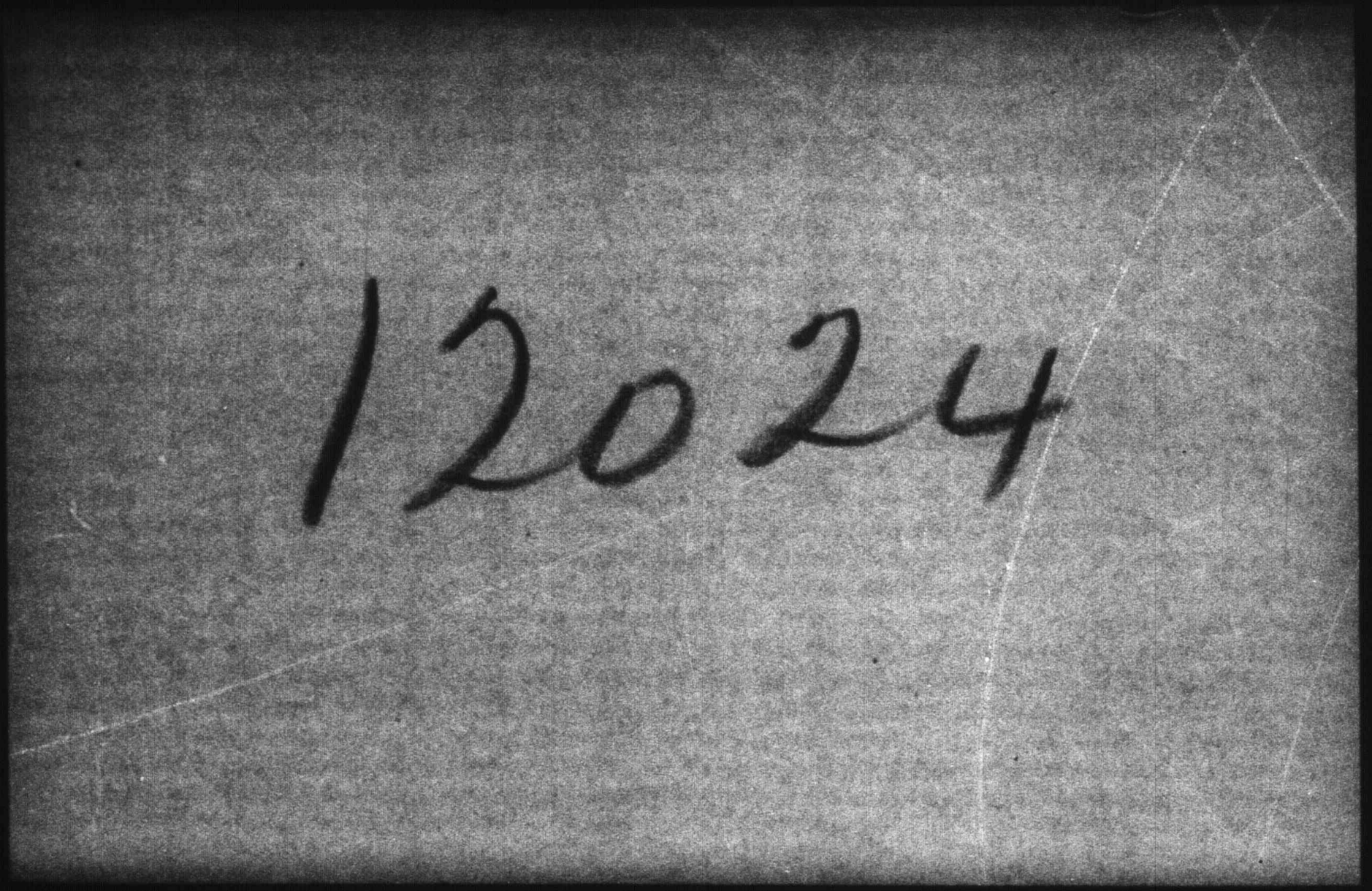

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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date 11-5-42.

File No. 12024

Name ONODERA - Minomatsu Deceased.
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 01209 Male - Female (check) Age 20-2-1881

Former Address 2081 Clark Drive, City
376 W 4th Ave.,

Date Evacuated — Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National (check)

Present Address Deceased
Died on July 22/42 at Gosnell, BC.

Married - Single (check)

Name of Wife Deceased

Name of Husband —

Name of Mother ONODERA - Hatsui (dec.) Name of Father IYABUCHI - Eigoro (dec.)

Names of Children under 16

(Kanjo 5-6-21 Yoshiko 1-6 25) (Yoichi John #0294 (interned)
(Left in Japan) Mijosu 9-2-27) (Mrs. Teruo UJIYE #01534 over 16 in Canada

Requested by Ans. Registered with Custodian —
(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Killed at Gosnell Work Camp. 20-7-42.
(13-7-42)

12024

August 23, 1950.

Mr. S. A. Moore,
Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir: Re: Minoratsu ONODERA Estate

On August 2nd we advised you that we had written to Mrs. Teru ULJIE. The letter was registered, and we have a post office acknowledgment that the letter was received and signed for by ULJIE. However, no reply has been received, and in view of your past experience in this matter, it is evident she does not intend to co-operate.

We agree that this matter does not warrant a law suit and will therefore have no objection to your dividing the funds in the manner you suggest.

Yours truly,

F. G. Sheare,
Director.

FGS/GH

12024

August 2nd, 1950.

REGISTERED MAIL

Mrs. Teru ULJYE,
3357 Yonge Street,
Toronto 12, Ontario.

Dear Madam:

Re: Hinematsu ONODERA, Deceased

The Official Administrator is holding a sum of money for distribution among the heirs of your father's estate but before doing so it is desirable to secure a declaration to the effect that your mother is also deceased and that there was just five children in the family. The file indicates the next of kin and addresses of same as follows:

Mrs. Teru Uljye, daughter, 3357 Yonge St., Toronto 12, Ont.
Yoshi Onodera, son, Internment Camp, Base Post Office, Ottawa.
Kiyoko Onodera, daughter, Miyagi, Prefecture, Yokohama, Japan.
Yoshiko Onodera, daughter, " " " "
Nobu Onodera, daughter, " " " "

We are sending this letter in duplicate and if this information is correct will you please sign and return one copy to this office.

You are also requested to remit the sum of $200.00 which came into your possession and this will be added to the amount held by the Administrator and then divided among the heirs and your share will then be returned to you.

Your immediate attention is requested to this matter and an envelope enclosed for return.

Yours truly,

FGS/js
encls.

F. G. Sheare,
Director.

This is to certify that I am a daughter of Hinematsu Onodera, Deceased, and that my mother is also deceased and that the next of kin are as listed above and their addresses are as stated, (or as follows:)

Date:

_____

12024

August 2nd, 1950.

REGISTERED MAIL

Mrs. Tayo ULIYE,
Bonnerville, Ontario.

Dear Madame

Re: Hisamatsu ONODERA, Deceased.

The Official Administrator is holding a sum of money for distribution among the heirs of your father's estate but before doing so it is desirable to secure a declaration to the effect that your mother is also deceased and that there were just five children in the family. The file indicates the most of his and addresses of same as follows:

Mrs. Tayo Uliye, daughter, Bonnerville, Ontario.
Yoshi Onodera, son, Internment Camp, Base Post Office, Ottawa.
Kiyoko Onodera, daughter, Miyagi, Prefecture, Tokuhama, Japan.
Yoshiko Onodera, daughter, " " " "
Hana Onodera, daughter, " " " "

We are sending this letter in duplicate and if this information is correct will you please sign and return one copy to this office.

You are also requested to remit the sum of $220.00 which came into your possession and this will be added to the amount held by the Administrator and then divided among the heirs and your share will then be returned to you.

Your immediate attention is requested to this matter and an envelope enclosed for return.

Yours truly,

F. C. Shearer,
Director.

FCS/jo
Encls.

This is to certify that I am a daughter of Hisamatsu Onodera, Deceased, and that my mother is also deceased and that the most of his are as listed above and their addresses are as stated, or as follows:

Date: _____

12024

August 2nd, 1950.

Mr. S. A. Moore,
Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 25th, I have written to Mrs. Teru ULJYE and enclose copy of our letter for your information.

If we fail to secure the $200.00 or any definite information we will have no objection to cleaning up this matter in the way you suggest.

We will communicate with you when we receive Mrs. Teru ULJYE'S reply, or failing to hear from her will write you again in two or three weeks.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/js
1 encl.

PHONE: MARINE 8141

SAMUEL A. MOORE
OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR

OUR REF. No. 370901c

COURT-HOUSE
VANCOUVER, B.C.
July 25th, 1950.

Mr. F. G. Shears,
Director,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville Sts.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re Estate of Minomatsu Onodera, Deceased.

As you will see from the file records this case came into our hands, was taken over by your Organization, and subsequently returned to us. The amount involved, that is the credit balance of this estate, is $180.54, and on this account it may be that we can get together and close out this matter.

We have no actual Proof of Heirship on file to see who would inherit this estate, but according to information contained in the file there are five children, three in Japan and two in Canada, and I presume you are acting for the three in Japan. Technical proof of heirship should show that the mother was dead and that the five children were all legitimate children, that is born in wedlock, otherwise they would not inherit.

The second problem is that the daughter that you have been dealing with, Mrs. Teru Uijye, apparently came into possession of $200.00 cash belonging to the deceased which she has refused to turn over to us through the simple medium of ignoring our correspondence. Considering the time the estate came into existance it would be my thought that this daughter could have paid the $200.00 over to you.

My suggestion is that you write this daughter in a last attempt to get payment of the $200.00, and also endeavor to secure from her a Declaration to the effect that there were just the five children in the family and that the mother was dead. Following this if she produces the $200.00 we would add it to the estate, divide it in five, send her and her brother in the East each one-fifth, and pay you three-fifths for the three children resident in Japan.

If she still refuses to deliver up the $200.00, we would be willing, if you are, to consider the risk involved in a Law suit unwarranted and close out the estate as we have it here now, only divide what we have in four giving you three-quarters and the son that is in Canada the one-quarter.

July 25th, 1950.

Mr. F. G. Shears,
Office of the Custodian,
Page 2,-

Incidentally, we have had no correspondence with the son and the last address we had for him might not be correct. Perhaps your records could assist us in the matter. The names and addresses of the children are as follows:-

1, Mrs. Tera Uijye, daughter, Beamsville, Ontario.
2, Yoshi Onodera, son, Internment Camp, Base Post Office, Ottawa.
3, Kiyoko Onodera, daughter, Miyagi, Prefecture, Yokohama, Japan.
4, Yoshiko Onodera, daughter, " " " "
5, Nous Onodera, daughter, " " " "

I think with your co-operation we can probably close up this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carl M. Stewart,
DEPUTY OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR.

CMS:MT

12024

May 18, 1950.

Samuel A. Moore, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Minematsu Omodera, Deceased.
Your file No. 2759

On reviewing our file it appears that some of the heirs of the above deceased may have been resident in Japan. As such, any distributive share of the estate payable to those heirs should be remitted to the Custodian.

Will you kindly advise the present position in regard to the administration of this estate, and if and when any distribution on behalf of the heirs in Japan will be available.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/GH

12024

October 27, 1948.

Samuel A. Moore, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Minomatsu ONODERA, #01209, Deceased.
Your Reference No. 2759.

If you are now prepared to distribute the funds in this Estate, we would appreciate receiving the usual Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, together with information concerning the heirs and the share payable to each.

As previously stated, we would appreciate receiving any funds which may become payable to residents of Japan for the credit of their individual accounts in this office.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

/AC

12024

May 7, 1948.

Samuel A. Moore, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Minomatsu ONODERA, #31209, Deceased.
Your Reference No. OA 3709.

We acknowledge with thanks your letter of May 5 with receipt attached. As requested by you we are returning herewith documents handed to us by your office on February 4, 1946, with the exception of the War Saving Certificate for $10.00 which, as already advised, was converted into cash and included in the Estate funds sent to you. We also attach, for your information, a copy of our letter dated April 17, 1947, addressed to Mrs. Ujiye in which we informed her of the things found in the Safety Deposit Box and forwarded to our office by you.

With reference to the address of Yochi Onodera, we were informed on December 26, 1942, that this man was released on December 21, 1942, conditionally upon his accepting employment by the Prudhomme Nursery, Beamsville, Ontario. Since then we have had a letter from him dated December 11, 1943, addressed 43 Murray Street, Toronto, Ontario. This letter was in acknowledgment of the $5.00 War Savings Certificate in his name found in his father's Safety Deposit Box.

Would you kindly acknowledge receipt of the documents returned.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/AC
Enc. Documents in Japanese
Three Birth Certificates
Seal

PHONE: MARINE 3161

SAMUEL A. MOORE
OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR

OUR REF. No. 2759

COURT-HOUSE
VANCOUVER, B.C.
May 5, 1948.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd MAY 7 1948
File No. 12024
Ans.
Init.

The Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of MINOMATSU ONODERA, 01208, deceased.
Attention Mr. A.C. McArthur - Your File #12024.

I have your letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing cheque for $180.54, and for which I enclose herewith Official Receipt.

In your letter you ask me for the names of the next-of-kin and the exact amounts payable to each of them. The list of the next-of-kin that was furnished to me by the deceased's daughter, Mrs. Teru Uijye, was as follows:-

1, Mrs. Teru Uijye, Daughter, Beamsville, Ontario;
2, Yoshi Onodera, a son, Internment Camp, Base Post Office, Ottawa;
3, Kiyoko Onodera, daughter, Miyagi, Prefecture, Yokohama, Japan;
4, Yoshiko Onodera daughter, " " " "
5, Neus Onodera, daughter " " " "

The day Mrs. Teru Uijye, called at the office, she informed me that she was leaving Vancouver that day for Beamsville, Ontario. She admitted that she had received $200.00 cash that had been found on the deceased, but had spent $55.00 of the amount on the deceased's funeral. She promised me that she would send me the difference $145.00 from Ontario. Later, I was advised by your office that you had refunded her the $55.00. She therefore owes the estate $200.00. Although I have written her for this $200.00 she does not reply. I also understand that you have written her about this.

The credit balance I hold amounts to $180.54. If I cannot collect the $200.00 from Mrs. Teru Uijye, then the share of the other four next-of-kin will be about $45.00 each. If I do collect the $200.00, then the share of each of the five heirs will be about $76.00.

I have written Mrs. Uijye again, asking her to refund the difference between her share and the $200.00.

From the above, you can see that it is impossible at this time to state what the exact amount going to each of the next-of-kin will be.

In your letter to me of April 9th, 1947, you enclosed a copy of a letter from Mrs. Teru Uijye, in which she says "regarding this matter before we evacuated, Mr. S.A. Moore, Official Administrator, demanded the Keys to a Safety Deposit Box which my father had. We had little time then to discuss matters over. We wished to know the contents of the Box, but as we were on the verge of evacuation, he would not disclose it to us". The truth is that Mrs. Teru Uijye, called on me on October 27th, 1942, the day she was leaving Vancouver and informed me that there was a Safety Deposit Box and she related to me the contents of the Box. I informed her that I must have the key in order to have an Inventory made, then she informed me that she had previously had the box opened and an inventory made. She then gave me a copy of the Inventory.

Although she knows what was in the box, I am sending her a copy of the Inventory so that she can have no excuse for not refunding the $200.00.

Please return to me the documents I sent you in this estate.

Yours very truly,

Encl.1.
SAM/C.

Sam Ainsworth
OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR.

p.s. It is possible that I may not have the correct Christian names or some of the next-of-kin. If so, this can be corrected later on.

12024

April 29, 1948.

Samuel A. Moore, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Minomatsu ONODERA, #01209, Deceased,
Your Reference No. 2759.

We received a letter from you dated February 2, 1946, enclosing a cheque in the sum of $171.76, being the credit balance in this Estate in accordance with a statement received from you. In that letter you indicated that these funds were for distribution to the heirs but you have not indicated to whom or in what amounts although we have written to you repeatedly in this connection. This office is interested in the amounts payable to heirs in Japan but any money payable to heirs in Canada may be sent to them direct.

We are, therefore, returning the funds sent to us on February 2, 1946, together with the amount of $8.76 derived from redemption by this office of one $10.00 War Saving Certificate, and would ask you to kindly review this case and send us only the funds payable to Enemies, specifying the exact amount payable to each.

We received from your office certain documents relative to this Estate which, if required by you, will be returned.

Yours very truly,

AGM/AC

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

12024

April 17, 1947.

Mrs. Teruo OJIYE,
Reg. No. 01549,
3357 Yonge Street,
Toronto 12, Ontario.

Dear Madam:

Re: Estate of Hinosatsu ONODERA, #01209,
Deceased.

Your letter of March 30th in reply to ours of February 13th has been received but we regret that you have failed to reply concerning the matters dealt with in that letter and would ask you to please do so without delay. As explained previously the distribution of the estate of your father cannot be completed by Mr. Moore until you have accounted for the funds which you are reported to have received at the time of your father's death.

Regarding the contents of the safety deposit box, these were received by Mr. Moore as part of your father's estate and were delivered to our office together with the cash residue of the estate. The goods delivered consisted of the following:

1. War Savings Certificate for $10.00, since converted and credited to the Estate account.
2. Identification papers and other documents.
3. Three birth certificates - Yoshiko Onodera
   Miyosu Onodera
   Kayo Onodera.
4. Seal.

These goods and the money can only be distributed on the advice of Mr. Moore and he has not yet instructed us to whom the documents may be given and it appears that he is unable to allocate the funds until you give him the information he has repeatedly asked for concerning the money which came into your hands at the time of your father's death.

You do not appear to realize that Mr. Moore is an official administrator for the Government of British Columbia and that the estate of your father is entirely under his control and will be passed on to the rightful heirs only as specifically instructed by him.

Yours truly,

A. C. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

AGM:AH

12024

April 9, 1947.

S. A. Moore, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Minomatsu ONODERA,
Reg. No. 01209, Deceased.

We enclose copy of a letter received today from Hisaye (Mrs. Teruo) Ujiye daughter of the deceased, and also a copy of our letter of February 13th to which she refers.

We also attach copy of your list of contents of the safety deposit box which together with the named goods was delivered to our office on the 4th February 1946.

Would you kindly advise us regarding disposition of these articles and also having given consideration to Mrs. Ujiye's failure to reimburse the estate in the sum of $200.00, what division of the present credit of $180.54 should be made.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

AGM:AH
encl. Copy of letter March 30, 1947
Copy of our letter Feb. 13, 1947
Copy of your list of contents of safety deposit box.

EVACUATION SECTION
APR - 8 1947
Rec'd
File No. 13789/2024
Ans.
Refer to MacArthur

2357 Georgia Street
Oakland 12, California
April 30, 1947.

Mr. C. L. McArthur
Office of the Custodian

Dear Sir:

Received your letter of February 13th. regarding the estate of my father Minomatsu Hoden.

Regarding this matter, before we evacuated Mr. L. A. Moore, the Official Administrator demanded the keys to a safety deposit box which my father had. He had little time then to discuss matters and he wished to know the contents of the box but as we were on the verge of evacuation he would not disclose it to us.

If you can kindly get the information as to the contents of the box we would appreciate it very much. Thank you.

Yours very truly,
(Mrs.) Teruo Fujii

12024, 13209, 13792

February 13, 1947.

Mrs. Taru UJIYE,
Registration No. 01549,
3369 Yonge Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Madam:

Re: Estate of Minematsu ONODERA, Dec'd.

We have been advised by the Official Administrator, Mr. Samuel A. Moore, that he is unable to make a distribution to the heirs in the above Estate as you have not yet remitted to him the sum of $200.00 which you advised him was handed to you at the time of your father's death.

In order that the administration of this Estate may be completed, we would ask that you either remit these funds to this office, or give a satisfactory account of their distribution. Mr. Moore states that he wrote to you in this connection in 1943 but received no reply.

Will you please attend to this matter at once.

Yours truly,

ACM/AC

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

12024, 13029,
13792.

February 13, 1947.

Mr. S. A. Moore,
Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Minomatsu ONODERA, #01209,
Deceased. Your reference CL 3709.

We thank you for your letter of February 5, 1947, enclosing certified copy of your appointment as Administrator of the estate of the above deceased.

We note your remarks concerning $200 in the hands of Mrs. T. Ujiye and are writing her by concurrent mail in this connection. We will let you know if we obtain a reply.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

AGM:AH

PHONE: MARINE 8141

SAMUEL A. MOORE
OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR

OUR REF. No. G1 3709

COURT-HOUSE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

February 5, 1947.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd FEB. 6 1947
File No. 1 no x 4
Ans.
Returned

Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention of A. G. McArthur.

Dear Sirs: Re: Estate MINOMATSU ONODERA, Dec'd.,
Registration No. 01209.
Your File No. 12024, 13209, 13792.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 22nd ultimo and note your remarks. At the time the estate came into my office, I was informed by Mrs. S. Ujiye, daughter of the deceased, that there were the following children:

Mrs. Terue Ujiye, Yoshi Onodera } resident in Canada.

Kaye Onodera, Yoshiko Onodera, Mous Onodera } resident in Japan.

If the above information is correct, the credit balance of the estate will be divided equally amongst the above heirs. However, on reviewing my file, I find that when the deceased died he had approximately $200.00 on him which was handed to Mrs. T. Ujiye and for which she has failed to give an accounting although I wrote her to this effect in 1943.

I enclose herewith notarially certified copy of my Letters of Administration herein.

Yours very truly,

OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR

DB:JM
Encl.

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In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

(SEAL OF THE SUPREME COURT OF B.C.)
VANCOUVER
SEP 23 1943
REGISTRY

In the matter of Minomatsu Onodera, *deceased,*

and

In the matter of the "Administration Act."

DATED THE 23rd DAY OF September, A.D. 19 43

UPON reading the affidavits of Samuel Alfred Moore

, it is ordered,

that Samuel Alfred Moore, Official Administrator for the

County of Vancouver, shall be Administrator of all and singular

the estate of Minomatsu Onodera, deceased,* Intestate

and that notice of this Order be published. two days in a Vancouver Daily newspaper

Died, July 18th, 1942.

"J. M. Coady"
J.

B.C.L.S.
50¢
VANCOUVER
SEP 23 1943
REGISTRY

Certified a True Copy
R. L. Challoner.
A Notary Public in and for
the Province of British Columbia

Extracted by Gordon Robson, Esq., Solicitor.

This Grant is made upon the condition that no portion of the assets shall be distributed or paid during the War to any beneficiary or creditor who is a National of the German Reich or Italy wherever resident, or to any one on his behalf, or to or on behalf of any person resident in the German Reich or Italy of whatever nationality, or to or on behalf of any subject or citizen of any country at war with His Majesty, without the express sanction of the Crown acting through the Minister of Finance; and if any distribution or payment is made contrary to this condition the grant of probate or letters of administration will be forthwith revoked.

12024, 13:09, 13792

January 22, 1947.

Samuel A. Moore, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Hinomatsu OKODERA, Deceased.
Registration No. 01609.

On February 2, 1946, you forwarded to this office a cheque in the sum of $171.76, being the net proceeds from the above Estate, together with one $10.00 War Savings Certificate, three Birth Certificates and other documents written in Japanese. The War Savings Certificate has now been cashed and the redemption value of $8.78 credited to the Estate account in this office, making a total credit balance of $180.54.

We would appreciate your advising us of the names of the heirs-at-law and the distribution you wish us to make to each. To our knowledge, the deceased is survived by one son, Hiyosa and two daughters, Kayo and Yoshiko, in Japan and one son, Yoshi, and one daughter, Hisayo (Mrs. Teruo) Ujiye, in Canada.

In order that our file on this Estate may be complete, we would also appreciate receiving a Certified Copy of your Appointment.

Yours very truly,

/AC

A. C. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

January 22, 1947

MEMORANDUM

TO: MRS. A. G. McARTHUR

FROM: A. CLEAVER

Re: Mincmaten ONODERA, Deceased.

This Estate was apparently administered by Samuel A. Moore, Official Administrator, but no Certified Copy of Letters of Administration appear on file.

Mr. Moore has apparently paid off all the debts and has returned the net proceeds from the Estate to this office, namely $171.78 and a $10.00 War Savings Certificate which was redeemed and credited to the account of the Estate in this office, making the total amount to the credit of the Estate, $180.54. NO instructions were given by the Administrator for distribution of this to the heirs as shown on the attached card.

Do you wish me to write to Mr. Moore asking for Certified Copy of his Appointment and also for instructions re distribution of the funds?

(Funds derived chiefly from payment of death benefit by Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, a labour union)

Yes. Please do so
Jan 23/47
AGM

A Cleaver.

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,
7th February, 1946.

12024
Evacuee Section

REGISTERED

Office of the Registrar of
War Savings Certificates,
360 King Edward Avenue,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Estate of Minematsu ONODERA, Deceased

Enclosed herewith is one (1) $10.00 War Savings Certificate in the name of the above noted deceased. Will you kindly cash this Certificate, sending proceeds to this Office in a cheque made payable to 'The Secretary of State as Custodian'. You will note that Mr. F.G. Shears, Authorized Deputy of the Secretary of State and/or Custodian, has signed for the deceased.

Yours truly,

W.J. JOHNSTON
ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

WJJ/DG
Encl.

File 12024

ESTATE MINOMATSU ONODERA, DEC'D.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS:

Monies collected by Custodian	$516.58	$516.58

DISBURSEMENTS:

Government Commission	25.83	
Transfer Charges	.28	
Income Tax	38.81	
Legal Fees	22.45	
Advertising re creditors	4.80	
Debts	247.13	
Safety Deposit Box- rental	3.00	
Government Commission on transfer of $10.00 War Savings Certificate	.50	
Postage	2.00	
CREDIT BALANCE paid to Custodian	171.78	$516.58

This statement rec'd 4/2/46

Copy File 12024

Re: ESTATE MINOMATSU ONODERA, DEC'D.

Received from Samuel A. Moore, Official Administrator, Court House, Vancouver, B.C.:

1. War Savings Certificate #TB 139461 for $10.00, in name of Minomatsu Onodera.

2. Identification papers and other documents written in Chinese, found in Safety Deposit Box.

3. Three Birth Certificates
   a. Yoshiko Onodera
   b. Miyosu Onodera
   c. Kayo Onodera

4. Seal.

SIGNED:

W. J. Johnston.
Office of the Custodian.
27/2/46

PHONE: MARINE 5141

SAMUEL A. MOORE
OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR

COURT-HOUSE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

OUR REF. NO. 2759

Your File No: 13792&12024
Evacuee Section

File 12024

February 2, 1946

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ENEMY SECTION
Rec'd FEB 4 1946
File No.
Ans'd
R'd

The Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate MINOMATSU ONODERA, dec'd.

Included in the enclosed cheque is the sum of $171.78, being credit balance of this estate in trust for the heirs herein. Also statement of Receipts and Disbursements in duplicate.

I also enclose documents which were found in the Safety Deposit Box as per the enclosed list. Kindly acknowledge receipt by signing one copy and returning to this Office.

In this Estate, it must be remembered in the final distribution, that the daughter, Mrs. Teruo Ujiye received the sum of $200.00, before the estate came under my jurisdiction.

Yours very truly,

OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR

DB:MT.
2 encls.

Delivered to us by Miss Brooks
Receipt given

COPY

13792 & 12024

December 21st, 1943

Mr. Yoshi ONODERA,
Reg. No. 02943,
43 Murray Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 11th, the $10.00 War Savings Certificate in the name of your father is now in the possession of Samuel A. Moore, the Official Administrator at the Court House, who will have jurisdiction as to the disposal of the Certificate.

Yours truly,

G. D. Milsom
Administration Department

GDM/GH

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13792 & 12024

November 27th, 1943

Mr. John Yoshi ONODERA,
Reg. No. 02943,
Prudhomme Nursery,
Beamsville, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find War Savings Certificate No. TA 1055706, which was removed from your deceased father's Safety Deposit Box by the Official Administrator.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt and state that this is the only Certificate belonging to you which was supposed to be in the box.

Yours truly,

G. D. Milsom
Administration Department

GDM/GH

Enc.

Letter by Yoshi Onodera
Rec'd 1/12/43

File 22[illegible] 1972.

November 26, 1943.

[illegible]

To: Mr. Allen

From: A. H. McIntosh.

Mrs. [illegible], Kingston (Ontario) and [illegible]

Attached to the file is a letter from Mr. F. A. Henry, Official Administrator, and Receiver of Canada War Savings Certificate in the sum of $5.00, which have just been turned in to us by Mr. Peck. Would you please communicate enquiry of this War Savings Certificate and send it to the owner if he has an order.

You will see in the file that R.F.A. returned to Vashti's certificate at $10.00. I think that Vashti in his declaration referred to his own $5.00 certificate and his father's $10.00 certificate, but would you please satisfy yourself about this and if possible obtain an acknowledgment from Vashti which will cover the situation.

SAMUEL A. MOORE
OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR

COURT-HOUSE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

PHONE: MARINE 5141

OUR REF. NO. 2759

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd NOV 20 1943
File No.
Ans.
Referred

November 19, 1943

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

Dear Sir:

Re Estate of Minomatsu Onodero, deceased, 01209
Reference No. 12024.

With reference to the above Estate, I have now withdrawn the contents of the safety deposit box herein and enclose herewith War Savings Certificate No. TA 1055706 for $5.00 in the name of Yochi Onodera of 2081 Clark Drive, Vancouver, B.C.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours very truly,

Samuel A. Moore
OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR.

DB:FM
Enclosure

deliv'd file 13792

12024

October 28, 1943.

Mr. Samuel A. Moore,
Official Administrator,
Court-House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs

Re: Estate of Minematsu ONODERA, (Deceased)
Our File 12024.

Your letters of September 18th and October 21st have been received. This office has no knowledge of the earnings of the deceased during 1941 and 1942. The only information that we have in this connection is that he worked at Cosmel Work Camp at the time of his death. Particulars may be had by writing to the B. C. Security Commission who are in charge of this camp and from whom we had notice of the death of Onodera together with a cheque in the sum of $10.86 being payment of wages dusthe deceased for July 1942.

With reference to the War Savings Certificate in the name of Yoshi Onodera it is probable that the amount is $5.00 rather than $50.00 as appears in our correspondence. It is possible that a typographical error occurred in our earlier records.

Our files show no mention of $200.00 in cash having come into the hands of Mrs. Ujiye other than that made by you in your letter. The production of this money will therefore depend we presume, upon the honesty of this woman unless some tangible evidence can be found.

We enclose herewith copies of all receipts which we hold relative to monies paid out of the assets of Onodera, namely, Center & Hanna, Ltd., $56.38; Sun Pekin $33.25; Yama Taxi $17.50; and Yucho Chow Studio $15.00. We enclose in addition copy of a letter

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from the B. C. Security Comission acknowledging $75.00 which was paid to cover funeral charges paid by the Commission from the Brotherhood of Maintenance with respect to the insurance policy and which was deducted from the insurance proceeds prior to forwarding such proceeds to this office. The originals of the receipts before mentioned are held by the Brotherhood of Maintenance which for some reason were not asked for by this office. In all probability the originals are still available, but in the meantime we are forwarding you the copies which were given to us.

No account from Dr. M. Uchida is on file and no bill from Center & Hanna Ltd. for the sum of $130.00. It appears however, that the $75.00 paid to re-imburse the B. C. Security Commission together with $56.00 shown in the receipt together cover this bill.

Your statement of assets of this estate is correct as far as we are aware with the exception of $200.00 cash to which reference has already been made.

We trust that the enclosed information will be sufficient for your requirements.

Yours truly,

A. G. MacArthur,
Administration Department.

AGM:AS
encl.

PHONE: MARINE 5141

SAMUEL A. MOORE
OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR

COURT-HOUSE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd SEP 20 1943
File No. 12024
Ans. 20M/43
Referred

18th September, 1943

R.P. Alexander, Esq.,
Office of Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Hastings and Granville Sts.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate MINOMATSU ONODERA, dec'd.

Replying to yours herein of the 14th instant I am applying for Letters of Administration in this Estate the first of next week.

In your letter you mention a $50.00 War Savings Certificate in the name of Yoichi Onodera supposed to be held in the Safety Deposit Box. In the statement of the contents of the Safety Deposit Box left with me by Mrs. S. Ujiye the only War Certificates mentioned are:

One of $10.00 registered in the name of the deceased, and one for $5.00 registered in the name of Yochi Onodera.

Correct to Yoichi Onodera

I might also mention that Mrs. S. Ujiye informed me when she visited me last October that the deceased had on his person $200.00 in cash, and that a friend had handed this sum to her and that she had used $55.00 of this money for the funeral. At that time she arranged to have her brother, Yochi, send me the key of the Safety Box and at the same time she arranged to send me the balance of this money. However, she did not send the money. Since your department have paid her the $122.13 it seems that she will have to refund some of this money or make some arrangement with the other next-of-kin.

As I understand it the assets in this Estate are as follows:

War Savings Certificates	$ 10.00
Cash	200.00
1% Wage deduction refund	5.72
Balance wages Red Pass	10.86
Life Insurance	500.00

Debts:

Center & Hanna for funeral	130.00
Funeral pictures	15.00
Yama Taxi	17.50
Sun Pekin	33.25
Dr. M. Uchida	50.00
Dom. Income Tax 1940	37.31

Would you kindly let me have either the original or copies of the various accounts with the exception of the Dominion Income Tax which you sent me.

Yours very truly,

OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR

SAK/SL

12024

August 30, 1943.

Mr. Samuel A. Moore,
Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Hinematsu ONOMERA, Deceased

We are wondering whether or not you are yet in a position to provide us with the $50.00 War Savings Certificate in the name of Taichi Onomera which was held in safety deposit box No. 164 in the Main and Hastings Streets branch of the Bank of Montreal, regarding which we wrote you on August 4th in connection with the Estate of the late Mr. Hinematsu Onomera.

You will recall that the key to the box in question was forwarded to you in response to the request embodied in your letter to us dated July 31st.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA

12024

August 4th, 1943.

Mr. Samuel Moore,
Official Administrator,
Court-House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate - Minomatsu Onodera (Dec'd.)

Thank you for your letter dated July 31st, and in accordance with your request we are sending to you attached key to Deposit Box 164, Bank of Montreal, corner of Main and Hastings Streets.

In due course we would appreciate receiving from you the $50.00 War Savings Certificate in said box, in the name of Yocni Onodera, so that we may forward it to him.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA/MS
Enc. 1.

SAMUEL A. MOORE
OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR

COURT-HOUSE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

PHONE: MARINE 3141

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd AUG 2 1943
File No. ____ Our Ref. No. ____
Ans. ____
Referred

31st July, 1943

Mr. R.P. Alexander,
Office of Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate MINOMATSU ONODERA, dec'd.
Your file #12024.

I have yours herein of the 29th instant enclosing claim of Department of National Revenue for $37.31 for the year 1940.

If I am to administer this Estate it will be necessary for you to let me have the key of the Safety Deposit Box No. 164 in the Bank of Montreal so that after my appointment as Administrator I can remove the contents of the box.

I also have yours of the 30th instant enclosing copy of your Ledger and your cheque No. 4483 for $269.45. I am enclosing herewith Official Receipt for the same.

Yours very truly,

OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR

SAM/SL
ENCLOSURE 2 cc. July 31/43.

12024

July 30, 1943.

Mr. Samuel A. Moore,
Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Minomatsu ONODERA - Deceased

Following our discussion of July 27th and further to our letter dated July 29th in connection with the Estate of the late Mr. Minomatsu Onodera, as promised we are sending to you attached a copy of our ledger covering the account with us of Mr. Minomatsu Onodera and our cheque No. 4483 payable to your order and amounting to $269.45 representing balance of the account of Mr. Minomatsu Onodera. Please be good enough to acknowledge receipt of this cheque.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA
Encs.

File No. 12024
Reg. No. 01209

Minematsu ONODERA (deceased)

	Date	Particulars	Debit	Credit	Balance
1942	October 29	1% Wage Deduction Refund for 1st 6 months in 1941	$	$ 5.72	
	November 4	B. C. Security Commission - wages Red Pass July/42		10.86	
1943	February 16	Benefit due to Members Estate Funeral Expenses	75.00	500.00	
	February 22	Ck 1893 - Funeral expenses paid under terms of Life Insurance Policy	122.13		
	April 16	Ck 2762 - Settlement of claim	50.00		
					CR $ 269.45

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July 29, 1943.

Mr. Yochi ONODERA,
Registration No. 02943,
43 Murray Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter dated July 15th, regarding the Estate of the late Mr. Minematsu Onodera. Mr. Samual A. Moore, Official Administrator, is handling the Estate of the late Mr. Minematsu Onodera and on your behalf we called upon him on July 27th.

We have reason to believe that settlement of this Estate will be effected in the not distant future but in explanation may we tell you that the Official Administrator for the County of Vancouver is at the present time handling well in excess of six thousand estates and that in consequence it is not impossible that despite present negotiations some future delay may be occasioned.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA

12024

July 29, 1943.

Mr. Samuel A. Moore,
Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mincmatsu ONODERA - Deceased

Following our discussion of July 27th in connection with the Estate of the late Mr. Mincmatsu Onodera, and as promised, we are sending to you attached a copy of our letter to you dated April 20th, 1943 and we are instructing our Accounting Department to send you (1) a copy of our ledger covering the account with us of Mr. Mincmatsu Onodera, and (2) a cheque payable to you for the entire balance in the account.

Since writing to you on April 20th we have received a claim from the Department of National Revenue against the late Mr. Mincmatsu Onodera for $37.31 original of which you will find attached.

We would appreciate receiving your instructions as to any steps which we will gladly take that would assist you in any way towards settlement of this case.

With regard to the safety Deposit box No. 164 in the Main and Hastings Streets Branch of the Bank of Montreal, we would appreciate receiving instructions from you as to whether we should request the Government Agent to open the box or whether this will be done by you in conjunction with the Government Agent. We would appreciate receiving in due course the remaining documents and securities in the said safety deposit box together with your instructions as to disposition to be made of them.

In conclusion we would appreciate receiving your instructions as to distribution to be made of the net proceeds of the Estate.

Yours truly,

RPA:MA

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

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43 Murray St.,
Toronto, Ontario.
July 15, 1943.

Office of Custodian
306 Royal Bank Bldg.
Hastings & Granville
Vancouver, B.C.

JUL 19 1943
File No.
Ans.
Referred Alexander, B.C.

File No. 12024.

Re. The estate of the late Minimatsu Okabe

Dear Sir,

As requested in your letter dated April 15, 1943, I have sent you by registered mail on April 26, 1943, my key to the safety deposit box 164 in the Bank of Montreal. Since sending you this key, I have not received an answer or letters regarding the release of the contents or the disposal of my father's remaining estate of $302.87.

My sister, Mrs. Yasuo Ogiye, has written the Custodian to appoint an administrator approximately 2 months ago and she has not received any answer.

Will you please write me when I will receive the contents of the safety deposit box and how my father's estate will be disposed of.

Thanking you, I am

Yours truly,

Yoshi Okabe

REG. 02943.

REG. 029K3.

12024

June 28, 1943.

Samuel A. Moore, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mincmatsu ONODERA - Deceased

Would you please be good enough to indicate when it will be convenient for the undersigned to call upon you in connection with the affairs of the late Mr. Mincmatsu Onodera, concerning whom we wrote you on April 20th, May 1st, May 7th, May 20th and May 25th.

Yours truly,

RPA:MA

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

12024

May 20, 1943.

Norman Lee, Esq.,
Inspector of Income Tax,
Department of National Revenue,
739 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Minomatsu ONODERA - Deceased
Assessment No. M 55525

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated May 19th, your reference F.J., to which was attached Assessment Notice calling for payment by the Estate of the late Mr. Minomatsu Onodera of the sum of $37.31.

The Custodian is at the present time holding funds to the credit of the Estate of the late Mr. Minomatsu Onodera well in excess of claims on file against said Estate, and your claim together with others will be dealt with as between this office and Mr. Samuel A. Moore, Official Administrator.

Yours truly,

RPA:MA

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

12024

May 20, 1943.

Samuel A. Moore, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs

Re: Minematsu ONODERA - Deceased

We would appreciate receiving replies from you to our letters dated April 20th, May 1st and May 7th in connection with the late Mr. Minematsu Onodera.

This opportunity is also taken to inform you that we have today received from Mr. Norman Lee, Inspector of Income Tax, Assessment Notice No. M 55545 calling for payment by the Estate of Mr. Minematsu Onodera of the sum of $37.31 income tax based on income of 1940 which refers to Income tax File No. 2207, Code No. 3-1s.

We look forward to receiving advice and guidance requested of you in our letter to you dated April 20th.

Mrs. Teruo Ujiye of Beamsville, Ontario, has notified us, as you know, that she is not able herself to arrange for the appointment of an Administrator. If you are acting, or intend to act, as Administrator for the Estate of the late Mr. Minematsu Onodera, we would much appreciate hearing from you accordingly.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE

ADDRESS REPLY TO
INSPECTOR OF INCOME TAX
VANCOUVER

INCOME TAX DIVISION

739 HASTINGS ST. W.
VANCOUVER, B.C.

QUOTE THIS REFERENCE

F.J.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd MAY 20 1943
File No. 12024
Ans.
Referred Alexander

Attention: Mr. R. P. Alexander

May 19, 1943.

Dept. Secretary of State,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for returning our list with the latest addressess of certain Japanese, and also for your letter giving information as to others.

With regard to George Nikama, Camp B-40, Port Clements, B.C., I find that this man's name should be George Nikamo.

I enclose herewith assessment notice No. N 55525 for Minomatsu Onodera, (deceased). Will you kindly endeavour to collect this amount. I also enclose assessment notice for Toyozo Matsuyama, for the attention of Mr. K. W. Wright.

Yours faithfully,

Normankee

INSPECTOR OF INCOME TAX.

FJ:LF
Enc.

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May 7, 1943.

Samuel A. Moore, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mincmatsu ONODERA, Deceased

At your convenience we would appreciate receiving a reply from you to our letters dated April 20th and May 1st in connection with the late Mr. Mincmatsu Onodera.

At this time, if convenient, we would appreciate receiving an indication of your wishes in connection with the action suggested in the third paragraph of our letter to you dated May 1st regarding safety deposit box No. 164 in the Bank of Montreal.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA

12024

May 1, 1943.

Samuel A. Moore, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Minomatsu ONODERA (Deceased)

Further to our letter dated April 20th, please note that we have received today from Mr. Yochi Onodera a key to safety deposit box No. 164 in the Bank of Montreal, Corner of Main and Hastings Streets, Vancouver.

Our letter to you dated April 20th contained a list of what is reported to be in said safety deposit box.

Please advise us whether or not you have any objection to our removing the contents of the box, forwarding to Mr. Yochi Onodera the one $50.00 War Savings Certificate registered in his name and believed to be in said box, and holding in this office the remaining documents until such time as we hear further from you in this connection. If you agree, we ask that you send us the necessary authority consenting to our withdrawing the contents of the safety deposit box in question.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA

43 Maxwell St.,
Toronto, Ontario.
April 26, 1943.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd APR 30 1943
File No.
Ans.
Referred Alex

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

ONODERA, Tomoaki
01207

FILE NO 12024

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter dated April 15th, regarding the safety deposit box key.

Please find enclosed key, number 105. Tell you please advise me when I will be able to receive the contents of this box, number 164.

Yours truly,
Yoshi Onodera.

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April 20, 1943.

Samuel A. Moore, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Minomatsu ONODERA (Deceased)

In response to your telephonic request for information embodied in our files regarding the affairs of the late Mr. Minomatsu Onodera, we have to report that this individual died on July 18, 1942, and had insurance policy No. 20597 with the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, 61 Putnam Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, the policy being for $500.00.

The B. C. Security Commission filed a claim direct with Detroit for $75.00 to cover the cost of funeral expenses and received a remittance for the same amount from Detroit.

Mrs. Teruo Ujiye (Hisayo Ujiye), daughter of the late Mr. Minomatsu Onodera, filed a claim direct with Detroit for $122.13 forwarding to Detroit original receipts for the sum involved. The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees forwarded to us $425.00 which we placed to the credit of an account on our books in the name of the Estate of the late Mr. Minomatsu Onodera. From this balance of $425.00, we withdrew $122.13 and, in accordance with the wishes of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, forwarded a cheque for that amount to Mrs. Teruo Ujiye. The remittance of $122.13 covers a bill of $15.00 against the Ujiyes for one dozen funeral pictures, a bill of $17.50 from the Yama Taxi Company, a bill of $33.25 from the Sun Pekin and a bill of $56.38 for the funeral account of Center and Hanna Limited, Vancouver.

Additionally, we have collected $5.72 representing refund of 1% wage deductions for the first six months of 1941 from the Provincial Collector for the Estate of the late Mr. Minomatsu Onodera, plus $10.86 from the B. C. Security Commission for wages due to the late Mr. Onodera for work done by him in Red Pass.

We have been pressing Mrs. Ujiye to arrange for the appointment of an administrator for the Estate of her late father, but so far without much progress.

The late Mr. Minomatsu Onodera was the holder of a safety deposit box, being No. 164, in the Bank of Montreal, Corner of Main and Hastings Streets, Vancouver, consent to withdraw all the contents of which has been granted by the Inspector of Dominion Succession Duties. The contents of said box are believed to be as follows:

1. One War Savings Certificate No. TB139461 (1x $10.00) Reg. Minomatsu Onodera, May 15/41.

   One War Savings Certificate (1x $50.00) registered in the name of Yochi Onodera.

2. Immigration Identification Card - Mr. Onodera Minomatsu, 9/1/23

3. Sundry papers written in Japanese.

4. Sundry birth certificates - Yoshiko Onodera, Kayo Onodera Miyosu Onodera.

5. One personal seal (?) in black case.

Our records indicate that the family of the late Mr. Minomatsu Onodera consists of the following individuals:

Mrs. Teruo Ujiye
Kiyoko Onodera
Yoshiko Onodera
Yochi Onodera
Meus (?) Onodera

We have also withdrawn from the Estate account of the late Mr. Minomatsu Onodera the sum of $50.00 in payment of Dr. Matasaburo Uchida's bill for professional services to the late Mr. Onodera.

To the best of our knowledge, the late Mr. Minomatsu Onodera died intestate.

We would now appreciate receiving your advice as to what steps are to be taken, not only for satisfying your requirements, but also towards settling the Estate. Mrs. Teruo Ujiye, who is in Beamsville, Ontario, says she is not able herself to arrange for the appointment of an administrator.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA

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12024

6th April, 1943.

The Official Administrator,
Court House,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of the late Minematsu ONODERA

We are endeavouring to locate the key to Safety Deposit Box No. 164, Bank of Montreal, Main and Hastings Streets, Vancouver, formerly rented by the late Mr. Minematsu Onodera, and we have been advised that Mrs. Teruo Ujiye, sister of the deceased, gave you the key prior to her evacuation from the protected area.

It would be appreciated, therefore, if you would kindly forward said key to this office as soon as possible. If, on the other hand, you are not holding the key would you please be good enough to advise us who is so we may trace the matter further.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

File No. 13207
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c/o Messrs C. H. Prudhomme and Gray
Blumsville, Ontario.
April 3, 1943.

Dept. of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian.
Mr. Alexander.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd APR 9 1943
File No.
Ans. Dom
Referred Mr. Brokes

Dear Sir:

I thank you very much for the letter of March 29th. Begging your pardon for my unreasonable long delay in replying to your esteemed letter of February 17th.

My father, the late Minoru Oshima, who was 63 years of age was sent to the Lonely Road Camp in the Bella Bella District of B.C. on March 23rd, 1942. His death took place three months later, July 18th, 1942. from injuries received in a landslide.

The body was brought to Kamploops for an inquest

and then on to Vancouver for cremation.

I did not obtain an official death certificate, but if this certificate would assist you, I will gladly send for it.

My husband and I both acknowledge receipt of your check No 893 for $12.13. We thank you very, very much.

Regarding Mr. Uchida's claim for $30.00 against my father, we find it best to have this taken from the estate of the deceased.

Hoping this will meet your approval, I am

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) Shizuye Ujiye.

43 Murray St.
Toronto, Ontario.
March 29, 1943

VACUATION SECTION
Rec'd MAR 31 1943
File No.
Ans. B.C.
Referred Alexander

Offices of Custodians
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Hastings & Granville.
Vancouver, B.C

File No. 13792

13792 - Cooper

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter dated March 13, 1943, requesting that I send you the safety deposit box key. My sister, Mrs. Doris Cooper, gave the key to the Official Administrator, Court House, Vancouver, B.C., before leaving the Protected Area. I have the other key.

Mr. R. F. Parker of the Bank of Montreal, 370 Main Street, has been in touch with the Official Administrator, who has no knowledge of the key being left with him by my sister. My sister is writing to the Official Administrator regarding the key. Will you please do the same.

The name and present address of all surviving members of the

March 29, 1943.

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

Family of the late Minematsu Orodera are,

Mrs. Isuno Ujiye
C/o Messrs. Budhomme & Sons
Beamsville, Ontario

Kiyoko Orodera
Yoshiko Orodera
Mieno Orodera

Niigage-ken
Yonekawa Mura
Yokohama, Japan

and myself residing in Toronto.

Will you please give me more information regarding the disposal of the estate of my father, the late Minematsu Orodera.

Yours truly,
Yoshie Orodera

12024 & 13792

19th March, 1943.

Mr. John Yoshio [redacted],
Registration No. 02943,
43 Murray Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: The late Mr. Kingorou [redacted]

Mr. Norman Lee, Inspector of Succession Duties, has forwarded to us a copy of your letter to him dated February 24th in connection with Safety Deposit Box No. 164 in the Bank of Montreal.

We would appreciate your sending to us the key to the safety deposit box in question. Alternatively, if you are not holding the key to the safety deposit box please indicate who is and arrange for that individual to send said key to us by registered mail. We are sending a copy of this letter to your sister, Mrs. Terao Ujiye, for her information.

Our records indicate that one $50.00 War Savings Certificate in your name is contained in said safety deposit box, together with another War Savings Certificate in the name of your late father, and sundry other documents.

When replying to this letter please give us the full names and present addresses of all surviving members of the family of the late Mr. Kingorou Onodera.

We take this opportunity of advising you that we have no record of having received the registration of your assets with the Custodian and we are therefore instructing our Registration Department to forward to you the necessary forms, which please complete and return to us immediately.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:LP

MEMORANDUM

File Nos.: 12024
13792

March 10, 1943.

To: Mr. S. P. Alexander

From: Mr. O. E. Spain

Re: The late Mr. Minnetan GNODDRA

I presented your letter at the Bank of Montreal but was unable to obtain possession of the contents of the safety deposit box without breaking the lock which would cost $2.50. The bank dislike having to break ... to replace ... difficulties, priorities, etc. Furthermore, the key is in the possession of signing herself as executrix, this person, E. Ojire, 376 W. 4th Avenue. ... sent Authority (No. 43180) dated October 26th, 1942 signed by C. Fraser Elliott, Commissioner of Succession Duties and listed the contents, (as per copy attached).

SES/LF

Key with Mrs Ojire.

CONTENTS OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX NO. 164
IN THE NAME OF MINOMATSU ONODERA

1. One War Savings Certificate No. TB139461 (1x $10.00) Reg. Minomatsu Onodera, May 15/41

   One war Savings Certificate 1 x $50.00 registered in name of Yochi Onodera.

2. Immigration Identification Card - Mr. Onodera Minomatsu, 9/1/23

3. Sundry papers written in Japanese.

4. Sundry birth certificates -

   Yoshiko Onodera
   Kayo Onodera
   Niyosu Onodera

5. One personal seal (?) in black case.

Certified:

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE

ADDRESS REPLY TO
INSPECTOR OF SUCCESSION DUTIES

SUCCESSION DUTY DIVISION

QUOTE THIS REFERENCE
G.W.R.

739 W. Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
March 4, 1943.

EVALUATION SECTION
Rec'd MAR 5 1943
File No. 12024
Ans.
Referred Alexander

Office of the Custodian,
1404 - 675 W. Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: Minomatsu Onodera, Deceased.
Your File No. 12024

To confirm telephone conversation of March 1st, I am enclosing herewith copies of correspondence and Withdrawal Consent, No. 16478, covering safety deposit box contents.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

Harman Lee

INSPECTOR OF SUCCESSION DUTIES

Encl.—Sec 7 Feb 24th
GWR/BD

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43 Murray St.,
Toronto, Ontario,
February 24, 1943.

MAR 5 1943
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Inspector of Succession Duties,
Winch Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I wish information regarding the release of the contents of safety deposit box, #164, at the Bank of Montreal, corner of Main and Hastings Street.

This safety deposit box was rented by my father, the late Minomatsu Onodera, Reg. #01209. He had my sister, Mrs. Sayo Niiye and myself sign at the Bank to gain admittance to his safety deposit box. But after my father was killed, my sister who was in Vancouver at that time was unable to gain admittance to the box.

The contents are, a 10 dollar war savings certificate which my father signed over to me before leaving Vancouver for Gosnell Road Camp, a 5 dollar war savings certificate which belongs to me, and a deed to some property in Japan, the value unknown.

Will it be possible to have these contents of the box transferred directly to me.

Thanking you for an early answer, I am,

Yours truly,

"Yocki Onodera"

12024

23rd February, 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. Teruo UJIYE,
Registration Nos. 01418 and 01549,
c/o Messrs. C. H. Prudhomme & Sons,
Beamsville, Ontario.

Dear Sir and Madam:

Attached please find our Cheque No. 1893, payable to your order and amounting to $122.13, in payment of funeral expenses for the late Mr. Mincmatsu Onodera, the receipt of which we would appreciate your acknowledging by return mail.

We wish to call your attention again to the claim filed with us by Dr. M. Uchida for $50.00 against the late Mr. Onodera and would appreciate your comments in this connection.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:LF

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20th February, 1943.

Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes,
Death Benefit Department,
61 Putnam Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Hinenten OKUMURA
Claim No. 20,597

Thank you for your letter dated February 11th and for your cheque for $225.00 enclosed with your letter. Attached please find our Receipt No. 3084.

We are arranging forthwith to forward to Mr. and Mrs. Ujiye a cheque for $122.13 payable to them jointly. The balance thereafter remaining is being placed in a trust account in the name of the late Mr. Hinenten Okumura until such time as letters of administration or letters testamentary are obtained by Mrs. Ujiye or on behalf of Mrs. Ujiye.

You may safely regard the attached Receipt No. 3084 as releasing your Brotherhood of any further liability in connection with Claim No. 20,597.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:LF

12209 & 12024

17th February, 1943.

Mrs. Teruo UJIKE,
Registration No. 01549,
c/o Messrs. C. H. Prudhomme & Sons,
Bowmsville, Ontario.

Dear Madam:

Thank you very much for your letter dated February 8th from which we observe that you are finding difficulty in arranging for the appointment of an administrator for the Estate of the late Mr. Minomatsu Onodera who, we learn from your letter dated December 19th, 1942, passed away without leaving a will, i.e., intestate.

We would appreciate your providing us with information as to the date and place of the death of the late Mr. Minomatsu Onodera so that we may arrange for the public administrator to take steps on your behalf.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:LF

ELMER E. MILLIMAN
PRESIDENT

A. SHOEMAKE
SECRETARY-TREASURER

BROTHERHOOD OF MAINTENANCE OF WAY EMPLOYES

AFFILIATED WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS OF CANADA

A. SHOEMAKE
SUPERINTENDENT

OFFICE OF
DEATH BENEFIT DEPARTMENT
61 PUTNAM AVE., DETROIT, MICH.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd FEB 16 1943
File No.
Ans.
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Lodge #1734.

February 11, 1943.

Mr. R. P. Alexander, Manager,
The Custodian's Office,
Department of the Secretary of State of Canada,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings and Granville,
Vancouver, British Columbia,
Canada.

Your File: 12024 & 13209

Re: Claim #20,597 - M. Onodera

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of February 2nd., citing the Regulations which stipulate that all monies payable to aliens coming within the scope of the Consolidated Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1939), shall be paid to the Custodian of Enemy Property. You also called attention to Section 35 of these regulations, which provides that the receipt of the Custodian or any person duly authorized to sign receipts for any money paid to him under those regulations shall be a good discharge to the person paying him such money.

We note, also, the promise that, on receiving our check for the $425.00 still payable on this claim, the Custodian will forward check for $122.13, payable jointly to Mrs. Teruo Ujiye, and her husband; and that the balance of the benefit will be placed by the Custodian in a trust account in the name of the late Minomatsu Onodera, until such time as Letters of Administration or Letters Testamentary are obtained by Mrs. Ujiye or a solicitor appointed by her or her husband to act on their behalf.

While it has been customary for us to pay benefits due a member's estate, direct to the Administrator thereof; and then, only after we had been furnished the usual Letters of Administration, we are departing from this procedure, in view of the war time regulations cited by you.

We are enclosing herewith check payable to the Custodian of Enemy Property, in the amount of $425.00 to complete the payment of this $500.00 claim, $75.00 of which had already been paid by us to the British Columbia Security Commission of Vancouver, to reimburse it for that amount it had advanced on the cost of M. Onodera's burial.

ONODERA, Minomatsu (deceased) 12024/01209

IN ANSWERING PLEASE MENTION ABOVE CLAIM NUMBER

On your receiving the enclosed check, please see that we are furnished an official receipt from the Custodian of Enemy Property, releasing our Brotherhood from any further liability on this claim, Mr. Alexander.

Yours truly,

A Shoemake

Supt. Death Benefit Dept.

AS:FF

CC: John Roscow, Sec. Lodge #1734.
" Louis Vogland, Gen. Chrm. G. N. Sys. Div.

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File No. 12024
Ans.
Referred Alexander

Messrs. C. H. Drudomme & Sons,
Bramsville, Ontario.
February 8, 1943.

Department of the Secretary of State.
Office of the Custodian.
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
File No - 12024 + 13207.

Dear Sir:-

Thank you very much for your copy of the letter to the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes, Mutual Benefit Department, which was received to-day.

In regard to your letter of January 4th, asking my husband and myself to arrange for the appointment of an administrator, after much consideration, we find this impossible as Bramsville is only a very small town. Hamilton or Toronto would be the nearest cities

where we could arrange to have an administrator appointed for us but under present conditions, we find it impossible to go to the city and have matters arranged as you suggest.

We will write further instructions from you.

Thanking you very kindly.

yours very truly,

(Mrs) Lucio Rojeje.

Reg No-01549.

12024 &
13209

2nd February, 1943.

The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes,
Death Benefit Department,
61 Putnam Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Claim No. 20,577
Kinematsu [illegible]

Thank you very much for your letter dated January 22nd. We ask that you be good enough to forward to us a cheque made payable to the Custodian of Enemy Property for the sum of $425.00. This request is made under powers conferred in the Custodian under the Consolidated Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1939) which stipulate that all monies which would have been payable . . . . . shall be paid to the Custodian (P.C. 2512, S. 26 (1) Amended).

Your attention is also directed to Section 35 of the same Regulations which, for your purposes, state that "The receipt of the Custodian or any person duly authorized to sign receipts on his behalf for any money paid to him under these Regulations shall be a good discharge to the person paying the same."

On receipt of your cheque for the amount due the Custodian will be pleased to forward a cheque for $122.13 made payable jointly to Mrs. Teruo Ujiye, Police Registration No. C1549, and to her husband, Mr. Teruo Ujiye, Police Registration No. C1416. The balance remaining thereafter will be placed by the Custodian in a trust account in the name of the late Mr. Kinematsu Onodera, Police Registration No. C1269, until such time as Letters of Administration or Letters Testimentary are obtained by Mrs. Ujiye or a solicitor appointed by her or her husband to act on their behalf.

Yours truly,

E. P. Alexander
Manager

EPA:LP

Copy sent Mrs Ujiye
" John Parsons.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JAN 28 1943
SECRETARY-TREASURER
File No. 12024 - 13209
Ans.
Referred Alexander

ELMER E. MILLIMAN
PRESIDENT

BROTHERHOOD OF MAINTENANCE OF WAY EMPLOYES

AFFILIATED WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS OF CANADA

A. SHOEMAKE
SUPERINTENDENT

Lodge #1734

OFFICE OF
DEATH BENEFIT DEPARTMENT
61 PUTNAM AVE., DETROIT, MICH.

January 22, 1943

Mr. R.P. Alexander, Manager
The Custodian's Office
Department of the Secretary of State of Canada
506 Royal Bank Bldg
Hastings and Granville
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Your File: 12024 & 13209

Re: Claim #20,597 - M.Onodera

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of January 14th., asking that we be good enough to send check for $425.00, made payable to the Custodian of Enemy Property, and promising that upon receipt of such a check, your office will arrange to reimburse Mrs. Teruo Ujiye, daughter of Minomatsu Onodera, for expenses previously incurred by her in connection with his burial.

If you will refer to our letter of January 8th., you will note that we called attention to having requested Mrs.Teruro Ujiye to send us receipts for the amount she has paid, and that when these were received by us they were all charged to T.Ujiye and not to Mrs. Ujiye. Her attention was called to this through our letter of October 30th to John Roscow, 14 -14th Avenue,W. of Vancouver, B.C. who is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Subordinate Lodge of which M.Onodera was a member, and who was handling the correspondence for Mrs. Ujiye in connection with this claim. Mrs. Ujiye was informed that if the receipts referred to should have been issued to her, we should be furnished corrected receipts; otherwise, we would have to issue check for the amount covered by those receipts to Mr. Ujiye who, we assumed, was her husband. No reply was made by Mrs. Ujiye; but under date of December 21, 1942, Mr. T.Ujiye advised us that Brother Roscoe had sent him a copy of the aforementioned letter. Mr. Ujiye then made the request referred to in our letter to you of January 8th., that we send him a check for the $122.13 covered by the only receipts he was able to obtain at the time he was being evacuated. As you will note from enclosed copy of his letter, he mentions other items of expense for which he had been unable to obtain receipts. At your suggestion, we are also enclosing copies of the actual receipts that made up the sum of $122.13 being claimed by Mr. Ujiye.

The Brotherhood laws provide that in cases where a member failed to designate a beneficiary, any accumulated benefit is payable to such member's widow, if one survived him; otherwise to his estate; or it may be applied on the cost of his burial.

In your letter of November 17th., you advised us that the Custodian's Office requested that no further payments be made on this claim, pending our receiving Letters of Administration or Letters Testamentary; and that the Custodian had suggested to Mrs. Ujiye that she secure those documents. It was further stated in that letter that, after we received either document, payment was not to be made to any individual of the Japanese race, but that such payment was to be made in the form of a check payable to the order of the Custodian of Enemy Property.

In your letter of January 14th., you requested that check for the $425.00 balance still due on this claim be sent to your office, made payable to the Custodian of Enemy Property. Are we to construe this request to mean that your office has now been furnished the Letters of Administration or Letters Testamentary it was suggested should be obtained by Mrs. Ujiye? If not, please let us know, for the satisfaction of our auditors, under what law we can pay this $425.00 to the Custodian of Enemy Property in British Columbia, without first obtaining the usual certified copy of Letters of Administration, or of Letters Testamentary, the Custodian had suggested to Mrs. Ujiye should be secured by her.

Yours truly,

A Shoemake

Supt. Death Benefit Dept.

AS:FF

cc: John Roscow, Sec. Lodge #1734
Louis Vogland, Gen.Chrm.G.N.Sys.Div.

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① #29 Payee
② #35(3) Custodian's Receipt

12024 & 13209

Your Reference Lodge #1734

14th January, 1943.

The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes,
Death Benefit Department,
61 Putnam Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Claim No. 20,597
Minematsu ONODERA

Thank you very much for your letter dated January 8th. We ask that you be good enough to send to this office in the form of a cheque made payable to the Custodian of Enemy Property the sum of $425.00, upon receipt of which arrangements will be made by this office to reimburse Mrs. Teruo Ujiye, daughter of the late Minematsu Onodera, for expenses previously incurred by her in connection with the burial of the late Minematsu Onodera amounting, we understand, to $122.13, covering which you hold receipts.

When sending us relative cheque please be good enough to list briefly particulars of the items making up said total of $122.13.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

HPAcLF

c.c. to Mrs. Teruo Ujiye

ELMER E. MILLIMAN
PRESIDENT

A. SHOEMAKE
SECRETARY-TREASURER

BROTHERHOOD OF MAINTENANCE OF WAY EMPLOYES

AFFILIATED WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS OF CANADA

OFFICE OF

A. SHOEMAKE
SUPERINTENDENT

Lodge #1734

DEATH BENEFIT DEPARTMENT
61 PUTNAM AVE., DETROIT, MICH.

January 8, 1943

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Mr. R.P.Alexander, Manager
The Custodian's Office
Department of the Secretary of State of Canada
506 Royal Bank Building
Hastings and Granville
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Your File No.12024

Re: Claim #20,597 - M.Onodera

Dear Sir:

We have your letters of November 17th and December 8th. The reason we made no reply to the first of these was because we considered it merely a formal request that no further payments be made on this claim, pending the letters of Administration or Letters Testamentary you had suggested to Mrs. Ujiye should be secured by her.

Our laws provide that in cases where a member failed to designate a beneficiary, or whose last designated beneficiary predeceased him, any accumulated benefit may be applied on the cost of such member's burial. It was on the basis of this provision of our laws that we issued check for $75.00 to the British Columbia Security Commission to reimburse it for that amount it had used in partial payment of the decedent's burial. At the time we mailed out that check, we had requested Mrs. Ujiye to furnish us bills covering burial expenses she had paid, so we could reimburse her for the amount paid out of her personal funds. She sent us receipts for $122.13 that had already been paid on the cost of the decedent's burial. This sum was apart from the $75.00 advanced by the British Columbia Security Commission. After deducting this item from the $500.00 benefit payable on this claim, we suggested that perhaps all concerned would prefer that we paid the entire balance to M.Onodera's estate. However, Mrs. Ujiye informed us through the Secretary-Treasurer of the lodge to which the deceased belonged, that it was her desire that we deduct the sum of $181.50 for burial expenses as listed in a statement previously furnished us. We therefore requested her to send us receipts for the amount already paid. As previously indicated we were furnished receipted bills totalling $122.13. However, these bills are all charged to T. Ujiye, and were evidently paid by him.

Our Brotherhood desires to comply with your laws governing the payment of money to Japanese residing in Canada. But as we had already advised the daughter of M.Onodera, prior to the date your letter of November 17th reached us, that we were prepared to comply

IN ANSWERING PLEASE MENTION ABOVE CLAIM NUMBER

Mr. R.P.Alexander, Manager
The Custodian's Office
Department of the Secretary of State of Canada
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Hastings & Granville
Vancouver, B.C.Canada

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with her request that we deduct the cost of burial from the death benefit, we do not wish to be placed in the position of being open to the accusation of refusing to see that the relatives of members of Japanese origin are reimbursed for the money they have used out of their personal funds for the cost of a member's burial.

On December 30th we received a request from T.Ujiye explaining that as evacuation faced him he was not able to obtain receipts for all the items of expense listed in the aforementioned statement of $181.50. He therefore requested that we send him the sum of $122.13 covered by receipts already sent us, and which we had promised to deduct from the death benefit due on this claim. However, in the face of your letter of November 17th., we are at a loss to know what course to pursue.

Will you kindly promptly advise whether your office would reimburse T.Ujiye for money he has spent in connection with the burial of his father-in-law, if we paid the estate the $425.00 balance still due on this claim, in case it is not permissible under your present laws to reimburse a Japanese evacuee direct for the money he has spent on the cost of a relative's burial?

Yours very truly,

A Shoemake

AS:FF

Supt. Death Benefit Dept.

cc: John Roscow, Secretary
T.Ujiye -Beamsville, Ontario
c/o C.H.Prudhommes & Sons

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EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JAN 28 1943
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Ans.
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Beamsville, Ontario
c/o C. H. Prudhommes & Sons
Dec. 21, 1942

Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes
Death Benefit Department
61 Putnam Ave.
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

I have received a copy of your letter to Mr. Roscow on the behalf of my burial expense of Mr. Onodera (my father-in-law) regarding the receipts. The clergyman was Rev. Tsuji. Mr. Negora is the man who accompanied Mr. Onodera's body. The flowers was bought at David Spencers L. T. D. of Vancouver, for which I had no receipts. As evacuation faced us I could not get these receipts. Therefore I realize this sum cannot be forwarded to me without receipts. As to the sum of $122.13 I will be more than grateful to have you send it on to me.

Mr. Roscow has given his most kind attention to these matters for me, so taking this opportunity I am making application for my claim #20597.

Thanking you kindly,

Yours very truly,

T. Ujiye

12024

November 17, 1942

Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sirs:

Your reference: Lodge #1714

Re: Kinematsu ONODERA, Police Reg. No. 01209 (deceased) and his daughter Mrs. Teruo UJIYE, Police Reg. No. 01549.

The British Columbia Security Commission, Vancouver, has today provided us with a copy of your letter to them dated September 29th signed by Mr. A. Shoemake, Superintendent of your Death Benefit Department.

The Custodian's Office requests that no further payments be made under Policy No. 20597 pending your receipt of letters of administration or of letters testamentary and the Custodian thereafter stipulates that payment at that time be made not to any individual of the Japanese race, but be made to this office on behalf of such individual and in the form of a cheque payable to the order of the Custodian of Enemy Property.

The Custodian has on file a number of claims against the late Mr. Onodera and has suggested to Mrs. Ujiye that she secure letters of administration or letters testamentary.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:MAD

12024 and 13209

November 17, 1942

Mrs. Misayo (Teruo) UJIYE, #01549
c/o Messrs. C. H. Prudhomme and Sons
Beamsville, Ont.

Dear Madam:

Further to our letter dated November 11th, we have to inform you that Mr. L. W. Simmons of the B. C. Security Commission now informs us that they have obtained a cheque for $75.00 from the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, Detroit, in settlement of their claim.

Insofar as the balance due is concerned, the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees is prepared to make payment upon being furnished with the usual certified copy of letters of administration or of letters testimentary.

We would, therefore, appreciate receiving your comments in connection with the fifth paragraph of our letter to you dated November 11th.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:MAD

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November 17, 1942

British Columbia Security Commission
Marine Building
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention of Mr. D. W. Simmons
Chief Accountant

Dear Sirs:

Re: Hingoratsu OKOBELA, #01302,
Deceased

Thank you very much for your letter dated November 11th, together with attachments mentioned therein, all of which have been noted.

We observe that your claim for $75.00 has apparently been satisfied.

We are communicating with Mrs. Terue UJIYE in an endeavour to secure information regarding letters of administration.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:MAD

Alexander /

Telephone PAcific 7681

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

MARINE BUILDING
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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION
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14th November, 1942.

Mr. R. P. Alexander,
Manager,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Minomatsu ONODERA,
Reg. #01209, Deceased

Your letter of November 11th addressed to Mr. Hawkins, with further reference to the above, has been turned over to the writer for reply.

For your information, we are attaching hereto copy of letter received by us from the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees with respect to the Insurance Policy carried with them by the deceased. Following receipt of this letter we requested that they forward a cheque in the amount of $75.00 to cover funeral charges as paid by the Commission. This cheque has already come to hand.

We trust that this will give you sufficient information to complete the case.

Yours very truly,

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Mildred F. Ferguson
for D. W. Simmons,
Chief Accountant.

DWS:MF
Encl.

13209 and 12024

November 11, 1942

Mrs. Kisayo (Teruo) UJIYE, #01549
c/o Messrs. C. H. Prudhomme and Sons
Beamsville, Ont.

Dear Madam:

Thank you very much for your letter dated November 5th in connection with the late Mr. Minomatsu Onodera, Police Reg. No. 01209.

At the present time we are holding the sum of $10.85 received by us from the B. C. Security Commission to the credit of the late Mr. Onodera plus the sum of $5.72 secured by us from the Provincial Collector, Vancouver, and representing refund of 1% wage deductions for the first six months of 1941.

It is also our understanding that the B. C. Security Commission have communicated with the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees of Detroit, Michigan with whom the late Mr. Onodera carried Insurance Policy No. 20597.

Before the Custodian's Office can distribute any funds from the account of the late Mr. Minomatsu Onodera, the Custodian's Office must be satisfied that such distribution is legally permissable.

Would you please be good enough to let us know by return mail whether or not Mr. Onodera left a will, what steps have been taken to have said will probated, who has been appointed administrator, etc., following which we should be very happy to give consideration to the application embodied in your letter dated November 5th.

When replying to this letter we would also appreciate your providing us with the Police Registration Number and present address of Mr. Teruo UJIYE.

We also wish to call your attention to the fact that we received a claim for $50.00 from Dr. M. Uchida covering his

services on behalf of your father in connection with which we would appreciate receiving your reply. The B. C. Security Commission have also lodged with us their claim for $75.00 to cover the cost of funeral expenses which were incurred by them on behalf of the late Mr. Onodera.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:MAD

13209 and 13024

November 11, 1942

B. C. Security Commission
Marine Building
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention of Mr. E. T. Hawkins

Dear Sirs:

Re: Minometsu ONODERA, Police Reg. No. 01707 (Deceased) and his daughter Mrs. Teruo UJIYE, Police Reg. No. 01549.

This will confirm our tele hone conversation of the afternoon of November 10th in which we referred to Mr. D. S. Simron's letter to us dated September 21st, 1942.

It is our understanding that the British Columbia Security Commission has applied to the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees of Detroit, Michigan in connection with Policy No. 20597 carried by the late Mr. Onodero and have filed with said Insurance Company a claim for $~~7~~.00 funeral expenses.

Are you in a position to inform us whether or not Mr. Onodera left a will or whether he died intestate, whether letters of probate or administration have been obtained, and who has been appointed administrator of the late Mr. Onodero, or whether the B. C. Security Commission are acting as administrators.

In this connection we wish to point out to you that we have received a claim from Dr. M. Uchida for $50.00 covering his services in respect to the late Mr. Onodera and we are also holding the sum of $5.7~ received by us from the Provincial Collector in Vancouver for the credit of the late Mr. Onodera plus the sum of $10.86 you forwarded to us with your letter dated October 29th.

Please let us kno face value of Policy No. 20597.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:MAD

Telephone PAcific 7531

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Ans.
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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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29th October 1942.

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

Deer Sir,

Re M. Onodera #01209(deceased)

We enclose herewith cheque No.E 29524 in the amount of $10.86, being payment of wages to the above named man for July 1942.

This man died as a result of an accident at Gosnell work camp on July 18th. He was a Japanese National. A son and daughter survive him in Canada. The son, John Yochi, #02943, is in an internment camp. The daughter, Mrs Teruo UJIME, #01549, left Vancouver on October 26th to enter the employ of C.H.Prudhomme & Sons, Beamsville, Ont.

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Yours truly,

B.C.SECURITY COMMISSION

E.W.Hawkins

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Treasury Officer.

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BROTHERHOOD OF MAINTENANCE OF WAY EMPLOYEES

61 Putnam Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.

Lodge #1734.

September 29, 1942.

Mr. D. W. Simmons,
Chief Accountant,
British Columbia Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.,
Canada.

Dear Sir:

Re: Claim #20,597 - M. Onodera

We have your letter of September 19th in connection with the item of $75.00 paid by the British Columbia Security Commission on the cost of Brother M. Onodera's burial.

The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees does not indemnify its members nor insure them against loss. It is an international labor union, an unincorporated, voluntary association, the main objects of which are to obtain and maintain advantages for its members in the form of better wages and working conditions, the adjustment and settlement of grievances, etc., the usual functions of a labor union. All dues are paid for its general activities as such. It is not an insurance company nor a mutual benefit society, nor is it chartered nor registered as such. There is no life insurance department; no life insurance policies or certificates are issued or used; no life insurance premiums are collected; no life insurance agents are employed. Our death benefit is a graduated gratuity, or reward, for the payment of dues on time.

Under our laws benefits are payable to the last validly designated beneficiary. In cases where a member failed to designate a beneficiary, or whose last designated beneficiary predeceased him, any accumulated benefit is payable to such member's widow, if one survived him; otherwise, to his estate, or it may be applied on the cost of his burial.

The only beneficiary designation of which we have

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record, named the decedent's wife as beneficiary. However, she predeceased him; and he never designated anyone as beneficiary in her place. We can therefore either pay the entire $500.00 benefit to Brother Onodera's estate, or apply it on the cost of his burial.

As we understand the situation, the British Columbia Security Commission paid $75.00 for having the decedent's body embalmed and shipped to Vancouver.

Mrs. T. Ujiye, the married daughter of Brother Onodera, has submitted a statement of $181.50. This does not include the $75.00 paid by the Security Commission. So the entire cost of burial, according to statements submitted, totals $256.50. This will leave a balance of $243.50 of the $500.00 benefit still to be disposed of. Under our laws this can only be paid to Brother Onodera's estate. That will necessitate our being furnished the usual certified copy of Letters of Administration, or of Letters Testamentary before we could pay the balance. It may therefore be more satisfactory to all concerned if we paid the entire benefit to the decedent's estate. The Commission and the undertaker who took charge of the funeral after Brother Onodera's body reached Vancouver from Kamloops, also any other creditors, could then file their respective claims with the Administrator.

However, if preferred, we are willing to issue check to the Commission for the $75.00 it has paid on the cost of Brother Onodera's funeral, on being furnished undertaker's bill paid by it. This bill will be returned, as soon as we can have a photostatic copy made for our file.

We presume that the $75.00 referred to was not in the form of a death benefit accumulated by the deceased under some Act to which he and his employer contributed, such as is provided for in the United States under our Railroad Retirement Act, or under our Social Security Act. If the $75.00 was of this nature, then it would appear that unless this sum exceeded the combined contributions of the employer and employee, we would not be justified in deducting this $75.00 from the death benefit. A statement from you on that point for the satisfaction of our auditors, will be appreciated, Mr. Simmons.

Yours very truly,

" A. Shoemake "

Supt. Death Benefit Dept.

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Dear Sir: Attention Mr. McAllister

Re: Mr. Minomatsu ONODERA,
Registration No. 01209

Please be advised that this Commission has paid the sum of $75.00 to cover cost of funeral expenses in respect to the above deceased.

We understand that Mr. Onodera carried an Insurance Policy - No. 20597 - with the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, 61 Putnam Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, and we have filed claim with them to recover these expenses; however, we are not sure that collection can be made from them and would request information from you as to any other estate he may have had.

Thanking you for your kind co-operation in this matter, we are,

Yours very truly,

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

D. W. Simmons,
Chief Accountant.

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