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BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. 10362

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

NAME: OTA, Suketaro
HOME ADDRESS: From Chemainus, B. C.
Now in Hastings Park, Vancouver, B. C. REGISTRATION No. 08517
SEX: Male AGE: 50 MARRIED? Yes
OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: (Millhand) Tailor Self at Chemainus, B. C.
NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Shimo ADDRESS: Same Address
NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: Isamu (M) 15, ADDRESS: " "
Nobuko (F) 13, Takeshi (M) 11, Hiroshi (M) 8, ADDRESS: " "
Teruko (F) 5, Masashi (M) 3 Yrs. 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 21st day of July 1942.

WITNESS:

(Signature)

S. Ota

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO PAY THESE OFF?

LIST OF LIABILITIES:

None

RETURNED TO JAPAN
S.S. MARINE ANGEL
31st MAY, 1946

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

10362

DATE Aug. 30/43

Our File No. 10362

Full Name OTA, Suketaro
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 08517 Male - Female
(Check) Age June 22, 1891

Former Address Chemainus, B. C.

Date Evacuated March 17/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address Tashme, B. C.

Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife TAKAHASHI, Shimo #08518

Name of Husband

Name of Mother OTA, Hobu (Dec'd) Name of Father OTA, Takichi (Japan)

Names of Children under 16 Isamu (M) Aug. 31/26 #15743 Nobuko (F) May 5/29

Takeshi (M) Aug. 4/31 George Hiroshi (M) Feb. 26/34 Teruko (F) July 28/36 Bobby Masashi (M)

May 31/39

Requested by CM Registered with Custodian
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Willband

711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,
475 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B.C.
Oct. 10/46

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

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ 450.-

Dear Sir:

Re: OTA, Suketaro ¹⁰³⁶² #08517

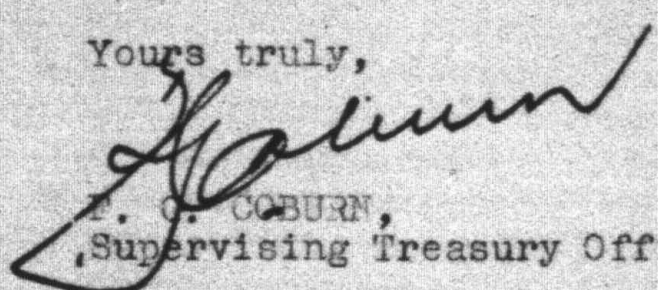
Please note that the above has been repatriated to Japan. At the time of repatriation, the following transactions took place:

Cash turned in - - - - - Nil

Draft Issued - - - - - 450.00

It will be seen that this Japanese is indebted to the Department on account of repatriation in the amount of \$ 450.00. 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,


F. O. COBURN,
Supervising Treasury Officer.

FGC/EJ.

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

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

PHONE PACIFIC 6121

PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO.

5511, 10962 & 6071.

July 4th, 1946.

Mr. Tanajiro TAMURA,
Registration No. 08943,
Hime Building,
Sloven City, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Suketaro OTA debt.

We are in receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo asking us to apply the balance in Mrs. Ota's account (\$16.66) against Mr. Ota's debt of \$25.00, as the latter has no funds at the present time with which to meet this obligation.

A question having arisen with regard to the identity of some of the chattels auctioned as Mrs. Ota's, the funds in her account will not be disturbed until this question has been settled. As Mr. Ota is available for direct negotiation (his address is Tashme, B. C.) we would suggest that you effect a direct settlement with him. This office is not a collection agency and we prefer to see such direct settlements where possible.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
R. T. Bell,
Administration Department.

RGB/P.

✓ c.c. to Mr. Suketaro OTA.

*Revised (5/8/46)
H. I.O. memo
"Refused"*

LIABILITIES SUMMARY

File 10362.

Bakstare OTA.

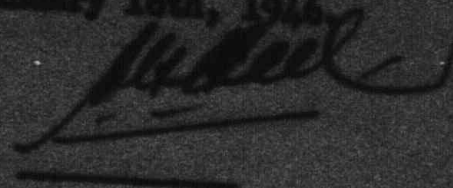
Reg. No. 08517.

- (1) \$ 29.25 Gihai KAWABARA (File 1746) (Mar. 17, 1942). Rejected Aug. 18, 1943, as paid "in 1932 or earlier". Claimant advised and referred to alleged debtor.
- (2) \$138.87 Hitoshi Arthur OKADA (File 6474) (Apr. 28, 1942). Rejected Aug. 18, 1943. Claimant advised (24th August 1943) and referred to alleged debtor.
- (3) \$ 25.00 Tamejiro TAMURA (File 5511) (Apr. 24, 1942). Confirmed 18th August 1943, but stated unable to pay. Claimant advised (23rd August 1943) and referred to alleged debtor.

There are no other claims recorded in this file.

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

January 16th, 1946



REB/P.

Copy for 10362.

CHATTLES SCHMIDT

File 6671.

Shimo (Mrs. Saketaro) OIA.

Reg. No. 08518.

Date Examined: September 12th, 1942.

Disclosed	Date	Shipped	Sold	Stored	Remarks
(1) Bedspread			(16)		
(2) Trunk (clothes)					
(3) Mirror					
(4) Flare					
(5) Room decorations					
(6) Kitchen utensils	27/4/42		22/11/43		
(7) Bed (4)	27/4/42		(3)		
(8) Table and chairs	27/4/42				
(9) Mirror, box, box					
(10) Electric iron					
(11) Cushions (1 box)					
(12) Singer sewing machine	23/12/42				
(13) Sewing machine (3 boxes)	24/5/42				
(14) Kitchen utensils (1 box)	24/5/42				
(15) Bed			22/11/43		
(16) Chest drawers					
(17) Drawers					
(18) Dish					

E. & O. E.
16th January, 1946.

[Signature]

Items (3), (4), (5) and (9) valued by declarant at a total of \$7.75.

END/7.

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February 8th, 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. Suketaro Ota,
Registration Nos. 08517 & 08518,
Tashme, B. C.

Dear Sir and Madam:

Your files have been reviewed today and for your information we give below a brief resume of contents.

Mr. Ota signed a Custodian card on the 21st July, 1942, declaring that he owned no property of any kind in any protected area in British Columbia. Mrs. Ota signed the Custodian's regular declaration form on the 27th April, 1942, listing your personal property.

The house erected by you on land owned by the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co. Ltd. was claimed and taken over by the Company, who, under the terms on which they permitted such buildings to be erected, recognised no outside equity therein.

The evidence on these files indicates that the most valuable chattels declared by Mrs. Ota were shipped to you, including a Sewing Machine, and that of the remainder everything having a saleable value was sold by auction at Chemainus, as per attached Auction Sheets, unsaleable items being discarded.

Three claims were registered against Mr. Ota and have been dealt with as follows: (1) Mr. Gihei KAWAHARA was advised that his claim of \$29.25 was rejected by you and he was requested to contact you direct for any further action he may desire to take; (2) H. A. OKADA was similarly advised with regard to his claim of \$128.87; (3) Tamejiro TANURA was advised that you confirmed the correctness of his claim of \$25.00 but were unable, at time of writing, to pay this debt. We now desire to know if it has since been paid or, if not, whether you have made any arrangement with your Creditor for postponement. In either case we need to have this information on record.

Net proceeds from auctions have been credited to the account of Mrs. Ota, whose account shows a balance of \$16.66 standing at her credit at the present time. We hold no funds in Mr. Ota's name.

This would appear to account for all property of every kind left by you in the Protected Area which vested in the Custodian and in order that you may confirm this we enclose a stamped addressed envelope for your convenience.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

RGB/P.
Encl.

MEMORANDUM

File No.: 6671
10362

April 2nd, 1945.

To: FILES

From: Mr. Green

Re: Mr. and Mrs. Suketaro OTA

Like some of the other Chemainus files, chattels are not very satisfactorily accounted for in this case. Fortunately, it appears that the real value is not high.

The husband, file 10362, did not declare anything in his registration card of July 21st, 1942, but his wife had previously on April 15th made a declaration totalling \$405.75 of which the house accounted for \$150.00. She made an identical declaration on her own file on April 27th, only omitting the house. Additionally, both declarations referred to four boxes left in the Community Hall which have since been shipped to her on May 24th, 1942.

The house was erected in a part of Chemainus called "Chinatown" being a collection of shanties erected on land belonging to the Victoria Lumber Company. No Japanese equity in these houses has been recognized and they have since been pulled down.

The sewing machine valued at \$140.00, was found to be missing by the Police as per report of December 2nd, 1942 on file 10362 but was later recovered --- December 23rd, 1942. It has since evidently been shipped.

Allowing for the house and sewing machine, the remaining items would be valued at only \$115.75 and it seems likely that this is very much on the high side. A few items were moved by Mr. James, our Nanaimo auctioneer

to Nannimo and sold as per auction sheets on both files.
Mr. James moved everything that was worth taking and the
balance must have been abandoned as worthless.

HFG:IF

NAME OTA, Buketare

REGISTRATION NO. 06537

FILE NO. 10362

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Maricao, R. Co. on Nov. 22, 1943 - April 5, 1944

Desk
Chest of drawers
1 Table
1 Cot
8 Chairs
2 Springs
2 Beds

*Transferred to 6671
by Mr. Bell on
18/1/46
C.S.*

\$ 0.50
2.00
0.75
0.50
4.00
8.00
6.00

Total

\$ 21.75

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$2.16
(Advertising: 0.23
(Moving: 4.57)

\$ 6.96

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 14.79

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. R. M. Anderson

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Chensinus 1

Remarks.

Orig. Sent Jan 25/46 to Evancee.

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August 24th, 1943.

Mr. Hitoshi Arthur OKADA,
Registration No. 08552,
P. O. Box 33,
Blacan, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: \$128.87 - Saketaro OTA

We submitted the above claim to OTA for payment and he has replied in the following words:

"The claim of Hitoshi, Arthur OKADA for the amount of \$128.87, I have no knowledge of except with his father who is in Japan and the account lost to my knowledge was outstanding ten or more years ago."

In view of the foregoing we shall leave the adjustment of this account to you and OTA. His present address is:

Registration No. 08517,
Tashme, B.C.

Should you and he arrange a settlement kindly advise this office.

Yours truly,

~~BRIDE~~

A. McAllister,
Claims Department.

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd **AUG 23 1943**

File No.

Ans.

Referred

Tashme, Hope, B. C.,
August 18, 1943

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

Dear Sirs:

Re: File No. 10362

I hereby acknowledge your letter of August 13th, 1943
to which I wish to answer as follows:

1. The claim of Gihel KAWAHARA for the amount of \$39.25 which best to my knowledge was paid in full way back in 1932 or earlier.
2. The claim of Hitoshi, Arthur OKADA for the amount of \$128.87, I have no knowledge of except with his father who is in Japan and the account best to my knowledge was outstanding ten or more years ago.
3. The account of Tamejiro TAMURA for the amount of \$25.00 I am quite willing to verify but as you know I have no cash and at present cannot fulfill my obligations but if and when I can meet these obligations I shall do my best to do so.

Hoping the above informations are satisfactory.

Yours truly,

Suketaro Ota
Suketaro Ota,
Reg. No. 08517

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File No. 10362.

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

August 13th, 1943.

Suketaro OTA - Reg. No. 08517

CREDITORS:

Gihei KAWAHARA	File 1784-1	\$29.25	Settled says Paid
Hitoshi Arthur OKADA	File 6474	128.87	" says "not known"
Tamejiro TAMURA	File 5511	25.00	" admits

advised

1/DE

*Creditors advised of debtor's address
and response.*

*24-8-43
H*

DIVISION: "A"
DISTRICT: Duncan
DETACHMENT: Chemainus



FILE NO.
DATE: 23-12-42

RE - P.C.

ORGANIZED TERRITORY

MUNICIPALITY NORTH CONICHAN

2-12-42

CRIME REPORT

RE: Ota, Saketaro.- Japanese National O.R.# 08517, theft from house of.

1. Further to the m/n report, I beg to advise that on Dec. 3rd. 1942 on instruction received from the local Custodian of Enemy Aliens property A.E.P. Stubbs all the contents of S. Ota's house were moved to the Japanese Community Hall, owing to the house being in an isolated place.

2. A further investigation was made in connection with the theft of Ota's Singer Sewing Machine serial number Y-7800512, and on Wednesday Dec. 23rd. 1942 Mrs. Muneha Singh who resides near the Ota house informed Rufus Smith the local plumber that whoever had stolen the sewing machine had returned it to the Ota home.

3. A Patrol was made to the Ota house, and the sewing machine found in the outside toilet, serial number of this sewing machine being 7800512, it being a table model.

4. Apparently the person who had stolen the machine became alarmed that it might be found in their possession, and had returned it as above stated. Mr. A.E.P. Stubbs local Custodian has been informed of the recovery of the sewing machine, who instructs that it be shipped to Ota at Tashme B.C., this will be done in due course.

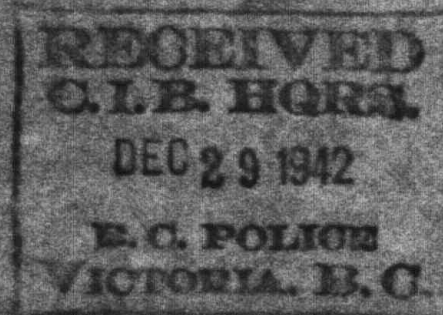
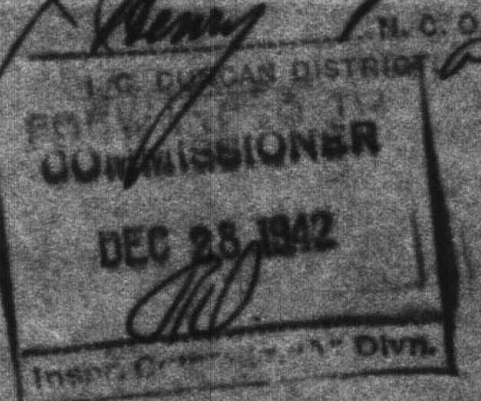
CONCLUDED

To the H.C.O.i/c
Duncan District,
B.C. Police.

E.F. McKay
E.F. McKay Const./i/c
Chemainus Det.
B.C. Police.

FORWARDED TO
O. C. "A" DIVISION

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B.C.P. 10-1002-645-7741

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Date: November 13, 1942.

Address: Tachme, Hope, B. C.

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

I, OTA Saketaro, Police Registration No. 08517

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted property stored at Home, Chinatown district.

in possession of Custodian

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

Description of Property:

1 electric sewing machine (to be crated) in upstairs room.

Custodian Agent.

Custodian Vanev

*Charge for ship fr chye Collect - Shipping
advanced on way bill - Send in
B.C. with expenses*

*PC Comm
CW Fisher
Nov 20/42*

Original Address: Chenaius, B. C.

Date Evacuated to Vancouver: April 21, 1942.

Date Evacuated to Present Address: September 12, 1942.

Number in Family - 12 years and over 4

Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old 3

Number in Family - under 5 1

Total Number in Family 8

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

APPROVED:

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: *[Signature]*

S. Ota
Claimant Signs Here

G-165-A

Address all communications to:
THE COMMISSIONER
British Columbia Provincial Police
(C.I.D.)
Victoria, B.C.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT
VICTORIA

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd DEU 18 1942

File No. 10362

Ans.

Referred

In reply quote File No.

Your File No. 10362.

SUBJECT:

File this

December 18th,
1942.

H.F. Green Esq.,
Protection Department,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge with thanks,
your letter of the 15th instant and I appreciate
your remarks regarding the assistance rendered by
Constable McKay of our Chemainus Detachment.

I have advised Constable McKay
of the contents of your letter, which will be
much appreciated by him, as in these troubled times
many extra duties are imposed on our men in the
field.

Yours very truly,

T.W. Parsons
T.W. Parsons,
Commissioner of Provincial Police.

DJS/vb

Date December 7, 1942.

MEMORANDUM

For the use of Mr. G. W. Fisher

Re: T. M. Terry, Tashiro, B. C.

Subject: CTA, Subj. No. 00017

Your Custodian Release dated November 15 for one electric sewing machine at Vancouver to be shipped to the above party.

Det. R. P. McKay, on December 2, writes as follows:

"Mrs. Jia on being contacted at Vancouver on April 21, 1942, advised that she had moved up her house and took the key of same with her. On Nov. 14, 1942 she forwarded the key to me so that the house could be entered when her order arrived. On entering the house on Nov. 1, no trace could be found of the sewing machine in question. The house was examined but there was no indication that it had been broken into, however the lock on the front door was opened by any ordinary pass key.

Inquiries have been made from their Chinese neighbors but they are of little help, as they feel that it is not incumbent upon them to assist in the recovery of any Japanese goods which might have been stolen. We have the serial number of the stolen sewing machine and a further investigation will be made in this matter."

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Custodian who no doubt will continue investigation.

G. W. Fisher
Transportation

CC: Mr. Custodian
2nd Bank Bldg.
Vancouver, B.C.

[Signature]

DIVISION: "A"

DISTRICT: Duncan

DETACHMENT: Chemainus



OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE No.

DATE: 2-12-42

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FR. of P.C.B.

ORGANIZED TERRITORY

MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH COVICHAN

Nil

CRIME REPORT

RE: OTA, Saketaro.- Japanese National O.R. # 08517, theft from house of.

1. With reference to the above, I beg to report that the above named Japanese was evacuated to Vancouver B.C. on April 1st, 1942, and on leaving Chemainus he boarded and locked up his house which is situated in Chinatown, taking the key of same with him. A list of the contents of the house was left at this office which included a Electric Singer Sewing Machine serial # Y-7600512 valued at \$140.00.

2. On Nov. 14th, 1942 a letter was received from S. Ota from Tachme, Hope B.C. with the key of his house enclosed, in his letter he stated that we would be receiving from the B.C. Security Commission in the near future a order to ship his sewing machine to him.

3. On Nov. 24th, 1942 a number of orders were received at this office from the B.C. Security Commission for shipment of Japanese goods, Ota's among them, and on entering his house on Dec. 1st. for the sewing machine in question it could not be located. The house was examined but there was no indication that it had been broken into, however on examining the front door it was found that any ordinary pass key would open it.

4. Inquiries were made from the Chinese living near the Ota house, they state that they had not seen anyone around the place for months, but shortly after the Japanese left Chemainus there had been several cars around at night but they did not know who they belonged to.

5. A Check was made of the contents of the house, and according to the list left at this office the only thing missing is the sewing machine. A further investigation will be made of this matter, and the local Singer Sewing Machine Agent at Duncan will be contacted, with the view that during his visit to the district this sewing machine may come to his notice.

6. The local Custodian of Enemy Alien property at Chemainus B.C. A.E.P. Stubbs has been notified as to the theft of the sewing machine, the B.C. Security Commission have also been notified when reporting to them that the orders received from them had been shipped, other than Ota's sewing machine which apparently had been stolen.

Unconcluded

To the B.C.O.I/c
Duncan District,
B.C. Police.

E. J. McKay
E. J. McKay Const. i/c
Chemainus Det.
B.C. Police.

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C.I.B. HOURS
DEC 8 1942
B.C. POLICE
VICTORIA, B.C.

DIVISION:

DISTRICT:

DETACHMENT:



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CR. or P.C.

PAGE TWO

RE: CTA, Sabotage - Jap. National, O.R. #08517, theft from house of

4-12-42;

FORWARDED TO O.C. "A" Division,
B.C. Police, Victoria, B.C.

1. The local agent for the Singer Company has been advised of this matter and he has willingly stated he will let us know if he comes across this particular machine. As to whether this machine is a portable type that rests on a table or one that is mounted in a frame resting on the floor is not known. I would suggest that this information can be obtained from the Singer people in Victoria.

2. Perhaps this matter could be inserted in our C.I.B. circulars.

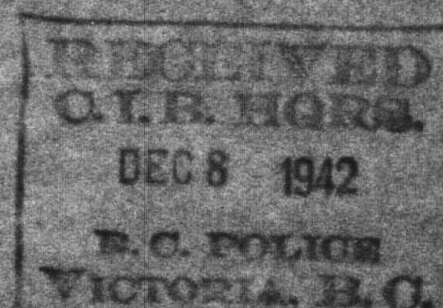
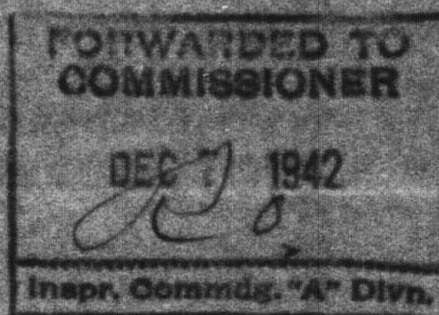
Henry
(S. Henry) Cpl. 1/s
Duncan District.

RE. REF.

DEVL. REF.

DIST. REF.

DET. REF.



B.C.P. 12-1002-42-7741

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JAPANESE SECTION

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Make a file

Chemainus, B. C.

April 15th, 1942

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

*Same as declaration
on Mrs O's file 6671.*

Dear Sirs:

I hereby wish to hand over to your departments' care the following items which will be stored in the property of Mr. Suketaro Ota, located at so called "Chinatown". It will be marked thus on the door which will be the entrance to this building:

House on property - Value \$150.00	4 Beds -- Value \$ 65.00	2.5
Cupboard ----- 3.00	Table and chairs: 5.00	2
Trunk full of clothes --- 10.00	An axe ----- 1.00	
Hammer ----- .25	Saw ----- .50	
Plane ----- .50	Garden hoe ----- .50	
Christmas Decorations --- 5.00	Big Electric Iron 5.00	
Kitchen Utensils ----- 10.00	1 box cushions 10.00	
1 Singer Sewing Machine - 140.00	# Y-7600512	
Total value of the above items are \$405.75		

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

Box # 1. Chinaware -- Valued \$ 7.00	} shipped file 6671 24-5-42
Box # 2. Chinaware -- ----- 7.00	
Box # 3. Chinaware ----- 7.00	
Box # 4. Kitchen Utensils--- 10.00	

Yours very truly,

Mr. Suketaro Ota,
per (Mrs.) *S. Ota*

S. Ota by auction 22/11/43- 5/4/44 Chemainus

FORM "J"

BUREAU POWELL STREET
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. 10367

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

NAME: FUKUYAMA, Ikuyo (Mrs. Frank)
HOME ADDRESS: 1334 E. Georgia St., Vancouver, B. C. REGISTRATION No. 11258
SEX: Female AGE: 43 MARRIED? Yes
OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: Waitress, Premier Gold Mine, Premier, B. C.
NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Frank ADDRESS: Cascade, B. C.
NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: Canao (M) 16 years. ADDRESS: 1334 E. Georgia St., Vancouver, B. C.
ADDRESS: _____
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 3rd day of June 1942.

WITNESS: [Signature] (Signature) J. Fukuyama