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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. 10281

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

NAME: MIZUNO, Shigeru

HOME ADDRESS: P. O. Box 80, Steveston, B. C.

SEX: Male

AGE: 23

REGISTRATION No. 04719

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: Fisherman Self

MARRIED? No

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: None

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: None

ADDRESS: None

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ADDRESS:

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 1st day of June 1942.

WITNESS: CC Puffley

(Signature) S. Mizuno

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE June 18/43.

Our File No. 10281

Full Name MIZUNO, Shigeru
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 04719

☒ Male - Female
(Check)

Age July 22/1918

Former Address P. O. Box 80, Steveston, B. C.

Date Evacuated 1/6/42.

☒ Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address Scarborough Junction, Ont.

c/o J. P. Balgardon, Taber, Alta. (15/5/47)

Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife _____

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother (UYEDA) Natsu #04163

Name of Father Shigeichiro #04164

Names of Children under 16 _____

Requested by E. C. T.

Registered with Custodian Yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman Owner of M. W. 1847 Gasboat

Navy #072 D N. W.

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

File #10281

April 21, 1943.

Shigeru NIZUHO - - Reg. #04719

CREDITOR.

Matsu TANAKA - - - \$10.00 -

*pd.
1-5-43*

~~For letters written, etc.~~

~~Creditors list.~~

*Filed closed
as to claims Dept.*

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March 11, 1946

Re: Shigeru MIZUNO
Reg. No. 04719

The following table is an extract from the records books received from the British Columbia Packers Co., Ltd., covering their Imperial Cannery Net House. The Japanese fish collectors were instructed to have the Japanese fishermen enter into these records the nets which were left by them in the company net houses.

The original record books are in the hand of Mr. F. G. Shears, The Director.

No.	Fly.	Inch.	Deep.	Fathom.	Value.
1	5/40	7	60	160	150.00
2	4/40	8 1/2	60	300	200.00
3	5/40	6 1/2	60	250	250.00
4	5/40	5 1/2	50	300	100.00
4	5/40	5 1/2	50	300	100.00
5	5/40	6 1/2	50	260	100.00
6	5/40	5 1/2	60	100	35.00
7	10/40	9	40	150	75.00
8	10/40	9 1/2	40	170	150.00
9	10/40	9 1/2	40	140	75.00
9	10/40	9 1/2	40	140	75.00
10	9/40	8 1/2	40	260	150.00
11		odd pieces of net			10.00
12		12 lbs. 5/40 barbour			27.00

	Lead Line	50.00
	cork line	10.00
	cork line	15.00
	cork line	100.00
19 lbs.	cotton twine	10.50

SEE File No. 3542

Shigeichiro MIZUNO, Reg. No. 04164

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Res Shigeru MIZUNO
Reg. No. 04719

1	2	Stoves
2	1	Birror
3	1	cupboard
4	1	table
5	2	chairs
6	2	beds
7	1	baby bed
8	1	bath
9	2	axes, buck
10	2	chinese saws
11	2	gal. paint
12	2	6 ft. saws
13	3	can pea seed
14	1	gas stove
15	1	picture frame
16	1	gas lamp
17	1	ordinary lamp
18	1	battery
19	46	records
20		desk
21	6	window blinds
22	1	pan
23	1	bicycle

N.B. Carter

File No. 3542

March 11, 1946

Re: Shigeichiro MIZUNO

Reg. No. 04164

The following list of fishing equipment was sold direct to the B. C. Packers Co., Ltd., by the Japanese Fishermen or credited to their accounts for money owing to the Cannery. In accordance with arrangements made with the Cannery, these lists were obtained direct from them on February 14, 1946 by the Custodian and the original records remained with the B. C. Packers. The Custodian had no information from the Japanese fishermen of their selling or receiving money direct from the Cannery.

See FILE No. 10231

Shigera MIZUNO, Reg. No. 04719

MEMORANDUM: File 10281

December 2, 1944.

With reference to the fishing vessel, Licence New Westminster 1847, Naval No. NW.072-D, which is shown on information from R.C.M.P. on the File of Shigeru MIZUNO, #04719, this vessel was sold by the Custodian on August 29, 1942, for the total sum of \$103.50.

Licence #1847, New Westminster, was issued on April 28, 1930, to I. MIZUNO, Box 516, Steveston, for an unnamed vessel. No person of this name is registered with the R.C.M.P.

The vessel was listed under the names "I.M."/"S.M.", and was sold in the name of Shigeru MIZUNO.

According to Shigeru MIZUNO, the vessel "I.M." was owned by his father, Shigeichiro MIZUNO, #04164, who died on June 4, 1944.

Although, we have asked for documentary proof of Shigeichiro MIZUNO's ownership of this vessel, none has been supplied.

The net proceeds of the sale, \$89.45, have been frozen in the Account of Shigeru MIZUNO.

It is possible that the information about the vessel shown on the RCMP sheet may have been obtained from File 10281 rather than from the RCMP.

J. MacLellan

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: December 2, 1944
Name: Shigeru MIZUNO

Reg. No. 04719 File: 10281

Boat File No.: JFVDC "Released Vessels" (Honey Bee)
Name of Vessel: "Honey Bee"/"S.M.1294" 32'x8'x3' (1941) Palmer 14 HP
Lic. or Reg. No.: Also reported as "S.N.1294"
New Westminster 3107

Naval No.: None

Owner's Valuation: \$1,700.00

JFVDC Valuation: 949.00 - Survey 219 NW

Custodian Valuation: None

Date of Sale:

Purchaser:

This vessel was released to British Columbia Packers Ltd. in March, 1942, as the licence was in the name of that company.

Signature on Sales Papers:

Selling Price:

Shigeru MIZUNO, Steveston, B. C. had been reported to the JFVDC as being the actual and licensed owner.

Paid to JFVDC or Custodian:

Supervision Costs:

Shigeru MIZUNO did not declare ownership of any property when he registered with the Custodian.

Balance due Owner:

Paid to:

Location of Boat ~~at Steveston~~ while in Custody: New Westminster

Claims Against Canadian Govt.:

Damage & Loss Claim 211 - B. C. Packers Ltd. - \$368.00 (Paid)

Additional Information:

F. Mackenzie

FILE NO. 10281-B.

MIZUNO, Shigeru

Reg. No. 04719.

FISHING VESSEL.

NAME:

"I.M." (S.M.) NW 1847

DIMENSIONS:

30' x 7'4" x 3'7"

ENGINE:

PALMER 7 H.P.

VALUE:

STORED:

SOLD TO NELSON BROS.
FISHERIES LTD. FOR
\$103.50 ON AUGUST 29th,
1942.

*This man is not the
licensed owner
Jm*

Memorandum for File No. 10281

November 3, 1942.

Re: Shigeru MIZUNO - "I.M." or "S.M."

The above noted party was the owner of the boat "I.M." or "S.M." which was sold to Nelson Brothers Fisheries Limited for the sum of \$103.50. NW 1847 NW 072D.

The licensed owner is "I Mizuno"

*L 26-11-43 Mizuno says Boat owned by
Father - File 3542*

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July 13, 1943

Mr. Shigeru MIZUNO,
Registration No. 04719,
Scarborough Junction, Ont.

Dear Sir:

We note, from the information supplied to this office, that you were a fisherman, self-employed. From this, we assume that you owned a fishing vessel, although you did not declare ownership.

If you were the owner of a fishing boat which had not been sold at the time you left this area, would you kindly give us a description of this vessel, with license number and port of registry. In the event of this boat not being registered in your name, kindly give us proof of your ownership.

If we do not receive a reply advising us otherwise, we shall assume that any boat, or boats, in which you were interested had been sold by you prior to the time you registered with this office - June 1st, 1942.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department.

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File No. 10281

To: Accounting Dept.

From: F. Matheson

Nov. 4, 1943

Re: Shigeru MIZUNO. Reg. #04719

Please hold the sum of \$103.50 (Less expenses) which is credited to this man's account from the sale of the vessel "I.M."

The licensed owner, I Mizuno is not registered with the RCMP, and Shigeru Mizuno, in whose name the boat was sold, does not reply to letters.

c/o Cable Singh,
Coaldale, Alta.,
Nov. 26/43.

EVACUATION SECTION	
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Mr. F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Dept.,
The Office of Custodian,

Dear Sir:-

I am replying to the letter of Aug. 24/43.,
The fishing vessel known as the "I M, N.W. 1847",
was owned by my father Shigeichiro Mizuno. I have the
papers for the fishing vessel, and I am writing the particu-
lars hereunder.

Port of Registry- New Westminster, B.C.
License No. - N.W. 1847
Length 30 ft. Powered by Palmer 7 H.P.
Naval Control No. N.W. 072D
(painted on side of cabin, but
covered faintly with white paint.)

This vessel has not been sold by him, prior
to June 1st. 1942, so any transactions made on that
vessel should be registered at your office. In that
event, I presume that you will give me the full part-
iculare on it. In case the vessel has been sold, you
will take the necessary steps in sending the money
in care of my father, Shigeichiro Mizuno, c/o Cable
Singh, Coaldale, Alta. Awaiting for your report on
the vessel, I remain,

Yours truly,

Shigeru Mizuno
Shigeru Mizuno
Reg. No. 04719

In Reference to File No.- 10281.

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December 2, 1943.

Noted December 2, 1943
Mr. Shigeru MIZUNO,
Registration No. 04719,
c/o Cable Singh,
Coudale, Alta.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 26th, we wish to advise that New Westminster License No. 1847 covers an un-named vessel, owned by I. MIZUNO, according to information given us by the Registrar of Shipping.

This vessel has been sold for the sum of \$103.50, which was the value placed on the boat by a competent marine surveyor. From this the sum of \$14.05 was deducted to cover such out-of-pocket expenses as, fire insurance, wharfage, watchmen's fees and appraisal costs.

The balance of \$89.45 has been placed in your account, but these funds have been frozen until proof is received that you were the owner of the boat.

You state that the boat was actually owned by your father, Shigeichiro Mizuno. If he can supply us with proof that he was the owner of the boat, the monies received from the sale will be made available to him. The proof required would be, either of the following:

- (a) The license and a bill of sale from the licensed owner to Shigeichiro MIZUNO.
- (b) A statutory declaration, signed before a Commissioner of Oaths, giving details of the purchase, and stating why he was not able to produce the proper license and bill of sale.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department.

March 28, 1943.

For Mrs. McArthur

From F. Matheson

Sgt. Shigoro MIZUNO, 404719, File 10281

The sum of \$89.45 is being held in this man's account. This money was derived from the sale of a vessel, described in the Bill of Sale as "I.M." (S.M.), Official No. NW.1847.

Gas-boat Licence New Westminster 1847 was issued to I. MIZUNO, Box 516, Steveston, on April 28, 1930. We have no I. MIZUNO listed in our card index. The RCMP have no record of this man.

This vessel was reported to the J.F.V.D.C. as the "I.M." NW.1847, NW.072-D, owned by I. Mizuno, Steveston. Later the name of Shigoro MIZUNO was added to this information.

No vessel carrying the identification, "I.M." or "S.M." NW.1847, NW.072D, appears on any list of impounded vessels.

This vessel was sold to Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. in August, 1942, and, prior to that, had been in that company's care. At the time, July 24, 1942, this vessel was given into Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. custody, the vessel was surveyed for damage and missing inventory. This survey identifies the vessel as "S.M." NW.013-F.

The vessel "S.M.", Naval No. 013-F appears on all lists of impounded vessels as "S.M.1298".

"S.M. 1298" Naval No. NW.013-F had been identified as the "Sea Princess" Vancouver 4215, NW.013F, which was sold by Katashi NIMI, Internee File 962, in April, 1942. This identification is not correct, as the "S.M.1298" was listed long after the "Sea Princess" was released and also the "Sea Princess" was equipped with an Easthope engine, while the "S.M.1298" had a Palmer (like our boat "IN"/"S.M.")

The number 1298 would appear to be a fishing licence. Gillnet licence 1298 was issued in 1941 to Jimmatu IZUMI, File 1333, who was licensed owner of a vessel called "Sweet Sixteen" NW.3079. This vessel is shown on list of impounded vessels as "Sea Farer"/"K.T.1428" NW.3079, owned by K. Tanabe. This boat was also reported under fishing licence 1423.

From the foregoing you will see that, while the vessel sold as "I.M." (S.M.) NW.1847, may have been the vessel licensed in New Westminster as No. 1847, this is definitely open to question. Fishing vessels should have carried a gas-boat licence, a naval control number, a fishing licence number and the fisherman's initials. Japanese fishing vessels were deficient in one or, sometimes, all of these. In determining what identification a vessel carried, I have depended on the lists of impounded vessels and on the survey made at the time the vessel was released from custody, as neither of these

were influenced by other records. Where no vessel is listed under the name of the vessel sold, I look for a gas-boat licence number similar to the one under which the boat was sold. If there is no gas-boat licence, I look for a naval control number, and eventually fall back on fishing licence numbers and then check to see if that licence was issued to the men claiming the boat. This explains why the "S.N. 1258" had been identified as the "Sea Princess"; she carried the "Sea Princess" naval number.

We actually do not know if the "I.N." NW.1647 was ever in custody.

If she was in custody, and was the vessel that carried the name "S.N. 1258", Shigeru MIZUNO's right to the proceeds of the sale is still questionable. He stated in letter of November 26, 1943. That the "I.N." was owned by his father Shigeichiro MIZUNO (File 3542), since deceased; that he had the papers for this vessel. We asked for the licence and bill of sale from the licensed owner, or a Statutory Declaration giving details of the purchase and stating why the proper licence and bill of sale was not available. We received no reply.

Shigeichiro MIZUNO registered with the Custodian as a farmer and declared no property.

Shigeru MIZUNO registered with the Custodian as a fisherman and declared no property. Shigeru MIZUNO was reported to the J.F.V.D.C. as owner of the vessel "S.N." NW.3107. This vessel, impounded under the name "Money Bee", was released to the licensed owners, B. C. Packers Ltd., who appear to have held title to the vessel as security for a debt of \$1,169.14 owed by "Shiguchiro MIZUNO". This vessel was built in 1941, and is not the "I.N.". The "Money Bee"/"S.N." was a new and valuable vessel, equipped with a 14 H.P. Palmer engine, while the "I.N."/"S.N."/"S.N. 1258" was an old boat of little value, equipped with a 7 H.P. Palmer. The dimensions of the two boats are, roughly, the same, but as these dimensions are similar to about 80 per cent of the Japanese fishing vessels, dimensions are not of much help, as identification.

What shall we do with this \$89.45?

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August 11, 1945.

Naval Officer in Charge,
H.M.C.S. "Burrard",
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Would you kindly give us name, description, name of owner, address of owner, and any other information you may have in regard to the vessels which carried the following Naval Control Numbers:

NW. 013-F

NW. 072-D

The information required would be contained in your records covering the period before the impounding and sale of Japanese vessels, as our interest is in the Japanese ownership of these vessels.

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department.

10281/3542

August 11, 1945.

Births, Deaths & Marriages,
Court House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

We are endeavouring to obtain information about a person of Japanese origin, and would appreciate if your department would let us know if you have a record of the death of this person.

The information we have in regard to this person is as follows:

Surname: MIZUNO

Given Name: Only the initial "I"

Address: (On 28th of April, 1930) Steveston, B. C., P.O.
Box 516.

This man was not living in Canada on December 7, 1941, and it is possible that he died between April, 1930 and December, 1941. If you have a record of this man's death, please give us whatever details you may have.

If the information desired is not obtainable from your office would you kindly either give us the name of the department to which we should apply or pass our inquiry on to the correct department.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department.

10281/3542

August 11, 1945.

Department of Mines & Resources,
Immigration Board,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

We are endeavouring to obtain information about a person of Japanese origin, and would appreciate any information your department could supply.

The information we have in regard to this person is as follows:

Surname: MIZUSO

Given Name: Only the initial "I".

Address: (On 28th of April, 1930) Steveston, B. C., P.O.
Box 516.

As this man was the owner of a licensed vessel, he must have been a British subject by birth or naturalization.

If you have a record of this person, could you let us know if he returned to Japan? If so, give us the date.

If you are unable to give us information, could you suggest a source from which information might be obtained?

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department.



Department of National Defence

Naval Service

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd. AUG 21 1945

File No. 10281, 3542

Vancouver, B.C.

20th August

Referred

Matheson

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YOUR FILE

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your 10281/3542, 11th August, it is regretted that all the information you require is not available.

Our records show only that:-

N.W. 013F is the Sea Princess, owned by Francis Millard & Co., at New Westminster, B.C.

N.W. 072-D is the "J.G." owned by G. Roys & J.L. Bruner, also of New Westminster.

It is suggested that further information might be obtained from the Canadian Customs at New Westminster.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Commander, R.C.N. (Temp),
Naval Officer-in-Charge.

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

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
VICTORIA, B.C.



PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
August 26th, 1945

Mr. F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Dept.,
Dept of Secretary of State,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville Sts.,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	AUG 17 1945
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Matheson</i>

Sir:

Your letter of August 11th last, addressed to the District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in the Court House, Vancouver, concerning the death of one I. MIZUNO has been referred to this department for attention. In reply I would advise you that a search of our records has been made for a period covering the years between 1930 to 1941 inclusive, but the only registration that we have bearing any similarity to the one for which you are inquiring, is the death of one TOMIO MISUMI who died in Vancouver on September 12th, 1931. The deceased was aged 29 years.

Yours very truly,

DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

Joe S. [Signature]
Director

pww/jh

10281

May 15, 1947.

Mr. Shigeru MIZUNO,
Registration No. 04719,
c/o J. P. Balgardon,
Taber, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

The ownership of the fishing vessel, "I.M." or "S.M.", which you claim to be the property of your late father, has never been definitely established, so we are today transferring the proceeds from the sale of this vessel to our Suspense Account until such times as the ownership has been established.

Enclosed you will find our cheque in the amount of \$10.00, being the entire balance of your account with the Custodian, which was derived from the sale of a few odd pieces of nets, found in your name at the Imperial Cannery in Steveston, B. C. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this cheque.

Yours truly,

George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL
Enc. - Cheque for \$10.00

10281 & 3542

May 26, 1949

Mr. Shigeru MIZUNO,
c/o J.P. Balgardon,
TABER, Alta.

Dear Sir:

Re: Motor Vessel "I.M." New Westminster 1847

On November 26, 1943, you informed this office that the vessel "I.M.", New Westminster Licence No. 1847, was the property of your father, the late Shigeichiro Mizuno. You stated that you had the papers for this vessel.

On December 2, 1943, this office asked for some proof that the vessel was the property of your father, but no reply has been received to that letter.

The funds received from the sale of the vessel are still being held in Custodian Suspense Account. If, as you have stated, the vessel was the property of your late father, it is probable that you or some member of your family would be able to supply the Custodian with some evidence to show this ownership. This would enable the Custodian to release the funds to the Estate of the late Shigeichiro Mizuno.

The vessel, as you are aware, was licensed in the name of "I.Mizuno" of Steveston, B. C.

Who is I. Mizuno?

Is I. Mizuno living at the present time? If so, where is he?

When did your late father purchase the vessel from I. Mizuno?

Enclosed is a stamped, addressed envelope for your convenience in supplying this office with any information you may have relative to the ownership of the vessel "I.M.", New Westminster 1847.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Office of The Custodian.

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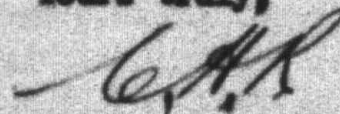
February 6th, 1950

Mr. Shigeru MIZUNO,
Box 96,
Taber, Alta.

Dear Sir:

The Custodian has today forwarded to Yasaemon Hikida and Oihyoe Takahashi the sum of \$7,355.12 "In Trust". This represents the net proceeds from all the assets of the Steveston Nosen Kaisha. Included in this amount is the final distribution to shareholders at \$46.847 per share. You were the holder of 2 shares and therefore the amount due to you is \$93.70. For this payment you will please look to Mr. Hikida and Mr. Takahashi, who will be responsible for the distribution of this trust fund.

Yours truly,



C. H. Reed
Office of the Custodian

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27th March, 1951.

Mr. Shigeru MIZUMO,
Regn. No. 04719,
General Delivery,
Steveston, B.C.

Dear Sir:

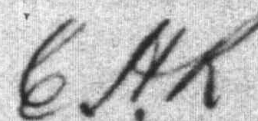
Distribution is now being made from the assets
of the River Fish Company at the rate of \$33.98 per share.
You were the holder of 5 shares and payment to you is as
follows:

5 shares	\$169.89
Less previously advanced	<u>70.00</u>
	\$ 99.89

Custodian cheque for this amount is attached
hereto.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,



C.H. Reed,
Office of the Custodian.

CHR:HA
Encl.