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PERSONAL

RIDEAU POWELL STREET

FILE No. 11477

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: YAMADA, Masanori.

HOME ADDRESS: 2537 Nanaimo St., Vancouver, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 00516 SEX: Male AGE: 53

OCCUPATION: Captain Salvation Army.

(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: Salvation Army - South B.C. Div., 301 E. Hastings St., Van., B.C.

MARRIED? Yes.

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Asao.

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Same.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Nagamasa (M), Fujiyoshi (M), (Samuel) Isay (M),
Maneyori Francis (M), (Joshua) (M),
(Tsunekatsu).

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Same.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 23, 21, 17, 14, 12.

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) None.

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) None.

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) None.

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) None.

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 2537 Nanaimo St., Vancouver, B. C. :-

Wooden frame, two storeys, five roomed dwelling house.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: H. Wilson Estate, c/o official

Administrator, Court House, Vancouver, B. C.

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: \$10.00 per month,

paid up to the end of July, 1942.

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: None.

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid) None.

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: None.

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

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

Stored at - 3731 W. 3rd Ave., Vancouver, B. C. c/o Mr. William Earl

Wilson, who is storing the following in his basement.

3 boxes of books.

Stored with - Bowman Storage Co., Ltd., 800 Block Powell St., Van., B. C.

30 boxes of papers.

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) One \$5.00 War Savings Certificate, 1941, in Declarant's possession.
8. BANK ACCOUNTS: \$31.44 Royal Bank of Canada, Cordova St., Branch, Van. B.C. Savings Account #Y207.
9. LIFE INSURANCE: \$500.00 The Ministers Life & Casualty Union, 50 Bloor St., Toronto, Ont. Pol. #0405722, in owner's possession. Beneficiary - Wife, Asao
10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: None.
11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None.

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: \$5.00 to Dr. G. Seldon, Vancouver, B. C.
(Declarant will pay this debt before leaving.)

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 14th day of July, 1942.

(Signature)

D. M. Chape.
Witness

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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

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Date 15-4-43

Our File No. 11479

Full Name YAMADA - Masanori
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 00516

Male - Female
(check)

Age _____

Former Address

2537 - Nanaimo St., Vancouver B.C.

Date Evacuated

21st July - 42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address

OK. 17/5/46
26 Kewthwick St., St. Thomas Ont.
checked Dec 3/46

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife ^{nee} (FUJIWARA) Asao - 07042

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother

^{nee} (ARIMA) Seki (decd)

Name of Father

Genjiro - (decd)

Names of Children under 18

Samuel Isay 15

Francis Muneyori 13

Joshua Tsunekataw 10

Requested by

Amv.

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Captain of Salvation Army

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December 3, 1946.

Mr. Masanori YAMADA,
Reg. No. 33516,
20 Southwick St.,
ST. THOMAS, Ont.

Dear Sir:

We advised your wife on February 17, 1943, that the kitchen stove left at your former home at 2537 Nanaimo St., Vancouver, had been sold for the sum of \$6.00. This amount was credited to your account with this office.

After ascertaining from Dr. Seldon that the amount of \$5.00 which you owed him had not been paid, we sent him a Custodian cheque for this amount, and deducted same from your credit with this office. We now enclose Custodian cheque for \$1.00, the balance of your account.

When you made your declaration to the Custodian you stated that three boxes of books had been left in care of Mr. W. E. Wilson at 3731 W. 3rd Ave. and that 30 boxes of papers were in storage at Bowman Storage. Would you kindly let us know what disposition has been made of these so that our records may be complete.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the enclosed cheque.

Yours truly,

F. Matreson
Office of the Custodian

LHM:

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July 13th, 1944.

Mr. Masanori YAMADA,
Reg. No. 00516,
20 Southwick Street,
St. Thomas, Ontario.

Dear Sir: Re: Tetsuna Sakaki - #03525

We are much obliged for your letter of the 6th instant and have carefully noted what you say regarding the above matter.

We observe you have nothing more to add to your previous letter and as requested we give below Mr. Sakaki's present address:

Mr. Tetsuna Sakaki,
Reg. No. 03525,
East Lillooet, B. C.

Thanking you for the further trouble you have taken in this matter,

Yours truly,

P. Doust,
Administration Department.

PD/ER

AIR MAIL

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd JUL 11 1944

File No. 11479 & 10105

Ans.

20 Southwick St.,
St. Thomas, Ontario.
July 6th, 1944.

Messrs Office of the Custodian
Dept of the Secretary of State
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Hastings & Granville Streets,
Vancouver, British Columbia.

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Tetsuma Sakaki No. 03525
ATTENTION

Mr. P. Douet.
Administration Dept.

*Your file NO 11479
& 10105.*

I have received your's dated the 30th Ultimo,
together with a letter by Mr. Sakaki written in Japanese, add-
ressed to Mr. Nagamasa Yamada, My son.

In your letter, you wish to know further on this
matter from me.

My answer to your request is simple, and that
is that I have nothing to state any more. I have said every
thing that I know regarding this matter.

Mr. Sakaki wishes an answer to his letter from
my son who resides in Toronto at present. And he does not
read nor write Japanese letter of which Mr. Sakaki knows well.

Therefore, I think I will write a letter to Mr.
Sakaki in stead of my son, and will tell him what I have written
in my previous letter to you, if you please let me know the
present address of Mr. Sakaki. Then I hope he can find himself
where he is.

Then you may, I hope, hear from him a reasonable
and acceptable statement.
I remain,

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
Masanori Yamada.

File 11516 - nothing in the file.

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May 22nd, 1944.

Mr. Tetsuma SAKAKI,
Registration No. 03525,
House No. 107,
East Lillooet, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We wrote to you on the 5th instant regarding the account sent to you by Mr. J. A. Russell, your ex-solicitor, but up to the time of writing we have heard nothing from you beyond your letter of the 5th of May, which was written of course, prior to receipt of our above-mentioned letter.

In view of an interview the writer had with Mr. M. J. Evans, son-in-law of Mr. Russell, and to whom you transferred two cars in 1942, we do not understand your remarks that the cars were not handed over to Mr. Evans. Have you anything in writing from Mr. Evans or Mr. Russell relating to these two cars, if so please forward such information to us.

You state in yours of the 5th that you have no knowledge whatsoever of any proposed arrangement between yourself and Mr. Evans relating to settlement in Alberta, which we understand was initiated by Mr. Masanori YAMADA, who was a captain in the Salvation Army. Our understanding from both Mr. Evans and Mr. Russell is that you were one of a group who were in a scheme, proposed by Mr. Yamada, to remove a group of Japanese race from Vancouver to a land settlement in Alberta - the land being owned by Mr. Evans. Our information is that this scheme fell through both as regards purchasing the land and renting same due to the fact that permission could not be obtained through the B. C. Security Commission for the scheme and/or objections by the Municipality in Alberta where the land was situated. Either you know something about this scheme or you do not, and if you do, then you should give us all the information regarding same as both Messrs. Evans and Russell are quite definite that the two cars were to represent a down payment as your portion of

the purchase of the land. Was there anything in writing regarding this proposal?

We have written to Mr. Kennedy fully on this matter and await his reply but in the meantime we are anxious to get your views. We do not of course say that Mr. Evans has any right to the Plymouth car which he is using (we have already informed you that the Pontiac car was sold for \$300.00 and this money is held in trust funds by Mr. Russell) and maybe he is not, but in order to assist you, it is important we have a full and frank statement on the whole matter.

No, therefore, await your comments on the charges made by Mr. Russell in his account and would emphasize the importance of not delaying this matter as the writer has gone to considerable trouble to get as clear a picture as possible of your affairs and we are anxious to clean up the whole affair with minimum delay. Without, however, your help and clarifying statements or facts it will be impossible to assist you.

To facilitate your reply a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed.

Yours truly,

P. Donet,
Administration Department.

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AIR MAIL

May 18th, 1944

Mr. Masanori YAMADA,
Registration No. 00516,
20 Southwick Street,
St. Thomas, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We are informed by Mr. J. A. Russell, Solicitor, who was given Power of Attorney by Tetsuma SAKAKI, formerly of 6 Nanaimo Street, that prior to Mr. Russell's appointment you were given Power of Attorney by SAKAKI and as we have been requested by Mr. SAKAKI to take over all her affairs from Mr. Russell, we should be glad if you will kindly give us all the information you can relating to the Plymouth and Pontiac cars which were owned by SAKAKI and were apparently transferred to Morris J. Evans, son-in-law of Mr. Russell. Incidentally, the Pontiac car was sold for \$300.00 and these funds have been held in trust by Mr. Russell.

Can you give us any information about the arrangement made with regard to these cars, as we are informed they were handed over to Mr. Evans in connection with a proposed deal relating to land in Alberta which was to be purchased from Mr. Evans (the owner of the land) by a group of people of which you, we understand, were the principal negotiator. We understand that Mr. SAKAKI and family were one of your group who were going to Alberta in the proposed scheme. We have been informed that either the B. C. Security Commission or the Municipality of Alberta ultimately turned down both the purchase of the land or the renting of same so that the whole scheme was dropped.

What we would like to know is in what way did Mr. SAKAKI commit himself, either verbally or in writing direct or through yourself in this scheme.

Any other information that you can give us will be appreciated. It is important that we have the fullest facts

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possible about this matter and also about your connections
with Mr. SAKAKI, so will you kindly reply as promptly as
possible, and oblige.
A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed to
facilitate matters.

Yours truly,

P. Douet
Administration Department

PD/GH

Enc.

ARTHUR P. EARLE
PRESIDENT

MONTREAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

HEAD OFFICE:
MONTREAL, QUE.

B. C. BRANCH:
614 WEST PENDER STREET
VANCOUVER

CYRIL GARDNER-SMITH,
PROVINCIAL MANAGER

PHONE PACIFIC 7357

March 17, 1943.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 18 1943
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Ins.	SMG. 21
Referred	Gibson

Mr. S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department,
Department of the Secretary of State
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of
February 27th giving us Mr. Masanori Yamada's address and
advising us that Mr. Kiichi Okura has been interned.

Mr. Okura has two policies with
us one for \$1,000 and one for \$2,000, the former is now being
carried under Extended Insurance and the latter under Automatic
Loan.

If there is any further information
you require in connection with these policies, will you kindly
let us know?

Very truly yours,

Williamson

Cashier.

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PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 11479

Dec. 31/46

RE: Masanori YAMADA, Reg. No. 00516

This file reveals that YAMADA owned no real property in any protected area of B.C. and did not carry any Fire Insurance.

CHATELS: YAMADA made his declaration to the Custodian on July 14/42 and declared the following:

3 boxes of books - stored at 3731 W. 3rd Ave. in care of Mr. W.E. Wilson
30 boxes of papers in storage at Bowman Storage Co.

On Jan. 29/43 Mr. W. E. Wilson confirmed having three boxes of books belonging to YAMADA in his care. There is no indication on file as to whether these are still at this address or what disposition has been made of them.

On Jan. 29/43 Bowman Storage Co. acknowledged having 49 packages belonging to M. YAMADA in storage. No further mention of these is made on file.

A stove, declared by Mrs. YAMADA in her letter of Nov. 2/42, was sold by Mr. Moore, Official Administrator, for the sum of \$6.00 and this sum was paid to the Custodian and credited to the account of Mr. YAMADA (It would seem that it should have been credited to Mrs. YAMADA as she had declared it). An account of \$5.00 owing by Mr. YAMADA to Dr. Seldo was paid on March 30, 1944, leaving a balance of \$1.00 in YAMADA's account.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: YAMADA declared one \$5.00 War Savings Certificate in his own possession. This did not come under the control of the Custodian.

BANK ACCOUNT: He declared a savings account in the Royal Bank of Canada, Cordova St. branch, in the sum of \$31.44. This was not brought under the control of the Custodian.

LIFE INSURANCE: He declared a policy with the Ministers Life & Casualty Union, Policy #C405722, the beneficiary being his wife, Asao. He apparently also had a policy with the Montreal Life Insurance Co. which he did not declare. Neither of these policies were brought under the control of the Custodian.

From correspondence on the file it would appear that prior to the time Mr. J. A. Russell, Barrister, took over the affairs of Mr. SAKAKI, File 10105, Mr. YAMADA had been given Power of Attorney by Mr. SAKAKI. There is a good deal of correspondence on file regarding the affairs of Mr. SAKAKI, but this has nothing to do with YAMADA personally. No property interests other than those mentioned above are found on this file.

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

Dec. 31/46
LBM:


L. McKinnon