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Bureau Hastings Park.

File No. 6862.

**OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION**

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having no property in any protected area.

NAME: WATANABE (Taka) Mrs. Usaku.

ADDRESS: Box 43, Cumberland, B. C.

REGISTRATION NO. 06056

SEX: F.

Age: 44

Married? Yes

Occupation and Employer: Housewife.

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Usaku

ADDRESS: Box 43, Cumberland, B. C.

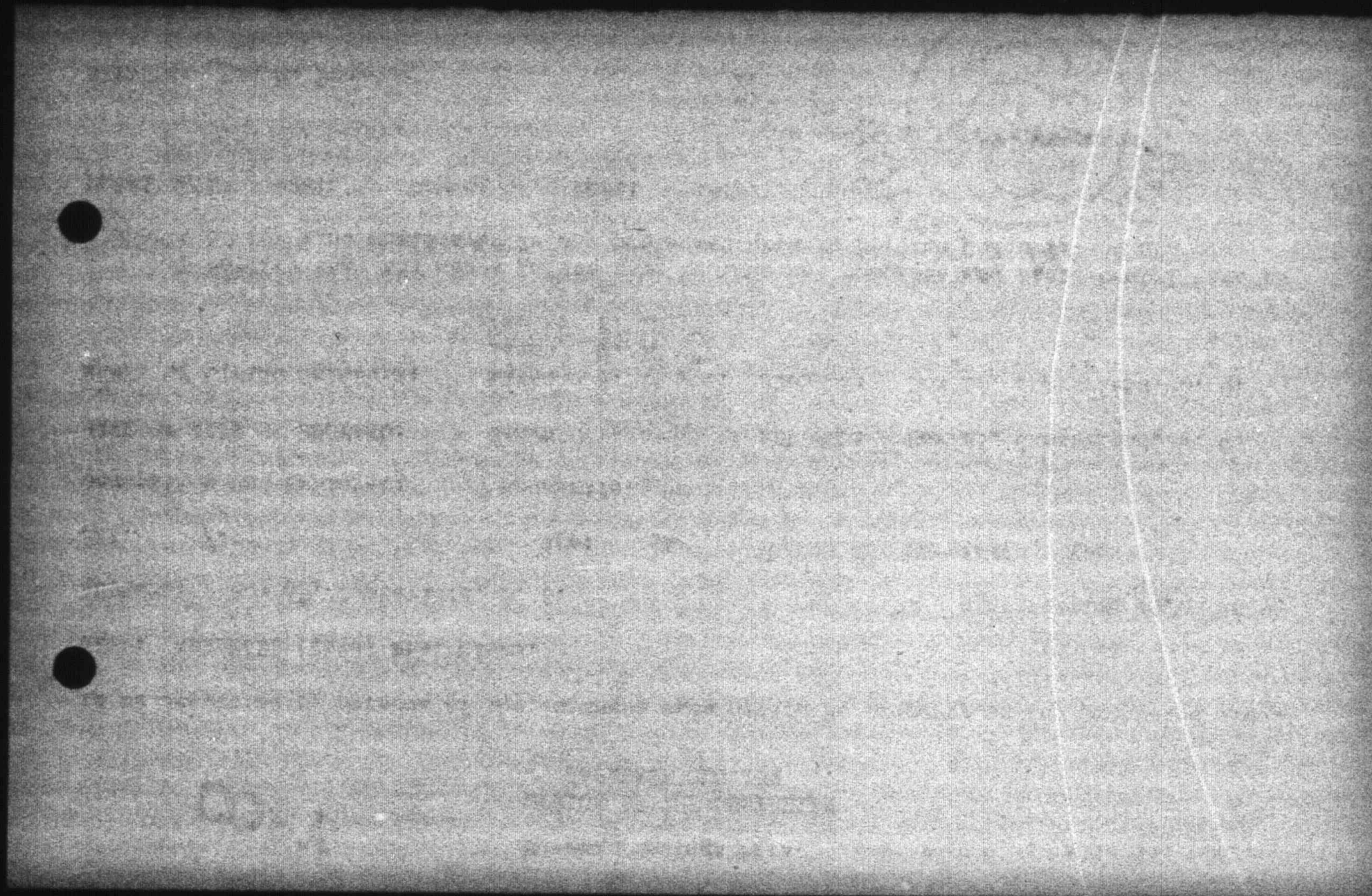
NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: Mitsuko F. 15 yrs. **ADDRESS:** Box 43, Cumberland, B. C.
Isamu M. 12 " " " "
Teruko F. 10 " " " "

I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia.

Dated this 28th day of April 1942.

(Signature) "T. Watanabe"

WITNESS: "J. M. Brandon"



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Our File No. 6862

Date Aug. 2/43

Full Name WATANABE (Taka) Mrs. Usaku
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 06056

Male - Female ☒
(check)

Age Feb. 15, 1897

Former Address Box 43, Cumberland, B.C.

Date Evacuated Sept. 22/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address Tashme, B.C.

Married - Single ☒
(check)

Name of Wife Usaku #06059

Name of Husband Usaku #06059

Name of Mother AMANO, Ai Name of Father AMANO Masataro

Names of Children under 16 (Japan) Mitsuho (F) Mar. 26/26

Isamu (M) May 31/29

Teruko (F) July 25/31

Requested by [Signature] Registered with Custodian (Yes or No)

Additional Information _____

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Japanese Division

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

October 23rd, 1945

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

Attention Mr. R. G. Bell

Dear Sir:

Re: Usaku WATANABE #06059 Dec'd
Mrs. Taka WATANABE #06056 - widow
Custodian File #4000

We shall feel obliged if you will forward to the above named woman from her assets the sum of \$200.00 which she requires to cover expenses incurred in connection with the funeral of her late husband.

In addition to the above will you please forward a cheque for \$40.00 for maintenance at once and future remittances of a similar amount on the 20th of each month thereafter.

When Mrs. WATANABE'S credit balance has been reduced to the sum of \$370.00 kindly cease to make any further remittances to her and we will then place her on maintenance.

Yours truly,

"M. L. Brown"

M. L. Brown
Office Manager

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Minto Mine, B. C.

November 5, 1945.

Administration Department,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

I have in hand a cheque issued by Mr. U. Watanabe, Tailor, formerly of Cumberland, B. C., on December 31, 1940, for the sum of \$50.00 at Cumberland Branch, Royal Bank of Canada.

This cheque should have been cashed long before, however, with confusion of war and resulting evacuation the above has been held uncashed this long.

I have recently been informed that Mr. Watanabe passed away some time ago. I am wondering if you have any fund for him to cover the amount of above cheque.

Will you please inform me regarding above in your early convenience.

Yours very truly,

"Keiji Minato" JR #06264

6862, 4000
Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
October 30th, 1945

Department of Labour,
Japanese Division,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Mr. M. L. Brown

Re: Osaku WATANABE, Dec'd,
Registration No. 06059

Dear Sirs:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, and in reply wish to advise you that Mrs. Taka Watanabe, Widow, has no funds with the Custodian. Her late husband, however, has a credit balance of \$876.39, and in due course we will be forwarding these funds to the Official Administrator, Mr. A. G. Freeze, Cumberland, B. C.

In order to facilitate the settlement of the Estate of the above mentioned decedent, we would appreciate your forwarding the enclosed forms to your Supervisor at New Denver, to be completed by Mrs. Watanabe, and have two copies returned to this office. On receipt of these completed forms, we will place this matter in the hands of the Official Administrator, if this should be the wish of the widow, and he will proceed with the settlement of her deceased husband's estate.

Your attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

W. J. Johnston
Administration Department

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Encl.

4000 & 6862
Evacuee Section

A.G. Freeze, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Cumberland, B.C.

Dear Sir:

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,
17th December, 1945.

REGISTERED

Re: Estate of Usaku Watanabe, Deceased

We wish to thank you for your letter of the 5th instant,
the contents of which we have noted.

We are enclosing herewith copy of a letter dated November 26th,
1945 received from Mr. Keiji Minato, together with the cheque for \$50.00,
dated December 31st, 1940, referred to in your letter as being worthless
at the time of issue. The signature of Mr. Watanabe bears a similarity to
his signature which appears on our file but, of course, we cannot guarantee
the authenticity of same. It is possible that Mr. Matt. Brown may have
letters or documents signed by Mr. Watanabe with which you might make a
comparison. In any case, as Mr. Minato states that he loaned the amount
of \$50.00 to Mr. Watanabe you may wish to obtain a statutory declaration
from him if you decide to take his claim into consideration.

We have recently corresponded with Mr. Brown in connection
with the late Mr. Watanabe's chattels and as he has considerable information
in connection therewith, we would suggest that you communicate
with him regarding this matter.

Yours very truly,

W.J. JOHNSTON
ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

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Your File 4000 & 6862
Evacuee Section

Cumberland, B. C.
December 5th, 1945

Administration Department,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir: Re: Estate of Usaku Watanabe,
 Deceased

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 28th requesting me to take out Letters of Administration for the above estate. This I am prepared to do as soon as I can secure a renunciation from the widow and obtain particulars of household furniture and effects or other personal property.

I have enquired at the Royal Bank of Canada at Cumberland and they advise me that Usaku Watanabe never had an account with their branch so that the cheque given to Keiji Minato for \$50.00 was worthless at the time of issue.

When Letters of Administration have been taken out and the Estate released by the Succession Duty Offices, I will communicate with you again.

Yours faithfully,

"A. G. Freeze"

A. G. Freeze
Official Administrator

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4000 & 6862
Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
November 28, 1945

A. G. Frenze, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Cumberland, B. C.

Re: Estate of Usaku WATANABE, Dec'd

Dear Sir:

We have been advised by the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, that the above named Japanese, who prior to evacuation resided at Cumberland, B. C., died at New Denver, B. C., on October 6, 1945, and we are writing to request that you kindly undertake the administration of his Estate.

In this connection we are enclosing herewith list of particulars forwarded to this office by Mrs. Taka Watanabe, widow of the above mentioned.

For your information, we wish to advise that funeral expenses originally amounted to \$200.00, and that our cheque for this amount was forwarded to Mrs. Watanabe on November 19, 1945.

We also enclose copy of communication, dated November 5, 1945, received from Mr. Keiji Minato. We wrote Mr. Minato on the 19th instant, requesting that he forward the cheque in question, together with full particulars concerning this payment, to us, in order that this matter may be dealt with in the administration of the Estate.

According to information on our files, both the deceased and his wife are Japanese Nationals.

We will be pleased to have you advise us as to your willingness to act in this Estate and when Letters of Administration have been issued to you, kindly forward a certified copy to this office, so that we may remit the funds now in our hands, amounting to \$676.39.

Yours truly,

WJJ/JF
Encl.

F. J. Johnston
Administration Department

4000, 6862
Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
November 28, 1945

Rev. T. Koniyama,
P.O. Box 422,
New Denver, B. C.

Re: Estate of Usaku WATANABE, Dec'd

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your communication of the 23rd instant and wish to advise you that on November 19, 1945, we forwarded to Mrs. Taka Watanabe our cheque for \$200.00, to cover the funeral expenses of her late husband, Usaku Watanabe.

We trust this is the information required.

Yours truly,

F. J. Johnston
Administration Department

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November 19th, 1945.

Mrs. Taka WATANABE,
Registration No. 06056,
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Re: Finance.

We are in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant requesting the remittance of \$200.00 from the estate of your husband, Usaku WATANABE, Reg. No. 06059, who, we are sorry to learn, passed on at New Denver, B. C. on the 6th October.

We note that this money is required to pay funeral expenses and we therefore enclose our cheque in your favour for this amount (\$200.00), thus reducing the balance in your husband's account to \$676.39. This balance will be turned over to the Official Administrator on receipt of the completed forms sent you through the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, on the 30th October, and on completion of the necessary legal formalities the distribution of the net residue will be determined and you will be advised.

The question of your maintenance is being referred to the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, here, and we would suggest you take the matter up with your local Welfare Manager.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

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Encl. Our Accounting Department requests that vouchers, where available, be supplied in support of this expenditure and that for expenses not so covered particulars be supplied.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Cumberland, B. C.
March 6th, 1946

Administration Department,
Office of the Custodian,
509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Estate of Usaku Watanabe, dec'd
Your Files 4000 and 6862
Evacuee Section

With further reference to your letter of November 28th, 1945 in connection with the above estate. I have now been appointed Administrator of the estate, and I am enclosing herewith a certified copy of my Letters of Administration.

Your cheque for the funds in your hands would be appreciated in due course.

Yours faithfully,

"A. G. Freeze"

A. G. Freeze
Official Administrator

AGF/AB
Encl.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN THE MATTER OF USAKU WATANABE deceased
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AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE "ADMINISTRATION ACT".

DATED THE 26th DAY OF February, A.D. 1946

UPON reading the affidavits of A. G. Freeze sworn the 19th day of February 1946 and exhibits thereto and the renunciation of Taka Watanabe dated the 19th December 1945, it is ordered, that Arthur Gordon Freeze, Official Administrator for part of the County of Nanaimo, shall be Administrator of all and singular the Estate of USAKU WATANABE, deceased, who died at New Denver B. C. on October 6th 1945, and that notice of this Order be published.

Estate valued at \$676.39

L. A. Hanna
L.J.S.C. (Supreme Court Seal)

The Supreme Court of British Columbia
Cumberland Registry
Feb 26 1946

This is the paper writing Marked "A" referred to in my Certificate, dated the 27th day of February, 1946.

"W. H. WYATT"
Deputy District Registrar

(Supreme Court Seal)

This Grant is made upon the condition that no portion of the assets shall be distributed or paid during the War to any beneficiary or creditor who is a National of the German Reich or Italy wherever resident, or to any one on his behalf, or to or on behalf of any person resident in the German Reich or Italy of whatever nationality, or to or on behalf of any subject or citizen of any country at war with His Majesty, without the express sanction of the Crown acting through the Minister of Finance; and if any distribution or payment is made contrary to this condition the grant of probate or letters of administration will be forthwith revoked.

4000 & 6862
Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
March 21, 1946

A. G. Freeze, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Cumberland, B. C.

Re: Estate of Usaku WATANABE, Dec'd

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your communication of the 6th instant, enclosing certified copy of Letters of Administration herein, and as requested, attach hereto our cheque, amounting to \$676.39, representing all funds held to the credit of the deceased with the Custodian, as per the attached statement. Kindly acknowledge receipt in due course.

We are also enclosing herewith, for your information, copy of communication, dated December 19, 1945, received from Mrs. Taka Watanabe, enclosing receipt for funeral expenses of the above noted. You will also note that incidental expenses in connection with the funeral of the deceased have been paid.

Yours truly,

W. J. Johnston
Administration Department

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New Denver, B. C.

December 19, 1945

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

Dear Sir:

File No. 4000 & 6862

In reply to your letter of November 19th, 1945 with the cheque for \$200. enclosed for which I thank you, I am sending on to you the funeral director's receipt for \$160.00. The remaining \$40 spent on incidental expenses in connection with the funeral as follows:

Funeral photographs	\$22.50
Donations to various organisations which helped with funeral arrangements	10.00
Clothing for the deceased in which to be buried	10.00

Hoping that this meets with your satisfaction,

I remain,

Yours truly,

"Mrs. Taka Watanabe"

Mrs. Taka Watanabe
Reg. No. 06056

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Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
March 25, 1946

A. G. Frouse, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Cumberland, B. C.

Re: Estate of Usaku NAKANABE, Dec'd

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant,
enclosing your receipt for our cheque for the sum of \$676.39.

We note that you have obtained a Statutory Declaration
from Keiji Nishio and wish to advise you that the Custodian has no
objection to the payment of his claim.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Johnston
Administration Department

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Your File 4000 & 6862
Evacuee Section

Cumberland, B. C.
March 22nd, 1946

W. J. Johnston, Esq.,
Administration Department,
Office of the Custodian,
509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Usaku WATANABE
deceased

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 21st enclosing your cheque of \$676.39 representing the funds which you had on hand in the above estate, for which Official receipt is now enclosed.

In regard to the claim against the Estate, of Keijo Minato of Minto Mine in the sum of \$50.00 supported by an uncashed cheque of the deceased for a like amount in favour of K. Minato, for which cheque there were no funds. I have secured a statutory declaration from Mr. Minato in support of his claim which I am prepared to recognise as a valid claim against the estate. Before preparing a voucher in favour of Mr. Minato, I will be pleased to have your approval of the payment for my file.

Yours faithfully,

"A. G. Freeze"

A. G. Freeze
Official Administrator

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4000 & 6862
Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
August 15, 1946

A. G. Friesse, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Cumberland, B. C.

Re: Estate of Uesaka WATANABE, Dec'd

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter of the 15th ultimo, we are enclosing herewith copy of letter, dated August 8, 1946, which we received from Mrs. Taka Watanabe, widow of the above named deceased.

Kindly advise us as to whether or not you are in favour of making an interim distribution of funds in this particular case, and if so, what amount we may expect to receive for Mrs. Watanabe.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Johnston
Administration Department

WJJ/JF
Encl.

4000, 4862, 5066 -
Evacuee Section

July 17, 1946.

A. G. Frouse, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Uesaka WATANABE, Dec'd.

We acknowledge with thanks your letter of July 15,
enclosing a statement of receipts and disbursements in
connection with the above Estate.

When you are prepared to make a distribution
to the heirs, we would appreciate receiving the net proceeds,
together with your instructions as to the amount each
beneficiary is to receive.

Yours very truly,

WJJ/AC

W. J. Johnston,
Administration Department.

4000,6862,5066
Evacuee Section

Cumberland, B.C.
July 15, 1946.

Administration Department,
Office of the Custodian,
509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Usaku WATANABE, Deceased

Replying to your inquiry of July 12th in connection with the present condition of the above estate. I enclose herewith a statement of receipts and disbursements and as far as I am concerned the estate is settled other than distribution.

Under the Administration Act, no distribution to heirs could be made until October 6th, 1946, being one year after the date of the death of the Intestate. I am prepared to forward the net estate to the Custodian at Ottawa if you so advise.

Yours faithfully,

AGF/AB
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A. G. Freeze,
Official Administrator.

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ESTATE OF USAKU WATANABE
STATEMENT OF
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

Cash received from Custodian

\$676.39

- DISBURSEMENTS -

Voucher - A. G. Freeze - Fee for Letters of Administration - \$2.00
Office Copy Inventory "X" 10¢:
1 Certified copy of Letters of Adm. 1.00
1 Death Certificate \$1.00

\$ 4.10

Voucher - J. M. Mitchell - Legal Costs as taxed

32.70

Voucher - Keiji Minato - Repayment of Loan made to the dec'd.

50.00

Voucher - Deputy Minister of Finance, Commission

33.82

BALANCE ON HAND IN THE TREASURY

555.77

\$676.39

Dated at Cumberland, B. C.,
this 15th day of July, 1946.

Certified a true copy

Sgd: A. G. Freeze
Official Administrator

ENEMY

Rec'd AUG 14 1946

File No.

Referred

Aug. 8. 1946.

Toronto Ontario.

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd AUG 14 1946

File No. 4000/6862

Referred

~~Office of the Comptroller~~

~~Sub-Royal Bank Building~~

Vancouver B.C.

Re: File 4000 + 6862 Finances

With reference to the above account which shows the amount of \$676.39 outstanding in the name of my late husband Heaku Watanabe. I am forwarding my inquiry whether I can obtain this amount. I wish to inform you that I have relocated to Toronto and I am desirous of securing the funds, which I want to put to immediate and advantageous use. I hope all legal matters in connection with transferring the funds to my name have been duly completed.

4000 & 6862
Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
August 19, 1946

A. G. Freeze, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Cumberland, B. C.

Re: Estate of Usaku Watanabe, Dec'd

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant and wish to advise you that we have forwarded the information contained therein to Mrs. Watanabe.

Kindly accept our thanks for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Johnston
Administration Department

WJJ/JF

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(Orig. in File 4000).

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

YOUR FILE 4000 & 6862

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY

TO: Official Administrator.

Cumberland, B. C.
August 16th, 1946.

W. J. Johnston, Esq.,
Administration Department,
Department of the
Secretary of State,
509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Usaku Watanabe, dec'd.

I beg to acknowledge your letter of August 15th, enclosing copy of a letter from the widow, Mrs. T. Watanabe requesting distribution of her share of the estate.

The deceased died intestate on October 6th, 1945, and under Section 92 of the Administration Act distribution could not be made to the heirs until one year after the date of death of the deceased, without an Order being obtained from the Court. This is the long vacation for the Court and the matter could not be placed before the Judge until August 30th. Distribution could be made on October 6th without an Order from the Court and as this is a small estate I feel that the further legal costs should be avoided if possible. If you feel that the matter is really pressing however, I will have such an application made to the Judge in Chambers on advice from you.

Yours faithfully,

"A. G. Freeze"

A. G. Freeze,
Official Administrator.

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159 Gerard St. E.,
Toronto, Ontario.

January 7, 1946.

Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver B.C.

Attention: Mr. R. G. Bell
Re: File No. 4000 x 6862

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 13 1946
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Ans.	
Referred	Bell

Dear Sir,

With reference to the above file numbers and further reference to your letter of August regarding the estate of M. Watanabe, deceased, if the balance of the account is now ready for payment to me, I will appreciate it greatly if you will forward me the outstanding balance to me at the above address. Furthermore will you please advise me if this account has been bearing interest during the time in your care.

With many thanks, I remain.

Yours very truly,

Jaba Watanabe

4000 & 6862
Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
August 19, 1946

Mrs. Taka Watanabe,
Registration No. 06056,
25 D'Arcy Street,
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Madam:

Re: Estate of Usaku WATANABE, Dec'd

We duly received your letter of the 8th instant and wish to advise you that we wrote the Official Administrator, Mr. A. G. Freeze, regarding payment of a portion of the funds to which you are entitled in connection with the above-mentioned Estate, and he has replied, under date of August 16 as follows:

"I beg to acknowledge your letter of August 15th, enclosing copy of a letter from the widow, Mrs. T. Watanabe requesting distribution of her share of the estate.

The deceased died intestate on October 6th, 1945 and under Section 92 of the Administration Act distribution could not be made to the heirs until one year after the date of the death of the deceased, without an Order being obtained from the Court. This is the long vacation for the Court and the matter could not be placed before the Judge until August 30th. Distribution could be made on October 6th without an Order from the Court and as this is a small estate I feel that the further legal costs should be avoided if possible. If you feel that the matter is really pressing however, I will have such an application made to the Judge in Chambers on advice from you".

In view of the fact that considerable expense would be involved in making an application to a Supreme Court Judge in Victoria, we do not believe same should be made, especially as disbursement of funds could be made after October 6th this year, which is approximately one month after an application to the Court would be made.

Yours truly,

W. J. Johnston
Administration Department

WJJ/JF

From:—

MRS. TAKA WATANABE REG NO. 06056
159 GERRARD ST E.,
TORONTO, ONTARIO.

March 6, 1947.

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

EVACUATION SECTION	
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sent to Bell	

ATTENTION: R.G. BELL

Dear Sir,

With reference to my letter I sent you in January and with further reference to file numbers 4000 and 6862 re estate of U. Watanabe deceased, I wish to be informed why my request to have the amount outstanding sent to me is being delayed.

I have been waiting ever since November 1946, at which time you stated this amount will be payable to me.

I am in dire need of this cash as I want to buy a house in Toronto.

Hoping you will give the matter

4000, 6862

March 15, 1947.

Mrs. Taka KATANABE,
Reg. No. 06056,
159 Gerrard St. E.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Madam:

Re: Estate of Usaku KATANABE, #06059, Deceased.

Replying to your letter of March 6, 1947, we
are writing today to Mr. A.G. Freeze, Official Administrator
who is handling the estate of your late husband and have asked
him to reply to you direct in this connection.

We have advised him that you are in urgent need
of the proceeds from this estate.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

ACM:AH

4000, 6862

March 15, 1947.

Mr. A.G. Freeze,
Official Administrator,
Cumberland, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Uenku WATANABE, #06959, Deceased.

Inquiries have been received from Mrs. Taka Watanabe widow of the deceased, extracts from which are here given;

"I have been waiting ever since November 1946, at which time you stated this amount will be payable to me.

I am in dire need of this cash as I want to buy a house in Toronto".

"With reference to the above file numbers and further reference to your letter of August regarding the estate of U. Watanabe, deceased, if the balance of the account is now ready for payment to me, I will appreciate it greatly if you will forward me the outstanding balance to me at the above address. Furthermore will you please advise me if this account has been bearing interest during the time in your care."

In explanation of Mrs. Watanabe's letter we may say that an extract of your letter to us dated August 16, 1946 was forwarded to her.

If there is anything holding up distribution will you please let us know, but if not, will you kindly reply direct to Mrs. Watanabe as soon as convenient and provide us with the names of the heirs and amounts payable to each.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

AGM:AH

Mrs. Watanabe's present address - 159 Gerrard St., E.,
Toronto, Ontario.

4030, 6862

April 23, 1947.

Mrs. Taka SATANABE,
Reg. No. 06056,
175 Elm Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Madam:

Re: Estate of Usumi SATANABE, #06059,
Deceased.

We have your letter of April 15th inquiring concerning proceeds from the Estate of your husband.

We received a letter dated April 14th from Mr. Freeze, advising that he was at that date requisitioning cheques covering the shares payable to each of the heirs. We replied on April 17th advising that the Custodian will have no objection to the shares payable to each being forwarded direct to them and you will in all probability be hearing from Mr. Freeze before very long in this connection.

If you wish to communicate with him direct, his address is Mr. A. G. Freeze, Official Administrator, Cumberland, B.C.

Yours truly,

A. G. Beartney,
Office of the Custodian.

AGH:AM

(Orig. in File 4000).

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY
TO: Official Administrator.

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Cumberland, B. C.
April 14th, 1947.

The Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir,

Re: Estate of Usaku Watanabe, deceased.

I beg to advise you that I have to-day sent forth
a voucher to the Department in your favour for \$552.29 in the
above estate. The heirs are as follows:

<u>Mrs. Taka Watanabe</u> , 159 Gerrard St., E., Toronto, Ontario.	1/3 - \$184.09
<u>Yukio Watanabe</u> , residence unknown thought to be in Montreal.	2/15 - 73.64
<u>Yoshio Watanabe</u> , 25 D'arcy St. Toronto, Ont.	2/15 - 73.64
<u>Mitsuko Watanabe</u> , (Age 20) 159 Gerrard St. E., Toronto, Ontario.	2/15 - 73.64
<u>Isamu Watanabe</u> (Age 17) 159 Gerrard St. E., Toronto, Ont.	2/15 - 73.64
<u>Teruko Watanabe</u> (Age 15) 159 Gerrard St. E., Toronto, Ont.	2/15 - 73.64
Total	\$552.29

Note that there are three heirs under 21 years of
age.

Yours faithfully,

"A. G. Freeze"

A. G. Freeze,
Official Administrator.

AGF/MG

STATE ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Deceased Mrs. Taka WATKINS, widow of
Taka WATKINS, Deceased 6/10/15.

File 6862
File 1009.

Amount	On	Ass. Valuation	Ass. Value	Acct. Value	Sold for
(1) \$1,500.00	Tailor's shop and cabin on narrow (20') lot, Denmark Avenue, Cumberland.	\$1,500.00	\$1,125.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
\$ 800.00	Acknowledged Custodian Credits				
\$ 700.00	Amount of Real Property Glain				
(2) \$ 111.00	Cash as listed in Glain	\$ 111.00			\$ 52.50
\$ 73.35	Acknowledged Custodian Credits				
\$ 37.65	Amount of Personal Property Glain				
\$ 77.15	Total amount of Glain				

(1) This property (Custodian Cat. 966) is located on Cumberland's main thoroughfare, Denmark Avenue, but the lot is exceptionally narrow (20'), the front building (tailor's shop) having a frontage of 18'6". This building is described by appraiser as one of the oldest in Cumberland, and "too far gone to repair". The 2-room cabin at the rear of the lot is described as habitable.

(2) This item (\$37.65) is not clear. A release of \$2.00 in addition reduces the gross amount of personal property Glain from \$111.00 to \$109.00. The articles listed in this total were auctioned for \$52.50, making a difference of \$56.50, not \$37.65. Articles to a total auctioned value of \$20.85 are excluded from Glain list, and inclusion of these in Acknowledged Custodian Credits would appear to be an unintentional error.

Witness, D. G., Dec. 23/18.
HWP.

[Signature]

Toronto, Ont.
Oct. 26th, 1948.

DEFENCE BRIEF

File 6862 - Taka WATANABE, Reg. #06056 (Widow).
File 4000 - Usaku WATANABE, Reg. #06059 (Died 6/10/45).
Case 1171

- (1) Real Property, Vancouver Island (Cat. 562: The W20' of Lot 4 in Block 3 of Lot 21, Nelson District, Plan 522 - Shop and cabin on 20' lot, Cumberland) Sold for

\$1,500.00 as per original (Jan. 9/48) and amended claim (Exh. 1171-1) - see also Custodian Combined Analysis (Aug. 23/48). \$800.00

Net amount of Real Property Claim: \$700.00

Evidence: Usaku WATANABE was the registered owner of this property, which was sold August 29th, 1944. He died October 6th, 1945. See attached Memorandum of today's date for particulars of administration and distribution of his Estate. According to Transcript p.6, line 16, this claim is being made by the widow on behalf of all the beneficiaries of the Estate.

According to amended claim (Exh. 1171-1) the property was purchased in 1937 for \$800.00, a total of \$450.00 being expended on improvements in 1939, \$150.00 in 1940 and \$75.00 in 1941. Estimated value at date of sale is put at \$1,500.00.

Assessed value (1944): \$1,125.00

On which taxes amounted to: \$ 29.90

Appraised value (1944): \$ 800.00

Custodian appraiser described the main building as one of the oldest in Cumberland, and "too far gone to repair."

Evidence: R. U. Harford (Appraiser).

- (2) Personal Property (Household Chattels as listed in amended claim and Custodian Personal Property analysis)

\$ 109.00 as per amended claim (Exh. 1171-2) and Custodian Analysis (Exh. 1171-7) \$ 58.35

Net amount of Claims \$ 35.65

- (3) \$ 15.00 Add: Chevrolet car - see Transcript p.9, line 24. \$ 15.00 \$ 15.00

Evidence: Claimant declared chattels in general terms in his "JP" form (Apr. 17/42).

(Over)

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Claim represents difference between claimant's valuation and proceeds of auction sales. (See Custodian Analysis - Exhibit 1171-7).

Witness: Matt Brown (Custodian Agent).

\$1,624.00 Gross total.

Net amount of Claims

\$750.65

\$873.35

VANCOUVER, B. C.
28th FEBRUARY, 1949.

MB/T.

Summary of Witnesses

Where
Required

R. U. Hurford (Appr.).
Matt Brown (Agent).

(1)
(2) & (3)

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 - (12) Let. (5/3/45) encl. St. of Sale and St. of Account.
 - (13) Auction Sheets (25/10/44 & 8/11/44).
 - (14) Custodian Combined Analysis.

MEMORANDUM

ESTATE OF USAKU WATANABE, DECEASED (OCT. 6/45)

Case 1171.

File 4000.

Usaku WATANABE was the registered owner of Cat. No. 562 (The Westerly 20' of Lot 4 in Block 3 of Lot 21, Nelson District, Plan 522) - see Certificate of Encumbrance dated February 29th, 1944 (Exh. 1171-9). He died intestate at New Denver on October 6th, 1945 (B. C. Security Commission regular death notice dated October 16th, 1945).

Application for administration of the Estate was applied for on November 28th, 1945, particulars for the purpose being supplied to the Custodian by the widow, Taka WATANABE, Reg. No. 06056, File 6862 (Dept. of Labour covering letter dated Nov. 27/45 on File 4000).

Letters of Administration were granted to A. G. Freeze, Official Administrator, Cumberland, February 26th, 1946 (Certified copy on File 4000).

Estate funds (\$676.39) were remitted to Official Administrator March 21st, 1946. Administrator's certified statement of Receipts and Disbursements (on File 4000) dated April 14th, 1947. Net residue (\$552.29) was distributed as follows (letters of April 14th and May 5th, 1947, on File 4000):

One-third Mrs. Taka WATANABE	\$184.09
Two-fifteenths Yukio WATANABE	73.64
Two-fifteenths Yoshio WATANABE	<u>73.64</u>
Total cash distribution	\$331.37
Two-fifteenths Mitsuko WATANABE	\$ 73.64
Two-fifteenths Isamu WATANABE	73.64
Two-fifteenths Teruko WATANABE	<u>73.64</u>
Held by Official Administrator in Trust for Minors:	\$220.92
Net residue of Estate:	\$552.29

Estate funds were derived from the sale of Usaku WATANABE'S Real Property (Cat. 562 - The W20' of Lot 4 in Block 3 of Lot 21, Nelson District, Plan 522), as per Custodian letter of March 5th, 1945, and attached statement of sale and statement of ledger account.

VANCOUVER, B. C.
28th FEBRUARY, 1949.

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