine	}	Shipped May 24, 1942 in response to request of May 16, 1942
" #2 " " " " " " " " " "		
" #3 " " " " " " " " " "		
" #4 " " " " " " " " " "		
" #5 " " " " " " " " " "		

In house marked Kunitachi Fukumoto, Chinatown

1 Gramophone	}	Shipped July 22/42 & Dec. 14/42 in response to requests of July 16/42 and Nov. 17/42:
1 Heater		
2 Boxes Kitchen Utensils		
2 Wash-tubs		

3 Chairs
4 Beds
1 Sofa
1 Cross-cut Saw
1 Garden Hoe
1 Double-bitted Axe
1 Scream
2 Tables
1 Kitchen Stove
2 Box. Seal Bottles
1 Rake
1 Garden Shovel

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There is no record of these items.
No inventory was taken of goods in the houses
of the Japanese.
Much of the Japanese household effects in
Chinatown were abandoned as of insufficient
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of such goods.

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File: 6674

May 6, 1948

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Box #1 containing Sewing Machine	} Shipped May 24, 1942 in response to request of May 16, 1942
" #2 " Chinaware & Glassware	
" #3 " Crockeries & Chinaware	
" #4 " Large Plates, Chinaware	
" #5 " Kitchen Utensils, Gas-stove, Electric Stove, etc.	

In house marked Kunichi Fukumoto, Chinatown

1 Gramophone
1 Heater
2 Boxes Kitchen Utensils
2 Wash-tubs

Shipped July 22/42 & Dec. 14/42 in
response to requests of July 16/42
and Nov. 17/42:

1 Gramophone
1 Box Kitchen Utensils
1 Wash-tub & Washboard
1 Mattress
1 Heater
1 Door Mat
1 Mop & Bucket
1 2-gal. Crock

3 Chairs
4 Beds
1 Sofa
1 Cross-cut Saw
1 Garden Hoe
1 Double-bitted Axe
1 Bureau
2 Tables
1 Kitchen Stove
2 Box. Seal Bottles
1 Rake
1 Garden Shovel

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} of the Japanese.
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} value to warrant removal. No record was kept
} of such goods.

Maclean

October 10, 1946.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: FUKUMOTO, Yukiye (Mrs. Kuniichi) - Reg. No. 08533.

The above registered with the Custodian by letter on April 15, 1942 before leaving Chemainus and was then evacuated to Hastings Park where she signed a J. P. Declaration Form on April 27, 1942. She was finally evacuated from the protected area on September 2, 1942.

CHATELS: In her first declaration she declared a quantity of household goods stored in her former home at "Chinatown" in Chemainus and 5 boxes of personal goods stored at the Japanese Community Hall in the care of the B. C. Provincial Police. In her second declaration she stated that the chattels were stored at the Japanese Community Hall and declared 3 beds and 1 sofa, instead of 4 beds. The sofa was no doubt of the type which could be described either as a bed or sofa.

The 5 boxes left with the B. C. P. P. were shipped to her on May 23, 1942. Two shipments were made subsequently, in July and November 1942.

There remains, however, a fairly substantial list of goods unaccounted for. (See chattel Schedule attached). There is no evidence of any of these having been sold by auction or of any further shipments. Many of the goods found in the Japanese Hall at Chemainus were untagged and were sold at Auction Sale Chemainus 1, held at Nanaimo 22/11/43 and 5/4/44. The proceeds of these have been placed in Chattel Suspense Account.

As in the case of many Chemainus files, the position of the Chattels is not at all clear. No inventories were taken and the only record of shipments are the Custodian Releases, three of which have been handed in by Mr. Stubbs, our agent, and placed on file. It is possible that some of these goods were shipped to Mrs. FUKUMOTO while she was at Hastings Park or that being untagged they were included with the other articles from the Japanese Hall sold at Auction Sale Chemainus 1.

LIFE

INSURANCE: She declared a 20 year endowment policy with the Manufacturer's Life. This was not brought under the control of the Custodian.

This file reveals no other property.

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

P. Girard
October 10, 1946.

File No. 6674

October 10, 1946.

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: FUKUMOTO, Yukiye (Mrs. Kuniichi) Reg. No. 08533.

She declared a dwelling house, woodshed and fruit trees on land belonging to the Victoria Lumber Co. in the "Chinatown" district of Chemainus. A yearly rent of \$6.00 was charged, being paid up to March 30, 1942.

The Victoria Lumber Co. recognized no outside equity in any of the houses built on their land, many of which have since been torn down.

There is no evidence of any fire insurance having been carried.

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

C. Girard

October 10, 1946.

CG.

P. O. Box 102,
Chemainus, B. C.

April 15th, 1942

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

I hereby wish to hand over to your departments' care
the following items which is in my property located in the so
called "Chinatown" district marked KUNIICHI FUKUMOTO.

House on the lot -Valued at-	\$ 175.00	IX 1 Sofa -- value	\$ 3.00 ✓
3 chairs -----	3.00	2 wash tube---	3.00 ✓
1 Gramophone -----	6.00 ✓	1 each Heater & Kitchen Stove -	28.00 ✓
4 Beds -----	70.00 ✓	1 Bureau-----	3.00 ✓
2 boxes Kitchen Utensils -	10.00 ✓	2 tables -----	2.00 ✓
1 Cross cut saw -----	3.00 ✓	1 rake -----	.85 ✓
1 Garden hoe -----	.75 ✓	1 Garden shovel	.85 ✓
1 double-bitted axe -----	.50 ✓	2 doz. Seal bottles	2.00 ✓
The total value of the above items are \$ 311.00			

The following items are left at the Japanese Community
hall under the protection of the Local B. C. P. P.

Box #1. Containing - Sewing Machine # JA-988730-Value \$ 114.

Box #2. Containing - Chinaware and Glassware- 5.

Box #3. Containing - Crockeries and Chinaware- 8.

Box #4. Containing- Large Plates- Chinaware - 5.

Box #5. Containing- Kitchen utensils, gas stove,
electric stove and etc. ----- 70.

Yours very truly,

Kuniichi Fukumoto
per (Mrs.)

K. Fukumoto

Report on visit to Chemainus,
November 25th, by Mr. H. F. Green

The position at Chemainus is curious but reasonably satisfactory as the following will show.

Constable McKay of the B. C. Police advises that the Japanese themselves sold much of their belongings before evacuation. The balance they inventoried in triplicate, leaving one copy with him, retaining one for themselves, and keeping one for the Custodian. I am checking to see if such a list appears on our files and have copied down from Const. McKay's list the names of all Japanese who handed him inventories. These names appear on a separate sheet herewith.

Constable McKay has done a great deal of work in this connection and in shipping for the Security Commission. I believe a letter of appreciation to Commissioner Parsons at Victoria is the least we can do in return.

I called on Mr. Stubbs who is acting as our agent. He is a busy man with a full-time job for the local lumber company and adopts the attitude that while he will do all he can to help us, this can only be done in his spare time and on Sundays. I gathered he prefers to make no charge for his services as he then does not feel under such an obligation to us. He is unwilling to bill us for rentals collected but will not object if we wish to credit him quarterly at whatever rate is usual.

It will be readily appreciated that this is not a very satisfactory set-up, but enquiries reveal no local real estate agent or anyone else who could handle matters for us. Fortunately there are not more than three or four houses which are likely to be rented as the following remarks will show.

With the exception of the three or four houses mentioned above which are, for the most part, a little out of Chemainus, the Japanese settlement here consists of the following.

(1) "Kawahara's Jap Town." This is a combination of cabins and boarding houses on Oak and Esplanade with a fairly good Japanese store building formerly rented by Furuya and Company of Vancouver in front. Most things of value have been moved to the Community Hall which is on this property and nearly all the buildings here would be condemned as unfit for future habitation. If this occurs, we should have a man go through these places and remove some articles which are of little value. One or two of the cabins are rented to Old Age Pensioners who keep an eye on the place.

(2) "Nakahara's Jap Town." This is across the way from (1) on Croft and Oak Streets, and most of the remarks in the preceding paragraph apply here. What little there is of value could easily be moved across the way to the Community Hall.

(3) "Haruyuki Okada's Camp." This is on the outskirts of Chemainus and everything has been moved to the Community Hall as proper police protection could not be given.

(4) "Jap and Chinatown." This is also on the outskirts but there are still Chinese in residence and as Constable McKay has this territory well organized, there is no house-breaking here and the Chinese keep an eye on the Japanese properties. ✓

The things stored in the Community Hall are insured for \$1000.00 which is fully adequate.

My recommendation here is that nothing further be done for the time being. Such things as are required should be shipped and perhaps early next year, when time permits, it would be worth while finally collecting everything in the Community Hall for storage for the duration.

Enc.
HFG:IF

Inventories handed Constable McKay by
the following Japanese.

Hideo IMAOKA
Mrs. Tsune OTSU
Ryoichi OKADA
Haruyuki OKADA
Osamu OKADA
Iwao TANIWA
Entaro TANOUYE
Toshiro TAMAKI
Mrs. Haru SHIGETOMI
Yonezo SHINDE
Minato TAKAHARA
Takeji RYUJIN
M. SAKATA
Kinjiro SEKO
Jutaro TANOUYE
Torizo YAMASHITA
Mrs. Gihei KAWAHARA
Mrs. Noboru KAWAHARA
Tanezo KAWAI
Tamato KUMOI
Teizo KUSUDA
Chozo NISHIMURA
Jisuke MORITA
Kinsaku NAGASAWA
Manzo NISHIMURA
Seitaro NISHIMURA
Suketaro OTA
Kaname IZUMI
T. KAWABE
Kyuhachi HONKAWA
Michio HAYASHI
Kuniichi FUKUMOTO
C. YOSHIDA
Shigeuki E. YOSHIDA
Norimichi TANIWA
Harunobu HIGASHI
Juhachi EGUCHI
Chiyoki YOSHIDA
Tomekichi YOSHIDA
Hitoshi OKADA

C O P Y - vj

VICTORIA LUMBER COMPANY LIMITED,

Chemainus, B.C.,

Sept. 23, 1944.

Custodian's Office,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Royal Bank of Canada Bldg.,
Granville & Hastings,
Vancouver, B.C.

Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. R. G. Bell.

On our lands in and adjacent to Chemainus there are a number of structures which were erected by Japanese, as dwelling houses. Each of these was on a lease determinable on thirty days notice, and all of them are now in arrears in their payment of \$6.00 per year. This \$6.00 per year was intended to reimburse us for the improvement taxes which accrued as a result of their erecting the buildings on our land.

Under the terms of the lease, the tenant was required to remove or destroy the buildings within thirty days of receipt of notice from us requiring such action. We now require the lands occupied by these buildings, and in as much as the buildings are in your charge, we consider this as notice under the terms of the leases to remove the buildings within thirty days. In the event that you cannot remove the buildings, will you authorize us to wreck them, charging the cost to you.

We might say that most of the buildings concerned are so constructed that removal would be practically impossible, and we do not feel that there value would warrant the cost of removal.

The names of the owners of the buildings referred to, with their Alien Registration Numbers are quoted below:-

T. Shiosaki	0-8560
S. Hayashi	0-8584
S. Ota	0-8518
J. Morita	0-8616
K. Fukumoto	0-8533
Y. Sugaya	(0-8606)
S. Nishimura	0-8612
H. Okada	0-8604

Your early attention to this will be appreciated as in some cases we will require an immediate decision to enable us to carry out work now in progress.

Yours very truly,

"H.E. Heslip"
H.E. Heslip,
ASST. MANAGER.

HEH:HEC.

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VICTORIA LUMBER COMPANY LIMITED

Chemainus, B.C.

October 26, 1944.

Department of the Secretary of State
Office of the Custodian
Japanese Evacuation Section
506 Royal Bank Building
Vancouver, B.C.

Atten: Mr. R. G. Bell - Administration Dept.

Gentlemen:

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th inst., addressed to attention of Mr. Heslip.

We are prepared to agree with the five points you have stated, including the suggestion in your #5 that in exchange for the relinquishment by your office of Japanese interest in the buildings, we should include our expenses for demolition, etc. in our own operating costs.

As this point came from you in the form of a suggestion, we would ask that you be good enough to confirm it so that our understanding will be mutual and we may then both close our files.

Very truly yours,

VICTORIA LUMBER COMPANY LIMITED

"J.S. Johannson"

J. S. Johannson
General Manager

JSB/EDW

C O P Y -vJ

A/102 & A/13

October 18th, 1944.

Attention Mr. H. E. Heslip.

Victoria Lumber Co. Ltd.,
Chemainus,
B.C.

Dear Sirs:

With reference to your letter of the 23rd ultimo, and to the writer's inspection of the properties on the 13th instant in company with your Mr. Alfred E. P. Stubbs, we confirm the points brought out in this inspection and subsequent discussion, i.e.,

- (1) The buildings are so constructed that removal would be practically impossible;
- (2) Under existing conditions of scarce and expensive labour the cost of tearing down would far exceed salvage value;
- (3) Under the circumstances the only practical method of removing the buildings, which are in the way of the extensions you are now actually carrying out, appears to be that employed by you in the case of your own buildings: demolition by bull-dozer.
- (4) Your suggestion that you charge this office with the cost of these wrecking operations is not acceptable for the reasons explained to Mr. Stubbs; we have no funds to pay for such work, and cannot create debit balances for account of the individuals concerned, where, as is mostly the case, such individuals have little, if any, assets.
- (5) As all Japanese interest in the buildings vests in this office, we would suggest that in exchange for relinquishing such Japanese interest, you include any expenses incurred by you in the over-all cost of your present large scale operations.

Yours very truly,

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

RGB/P

ORDER" or "C.O.D." HERE.

DUPLICATE PREPAID FREIGHT BILL

SHEET NO.

Origin & Destination

STATION TO 203 LEMON CREEK BC ET

PRO.

DATE

6 FURNITURE NO 08532
DC SEC COMM

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

FOR CHARGES ON ARTICLES WAYBILLED

From, Number, Station

W/B Date

W/B No.

Shipper's Name

Car Init. & Number

99 VANCOUVER DEC 14/42 P 69568

DC SEC COMM

4250

CP 201011

No. of Packages	Description of Articles and Marks	Weight	Rate	Freight	Advance	Prepaid	Collect
1	CTN EFF BOX TOP & HOLE	110	100	1 98		1 98	
O R R							
TOTAL							

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Received Payment for the Company

Date 18 Agent 4667

All freight transported by this Company is subject to its published terms and regulations. All claims for overcharge must be sent to the Auditor of Freight Receipts, Montreal, accompanied by freight bill.

Make Cheques Payable
to Order of

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.
Mail to Local Freight Agent

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION
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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Address 14 Fir Ave.,

Date Nov. 17, 1942.

Lemon Creek, Slokan BC.

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

I, FUKUMOTO, Kunichi, Police Registration No. 08532

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted property
stored at Upstairs of house marked Kunichi Fukumoto in China Town
District

in possession of Mr. G. W. Mc. Pherson.

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

Description of Property:

(1) 1 heater -- left standing in parlor of house. ✓

(2) 1 door mat.

(3) 1 map.

none of these goods are packed or labelled.

(4) 1 bucket.

(5) 1 2-gal. crock and lid.

Original Address Chemainus B.C. China Town District.

Date Evacuated to Vancouver April 21st, 1942.

Date Evacuated to Present Address Sept. 4, 1942.

Number in Family - 12 years and over 4

Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old 2

Number in Family - under 5 1

TOTAL NUMBER IN FAMILY 9

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

APPROVED:
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: Walter Hartley

Kunichi Fukumoto
Claimant Signs Here

Transferred to this
file as all chattel
are administered on
this file.

C
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P
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c/o D.E.Wilde,
Welling, Alta.
Oct 3rd 1946

Japanese Section,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir,

I am enquiring in this letter of the third instant regarding the matter of our house in Chemaines, B. C.

We haven't the slightest idea of how our house is, at the present, whether it is still in the hands of the Custodian or has been sold. Pertaining to the receipt is still now in hand, the key of our house was handed to G.W. McPherson, authorized deputy of the Secretary of Custodian. Right now our eldest daughter is sick with hay fever and so she cannot work for the family. Besides her in home four others all going to school and so money is urgently needed. Farm life is very hard with very cheap wages. Would you please look into this matter and if the house is sold would you please send the money to us at once?

I will be pleased if you would let us know at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

(Mrs) Y. Fukumoto
(08533)

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October 10, 1946.

Mrs. Yukiye FUKUMOTO,
Reg. No. 08533,
C/o D. E. Wilde,
Welling, Alta.

Dear Madam:

We are in receipt of a letter from the
Department of Labour enclosing copy of your letter to
them dated October 3, 1946.

The house which you occupied at Chemainus
was built on land belonging to the Victoria Lumber Co.
under an agreement which was automatically cancelled
upon termination of employment with that Company. The
Company recognized no outside equity in any of the
houses built on their land, many of which have since
been demolished.

Yours truly,

C. Girard,
Office of the Custodian.

CG.

MEMORANDUM

File: 6674

May 6, 1948

Re: FUKUMOTO, Yukie, Reg. No. 08533

This woman occupied a house built on land owned by the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Chemainus. The house was in what was known as the Chinatown district.

On September 23, 1944, the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co. Ltd. gave the Custodian 30 days notice to remove the Japanese buildings. The lease under which these houses had been built could be terminated on 30 days notice. The land rent of \$6.00 per year was in arrears.

On October 18, 1944, the Custodian advised the landowner that since removal of the buildings was practically impossible, the Custodian would relinquish any interest the Japanese might have in the buildings in exchange for the company's taking care of the expense of demolishing the buildings.

The company agreed and the buildings were demolished by bull-dozer.

It will be seen by the attached Chattel Schedule that there is no record of any goods belonging to this woman having been disposed of except for the items shipped to her.

No goods were removed from the Japanese houses in the Chinatown except those shipped to the owners, until November, 1943, when the goods remaining at Chemainus were examined, and the items considered saleable removed to Nanaimo to be sold at auction.

No inventory was made by Custodian agents of the goods in the Chinatown houses.

On the Analysis of Claim some of the items claimed for are shown as "Declared but Not Found". It is possible that these items should have been shown under "ABANDONED", since a great quantity of the goods at Chemainus when examined in November, 1943, was abandoned and since no record was made of the abandoned goods.

It is probable that the shipments made to Mrs. Fukumoto and to her husband in 1942 accounted for everything of any value that they had left in Chemainus. Photographs of the buildings in Chemainus Chinatown show the dwellings to be small, poor structures. There is no record of thefts from these buildings.

A gas-stove and an electric toaster listed in claim were declared as among the contents of Box #5, which was shipped to Mrs. Fukumoto in May, 1942. If the claimed items are additional, these were not previously reported by her.

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Maclean

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART 1. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927. CHAPTER 99.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E

(HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.M. EDMANSON, SUB-COMMISSIONER).

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Lethbridge, Alberta,
August 2nd, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
(MRS.) YUKIE FUKUMOTO.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

20 APPEARANCES:

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

appearing for the
Dominion Government.

W.E. HUCKVALE, Esq.,

appearing for the
Claimant.

MISS LILLIE THOMAS,

Secretary.

D.J. HANDFORD, Esq.,

Official Interpreter.

S.R. HOWARD, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

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THE SECRETARY: Case 514, Yukiye Fukumoto.

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. HUCKVALE:

Q Mrs. Fukumoto, you have filed a claim for personal
chattels?

A Yes.

10 Q And does that form contain a list of your personal
chattels which you are valuing at \$96.00?

A Yes; this is a list of the chattels after taking out
the kitchen utensils.

Q And your signature appears on that form?

A Yes.

Q And is that form true, to the best of your knowledge
and belief?

A Yes.

MR. HUCKVALE: I will file that, sir.

20 (STATEMENT OF PERSONAL CHATTELS MARKED EXHIBIT
NO. 1).

MR. HUCKVALE: Q: Now, you tell us that you left those
chattels in the house you were residing in?

A Yes, in my own house.

Q And did you lock the house?

A Yes, and I left the key with the Custodian.

Q I show you that (indicating). Can you tell me what
that document is?

A This is the Custodian's receipt for the key to my
house.

30 MR. HUCKVALE: I will file that, sir, as an exhibit.

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(Mrs.) Y. Fukumoto,
In Chief.

(RECEIPT MARKED EXHIBIT No. 2).

MR. HUCKVALE: Q: Now, Mrs. Fukumoto, you are claiming
for an electric toaster, is that correct?

A: Yes.

Q: And for a gas stove? A: Yes.

Q: Did you ever receive either of these articles from
the Custodian after your evacuation?

A: No, I never received from the Custodian.

10 MR. HUCKVALE: Now, on the analysis, which I take it my
learned friend will be filing, sir, the Custodian has
shown certain articles as "no record of any kind".
In other words, he takes the position, as I understand
it, that these were never declared.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. HUCKVALE: I am going to ask, therefore, that as well
as the personal property analysis form that the original
J.P. Form be filed.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Any objection to that, Mr. Rice?

20 MR. RICE: Just a minute, your Honour. It is up to your
Honour to rule on that. I am not going to file it
unless I am compelled to.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Well, I think you should, as a
matter of fact.

MR. HUCKVALE: I simply take the position that these were
completely declared in the form. My learned friend's
position is that they were not.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I think it should be filed now.

30 MR. HUCKVALE: I take it that and the personal property
analysis will be filed.

(Mrs.) I. Fukumoto,
In Chief.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes, the personal property analysis
and the J.P. form, also.

MR. HUCKVALE: Yes, sir. The reason I am asking for it
is the first thing that this form shows is that
these two items I mentioned were shipped in Box No.
5, and she denies receiving them. The next thing
that the form says is that the Custodian has no
record of it at any time, so that I merely suggest
that he cannot take both positions.

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THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: You are referring to the personal
analysis, are you?

MR. HUCKVALE: Yes, I am referring to those two items
about which I specifically asked; that is, the
electric toaster and the gas stove.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes. How would it be to file
the analysis of the personal property now? You will
be doing it at a later time, in any event, won't
you?

20 MR. RICE: Yes. I will file it now.

(ANALYSIS FILED AS EXHIBIT NO. 3).

MR. RICE: And then you also request that I file the
J.P. Form.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I notice here, Mr. Huckvale, on
this analysis of personal property that goods
for which Japanese claims \$71.00 "declared but not
found" and then "goods for which Japanese claims
\$25.00, no record of at any time".

MR. HUCKVALE: That is in the column marked "No record
at any time".

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(Mrs.) Y. Fukumoto,
In Chief.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: That includes the two items that you referred to?

MR. HUCKVALE: That is right.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: And how about the other two items in there?

MR. HUCKVALE: That is why I want the J.P. Form filed.

10 If she declared them, they have a record of it, but with respect to the electric toaster and the gas stove, the Custodian makes two contradictory statements. One is, he says he has no record, and the second is that he shipped them.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes, I see that.

MR. RICE: It is an alternative claim. We have one record as having shipped them, and then we have no record of the claim at the present time.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Have you the J.P. Form there, Mr. Rice?

MR. RICE: I thought I had filed it.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: You have not filed it yet.

20 MR. HUCKVALE: If my learned friend hasn't the original I will accept a copy, if he tells me it is a true copy; that is all I want.

MR. RICE: I presume it is a true copy; I don't know about that. Mr. Shears had planned to be here this morning, your Honour.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Pardon?

MR. RICE: Mr. Shears, who has had a lot to do with these files and is very conversant with them, expected to be in this morning, but apparently can't get in
30 until this evening, and possibly I would like to have

a chance to refer to this claim again. If they weren't shipped, there is no record of it so far as the Custodian's office is concerned.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Is that the form there now, Mr. Rice, the J.P. Form?

MR. RICE: Yes.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: All right, we will file that as Exhibit No. 4.

(J.P. FORM MARKED EXHIBIT No. 4).

10 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Mr. Huckvale can proceed with his examination on that J.P. form, if there is anything further he desires.

MR. HUCKVALE: I have finished, your Honour.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: You are through, are you, Mr. Huckvale?

MR. HUCKVALE: Yes, sir, I am.

MR. RICE: The defence will be, your Honour, that the goods were sold, or that the goods that were sold were sold for their fair value, and that the goods
20 that have been lost or stolen or cannot be found that the claim filed for the same is exorbitant.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: And the goods that cannot be found, what?

MR. RICE: That have been lost, stolen, or cannot be found, I say the claim is exorbitant.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: All right.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. RICE:

30 Q Who did you leave these goods with?

(Mrs.) I. Fukumoto,
Cross-Exam.

A They were just left in the house and just left.
They weren't left with anyone in particular.

Q That is a house you rented, did you not?

A No, that was my own house and the house was also
registered with the Custodian.

Q But it was on land that you didn't own, that you
rented, wasn't it?

A It was on land belonging to the company, and I had
been advised by the lawyer that I couldn't claim
for the house.

Q The electric stove referred to in your claim; what
kind of a stove is that? Is that an electric
toaster, do you mean?

A It was an electric stove.

Q An electric toaster?

A It was a gas stove and an electric toaster. It was
a kind of a stove that is used to take to camp.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: One of those portable stoves, I
take it.

MR. HUCKVALE: A gasoline stove. She has listed it as
an electric stove. She didn't take the electric
stove. I think there is some confusion with regard
to that. I think she is describing the toaster.

MR. RICH: I asked if the electric stove she meant was
an electric toaster.

MR. HUCKVALE: She is claiming it and it is not a stove.
It is a toaster.

A The electric machine was a toaster.

MR. RICH: Q The electric machine was a toaster?

30 A Yes.

(Mrs.) Y. Fukumoto,
Cross-Exam.

Q Did you ship your husband some property, some
chattels from your home?

A No, I didn't. He had been sent to camp.

Q You didn't ship anything to your husband?

A No.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I suppose this form is called a
J.P. form because it is Japanese property.

MR. HUCKVALE: I think so. Either that or signed by the

10 J.P., but it was always known as a J.P. form.

MR. RICE: It is Japanese property, sir.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Japanese property?

MR. RICE: Yes.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I see.

MR. RICE: Q Did you ever request that your personal
property be shipped to you?

A Yes, I requested the Custodian to ship.

Q And were not five boxes shipped to you?

A I received two boxes while I was still in Hastings
20 Parks and then after I had been evacuated I received
another two or three small boxes; I don't quite
remember.

Q On May 16th you wrote the Custodian and requested
him to ship you your personal effects and your
husband's effects, did you not?

A No, I didn't ask for all the goods to be shipped.
I wondered how my property was getting along and the
boy wrote to inquire.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Is that May 16th, 1942?

30 MR. RICE: Yes, May 16th, 1942.

Q Well, who shipped the goods that you received?

MR. HUCKVALER: Now how does she know who shipped the goods? I don't know. She wrote to the Custodian and she got certain things, that is all.

MR. RICE: She is under cross-examination. It won't hurt her to answer the question.

MR. HUCKVALER: How is she to know who sent them to her?

10 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: There is no reason why Mr. Rice can't ask her that. If she says she does not know, she does not know, that is all.

MR. RICE: I asked her who wrote to the Custodian and I think she said in answer to that question that she wrote to the boy. That is not an answer to my question.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: She says she received two boxes and then possibly two more afterwards.

MR. HUCKVALER: She said possibly 2 or 3 more small boxes; she can't remember; that is her answer.

20 A Well, as far as I know some responsible person in the Government sent it.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Q Well, does she know, or does she not know who shipped them?

A No, I don't know.

Q She does not know. Well that settles that, I guess.

MR. RICE: Q You said you wrote to the boy about the articles, to your boy?

MR. HUCKVALER: She said she had her boy write the Custodian.

30 THE INTERPRETER: That was my understanding of what the witness said. "I had my boy write to the

(Mrs.) Y. Fukumoto,
Discussion.

Custodian".

MR. RICE: That is all.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: I just noticed here on this J.P.

form it has the proper registration number, but

the name of the claimant is Kuniichi, and the

claimant, according to the list here, is Yukiyo.

MR. HUCKVALE: Perhaps I can clear that up for you, sir.

They are husband and wife.

Q Who is Kuniichi?

10 A That is my husband.

Q But this claim, I take it, is for your goods and

years only?

A: Yes, the present

claim is for my property.

Q That is all, thank you.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Is that all?

MR. HUCKVALE: Yes, sir, thank you.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and
accurate transcript of the proceedings herein.

S. R. Howard
"S. R. HOWARD"
OFFICIAL REPORTER.

Defence Brief

LETHBRIDGE
2 August 1948

(Mrs.) Yukiye FUKUMOTO

File No. 6674

Case No. 514

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

(All claims shown are Gross)

Claim

\$96.

Claimant stated that her goods, some of which were packed in boxes, were left in her house which she locked and handed the key to Custodian.

Goods value	\$15.00	Shipped to claimant
"	10.00	No record at any time
"	71.00	Declared not found
	<u>\$96.00</u>	

The Electric Toaster and Gas Stove were shipped to claimant on 24 May 1942. The Garden Hose and Wagon were never declared and never found.

Claimant admitted having received 2 boxes whilst in Hastings and 2 or 3 more after having been evacuated.

It is submitted that the goods which have been lost or stolen or cannot be found that the claim filed for the same is exorbitant.

BMP/mw

Name of Claimant **YUKIMOTO, Yukiyo**
Custodian File **6674**

Case **514**

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>										Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village			
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Amount Total		
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>										
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 & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column			
<u>NETS</u>										
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	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</u>										
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	Applica-tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
			46%	71.00	32.66			32.66		
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										32.66

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Mrs. Yukiyo FUKUMOTO,
67 Niagara St.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:
~~XXXX~~ Madam:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 514

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 ... \$ 32.66.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$ 31.77
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. \$.39
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears
Director

FOS:HK
Encl.