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FRASER VALLEY

FILE NO. 9322

MISSION 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: TONOMURA, Kuni

HOME ADDRESS: Wren Rd., Mission, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 13352

SEX: Female AGE: 70

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: ---

MARRIED? Widow

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: ---

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: ---

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: None

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: ---

AGE OF CHILDREN: ---

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: None

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) ---

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) ---

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) ---

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

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: None

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

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN: None

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: I live with my son on Wren Rd., Mission

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: ---

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

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

None

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)
None
8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None
9. LIFE INSURANCE: Provident Mutual Benefit Association, No 3824-B
in my possession. Beneficiary my son Moichiro
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 15th day of May

1942

(Signature)

J. P. Wilkins
Witness

Mrs K. Jononuma

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Oct. 15/43

Our File No. 9322

Full Name TONOMURA, Kuni (Mrs. Senjiro)
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 13352

Male - Female
(Check)

Age Sept. 8, 1871

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

Date Evacuated Sept. 24/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address Lemon Creek, Slokan, B. C.

RETURNED TO JAPAN
S. S. GENERAL MEIGS
2nd AUGUST, 1946

Widow

Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife

Name of Husband Senjiro (Dec'd)

Name of Mother YAMAMURA, Chino (Dec'd) Name of Father YAMAMURA, Heihachi (Dec'd)

Names of Children under 16

Requested by ECT

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 9322

21st February, 1946

Re: TONOMURA, Kuni - Reg.No.13352

This file reveals no liabilities.

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

February 21, 1946
WEA:EH

W.E. Robinson

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Lynn, Mass.
Dec. 3/53.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Well, I thank you and have a
very busy week with your letter. I am
wondering if you are feeling too? I hope you are
all feeling very well. I am sending my
very warm regards to your family.

I meant to have written to you long
before this but since I had been in my
own health, being unable to get about
easily, most of my past month, and
I am now made myself comfortable as
best. I hope you'll accept my deepest
apology for the almost long delay.

I am the district of my former
Mission City, Bb. I care much for it terribly.
All I do, daily in prayer that I might
well enough to visit the district again.

We are all living together
in a very small house, where it is
very lonely. The people nearby are

all new strength to me, as for my
being in my 70 yrs. unable to visit &
make friends. I am now living a
very miserable & lonely life. I hope
this war, will soon come to an end.

Mr Thompson, if I am not asking
you too much, trouble, could you please
for me, be so kind as, send down
a hidden favor. Thanking you kindly.
That is, —

I have my dear son's (Lew.)
ashes hidden in the earth, at my
old son's residence at Thompson Rd.
The hidden ashes, in the box, buried
at the foot of the 2nd tree, by
the fence, alongside of Thompson Rd.

The old son's Frank's Tombstone
property at Thompson Rd. at Highway.

This act, must be, conveyed
to you, within very short length of time
so, could you please, again, may I ask
you, kindly help me out, by sending
me the ashes of my dear son Lew. That is,

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December 28th, 1943.

Mrs. Kuni TONOMURA,
Registration No. 13352,
56 Gilead Avenue,
Lemon Creek,
Slocan, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Mr. Thompson has forwarded to us for attention your letter dated the 3rd instant with reference to the forwarding of your son's ashes.

We enclose the customary Custodian Release form and would advise you to fill in the form and hand it to the Supervisor of the B. C. Security Commission for attention.

Yours truly,

Geo. B. Spain,
Protection Department.

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December 28th, 1943.

Mrs. Kuni TONOMURA,
Registration No. 13352,
56 Gilead Avenue,
Lemon Creek,
Slocan, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Applications for shipment of
effects to evacuated Japanese.

We have received your request for the
shipment of some of your effects to you.

Please note that this matter is being
cared for by the Security Commission. You should,
therefore, apply to them giving very exact particu-
lars of what you require, where it is located, and
place to which you wish it shipped.

If you are located near a Security Com-
mission Supervisor, you should secure from him three
copies of the standard Custodian Release Forms and
after filling them up, send them direct to the B. C.
Security Commission, Dick Building, Vancouver. If
you cannot secure these, a letter to the Security
Commission in Vancouver will be sufficient.

If the Security Commission see fit to
make shipment, they will contact us and we shall be
pleased to release the goods.

Yours truly,

Geo. B. Spain,

P. S. The address of the B. C. Security Commission is
now the Dick Bldg., 360 Homer Street.

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March 30th, 1944

Mrs Kuni TONOMURA,
Reg. No. 13952,
56 Oilead Avenue,
Lemon Creek,
Slocan, B. C.

Dear Madam:-

Further to our letter of December 28th telling you that we had received from Mr. Thompson your letter to him asking about your son's ashes, we cannot trace receiving from you any application as then suggested. We are anxious to help you and therefore suggest that you call on your Supervisor and have him assist you to make out the usual Release Forms. Alternatively, if you can make arrangements with any friend of yours, now resident in Mission, to send the ashes to you direct, we will raise no objection.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

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Lemon Creek, B. C.

April 25th 1944

Mr M.L.Brown, Office Manager,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re Tonomura Kuni #13352

On February 19th, we wrote you in connection with the request of the above mentioned wishing to have the ashes of her son unearthed from the foot of a tree on her property. Evidently, the ashes were in a casket buried 12 feet in the ground. We mentioned that the request was rather an unusual one and before we would approve of her custodian release, we asked your opinion in the matter.

No | On February 24th, you replied to our communication advising that the Custodian was not prepared to have this work done without a guarantee of payment.

Evidently Mrs Tonomura contacted the Custodian in the matter and she received a reply from him under date of March 30th, advising her to contact us to assist her in making out the usual release form. Mrs Tonomura apparently interprets the Custodian's letter to the effect that they are willing to undertake the work of recovering the casket with her son's ashes, and she has again approached us to have the usual release forms completed.

We were wondering if you would be kind enough to request the Custodian to advise Mrs Tonomura definitely whether they are prepared to undertake the task of recovering the son's ashes.

(sgd) J.B.Burns
Supervisor.

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ACQUATION SECTION	
APR 26 1944	
File No.	9322
Ans.	29/4/44
Referred	Green



BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.
April 25th 1944

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

Dear Sir,

Re Kuni TONOMURA #13352

We enclose herewith copy of a letter received from our Supervisor at Lemon Creek.

In this regard we would point out that on February 24th we telephoned your Department and we were given to understand that your office was not prepared to do anything in the way of recovering these ashes.

We would point out that Mrs TONOMURA is on maintenance and that this Commission is not prepared to meet the costs.

Yours truly,

M.L. Brown
Office Manager.

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April 29th, 1944

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

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Kuni TONOMURA--Reg. No. 13352

Thank you for your letter of April 25th. On going through our file we saw that this lady had never, as far as we could trace, put in a Custodian Release for these ashes. The writer did not recall the telephone conversation to which you refer, if indeed it was with him. As this lady is now seventy-two years old, we felt that on compassionate grounds, some consideration should be given to her request.

In any case, we feel that the second paragraph of Mr. J. S. Burns' letter of April 25th would not be correct as we have never asked for any guarantee of payment for services of this kind which would be done by our own staff. This, of course, refers only to the locating of the ashes and not to the shipment of them which would come under your Department.

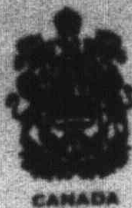
Shipment would not be expensive and we doubt if locating the ashes would cost very much. Under these circumstances, if your Department will look after the shipment cost, we would be prepared to take all reasonable steps to locate the ashes.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IF

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MAY 5 1944	
File No.	
Ass.	

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.
May 4th 1944

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

Attention Mr H.F.Green

Dear Sir,

Re Kuni TONOMURA #13352
Custodian File #9322

Replying to your letter of April 29th
in view of your favour to locate the ashes, if
possible, we shall be pleased to bear the expense
of shipment of same to Mrs TONOMURA.

Yours truly,

M.L. Brown
Office Manager.

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MEMORANDUM

May 16th, 1944.

File No.: 9322
Int. 1111

To: Mr. Moryson
From: Mr. Green

Re: Kuni TONOMURA
Moichiro TONOMURA

We have had a request from Mrs. Kuni Tonomura, an old lady of over seventy, for the shipment to her of her son's ashes. It has been agreed that this may be done on compassionate grounds if the ashes can be located at reasonable expense.

They are said to be situated on the property of the Internee son, Moichiro Tonomura, shown on our files as being on the Wren Road, Mission District. Mrs. Tonomura, however, says that the property is on the Thompson Road and the hidden ashes are in a box buried at the foot of the second fir tree by the fence along-side the Thompson Road.

On your next trip to Mission you might see what you can do to locate these and if a reasonable effort to do so is unsuccessful, we will not pursue the matter any further. A small expense for the necessary excavation will be in order.

In this connection, the Internee son's chattels do not seem to be very satisfactorily covered and our Internee Department will doubtless be glad if you would examine these on their behalf. A long list is attached to the "JPS" dated March 27th but as the Japanese was finally not evacuated until October, it can doubtless be ignored. A list was supposed to be attached to the Lease to Eva Toms but here again, does not appear on the file. Finally, from a report from Hastings Park, it appears that Mr. Thompson of Thompson Road, held the key to the basement wherein all the farm equipment, hoes, forks, ploughs, two barrows, and implements are stored. The present tenant is apparently Mr. Bowman.

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8th February, 1946.

Mrs. Kuni TONOMURA,
Registration No. 13352,
Lemon Creek,
Slocan, B.C.

Dear Madam:

Although you did not declare so to the Custodian, it would appear that you have in your possession Pacific Co-operative Union redeemable shares valued at \$80.00, which are registered in your late husband's name. We request that you forward these shares to this office so that they can be dealt with, with as little loss of time as possible when they become due.

At the present time it would appear that they will not be redeemed until early in 1948, but the proceeds will be made available to you at that time.

Credited to your account here is the sum of \$3.28, being interest on the shareholding. This sum is available to you upon request.

Yours truly,

WEA:HA

W.E. Anderson,
Administration Dept.

Reg. No. 13352
Lemon Creek
Shoun, B.C.
Feb. 16, 1946

Mr. H. E. Anderson
Dept. of the Secretary of State
Office of the Solicitor
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Hastings and Granville
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd FEB 19 1946	
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Ans.	
Referred	Anderson

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of the 8th, telling me of the redeemable shares of \$80.00. Thank you very much for your kindness in letting me know.

I would like you to send the sum of \$3.28 which is the interest on my shareholding. I would like you to send me the \$80.00 too. I am in great need of it. What is because I am living on relief and that is not sufficient for me. Not only myself but my son's family is also in great need of money. I pray you'll send it to me very soon.

I am an old woman of seventy-six; my only son is interned and his family is also in the same condition as I am in. I just can't stand this and I can't stand to watch my son's family in such a pitiful state. Since the children are all grown, relief is not sufficient. They can't receive any relief until the middle of March and so my daughter-in-law is worrying every day thinking how she should get along till then. She can't possibly feed her children until middle of March since they didn't

get any relief from the beginning of January. It turned out that way because the B. C. Security Commission gave out the relief in such a peculiar way. This was when their son was working last year. He tells me nothing is left of his work and couldn't even buy his clothing because he had to put in \$3.00 to feed his brother, and sisters and his mother. At the end of every month ~~that my son's wife~~ ^{my son's wife} worries and don't know what to do because relief isn't enough. She worries so much that I always think she might have a nervous break down some time. I worry also for I have no one to depend on if she falls ill. As I am old, she does all my washing for me and we eat the same meal. I know everything about the household too. I just can't stand to watch this any longer. I wanted to keep them in anyway but I am in the same condition and so I couldn't do anything. However this time, please keep me, then I can save my son's family. Unless you do something to help us all, it means we'll have to starve to death.

If there were any kind ~~kind~~ of job anyone can do right now, we don't have to suffer this much. There's no job that my grandson can do in this snow and no job for girls around here. Please, please send me the sum of \$80.00. I am it for sure.

I came to Canada when I was forty-two years old, and farmed with my son, in Mission, till we had to evacuate. I think and I'm sure I did all I can to help this country, and wish you to help me this time. It's just a little sum that is supposed to be coming to me but it's a great help to me and my son's family when we're in

in this kind of condition. I really pray God that you will help us in every way.

My son, who is in the internment camp, didn't intern because he is disloyal to this country but because his body is physically weak and was afraid of doing hard work !!!

I am very sorry to annoy you but we need the \$80.00 right away and will you send it to me, for sure, as soon as this letter reaches you. We'll all be waiting for it anxiously. Many many thanks.

Yours very truly,
Kuni Honomura.

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21st February, 1946.

Mrs. Kuni TOMOMURA,
Registration No. 13352,
Lemon Creek,
Slocan, B.C.

Dear Madam:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th February, but it would appear that you have not understood our letter to you.

Please advise if you have the Pacific Co-operative Union share certificates in your possession. If so, please forward them to this office so that they may be dealt with when redeemable.

The only funds credited to your account at this office is \$3.28 being interest on the Pacific Co-operative Union shares. The attached cheque in that amount represents your full credit at this time.

Yours truly,

W.E. Anderson,
Administration Department.

WEA:HA
Encl.

Reg. No. 13352
Lemon Creek
Shawnee, Ok.
Feb 26/46

Mr. H. E. Anderson
Dept. of the Secretary of State
Office of the Assistant
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Washington and Franklin
Washington, D.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 1 1946
File No.	9322
Ref.	
Referral	Anderson

Dear Sir:

I again request that you please send me the \$50.00 which is my shareholding of the Pacific Co-operative Union.

I would like it sent right away. I can't wait any longer. My daughter-in-law is nearly flat broke and I would like to help her in any way. She does not know what to do. She tells me that she could feed her four big children for about only two days now, and that she can't get their relief until the middle of March. She is always weeping and I can't stand to watch this.

I figure that this is all untrue. I would like you to come right to our house and inspect us. If we weren't in such a condition I wouldn't have to ask for it, but I'll forward it to your office. However right now I just

Can't do that when my daughter-in-law is in such
a pitiful condition. Please, please send me the
\$8.00 promptly. This is the only way we can get
help. Unless you send us that I am it means you're
going to starve us to death.

Don't you think it doesn't make any difference
when you give it to us? So please give it to us
when we're in the greatest need of it, please.
Maybe it's too difficult for you to do this for us.
But please do every bit to help us. Many Many
thanks.

Yours very truly,
(Mae) Kene Tonomura

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711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,
475 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B.C.,
Oct. 22/46

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

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ 200

Dear Sir:

Re: TONOMURA, Kuni ⁹³²² #13352

Please note that the above has been
repatriated to Japan. At the time of repatriation, the
following transactions took place:

Cash turned in - - - - - \$ Nil

Draft Issued - - - - - \$ 200.00

It will be seen that this Japanese is
indebted to the Department on account of repatriation in
the amount of \$ 200.00 . Therefore should you receive
further funds on this account such funds should be turned
into this office. It will be applied first to recoup the
expenditure made and, second, if there is any surplus such
surplus will be remitted to Japan for the account of the
Japanese in question.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
P. G. COBURN,

Supervising Treasury Officer.

FGC/EJ.

711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,
475 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B.C.,
March 5th, 1947.

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ 198³⁴

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

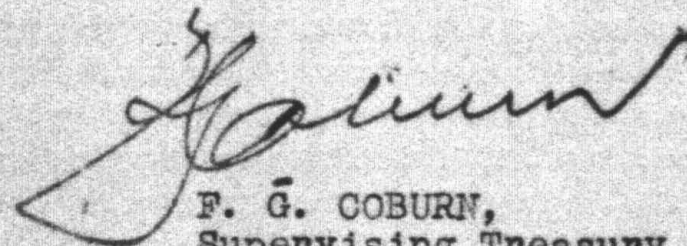
Dear Sir:

Re: TONAMURA, Kuni #13352

This will acknowledge the sum of \$ 1.64
received from you on account of the above mentioned which
has been accounted for by this office in the proper manner.

There has been no No.2 Receipt issued in
this instance.

Yours truly,



F. G. COBURN,
Supervising Treasury Officer.

FGC/EJ.

711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,
475 Howe Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.
May 25th, 1948.

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

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ 113⁴⁸

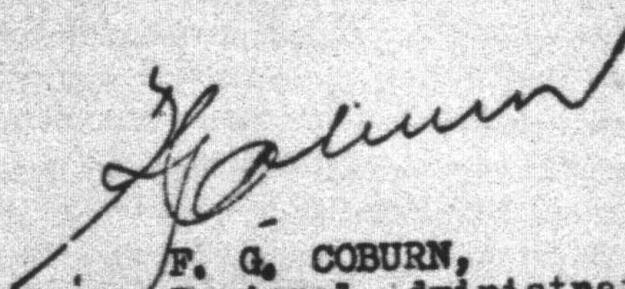
Dear Sir:

Re: TONAMURA, Kuni (Mrs. S.) #13352

This will acknowledge the sum of \$ 84.88
received from you on account of the above mentioned which
has been accounted for by this office in the proper manner.

There has been no No. 2 Receipt issued in
this instance.

Yours truly,


F. G. COBURN,
Regional Administrator.

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EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	AUG 21 1950
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404 Federal Building,
325 Granville Street,
Vancouver, B.C.
August 18, 1950

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

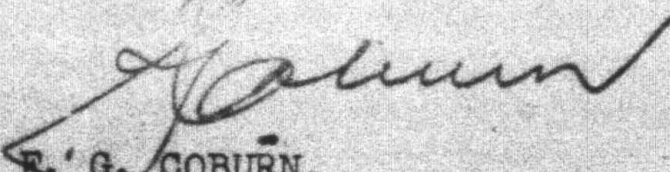
Dear Sir:

Re: TONOMURA, Kuni Reg. #13352

This will acknowledge the sum of \$.05
received from you on account of the above mentioned which
has been accounted for by this office in the proper manner.

There has been no No. 2 Receipt issued in
this instance.

Yours truly,


F. G. COBURN,
Regional Administrator.

FGC/EJ.