

8718

Family evacuated 16/5/45 from Russia
 but sent 6000 to Nanking Park for shipment
 ABBOTSFORD
 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: YONEMITSU Isuke *now listed as K.*HOME ADDRESS: R.R. No. 1 Abbotsford, B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 12964SEX: MaleAGE: 44OCCUPATION: 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: MyselfMARRIED? YesNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: FumeADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: R.R. No. 1, Abbotsford, B.C.NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Satoshi (M) Fuyo (F) Isao (M) George (M)Joe (M) Jimmie (M)ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: R.R. No. 1, Abbotsford, B.C.AGE OF CHILDREN: 14, 12, 10, 7, 5, 2

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The East half of the South Eastquarter of Section 14, Twp 13, Municipality of Matsqui 70.712. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: Five-room dwelling,Four-room dwelling, barn, chicken house, pig pen, bath room, 2 garages,woodshed, brooder house, incubator house,3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) None4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) \$48.57 payable at Matsqui5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) None6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) Myself at present. The Five-roomdwellling is rented to Mr. Arens, Mr. Higginson has rented the land \$1.10The four-room house is not rented

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: In my possession

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: None

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN: Glover, hay, raspberries,

over-bearing strawberries, fruit trees

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: See page 1

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: ---

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

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: ---

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid) ---

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: See clauses 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:

1 plough, 1 cultivator, 3 mattocks, 5 axes, carpenter tools,

farm implements, household furniture, kitchen utensils, to be

left in the house at R.R. No. 1, Abbotstord, B.C. Also dairy

equipment, 1 force pump at well, 240 lb. scale, 1 horse harness,

1 sprayer, 2 wheelbarrows, 100' cable, etc at the same place

2 gramophones, 1 Singer sewing machine

1 truck - clear house delivery - at Brackley Park, B.C. most of time.

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS None

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

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

None

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: None
5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF OTHERS: None
6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) None
7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)
24 shares in the Pacific Co-op Union, 1 share in United Farmers Ltd.
\$5 War Savings certificate for my son Isao. In my possession
Three \$5 War Savings Certificates in my possession
8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None
9. LIFE INSURANCE: Pacific Union Mutual Aid Fund, No. 41,
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 8th day of May 1942.

(Signature)

J. Yonemitsu

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE March 4/43

Our File No. 8718

Full Name YONEMITSU, Isuke
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 12964

☒ Male - Female
(Check)

Age Feb. 25, 1898

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

Date Evacuated March 21/42. Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address Greenwood, B. C.

☒ Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife Fume #12963

Name of Husband

Name of Mother Dec'd.

Name of Father Dec'd.

Names of Children under 16 Satoshi (M) 31/5/27 Fuyo (F) 15/7/29

Isao (M) 10/11/31

George (M) 24/9/34

Joe (M) 17/3/37

Jimmy (M) 1/7/39

Requested by J. Spratt

Registered with Custodian Yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Farmer

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Files Int. 725,
Evac. 8718.

JAPANESE NAMES: Kyuyemon YONEMITSU (Gila Rivers Project, Rivers, Arizona)
Isuke YONEMITSU - - Reg. No. 12964.

CATALOGUE NO: Part of The Director The Veterans' Land Act first offer.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 3683 Peardonville Road, Abbotsford, B. C.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The East half of South East quarter of Section 14 Township 13
SAVE AND EXCEPT part (9.23 acres) as shown on Sketch 7643
Municipality of Matsqui in the District of New Westminster.

TITLE: In the name of Kyuyemon YONEMITSU.

ENCUMBRANCE: Vesting in Custodian 24445, 15th August 1942, vacated
1st May 1944.

ASSESSED VALUE: 1942 - - 70.71 acres.
Land \$1062.00
Improvements \$1500.00 Total \$2562.00 Taxes \$49.96.

CLASSIFICATION: The Custodian's inspector reported on this property on the 24th
June 1942, the property consists of and has been operated as
two farms.
1. The Westerly 20 acres of which the inspector reported 4
acres cleared and the remainder in bush with $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in clover
 $\frac{1}{8}$ acre in raspberries and $\frac{1}{4}$ acre in strawberries. On
this was a 1 1/2 storey frame house 25 x 27, 5 rooms in fair
condition and woodshed, garage and well. At that date crops
were reported very poor.
2. The East 50 acres consisting of brush and pastureland. No
part of this area is cultivated. On the land was a 1 storey
frame house 24 x 24, 4 rooms, poor condition, woodshed, 7 old
dilapidated shacks, chicken house 18 x 56, fair condition.

HISTORY OF
ADMINISTRATION: Parcel number (1), the Westerly 20 acres was leased by Isuke
YONEMITSU to Frank ARENS for a period of 9 months from the 1st
May 1942 for a rental of \$150.00 paid to Isuke YONEMITSU.
ARENS vacated this property on the 17th October 1942. On the
parcel of 20 acres for the year 1943 to J.J. TRENDY at a rental
of \$10.00 per month, the lease including buildings, a plow
and a cultivator. TRENDY paid 3 months rent to the Custodian
and this \$30.00 was allowed to The Director The Veterans' Land
Act. This lease was assigned by TRENDY to J.F. EPFS but the
assignment was not recognized by the Custodian, and a new
lease was given by the Custodian to Mr. EPFS on the 25th May
1943 effective from the 1st day June to the 31st December 1943
at a rental of \$70.00. Of this \$30.00 was paid to the
Custodian and allowed as a credit to The Director The Veterans'
Land Act.

Mr. TRENDY was allowed a credit of \$20.00 for repairs to
the building and paid to the Custodian \$30.00.

The parcel shown as number (2) above was leased by Isuke
YONEMITSU as from the 1st May 1942 to the 1st May 1943 to Mr.
M. HIGGINSON at a rental of \$70.00 paid to YONEMITSU. On the

On the

1st May 1943, this lease was renewed by the Custodian to HIGGENSON to the end of 1943 at a rental of \$50.00 paid to the Custodian and allowed as accrued rental to The Director The Veterans' Land Act. The house on this parcel of land was the property of Teranosuke EMOTO.

There was insurance on the buildings on parcel number one in the amount of \$500.00 for a 3 year period expiring March 8th, 1946, with the North West Fire Insurance Co. This policy was transferred to The Director The Veterans' Land Act and a refund of the premium of \$15.40 was made to the Custodian.

Attention is particularly called to the involved question of ownership. Both parcels above were declared as one farm by Isuke YONEMITSU who claims to have purchased the property from his brother Kyuyemon YONEMITSU, the registered owner. The latter admits that he intended to transfer the property to his brother, Isuke, but no documents to that effect passed and he now claims that the total consideration from the sale to The Director The Veterans' Land Act should be paid to him. He admits that EMOTO built the house on parcel number two by arrangement with his brother Isuke, and with his consent, but claims that as EMOTO paid no rental over a long term of occupation, EMOTO has no just claim for any part of the consideration. EMOTO makes a claim in respect to a portion of the consideration. Briefly, Kyuyemon YONEMITSU, whose present address is as above, asks that the total consideration be paid to him though in a letter dated October 24th, 1944, Mr. James H. TENNY, the project attorney at Gila Rivers, intimates that his brother might concede about 250 of the proceeds to his brother Isuke. It appears from file that a report of an appraisal of the building has been asked.

Insurance on the house on parcel number two, insurance policy number M245871 in the Atlas Assurance Co. Ltd. in favour of T. EMOTO in the amount of \$750.00 expired on the 27th July 1944, and was not renewed.

SOLD:

To The Director The Veterans' Land Act for \$1527.00 as at 1st January 1943.

Approval of Advisory Committee 1st June 1943.

FUNDS:

Released to the credit of Kyuyemon YONEMITSU, sale price \$1527.00 less debits of Certificate of Encumbrance \$1.00, registration fee \$3.00, taxes \$57.30, legal fee \$15.00, total \$76.30. Net amount released \$1450.70.

TITLE:

Receipt from The Director The Veterans' Land Act for title is missing.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file and on record by accounting department.

DATED January 24th, 1946.

IM:EL

J. M.

R E P O R T
ON EVACUATED JAPANESE PROPERTY

File No. 8718

Date: June 24, 1942.

REGISTRATION NO. 12964.

MUNICIPALITY: Matsqui.

NAME: YONEMITSU, Isake

ADDRESS: 3683 Peardonville Rd. Abbotsford, B.C.

PROPERTY:

ACREAGE: 20. 4 acres cleared, rest bush.

KIND OF CROPS:

Clover & Hay. Rasps. Straws.
 $\frac{1}{2}$. $\frac{1}{8}$. $\frac{1}{2}$.

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF EACH:

HOUSE: $1\frac{1}{2}$ Storey. VACANT:

OCCUPIED Yes.

ROOF: Shingle.

NO. OF ROOMS 5.

DESCRIPTION Frame.

SIZE: 25 x 27.

CONDITION: Fair.

OTHER BUILDINGS: Woodshed, garage,

NAME OF LESSEE OR RENTOR: F.C. Arens.

TERMS: \$150.00 for 1 year. Paid.

WATER: Well.

ON:

OFF:

LIGHT: None.

ON:

OFF:

REMARKS: Crops are very poor.

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS LEFT ON PROPERTY

In house.
Bdle. carpenter tools.

Bdle. garden tools.

2 Wheel barrows.

Hand pump.

Cream separator.

2-10 gal. milk cans.

1 Axe.

Kitchen range.

3 Beds, (2 old)

Bureau.

Cultivator.

Plow.

Scythe.

Harness. (old)

Signed:

J. Morphyson
H. Logan

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY.

5746
File No. 10035

9th Sept. 1946.

Re: Isuke YONEMITSU - Reg. No. 12964

CHATELS:

When registering with this office the above Japanese declared leaving household furniture and farm implements on his property at Abbotsford. These chattels were inventoried by our fieldmen and a copy sent to Isuke YONEMITSU for acknowledgment. This was signed by him, and at his request some tools, gramophone & records, and kitchen utensils were sent to him, and his pictures were taken into safe-keeping by the lessee of his property. The rest of the chattels on his property were removed and sold by public auction on the 26th January, 1944, for the net sum of \$127.59. A mirror was missing from the inventory when the auction took place, and one or two articles had been abandoned on the property as being worn out and worthless.

SPECIFIED ARTICLES:

Isuke YONEMITSU surrendered his 1934 Chevrolet truck at Hastings Park, and it was sold in January, 1943 through Campbell Motors for the net sum of \$172.74

BONDS & INVESTMENTS:

The above Japanese declared having some War Savings Certificates in his possession but these were not brought under control by the Custodian. He also declared owning 24 Pacific Co-operative Union shares and one United Farmers' Co-operative Exchange share. The Pacific Co-operative Union shares consisted of \$90.00 worth of redeemable shares issued in the years 1937 to 1941 inclusive and \$150.00 worth of non-redeemable shares. Of the former shares \$70.00 worth have been redeemed at par, and the remaining \$20.00 should be redeemed early next year. His United Farmers' shares was sold for the sum of \$65.00. These funds, together with interest, have been credited to his account. The certificates covering the shares were all sent to this office by Isuke YONEMITSU, and the shares still outstanding are held in safe-keeping to his credit.

LIFE INSURANCE:

Isuke YONEMITSU declared a Pacific Union Mutual Aid fund policy, but this was not brought under control 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

W.E. [Signature]

NAME YOMATSU, Yama

REGISTRATION NO. 12964

FILE NO. 8718

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Abbotsford, B.C. on January 26, 1944.

Plates	\$ 0.50
Plates	0.70
Plates	0.35
Plates	0.25
Plates	0.25
Axe, pick etc.	0.25
2 Pails & miscellaneous	0.70
2 Hoes & shovel	0.75
3 Jap. Tubs	3.10
Free & sledge	0.50
Tin & contents	0.35
Hoe, shovel etc.	7.25
1 Bed & spring	3.10
✓ Brass spray pump	2.10
✓ Barrow wheel	2.00
Steel cot	0.75
Sealers, shovel, fork & axe	2.00
Free sledge & axe	4.00
✓ Cross cut saw	7.00
✓ Bed & fabric spring	2.40
✓ 4 Jacks	0.25
Box of tools	0.50
✓ Cross cut saw	6.50
✓ 240 lbs. Scale	1.00
✓ Clock	1.25
Shovel, fork & miscellaneous	1.00
✓ 3 Drawer Dresser	3.25
✓ 4 Kitchen chairs	0.50
✓ Cross Cut Saw	
Total: Carried Forward	\$ 52.55

~~Excess of \$100.00~~

~~Net proceeds of sale \$100.00~~

~~Master of Auctioneer's Office Present.~~

~~Excess of \$100.00~~

~~Balance~~

NAME YOMETSU, IsukeREGISTRATION NO. 12964FILE NO. 8718

The following chattels were sold by public
 auction at Abbotsford, B. C. On January 26, 1944.

	Brought Forward	\$52.55
✓Gross Cut Saw		2.00
✓Slasher, fork & hoe		1.60
✓Oil cans		2.00
✓Pail & oil cans		1.00
✓Japanese keg & contents		1.00
✓Hub caps		1.50
✓Pans		0.35
✓Keg.		0.85
✓Gross Cut saw		0.50
✓Bike Parts		3.60
✓Mop, Axe & Hoe		0.50
✓Iron pot		0.50
✓Buck saw		1.35
✓Iron pot		1.30
✓Cracked crock		0.50
✓2 Gas lanterns		6.00
✓2 Gas lanterns		6.00
✓High chair		1.50
✓Lanterns in pail		1.00
✓Lanterns in pail		0.50
✓Part can oil		0.85
✓3 Pails		0.80
✓3 Pails		0.80
✓Pails		0.25
✓Tub & board		1.00
✓2 jars, axe & fork		0.75
✓Soythe		1.00
Total:	Carried Forward	\$91.55
Excess Expenses:		\$
Net Proceeds:		\$
Members of Committee:		
Witnessed by:		
Remarks:		

NAME YONEMITSU, Isuke

REGISTRATION NO. 12964

FILE NO. 8718

The following chattels were sold by public
 auction at Abbotsford, B. C. on January 26, 1944.

	Brought Forward	\$91.55
/Tar paper		0.80
Miscellaneous		1.00
Bolts		1.00
Sealers		0.25
Water set		0.50
Sundries		0.25
Wedges & miscellaneous		1.50
Pans		0.70
/Dishes & miscellaneous		0.60
/Miscellaneous		0.25
Iron pot etc.		1.00
Sundries		0.50
/Imperial gramophone		2.25
/Chest of Drawers		4.00
/Old chest of drawers		0.50
Wall cupboard		0.65
Cable block		1.00
Cable block		2.25
Chain		1.25
/Cable		1.25
Chain		1.00
/Car chains		0.50
Rolls of wire		4.25
Poultry wire		1.00
/Pump		3.00
Miscellaneous		2.50
Stepladder		1.00
/Plough		6.50
Total:	Carried Forward	\$132.80
Less expenses:		\$
Net proceeds credited:		\$
Members of Auctioneer's Staff Present.		
Extracted from Auctioneering List No.		
Remarks:		

NAME YONEMITSU, Isuke

REGISTRATION NO. 12964

FILE NO. 8718

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Abbotsford, B. C. on January 26, 1944.

	Brought Forward	
		\$132.80
✓ M. H. Separator		7.50
✓ Canada Pride Range		2.00
✓ 7 Kitchen chairs as is.		0.75
✓ Old wheel barrow		2.00
✓ Old shipping cans		3.00
✓ Pieces of harness		1.00
✓ 1 Horse scuffer		2.50
✓ Kitchen cupboard		1.00
✓ Scythe		1.50
✓ Mail box		4.00
✓ 2 Small tables		0.50
✓ Old bed & spring		0.50
✓ Kitchen Queen cabinet		3.50
✓ Wood workers book		1.00

Total:

\$ 171.55

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$17.15
(Advertising: 6.81
(Moving: 20.00

\$ 43.96

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 127.59

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Carlsen

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Abbotsford 4

Remarks.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 8718

22nd August, 1946.

Re: Isuke KONEMITSU - Reg. No. 12964

The above Japanese declared no liabilities and none
appear on file.

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

/HA

W E L...

Mr Anderson:
Before sending out final proceed
please have personal property summary
on file —
Aug 30/46. WLL.

MEMORANDUM

To: File No. 8718

October 26, 1944.

From: Specified Articles Department

Re: YONEMITSU, Isuke - Reg. 12964

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>APPRAISED VALUE</u>
TRUCK	1934 Chevrolet Panel No. T32 License No. (41) CY 479	\$210.00

Sold to: Campbell Motors

Date: September 9, 1942.

Selling Price: \$200.00

Harker

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

PHONE PACIFIC 6131
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 8718

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

January 13, 1943.

Mr. Isuke YONEMITSU;
Registration No. 12964,
SANDON, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Our No. T 32

Re: Motor Vehicles

Your Chevrolet truck

which was surrendered to the Authorities, has been
sold for \$ 200.00

Charges against your car were as follows:

Liens \$

Administrative Expenses \$ 27.21

The Balance thereafter remaining of \$ 172.79

has been placed to your credit in our trust account.

Yours truly,

Specified Articles Department.

RPA:MA
EL

Sub on

8718

S. O. 100-2000-4-01

USED CAR APPRAISAL RECORD

NAME

T 32.

ADDRESS

Paint	\$ 9.00	Make
Tires 3 good 2 fair.	\$ 2.00	Model 156
Body & Fenders	\$ 4.00	Body Style
Glass	\$ 1.00	Panel Del.
Top	\$ 1.00	Year
Nickelling	\$ 1.00	34.
Radiator	\$ 1.00	License
Running Boards	\$ 1.00	61479
Mats & Kick Pads	\$ 1.00	41.
Upholstery	\$ 4.00	Serial
Hardware	\$ 2.00	631266
Motor Expense	\$ 45.00	Mileage
Transmission	\$ 1.00	63029
Rear Axle	\$ 1.00	Remarks
Universal Joints	\$ 1.00	
Clutch	\$ 1.00	
Steering	\$ 1.00	
Brakes	\$ 1.00	
Tighten Up	\$ 10.00	
Muffler	\$ 1.00	
Sundries	\$ 10.00	
Wash & Clean Motor	\$ 2.50	
Clean Interior	\$ 2.00	
Oil & Grease, Change	\$ 4.00	
Oil & Check Over	\$ 4.00	
Total	\$77.00	210.00

Mod. interested in

Salesman



Selling price \$210.00

Less Repairs \$

Date

Appraised By

H. Grant

Allowance \$

For immediate acceptance only.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Detachment

Seizure No.

T 32

FOR USE WHEN APPLICABLE

EXHIBIT REPORT

Detachment File No.
 Sub-Division File No.
 Division File No.
 Headquarters File No.

Detachment
 Sub-Division
 Division
 Date

19

RE: YONEMITSU, Isuko, R.R. 1, Haney B.C.

NAME OF FILE

On March 9

1942, 1

H.P. Price RCMP

MEMBER'S NAME

Came into possession of the following goods by:-

STATE BRIEFLY AUTHORITY, ETC., WHETHER BY SEARCH WARRANT, ETC.

NO. OF PKGS.	CAPACITY OR SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS DETAILS TO BE GIVEN IN FULL
		LICENSE NO. TIRE NUMBERS MAKE & MODEL (41) GT 479 Chev. Panel Delivery 5 SERIAL NO. 651266 ENGINE NO. 04043942 SPEEDOMETER READING 63209 CONDITION appears in good condition EXTRA EQUIPMENT NONE DESCRIPTION & CONDITION VERIFIED Signature of Owner #12964 Japanese Registration No. Handed over to representative of Custodian whose signature in receipt thereof appears hereunder DATE: March 9/42 <i>[Signature]</i> SIGNATURE OF MEMBER SUBMITTING REPORT

8718

October 22nd, 1949.

Mr. Isuke YONEMITSU,
Regn. No. 12964,
385 King Street West,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We wish to advise that on October 22nd, 1949, we shipped to you prepaid, via Canadian Pacific Freight, one carton and five boxes containing goods which were in our storage.

When said parcels are received by you, please acknowledge receipt of same for our records.

In the event that one or more items of any value do not belong to you, please communicate with this office by mail as the Custodian is closing out his storage warehouse in Haney. It may be that you will find some means of identification on examination of the contents and in that case we should be advised in your letter. You might also advise us at the same time whether unidentifiable items are of little or no value and would not justify shipping charges.

Yours truly,

W. J. Johnston,
Office of the Custodian.

WJj/js

P.S. Copy of Bill of Lading attached hereto.

1

Shipper's No.

Agent's No. _____

Vancouver B.C. Oct. 21 1949
W.R. Campbell Ltd. 4 ~~1/2~~ ^{1/2} milegants

The Rate of Freight from

IF Specimen

[illegible]

Consigned to

Destination 385 King Rd. West Province or State of West County of Ind.

Route

Car Initial

Car No.

[illegible]

Per

Per

(This Bill of Lading is to be signed by the shipper and agent of the carrier issuing same.)

New address → 385 King St W.
Toronto, Ont.
Reg. #12964 Sept. 29, 1949

The Department of the Secretary of State
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Hastings & Grenville
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	OCT 3 1949
File No.	8718
Ans.	whole of
Referred	Education

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to your
kind letter of September 19, your
file #8718.

If the express charges are
prepaid, we would like
the box of 6 hens. If the
charge on the ^{shipment of the} goods are
going to be charged to us,
we do not want the goods.
so please dispose of the goods
in any way possible.

Thank you for bringing this
matter to our attention.

Sincerely,
J. Jonemitsu

September 19, 1949.

Mr. Isuke YONEMITSU,
Registration No. 12964,
c/o George Walls,
VINELAND STATION, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Personal goods now in Custodian storage include
One box nailed, contents unknown; 3 boxes books, personal
effects etc. (nailed); Box books; and Box china and brass-
ware in the name of I. YONEMITSU.

If these items belong to you and you wish to
receive them, please inform the Custodian on or before the
15th October, 1949, giving your full name and address for
shipment.

Failing to hear from you by the above date, the
Custodian will assume that you have no interest in these
items and will dispose of them at his discretion.

We enclose a stamped addressed envelope for your
reply.

Yours truly,

W. J. Johnston,
Office of the Custodian.

WJJ/CH
Encl.

10th September, 1946

REGISTERED

Mr. Isuke YONEMITSU,
Registration No. 12964,
c/o Mr. George Walls,
Vineland Station, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your letter of the 14th August, we are attaching hereto Custodian cheque in the amount of \$300.57, being your full remaining balance at this office at this time. The attached statement of your account sets out details as to how this balance was arrived at.

You will note that no funds have been credited to you regarding the property owned by your brother. Although we note you claim an interest in the property, he has denied owing you any of the proceeds and this matter will therefore have to be left for settlement between yourselves.

You still have a \$20.00 equity in Pacific Co-operative Union redeemable shares. These should be redeemed early next year and at that time, the proceeds will be made available to you.

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,
Administration Dept.

WEA:HA
Encls. (3)

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

PHONE PACIFIC 8131
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 8718

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

10th September, 1946.

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

Dear Sirs:

Re: Isuke YONEMITSU - Reg. No. 12964

This is to advise you that we have today remitted
to the above Japanese our cheque for \$ 300.57.

There remains to his credit on our books at the
present time the sum of \$ Nil

All assets under our control belonging to the above
named

Have been disposed of Yes

Have not been disposed of

Yours truly,

WEA:HA

Administration Department.

6718

18th March, 1946.

Mr. Isuke YONEMITSU,
Registration No. 12964,
Greenwood, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your United Farmers' Co-operative Union share certificate, together with two 1940 Pacific Co-operative Union shares and two 1941 shares.

As you have been previously advised, the two 1940 Pacific Co-operative shares have been redeemed at par, and the proceeds from their redemption amounted to \$20.00. This sum together with \$65.00 from the sale of your United Farmers' share is covered by the attached Custodian cheque for \$85.00. The 1941 shares should be redeemed early next year and at that time the proceeds will be made available to you.

Also sent to this office by you, were 15 Pacific Co-operative Union non-redeemable shares. They are as stated, non-redeemable at this time, but they will be held in safe-keeping to your credit at this office where they can be dealt with if they become of value.

Yours truly,

W.E. Anderson,
Administration Department.

WEA:RA

725 (Int)
8718 and 5991
Legal Department

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
December 8th, 1944

Mr. Toranosuke Esoto,
Registration No. 13480,
Tachno, B. C.

Re: Kyuyemon YONEMITSU and
East half of the South East $\frac{1}{4}$ of
Section 14, Township 13, Municipality
of Haisla.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your communication of July 19th last, we
beg to advise you that we are now in receipt of a letter from Mr. James
H. Terry, Project Attorney, War Relocation Authority, Rivers, Arizona,
reading in part as follows:

"I regret the delay in replying to your letter of September 28, but I
have now found opportunity to confer further with Mr. Kyuyemon Yonemitsu
concerning your letter and quotation from his brother's letter contained
therein and he makes no comment on his brother's letter except to say that
he still claims his title to the property and hence to the proceeds of the
sale and he still maintains that Mr. Esoto should not be entitled to any
part of the proceeds inasmuch as Mr. Esoto has already received full con-
sideration for the value of his building by being permitted to erect the
building and use and occupy it for many years free of rent. Mr. Kyuyemon
Yonemitsu assumes that under the law the building is considered a fixture
and hence a part of the real property and is not separable therefrom in
the absence of some special agreement".

Kindly let us hear from you.

Yours truly,

E. B. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KW/JF

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT AND VETERANS' LAND ACT

518 Rogers Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
October 2nd, 1944

The Custodian of Enemy Property,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Legal Department

Dear Sir:

Re: $E\frac{1}{2}$ of the $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 14, Tp. 13, save and
except part 9.23 acres, m. or l., Sketch
7643, Municipality of Matsqui

Replying to your letter of the 28th ultimo and confirming our telephone conversation of today, I would advise that the total value of all buildings on this property from the standpoint of a farm unit is \$575.00. The buildings located west of the Peardonville Road are considered to have approximately the same value as the buildings erected east of the Peardonville Road.

It is understood that this information is requested by you in view of claim of ownership made by one Japanese in respect of one lot of buildings and for the purpose of allocation of the proceeds derived from the sale of the property.

Yours truly,

"I. T. Barnett"
District Superintendent

JK/MM

8718 & 725
Legal Department

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
September 28th, 1944

Mr. James H. Terry,
Project Attorney,
Gila River Relocation Center,
Rivers, Arizona

Re: Kyuyemon YONEMITSU and
East half of the South East $\frac{1}{4}$ of
Section 14, Township 13, Municipality
of Matsui

Dear Sir:

With reference to our letter of the 14th instant, we beg to advise you that we are now in receipt of a letter from Mr. Isuke Yonemitsu, brother of Kyuyemon Yonemitsu, reading as follows:

"You will hear from my brother Kyuyemon Yonemitsu about the land. I am not willing to waive all claims to the proceed of sale of the property.

About the house Mr. Toranosuke Emoto claimed he build on the land. He build it on the land because I give him permission to build it. Will you please forward the money of Mr. Emoto house to him".

We will be pleased to have Kyuyemon Yonemitsu's comments on his brother's letter.

The matter of Emoto's house built on this property is being investigated and we are endeavouring to obtain an estimate of its value.

Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

CHP/JF

C
O
P
P
Y

COPY FOR FILE 8718

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

September 25, 1944

Mr. K. W. Wright,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
Dominion of Canada.

Your File No. 8718, 5991 Evac.
725 Internee

Re: Kyuyemon Yonemitsu and E¹/₂ of SE¹/₄
of Sec. 14, Tsp. 13, Mun. of Matsqui

Dear Sir:

Upon receiving your letter of September 14 in the above matter, I called Mr. Yonemitsu to my office and discussed with him the arrangements made with Mr. Emoto for erecting a building on property claimed by Mr. Yonemitsu. It is the latter's recollection that Mr. Emoto's request to be permitted to erect a dwelling on the property was conveyed to Mr. Kyuyemon Yonemitsu by his brother, Isuke Yonemitsu, some fourteen or fifteen years ago. Kyuyemon Yonemitsu informs me that upon receiving this request he transmitted to his brother authorization to permit Emoto to build such building. He understands that the building erected was of little worth at the outset and has been lived in by Mr. Emoto since it was built. He points out that no rental has been charged Mr. Emoto while he lived on the premises and therefore feels that Mr. Emoto is entitled to no compensation in connection with the sale of the real property. However, in order to reach a prompt disposition of the matter he would, upon the insistence of Mr. Emoto, be willing to permit him to receive a nominal portion of the award. I hope that this states Mr. Yonemitsu's position adequately.

Very truly yours,

"James H. Terry."

James H. Terry
Project Attorney

C C
O O
P P
Y

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

September 6, 1944

Director, Veterans' Land Act,
Office of the Custodian,
Department of The Secretary of State, Canada
509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.,
Dominion of Canada.

Custodian Office File No. 8718,
5991 Evac. 725 Internee.

Dear Sir:

I am informed that my brother Isuke Yonemitsu claims ownership of real property formerly registered in my name near Abbotsford, British Columbia which is reported to have been sold to you. I am further informed that my brother's claim is based upon a letter dated May 16, 1944 written by me to my brother stating, in effect, that I had transferred the property to him in April, 1937 and that the property is therefore his and should be in his name. It is true, that I had intentions of transferring the property to my brother, but such transfer was never carried to legal completion and until the proposed sale to you the property was, I believe, registered in my name. I, therefore, claim that the proceeds of the sale to you should be paid to me and in this connection I enclose herewith a duly executed form of affidavit showing that I am a generally licensed national under the regulations of the Treasury Department of the United States, and I am free to receive such payment under the laws of the United States.

I understand that the sum payable to me is \$1525, and I request that your draft for this amount be forwarded to me in care of the office of the Project Attorney of the Gila River Relocation Center, Rivers, Arizona, United States of America.

Very truly yours,

"Kyuemon YONEMITSU"

Kyuemon YONEMITSU

ENCLOSURE

8718, 5991 Evac.
725 Internee

509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
September 14th, 1944.

Mr. James H. Terry,
Project Attorney,
Gila River Relocation Center,
Pinals, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Re: Kyuyemon YONEMITSU and E¹/₂ of SE¹/₄ of
Sec. 14, Twp. 13, Rm. of Matsui.

We wish to thank you for your letter of the 6th instant enclosing a letter from Kyuyemon YONEMITSU to the Director of the Veterans' Land Act. We have not forwarded this letter to the Director as proceeds of the sale of the property discussed in the letter are now in our hands.

We are writing to Isuke YONEMITSU, brother of the above named, quoting the contents of the letter to the Director, and we will advise you further in this matter when a reply is received.

We have been informed by one Toranosuke EMOTO that with the consent of "Mr. YONEMITSU", he built a house on the above noted property. We have written to Isuke YONEMITSU inquiring what arrangements were made with Toranosuke EMOTO regarding this house, but to date we have had no reply. Will you kindly have Mr. Kyuyemon YONEMITSU advise us of the arrangements if any Mr. EMOTO made with him regarding this house.

Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

GHP/O'B

8718
5991
Int. 725

August 29, 1944.

Mr. Isuke YONEMITSU,
Registration No. 12964,
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Property description - E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of
Sec. 14, Twp. 13, Municipality of
Matsqui.

In spite of the fact that your brother, Kyuyemon Yonemitsu, in his letter to you dated May 16, 1943, stated that he transferred subject property to you in 1937, he now has requested the Custodian to transfer proceeds of the sale of this property to him, personally. It appears to us that unless you can supply us with some definite evidence of this transfer, either obtained by you at the time or from your brother recently, or his authorization directing us to credit you with the money, we will have to consider the funds as belonging solely to your brother.

Mr. Toranosuke Emoto informs us that he built a five-room bungalow on the property with the consent of "Mr. Yonemitsu", he does not state whether he was referring to you or your brother. If you made any arrangements with Mr. Emoto regarding building a house on the property, we ask that you kindly let us have full details.

Please let us have an immediate reply.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

RDR/EG

8718, 5991 Pave.
725 Internee

509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
August 29th, 1944.

Mr. James H. Terry,
Project Attorney,
Gila River Relocation Center,
Rivers, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

On May 31st last we wrote the Jerome Relocation Center as follows:

"The following is an interpreted letter from Kyuemon Yonemitsu to his brother Isuke, an evacuee from this district, and dated May 16, 1943:

"Mr. Isuke Yonemitsu",

"May 16th, 1943"

"Received your letter, and I'm sure glad to know all keeping well".

"Regarding Land I have transferred to you on April 1937 but it still registered under my name."

"This Land was given to you and should be in your name, transfer was made on April 1937, therefore it is yours and should be in under your name."

"Yours truly",

"Kyuemon Yonemitsu"

If the contents of this letter present the true status of ownership of this property, recently sold to the Director of the Veterans' Land Act, we would appreciate you having your subject Japanese supply this department with an order duly authorizing us to transfer the funds received from the sale to the account of his evacuee brother."

c
o
p
y
TASHME, B. C.

July 19, 1944.

Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

RE: FILE NO. 8718
5991

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of July 6th as to
Atlas Policy #M245871.

There has been some misunderstanding as to
my home.

The LAND - SECTION 11, TP 13, in the Municipality of Matsqui belongs to Mr. Yonemitsu BUT the HOUSE belongs to me. In other words I borrowed his land to build my house on his property. You also mentioned Section 14, Tp 13, but I am afraid I do not know anything about that as the policy I have in my hands read Section 11, Tp 13,

I hope this information will make things a little clearer.

Yours truly,

Toranosuke EMOTO
REG. NO. 13480.

c
o
p
y

725
8718 (Evac)
Legal Department

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
January 24th, 1944

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant to the
Secretary of State of Canada,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario

Re: YONEMITSU, Kyuyemon (In California?)
East $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 14, Township 13,
save and except part (9.23 acres) as shown
on Sketch 7643, Municipality of Matsqui. NWD

Dear Mr. McPherson:

The above named Japanese holds title to the above noted property, on which we have received an offer from the Director of the Veterans' Land Act, amounting to \$1,527.00.

Under date of July 25th, 1942, Isuki YONEMITSU, Evacuee brother of the above, advised us that Kyuyemon YONEMITSU left for Japan in 1937.

Under date of October 17th, 1942, Isuki YONEMITSU notified us regarding his brother as follows:

"He is a naturalized Canadian and he went to the United States to go to Japan but we recently found out that he is still in California and I don't know the exact address".

Since the above information has been received, the Evacuee has been endeavouring to locate his brother, but apparently without success.

As we wish to establish where this man is now residing, will you kindly institute inquiries through the United States au-

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,

-2-

January 24th, 1944

thorities in this connection.

In the meantime, we are holding the sale of this property to the Director of the Veterans' Land Act in abeyance.

Yours truly,

E. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

OWP/JY

File No. 8718.

He [unclear]
December 13, 1943.

MEMORANDUM

TO: S. C. Carlsen.

FROM: W. E. Anderson.

We have received a request from subject Japanese that the following chattels be shipped to him from their present storage place at 3683 Peardonville, Matsqui.

Please arrange to have these things made ready for shipment and held pending instructions from the B. C. Security Commission.

WEA/EG

P. S.

We would appreciate your arranging to have these chattels removed to some storage place, pending shipment, and the balance of the goods moved to your first auction of the New Year.

Whidner
The above have been shipped
Shaw

C
O
P
Y

Greenwood, B. C.,
Dec. 7th/43.

File No. 8718

Name: YONEMITSU, Isuke

Registration No. 12964

Please send us the following chattels,

In house:

3683 Peardonville Rd.

1. Box of carpenter tools, (contains small things like -- wrench, hammer, chisels and parts of broken things, etc.)
2. 1 large shovel, 1 cross-cut saw and 1 double axe (please send the good ones).
3. In the kitchen:
 - (a) Big brown bowl like, made of stone, it's kind of zig-zaggy inside and rough, quite big in size.
 - (b) Cold Packed Canning Pot (holds seven quart jars).
 - (c) Crisco Tin Can (large white can, round and has blue and white letterings).

4. 1 Gramophone and Records:

Gramophone has flat top and looks like a box, it's square. Has the dark varnish on it - one door on it.

Records - Please send all records, English and Japanese.

Please send all these at your earliest convenience, for we want them before Christmas if possible.

Thanking You Very Much.

Yours sincerely,

(SIGNED) Mr. Isuke Yonemitsu

We will pay you as soon as the things arrive here.

8718
Int. 725

November 29, 1943.

Mr. Isuke YONEMITSU,
Registration No. 12964,
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago you will recall we dealt with the question of your interest in property which you claim to have purchased from your brother, Kyuyemon Yonemitsu.

In the last letter we had from you on this subject you stated that your brother did not return to Japan but was living in California. In order that we may properly identify the owner of this property it will be necessary for you to supply us with essential legal documents as evidence of your ownership.

Please give this matter your immediate attention, forwarding any documents you may have in this connection.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

RDR/EG

6718 and Int. 725.

February 27, 1943.

Coulthard, Sutherland & Co. Ltd.,
609 Columbia Street,
New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Kyuemon YONEMITSU

With reference to property located at 3683 Peardenville Road, R. R. 1, Abbotsford. The legal description is given as--Part of the E. 1/2 of the S. E. 1/4, Township 13, District of Matsqui. If convenient, would you some time in the near future call at this place and check up on the buildings and let me know what you suggest would be a proper amount of fire insurance to carry on each.

The buildings listed on the J.P. Form are as follows-- 5-room dwelling, 4-room dwelling, barn, chicken house, 2 garages, woodshed, brooder house, and incubator house. I understand the brooder house was destroyed by fire on February 9th. The tenant on this property is Mr. J. J. Tweedy.

The Assessed Value of Improvements on this property is given as \$1,062.00. Although the above named, who apparently is in Japan is the registered owner of the property, yet his brother Iauki Yonemitsu has paid taxes for several years and claims to be the owner.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

SMG:MAD

8718 and Int. 725

February 27, 1943.

Mr. Isuke YAMAMOTO,
Registration No. 12964,
House No. 12,
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of February 15th. I notice that you would like to carry fire insurance, but that you cannot afford it.

I think in this case, as the property is rented, that fire insurance should be carried on the buildings and it can be a charge to be deducted from the rental income of the property and, in view of that, I would like you to give me a list of the buildings and the amounts that you feel should be carried on each as requested in a former letter.

In arriving at your values, please remember that the buildings should be insured as nearly as possible for the present day replacement value less a depreciation of say 2% or 3% per year as from the date of construction.

Yours truly,

S. W. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

SSG:HAD

Int. 725 and Evac. 8718

February 16, 1943.

Mr. Isamu YONEMITSU,
Registration Number 12964,
House 12,
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Fire Insurance.

Further to our letter of February 8th, I wish to advise that we have been informed by the tenant on the property in question that a 12' x 12' brooder house built of cedar shakes burned down on the night of February 9th according to information received from the tenant, Mr. J. J. Tweedy.

Kindly give me an answer to my letter of February 8th without delay and also advise if you or your brother have carried Fire Insurance on this property in the past, and, if so, what is the name of the company, the number of the policy, and the agent's name through whom it was placed.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

SSG:AD

Int. 725 and Evac. ^{Filing} 8718

February 16, 1943.

Mr. J. J. Tweedy,
3683 Peardonville Rd.,
R. R. 1,
Abbotsford, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks your letter, dated February 10th, reporting fire damage to brooder house at 3683 Peardonville Road, Abbotsford.

I have written to Isamu YONEZAKI to find out if they had any fire insurance in force and particulars of same. Information on file, so far, indicates that there was no insurance, but I am not sure until I hear from him. I will advise you further as soon as possible, and wish to thank you for not disturbing the ruins of the building for the time being.

With reference to the last part of your letter in connection with purchase of Japanese property, I will refer that matter to Mr. Richardson of the Foreign Department.

Yours truly,

S. S. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

SSG:MSP

8718 & Int. 725

February 2, 1943.

Mr. Isuke YONEMITSU,
Registration Number 12964,
House 12,
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Fire Insurance on buildings located
on property described as being--
"Part of the E. 1/2 of the S.E. 1/4,
Section 14, Township 13, District
of Matsqui", and being No. 3683
Peardenville Rd., Abbotsford, B.C.

This property declared by yourself, but, I believe,
registered in your brother's name, Kyuyemon YONEMITSU, apparently
carries no Fire Insurance.

I understand that there are two dwellings and other
buildings and that one dwelling is occupied by a tenant by the name
of J. J. Tweedy.

I feel that fire insurance should be carried on the
buildings on this property and would appreciate you giving us a list
of the buildings and a description of same, showing the amounts that
should be carried on each.

I also understand that you have certain chattels
stored there, and if you wish insurance to cover them also, please
indicate which house they are in, and the insurable value you
place on same.

An immediate reply to this letter is necessary
please.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

SMG:MAD

January 23, 1943.

MEMORANDUM - MR. SHEARS

Attached is the file. Mr. Kyuyemon YONEMITSU is probably in the U. S. A. Title to land in Matsqui, B. C. is in his name.

His brother, Mr. Isuke YONEMITSU, is an evacuee in Canada and our evacuee in Canada claims he bought relative property from his brother but can produce as yet no evidence of purchase.

In the absence of a registerable document acceptable to the Land Registry Office, we must, at least for purposes of administering the property, consider that the property still belongs to Mr. Kyuyemon YONEMITSU in the U. S. A.

I am bringing this case to your attention purely as a matter of interest to you and so that you will have a brief record of it in view of discussions now going on, I understand, in the East, covering reciprocal agreements between the Canadian and American Custodians now in process of formulation.

RPA:MA

January 23, 1943.

MEMORANDUM - MR. SHEARS

Attached is the file. Mr. Kyuyemon YONEMITSU is probably in the U. S. A. Title to land in Matsqui, B. C. is in his name.

His brother, Mr. Isuke YONEMITSU, is an evacuee in Canada and our evacuee in Canada claims he bought relative property from his brother but can produce as yet no evidence of purchase.

In the absence of a registerable document acceptable to the Land Registry Office, we must, at least for purposes of administering the property, consider that the property still belongs to Mr. Kyuyemon YONEMITSU in the U. S. A.

I am bringing this case to your attention purely as a matter of interest to you and so that you will have a brief record of it in view of discussions now going on, I understand, in the East, covering reciprocal agreements between the Canadian and American Custodians now in process of formulation.

RPA:MA

8718

22nd October, 1942.

Mr. Isuke Yonemitsu, #12964,
House 12,
Greenwood, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your letter dated October 17th in connection with the matter of ownership of property covered by Certificate of Indefeasible Title No. 37254-E.

We are pleased to learn that you now believe that your brother, Kyuyemon Yonemitsu, is in the United States and did not return to Japan. You will, of course, appreciate the fact that we must be guided in each instance by the name of the registered owner of the property. We are not disputing or in any way questioning your statement that you purchased this property, but in the absence of a registerable document acceptable to the Land Registry Office, we must consider, at least for purposes of administering the property, that the property still belongs to Mr. Kyuyemon Yonemitsu.

With you we naturally desire to have this matter clarified as soon as possible, and to this end we suggest that you obtain as soon as possible the address of your brother, that you communicate with him and obtain from him a letter giving particulars of the sale of the property in question to you. When you have sent us this letter we shall be pleased to go into the matter further, but you must understand that until the property is registered in your name we must treat it as being the property of the registered owner.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

RPA:GF

8728

October 19, 1942

Mr. Isuke YONEMITSU, #12964
Camp 15
Hope, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We would advise that your request in your letter has been passed on to the B. C. Security Commission who have up to this time handled all shipments of chattels to the Japanese. In the meantime we would advise that our field men, on checking over your property, could not locate the three mattocks, five axes, 100 feet cable, and one sewing machine, and would ask that you kindly let us know as to the whereabouts of these articles may be located. In the meantime, we are enclosing herewith in duplicate a list of chattels, which we would request that you kindly acknowledge as being correct by signing one copy, and return it to this office, the other you may retain for your own reference. Kindly note that our agents report against the above missing articles as being found, one axe, 50 feet of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch cable, but no sewing machine or mattock.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HRC:MD

8718

October 9th, 1942.

Mr. Isuke Yonemitsu,
Reg. #12964,
Camp 15,
Hope, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are sorry we have not communicated with you sooner but wish to explain the position of the property that you claim.

The deed for the land at Matsqui is in your brother's name and also the receipts for taxes for the years 1938 to 1941 are likewise in your brother's name. Your brother, Kyuyemon Yonemitsu, is, according to you, in Japan and this being the case the property will be administered by the Enemy Alien Section of the Custodian Office until you can produce evidence of having actually purchased this property.

Have you a Bill of Sale or a receipt from your brother for monies paid for the property or any other proof that can establish your ownership?

The documents you mailed to this office, namely: Certificate of Indefeasible Title No. 37254-E, in the name of the above mentioned covering the East half of the South East $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 14, Township 13, Municipality of Matsqui, N.W.D. Tax Notices, marked 'paid', for the years 1938, 1939, 1940 and 1941., covering property mentioned in Certificate of Title. will be placed in a safety deposit box in the meantime.

Yours truly,

R.D. Richardson.
Farm Department.

WEA/EM

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION
RECEIVED
OCT 6 1942

Anderson
sent to G. H. MacPherson

October 6th, 1942

File # 725
8718 (Evac.)

MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. W. E. ANDERSON

FROM: MR. K. W. WRIGHT

Re: Kyuyemon Yonemitsu (in Japan)

We thank you for your communication of the
30th ult. enclosing the following -

1. Letter from I. Yonemitsu dated September 20th, 1942
2. Certificate of Indefeasible Title No. 37254-E, in the name of
the above mentioned covering the East half of the South East $\frac{1}{4}$ of
Sec. 14, Township 13, Municipality of Matsqui, N.W.D.
3. Tax Notices, marked 'paid', for the years 1938, 1939, 1940
and 1941., covering property mentioned in Certificate of Title.

These documents will be placed in the safety
deposit box. It is noted that the title is registered in the name
of Kyuyemon Yonemitsu who is in Japan, although the brother, Isuke
YONEMITSU, has paid the taxes for several years. It is also noted
that approximately 70 acres have been rented and that the proceeds go
to the brother.

What documents exist relating to the transfer
to the brother?

We discussed a somewhat similar case with Mr.
G.W. McPherson to-day and he is of the opinion that transfers should
only be made upon conclusive evidence being filed, otherwise title is to
remain in the name of the enemy and revenue collected by the Custodian,
taxes paid by the Custodian and consideration then given to distribution
of the remainder along the lines that prevailed prior to evacuation.

K. W. Wright
K. W. WRIGHT

KWW/CM