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**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: Mrs. Ruth HAMAGUCHI
HOME ADDRESS: No. 7 Building Room 5 Greenwood, B.C.
REGISTRATION NUMBER (04340) SEX: Female AGE: 34
OCCUPATION: Grocer

(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: Hamaguchi Grocery

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Mr. Mitsujiro Hamaguchi

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Rainbow, B.C. Via Red Pass

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Asako, Mitsuyo, Haruko,

Hikaru, Nobuko.

4 girls and 1 boy in family

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Greenwood, B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 8 yrs. 7 yrs. 5 yrs. 3 yrs. 2 yrs.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Grocery store worth \$5,000.00
at 54 Monckton St. Steveston, B.C. Next to Post Office.
Lived upstairs. Kitchen downstairs. Loaned all kitchen fixtures to
Mr. & Mrs. Webb who now occupies the store.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

Newly made bath house with wooden bath and tank included.

Cost \$50.00 for lumber and labor.

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) 2 Sun Life Insurance
of \$1,000.00 each. 5 children in Prudential Insurance Co. of
America Kept at Safety deposit Box of Royal Bank, Steveston.

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable)**5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)****6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)**

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS:

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST:

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Grocery store 54 Monckton St.

Steveston, B.C. Next to Post Office.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Prudential Trust.

Vancouver, B.C. Mr. Morrison

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: \$30.00 a Month

rent paid on the 10th of each and every month.

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE:

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid)

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

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

Grocery store 54 Monckton St. Steveston, B.C.

2 show-cases 5 tables 1 slicing machine 1 scale 1 cash register

1 clock 1 coco-cola cooler 1 long cake table 1 meat saw

4 meat knives 1 meat grinder 1 coffee machine 1 Bicycle for

delivering. Everything in store with stock of \$450.00.

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Webb

54 Monckton St. Steveston, B.C.

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: \$3,000.00 for stock
fixtures, also furnitures in house

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF
OTHERS:

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom)
About \$800.00 credits owing us some Japanese, Indians &
white people of Steveston. Mr. Francis Point over \$100.00
Oliver Watson Percy Bell Mrs. Brown Russel Rice Mr. George Skinner
Mrs. Green, Mrs. Heyworth, Mr. Hashimoto, Sanderson, Walter Wilson & others

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: about \$120.00 in Royal Bank.

9. LIFE INSURANCE:

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: 1 Box No. 6 Steveston, B.C.

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: We have no debts of any kind left unpaid
before I left Steveston May 2nd 1942.

2. TRADE DEBTS: No debts to any wholesalers or premises
we had occupied there in Steveston for 10 yrs.
Absolutely 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 19th day of August 1942

(Signature) "Ruth Hamaguchi"

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

May 25, 1943.
 Nov. 16, 1942.

Date _____

Our File No. 13564

Full Name HAMAGUCHI, Mitsujiro
 (Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 04254

Male - Female
 (check)

Age Sept. 18, 1897

Former Address Steveston, B. C. (P. O. Box 119)

Date Evacuated 10/3/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
 (check)

Present Address Greenwood, B. C.

Married - Single
 (check)

Name of Wife OYAMA, Ruth

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother Deceased

Name of Father Deceased

Names of Children under 16 Asako (F) 14/11/33; Hikaru (M) 5/3/39

Misuyo (F) 30/3/35; Nobuko (F) 27/9/40

Haruko (F) 22/5/37.

Requested by L. Farrant.

Registered with Custodian _____
 (Yes or No)

Additional Information Owms grocery store.

MEMORANDUM

August 16, 1949.

TO: Mr. Good
FROM: E. Robertson

Re: Case No. 268 - Executive HANAGUCHI

CLAIM: The correct total of this claim is \$510.75, not \$510.25 as shown on the Defense Brief and on Exhibit No. 1.

The figures given in connection with this claim show the following:

Auct. Sales	\$510.25	-	changed to	\$373.25
INF - RM	00.00	-	"	137.00

I have prepared a new Analysis which shows the following disposition:

\$ 374.25	-	sold at auction for	\$114.75
41.50	-	declared not found	
95.00	-	abandoned	
510.75	-	Total Claim.	

It would appear that the goods I have allocated to abandoned are being put under "RM", but it is quite clear from the letter on file dated May 10, 1943, that these goods (i.e. 5 tables) were considered to be of no value. It is noted however that the letter of May 10, 1943, records these tables as being "old", whereas the Claimant states "5 tables (counters) 1 used & new".

/ER

File No. 13564.

April 1/48.

MEMORANDUM - Mr. Hunter.

Re: Mitsuiro HAMAGUCHI - Reg.#04254.

I have dealt with all chattels pertaining to Mitsuiro HAMAGUCHI'S file and chattels declared on wife's file as they both seem to have declared the same chattels.

*RUTH
HAMAGUCHI
(File 11771)*

Kindly note that 5 old tables have been moved outside - no value, according to letter May 10/43, to Mr. J.E.Webb.

Re goods left in River Garage - See Chattel Summary July 31/47, & letter Jan.9/47.

Re letter Feb.18/43 - Neither Mitsuiro HAMAGUCHI nor his wife declared owning these effects at anytime. We wrote to J.E.Webb, Dec.10/46 & July 28/47 but have rec'd., no reply. There is a notation on letter dated July 28/47: "not traced" "A.J.".

J. Spratt

/JS

File No. 9332

ANALYSIS RELATIVE TO CLAIM OF
Sekimatsu ONIZAKI - Regn. No. 13400

Mar. 22/48

REAL PROPERTY:

Lot "A" of Lot 6 of SW₄, Sec. 27, Tp. 17, Map 2110, save and except the northerly 5 acres more or less thereof as shown and outlined in Red in Sketch 5512, Municipality of Mission, D.N.W.

	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>S.S. Bd. Appraisal</u>	<u>V.L.A. Purchase</u>	<u>Claimants Valuation</u>
Land	\$250.00	\$153.00		
Improvements	<u>275.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>		
	\$525.00	\$328.00	\$322.00	\$1700.00
		Less sale price		<u>338.64</u> (\$322.00)
		Amount of Claim		<u>\$1361.36</u> (\$1378.00)

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August 4, 1947

Mr. Mitsujiro HAMAGUCHI,
Reg. No. 04254,
GREENWOOD, B. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the letter, dated January 7, 1947, received from your wife, we wish to inform you that a thorough investigation has been made into the goods found at the River Garage, Steveston, B. C. As a result, the net proceeds from the sale of a bureau with mirror, two beds and a tri-light lamp have been transferred to your account. The amount realized from the sale of these articles was \$28.51, the amount of the enclosed cheque.

X The articles referred to above were not reported by Mrs. Shimizu or by any other person whose goods were left in the River Garage, and it is assumed therefore that these are your property.

X In connection with the letter received from Mrs. Hamaguchi, we would inform you that at no time has this office been informed by Mrs. Shimizu of goods being left at the River Garage in your name.

It is unfortunate that this office was not notified earlier of the goods left by you at the River Garage. Had this information been supplied to us four years earlier, there would have been some chance of tracing these chattels.

The enclosed cheque represents all the funds standing to your credit with this office. No goods identified as belonging to you remains under the control of this office. In order that you may acknowledge the cheque we enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Office of the Custodian.

/FM
Enclosures (2)

Prudential Trust Company
LIMITED

REGISTERED CABLE ADDRESS
"PRUTRUSCO"
CODES USED
A.B.C. 6TH EDITION
WESTERN UNION

HEAD OFFICE: MONTREAL

210-215 STOCK EXCHANGE BLDG.
475 HOWE STREET

VANCOUVER, B. C.

TELEPHONE
PACIFIC 7448-7449

July 3rd, 1943

RUTH HAMAGUCHI

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd. JUL 5 1943
File No. 11771
Ans.
Referred *[Signature]*

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Hepworth Block - Steveston, B. C. -
Lots 1 - 11, Block 5 of Sec. 10, Block
3 Range 7 West, Group 1

This is to certify that the above property
is not owned by Japanese. Some Japanese occupied the premises
before they were evacuated from the Coast but they merely
occupied it as tenants only.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
Branch Manager.

Ruth Hamaguchi
Dm:
JMcK

CONDITIONAL BILL OF SALE

"CONDITIONAL SALES ACT"

These Presents Witness:

That (Mrs) Ruth Hamaguchi,
 of Steveston, British Columbia, hereinafter called the Seller, has delivered
 to John Ellwood Webb,
 residing at Steveston in British Columbia,
 hereinafter called the Buyer, the goods hereinafter described, under a contract of conditional sale, the terms and conditions
 of which contract of conditional sale are as follows, to wit:

1. Said goods are now and shall remain the absolute property of the Seller until after the full and complete payment of the purchase price therefor, which purchase price is the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450.00)
2. That the Buyer has this day paid to the Seller, on account of said purchase price, the sum of \$ Nil receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.
3. That the balance of said purchase price, to wit: \$ \$450.00, is evidenced by the following described promissory notes, to wit:

NUMBER	MAKER	DATE	DUE	AMOUNT
	It is agreed between the parties that the sum of at least Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per month, payable on the Third day of each and every month until the whole sum of Four Hundred and fifty Dollars be paid in full.			
	It is also agreed that the buyer be allowed the use of the store fixtures, which includes, Slicing Machine, Cash Register, Scale and Counters Etc. Also includes the use of the show cases. These fixtures are valued at \$300.00			

4. That on full payment of said promissory notes, principal and interest, according to their terms, the title of said goods shall vest in the Buyer subject to the conditions herein contained.
5. The said goods and every part thereof at all times while out of the possession of the Seller shall be at the risk of the Buyer, and all loss of or damage to said goods or any part thereof shall be borne by the Buyer, and no such loss or damage shall operate to extinguish or diminish any liability upon said notes or any of them; and the Buyer further agrees to keep the said goods insured in a sufficient amount in favor of the Seller to cover his interest at all times before the vesting of said title in the Buyer by the making of said payments as aforesaid.
6. The Buyer shall at all times while the said goods are in possession of the Buyer have the right to use the same for all uses and purposes for which said goods are designed.
7. Said goods are described as follows, to wit:

All the goods at present contained in the Store originally known as the Hamaguchi Grocery and situated at #54 Moncton Street in the Townsite of Steveston, Province of British Columbia.

8. In case default shall be made in the payment of the said promissory notes or any of them or any renewal or renewals thereof, either on account of principal or interest, as and when the same shall become due and payable according to their terms and conditions, or should the Buyer at any time fail to do, observe, or perform any of the terms, covenants or conditions herein contained, or should the Seller feel unsafe with respect to said goods or the unpaid balance of purchase price, then upon giving notice to the Buyer in that behalf, the whole of the balance of purchase price remaining unpaid shall, notwithstanding the giving or accepting of the aforesaid promissory notes, immediately become due and payable and in default of immediate payment the Seller shall be empowered to take possession of the said goods with or without process of law, as the Seller may elect, and this contract shall thereupon be and become forfeited and determined at the election of the Seller and all sums theretofore paid by the Buyer shall be retained by the Seller as rent for the use of the said goods, but provided, however, that any such default on the part of the Buyer shall not operate to extinguish or diminish any liability upon the said notes or any of them. Provided further that the Seller may upon taking possession of the aforesaid goods elect to resell the said goods and apply the proceeds of such sale first in payment of all costs and expenses of seizure and sale, and the balance on account of the purchase price still remaining unpaid and in case of any deficiency the Buyer shall upon notice immediately pay the amount of purchase price then still remaining unpaid.

9. Payment in full of the hereinbefore mentioned purchase price is a condition precedent to the sale and transfer to the Buyer of the above described goods.

10. Wherever the singular or the masculine are used in this document, the same shall be deemed to include the plural or the feminine, or the body politic or corporate; also the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the respective parties hereto, where the context or the parties so require.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals this Second
 day of May A.D. 1942

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

In the presence of

3564.
Office of Custodian & Bldg.
Office of Repairs, B. C.
1506.

Dear Mr. O. M. Chapman
I have just received your letter
to complete and send. I have
completed the same with the
my wife's necessary
departs.

Dear Sir, I have the pleasure to inform you that the
 sum of £1000 has been received from the
 Government of India for the purchase of the
 land for the purpose of building a school for
 the benefit of the poor children of the
 village of [unclear] in the district of [unclear].
 The land has been purchased for the sum of
 £1000 and the school is now in the process
 of being built. I have the honor to be,
 Sir, your obedient servant,
 [Signature]

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Ans. Mrs. Cipe
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file no. 13504

Office of Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver, BC

Dear Mr. G. H. Pearce,

Your letter of Dec 22, asking
me to confirm the fact the sale of my
store was made with my consent.
I wish that you permit all future
monies collected under the Conditional
Bill of Sale to my wife.

Yours truly,
Witampilo Hamaquachi
m. 04 25-4.

707 - 1000 - BC
Hamaquachi
Dec 26, 1942.

EXHIBIT	DATE	FILE	SECTION
Dec 26	1942	13504	13504

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 8181
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 13564.

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

January 5, 1943.

Mr. Mitsujiro HAMAGUCHI,
Registration No. 04254,
No. 7 House,
Greenwood, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 13 1943
File No.	13564
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Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter dated December 26th. You will find below a list of the furniture and fixtures declared by Mrs. Hamaguchi on the "JP" form completed by her in August 1942. Will you kindly confirm that you are the owner of this property, and also that you own no other property of any kind in the Protected Area. Will you also kindly add a list of liabilities if you have any. If you prefer to complete the "JP" forms forwarded to you on November 28th, please do so and return two copies to us at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

D. M. Chope.

D. M. Chope.
Administration Department.

Personal Property declared by Ruth Hamaguchi, August 19, 1942,
owned by Mitsujiro Hamaguchi, located at 54, Monckton St.,
Steveston, B.C.

2 Show Cases, 5 Tables, 1 Slicing Machine, 1 Scale, 1 Cash Register,
1 Clock, 1 Coca Cola Cooling Machine, 1 long Cake Table, 1 Meat Saw,
4 Meat Knives, 1 Meat Grinder, 1 Coffee Machine, 1 Bicycle for
delivering.

Liabilities (if any) ... 1 set of Chesterfield ... 1 dish
cabinet ... 1 flower stand at 54 Monckton St. Steveston
(for C. S. Taylor)

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.

Date Jan 8 1943

Signature Mitsujiro Hamaguchi

DMC

December 10, 1946.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: Mrs. Mitsujiro (Ruth) HAMAGUCHI - Mr. Mitsujiro HAMAGUCHI
Registration No. 04340 Registration No. 04254

Chattels: See Chattel Summary

Specified Articles: There are no Cameras, Radios, Fire Arms or Motor Vehicles revealed in the registration or the file.

Bank Accounts: Mrs. Hamaguchi declared about \$120.00 in the Royal Bank of Canada - no action was required by the Custodian.

Life Insurance: Although no insurance was declared by either Mr. or Mrs. Hamaguchi, the file of Mrs. Hamaguchi reveals a \$1,000.00 policy, No. 2241934, with the Sun Life Assurance Co., and the file of Mr. Hamaguchi reveals 3 policies with the Sun Life Assurance Co., Policies Nos. 2157918, 2195148 & 2278256. No action was required by the Custodian.

Safety Deposit box: One box, No. 6, in Steveston, B. C.

Accounts Receivable: In her declaration to the Custodian, Mrs. Hamaguchi states:

"About \$300.00 credits owing us some Japanese, Indians and White people of Steveston. Mr. Francis Point over \$100.00, Oliver Watson, Percy Belle, Mrs. Brown, Mussel Rice, Mr. George Skinner, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Hepworth, Mr. Hashimoto, Sanderson, Walter Wilson and others."

The file does not reveal any action taken by the Custodian to collect these debts.

Before her evacuation, Mrs. Ruth Hamaguchi, sold to John E. Webb, under a Conditional Bill of Sale, stock in the amount of \$450.00, payable at \$20.00 per month on the 3rd day of each month until the whole sum is paid in full. It appears that Mrs. Hamaguchi made arrangements with Thomas C. King of Steveston to make these collections, for which he charged

Personal Property Summary

December 10, 1946.

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Acc'ts rec.
(Cont.)

a collection fee of \$1.00 per payment. \$7.00 was deducted, by Mr. King, from the collections sent to this office, and after October, 1942, collection was made by the Custodian and no commission charged. A final payment was received on July 8, 1944, funds being credited to the account of Mitsujiro Hamaguchi.

There is a B. C. Electric Railway Co., refund of Security Deposit for Light, in the amount of \$6.00, which was credited to the account of Mitsujiro Hamaguchi.

No property interests other than those mentioned are found on the file.

The above Summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file:



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File Nos: 11771
13564 ✓

August 1, 1947.

Re: Ruth HAMAGUCHI (Mrs. Mitsujiro)
Registration No. 04340 and
Mr. Mitsujiro HAMAGUCHI,
Registration No. 04254

There is no real property involved.

According to the JP Form Declaration of Mrs. Hamaguchi (no JP Form available from the husband), the above Japanese were occupying a store at 54 Newton Street, Steveston, B. C. According to Mrs. Hamaguchi, the store was owned by the Prudential Trust Company and a rent of \$30.00 was payable to the Trust Company.

However, on June 21, 1943, the Prudential Trust Company reported that they were acting as trustees for the property on behalf of a widow, Mrs. Hepworth. Mr. J. Webb took over the tenancy of the premises and was paying \$20.00 per month for the store and \$15.00 per month for the living quarters. These amounts were also payable to the Prudential Trust Company.

On May 2, 1942, a Conditional Bill of Sale was drawn up whereby Mr. J. Webb agreed to purchase the entire stock of the store previously operated by Mrs. Hamaguchi. The total cost was \$450.00 payable in monthly installments of \$20.00 per month. It was a further condition of this Bill of Sale that Mr. Webb had the use of the store fixtures which included a slicing machine, cash register, sale counters, showcases etc. These were later returned to the Custodian (see letter on file dated October 10, 1944) and were disposed of by auction.

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

A. P. Tschier

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December 10, 1946.

CHATTLE SUMMARY

Re: Mrs. Mitsujiro (Ruth) HAMAGUCHI	- Mr. Mitsujiro HAMAGUCHI
Registration No. 04340	Registration No. 04354
Evacuated May 2, 1942	Evacuated March 10, 1942

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Hamaguchi made a declaration to the Custodian before their evacuation, but at the request of the Custodian, Mrs. Hamaguchi completed a J. P. Form on August 19, 1942, and forwarded it to this office.

In her declaration, Mrs. Hamaguchi declared equipment, situated at 54 Moncton Street, Steveston, B. C., also that she loaned all the kitchen fixtures to Mr. & Mrs. Webb, who now occupy Hamaguchi's store.

In a letter received from Mrs. Hamaguchi on August 25, 1942, she states that the fixtures were loaned to Mr. J. E. Webb, who purchased their stock. Mrs. Hamaguchi also states that her husband owned the store. A letter was then sent to Mr. Hamaguchi on January 5, 1943, with a list of the fixtures declared by his wife. This was returned, signed by him, on January 13, 1943. In addition to the declaration, he states that; 1 chesterfield set, 1 dish cabinet, and 1 flower stand were located at 56 Moncton Street, in care of Mr. C. S. Taylor.

On May 10, 1943, the Custodian's agent had Mr. J. E. Webb sign for the equipment in his hands. On the bottom of this acknowledgement it states that 5 old tables have been moved outside, as of no value. On October 19, 1944, this equipment was removed by the Custodian's agent to No. 3 Auction, and our Schedule will show the disposition.

On a memo to Mr. Robinson, dated January 4, 1944, we find the following notation, written in pencil by Mr. Harris, in answer to this memo: "Taylor has confirmed and written offering to purchase. H.B.M. was advised." No further action seems to have been taken with reference to the goods in Taylor's hands.

With reference to the kitchen fixtures declared by Mrs. Hamaguchi, a letter received from Mr. Robinson, Custodian's agent, on February 18, 1943, states that Mr. Webb advised us that the only effects he has on hand are; 1 drop-leaf table, 2 small wall cupboards and 1 wardrobe. The file does not reveal that these items were removed.

(GEORGE PETERS)
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

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December 10, 1946.

CHATTEL SCHEDULE

Re: Mrs. Mitsujiro (Ruth) HAMAGUCHI
Registration No. 04340

Mr. Mitsujiro HAMAGUCHI
Registration No. 04254

DECLARED ON J.P. FORM BY Mrs. Hamaguchi AND
CONFIRMED IN LETTER FROM Mitsujiro Hamaguchi
January 8, 1943.

2 Showcases	- auctioned
5 Tables	- discarded
1 Slicing machine	- auctioned
1 Scale	- auctioned
1 Cash register	- auctioned
1 Clock	- auctioned
1 Coca cola cooling machine	- auctioned
1 Long oak table	- missing
1 Meat saw	- auctioned
4 Meat knives	- 2 auctioned & 2 missing
1 Meat grinder	- auctioned
1 Coffee machine	- auctioned
1 Bicycle	- auctioned

GOODS LEFT IN CARE OF MR. C. S. TAYLOR, 56 Moncton
Street, Steveston. - confirmed by Taylor, see memo
of January 4, 1944.

1 Chesterfield set
1 Dish cabinet
1 Flower stand

GOODS LEFT IN CARE OF MR. J. E. WEBB, see letter from
Mr. Robinson, dated February 18, 1943.

1 Drop-leaf table
2 Small wall cupboards
1 Wardrobe

*not traced
of letter written
10/12/46
2517/46*

The above Schedule is certified to be in
accordance with the information on file:

George Peters

George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

NAME NAMAGUCHI, Mitsujiro

REGISTRATION NO. 04254

FILE NO. 13564

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B.C. on July 20, 1945

Bed & Spring
Bed & Spring

\$ 3.50 - ✓
3.50 - ✓

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$0.70
(Advertising: 0.54
(Moving: 0.75

7.00

1.99

Net Proceeds Credited:

5.01

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Remarks.

Mr. Harris

Steveston 37.

NAME HAMAMICHI, Nitsujiro

REGISTRATION NO. 04254

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The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B.C. on February 4, 1944

1 Bureau with mirror
1 tri-lite lamp

\$16.25 - ✓
15.25 - ✓

Total

Less Expenses: { Auctioneer's Fee: \$3.15
 { Advertising: 1.08
 { Moving: 3.77

\$ 31.50
\$ 8.00
\$ 23.50

Net Proceeds Credited:

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. G. C. Robinson

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Steveston 5.

Remarks.

NAME KAWAGUCHI, Mitsujiro

REGISTRATION NO. 04254

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The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B. C. on November 10, 1944.

Wall clock

\$ 7.50 M ✓

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 0.75
(Advertising: 0.34
(Moving: 0.76

\$	
\$	7.50
	1.85
\$	5.65

Net Proceeds Credited:

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Steveston 24.

Remarks.

NAME WAMACHT, William

REGISTRATION NO. 04254

FILE NO. 13564

The following chattels were sold by public
 auction at Steveston, B. C. on October 27, 1944.

Table scale ✓	\$ 8.00 M
Meat Grinder ✓	0.50 M
2 Knives and 1 Steel ✓	1.00 M
1 Meat saw ✓	1.75 M
Cash Register ✓	12.00 M
Bicycle (Gent's) ✓	12.00 M
Show case ✓	1.00 M
Coffee grinder ✓	1.00 M
Meat slicer ✓	26.00 M
Coke-Cola Cooler ✓	5.00 M
Biscuit show case ✓	0.50 M

Total

\$ 68.75

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$6.88
 (Advertising: 2.69
 (Moving: 4.51

\$ 14.08

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 54.67

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 23

Remarks.

CHATEL SUMMARY

July 31, 1947.

RE: HAMAGUCHI, EMB (Mrs. Mitaoiro)

Further investigation has now been made and the above mentioned Japanese have acknowledged the fact that the 3 pieces of furniture mentioned was bought by Mr. C. S. Taylor for \$60.00 in 1944.

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Hamaguchi dated Jan 7, 1947 in which she says:

"We had a number of good things stored at River Garage of Stevenson, B. C. Mrs. Shimizu (Reg. 04444) of Kaslo wrote me in the summer of 1942 for the lists of goods left in her house so that she could forward it to Custodian as he had another person who left goods besides us and did not want to get ours mixed. I sent the list to her thinking she had forwarded it to you. I'm sure they are in her file."

GOODS LEFT IN RIVER GARAGE FOR HAMAGUCHI SEE:-

- 2 large boxes of Japanese dolls
- 1 large floor lamp
- 3 boxes of dishes
- 3 beds (2 double, 1 single)
- 3 walnut tables (2 round, 1 square)
- 1 large floor rug
- 1 box Hamaguchi statement books
- 1 box show card paint set
- 1 mahogany dresser with mirror
- 1 round wicker chair
- 1 rocking chair.

We are therefore transferring to Mr and Mrs. Hamaguchi's account the proceeds received from the auctioning of the under-mentioned items which were the account of S. Shimizu but which had not been declared by him.

- 1 bureau with mirror
- 2 beds
- 1 tri-light lamp

The other must remain unaccounted for as they are not listed in proceeds received by Shimizu or anywhere in his file and in any case, as the goods were not declared before, it does make the task practically hopeless.

The above Summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on files

A. S. Jackson

A. S. JACKSON
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

(Information supplied by Ins. Co.)

LIFE INSURANCE

Name HAMAGUCHI, Mr. Mitsujiro

File No. 13564

Greenwood B.C.

Reg. No. 04254

Company Sun Life

Agency Vancouver

Policy No. 2157918

Premium - \$ 26.12

Payable: ^x Annually, Semi-annually or monthly

Month March Day 15th

REMARKS:

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Letter sent 22/1/43

(Information supplied by Ins. Co.)

LIFE INSURANCE

Name HAMAGUCHI, Mitsujiro

File No. 13564

Reg. No.

Company Sun Life

Agency Vancouver

Policy No. 2195148

Premium - \$ 26.42

Payable: ^x Annually, Semi-annually or monthly

Month February Day 1st

REMARKS:

Letter sent 20/1/63

(Information supplied by Ins. Co.)

LIFE INSURANCE

Name HAMAGUCHI, Mr. Mitsujiro

File No. 13564

Reg. No.

Company Sun Life

Agency Vancouver

Policy No. 2278256

Premium - \$28.20

Payable: ^x Annually, Semi-annually or monthly

Month July Day 27th

REMARKS:

Letter sent 21/8/42

Wataro NAMAGUCHI

File No. 13564.
Reg. No. 04254.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1942	December 14	Sale of stock payments Agent's commission Cheques sent - 2 @ \$57.00	\$ 6.00 114.00	\$ 140.00	
1943	December 16 28	Payments on sale of stock Cheques sent - 4 @ \$60.00	240.00	240.00	
1944	July 8 October 14 December 12	Balance payments re sale of stock Cheques sent - 2 @ \$40.00, 1 @ \$10.00 Proceeds Auction Sale	90.00	70.00 54.67	
1945	January 8 August 6	Proceeds Auction Sale B.C. Electric Railway refund security deposit \$3.00 and \$3.00		5.65 6.00	
1946	December 12	Cheque to you	66.32		
1947	July 30 August 2	Proceeds Auction Sale " " Cheque to you		23.50 5.01 28.51	
			<u>\$544.83</u>	<u>\$544.83</u>	<u>- NIL</u>

March 31/48.
/JS

Name of Claimant **RAMAGUNIL, Nitangire**
 Custodian File **13944**

Case **268**

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>											Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village				
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total			
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>											
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear									
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column				
<u>NETS</u>											
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing			Percentage Total Award to Total Claim		Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim		Deduct Custodian Sale Price
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</u>											
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price				
773.85	214.75	34.42	30.76%	137	42.14		76.56				
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION											76.56

1954

October 31st, 1950.

Mr. Mitoujiro HAMAGUCHI,
No. 7 Building,
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 268

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee
on Japanese Canadians, our form of Release which has been
executed by yourself covering the award recommended under
the above Claims Commission for the sum of ... \$76.56.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$68.17
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. \$ 8.39
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears
Director

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1 encl.

Mitsuiro HAMAGUCHIFile No. 13564Case No. 268PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIMS

(All claims shown are Gross)

Ref. Personal Property Claim Analysis, Exhibit No. 2, for Claim Amendments.

1. Store Fixtures & Equipment ClaimSold for

\$430.00

(Auction)

\$76.25

Ref. Trans. p. 7, line 1 and following.
 A meat slicing machine, purchased
 second hand in 1936 for \$150.00,
 used 6 years, now claims \$100.
 A table scale, purchased new in
 1933 for \$150.00, used 9 years,
 now claims \$75.00

Witnesses: 1. J. Webb - tenant-lessee,
 who used these fixtures
 and equipment under the
 terms of a Conditional
 Bill of Sale dated
 May 2, 1942. To be filed.
 They were not turned over
 to the Custodian until
 Oct. 10, 1944.

2. Chattel ClaimSale Price

\$80.25

(Auction)

\$38.50

Witnesses: 1. Mr. Harris - to prove sale
 by Auction. A Tri-lite
 lamp for which the claimant
 claims \$15.25 was sold at
 auction for \$15.25.

<u>Summary of Defence</u> <u>Witnesses</u>	<u>Where</u> <u>Required</u>	<u>Summary of Documents</u> <u>to be filed</u>	<u>Witness Proving</u> <u>Same</u>
J. Webb	1	Conditional Bill of Sale dated May 2/42.	
Mr. Harris	2		

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EXHIBITION ACT,
PART I, REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 92

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E

(HIS HONOUR, JUDGE ERIC P. DAWSON, SUB-COMMISSIONER)

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Grand Forks, B.C.
May 25, 1948

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
MITSUJIMO HAMAGUCHI

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

20 APPEARANCES:

HAROLD W. McINNIS, Esq.,

appearing for the
Dominion Government.

A.E. COHEN, Esq.,

appearing for the
Claimant.

L.A. DODD, Esq.,

Secretary to Grand
Forks Sub-Commission

MRS. I.C. SMITH,

Official Interpreter.

G. HAMILTON, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

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MR. COBUS: The claim, your honour, of Mitsujiro Hamaguchi, No. 6 on the original list.

THE COMMISSIONER: Have you got the claim number on this one?

MR. COBUS: This will be case No. 288, your honour.

THE COMMISSIONER: 288, thank you. Will you swear the witness, Mr. Dodd.

18 MITSUJIRO HAMAGUCHI, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the official interpreter as follows:

MR. COBUS: I would ask leave, your honour, to amend the claim, which was originally shown under 4 (a), sub-section (iii), at \$4,000.00; that now refers to fixtures only in the amount of \$430.00. We are crediting the Custodian with \$76.25, leaving a net claim for fixtures, \$353.75.

MR. McINNIS: What was that credit again, please?

MR. COBUS: \$76.25.

20 MR. McINNIS: Thank you.

THE COMMISSIONER: The net claim is \$353.75.

MR. COBUS: That is correct, your honour. And under (5)(e), the itemized description of personal property, we have deleted item 1, the coffee table; we are amending item 2, the tri-lite lamp to read one instead of two and estimating the value at \$15.25 rather than \$30.00; items 3 and 4 are deleted, that is, the sofa set and dining room table set; item 5 becomes two beds and springs rather than three beds at the valuation

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of \$40.00 instead of \$50.00; item 6, a mirror
case with stand is now valued at \$25.00; and
items 7 and 8 are deleted.

MR. HOLMES: That is 7 and 8?

MR. CUBUS: 7, miscellaneous house goods, and 8, life
insurance, are both deleted.

The total claim for the three remaining items
now becomes \$85.35, with credit to the Custodian
of \$36.50, leaving a net claim for personal
chattels of \$48.85. The total claim now be-
comes \$335.50.

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. CUBUS:

Q: Witness, I produce to you a statement concerning
the personal chattels for which you are claiming,
which is broken down into two headings: (a)
store fixtures and equipment, (b) household ar-
ticles. Did you instruct Mr. Leckie to prepare
this statement for you and is that your signa-
ture?

A: Yes.

Q: Are the statements contained therein true to the
best of your knowledge and recollection?

A: Yes.

MR. CUBUS: I would ask to file that statement as the
next exhibit, or the first exhibit, your honour.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. CUBUS: Referring to the statement, your honour,
we have indicated under the description of "major
items", sub-section (a), all of the store fix-
tures and equipment for which a claim is being

submitted, and under (b) three items which remain under the personal chattels portion of the claim. The total, \$510.25, is the total of all the items for which the claim is being made.

10 The claimant says that the store fixtures and equipment were left in his grocery store at 54 Monston Street, Steveston; the household articles claimed were left in the River Garage, Monston Street, opposite his grocery store. He adds that all of the articles claimed were declared by his wife with a few exceptions, but any articles not so declared were sold by the Custodian. A few of the store fixtures declared in August, 1942, were not sold by the Custodian. "My wife declared the articles in August '42 for me as I was in the road camp at that time."

If my learned friend will allow me to take the Analysis of Personal Property Claim?

MR. McINNIS: Yes.

20 MR. COBUS: There is an item shown under "miscellaneous house goods" of \$76.25 under "auction sales." That item, in fact, I think, if my friend will refer to the auction sheets, should have been described as store fixtures. Is that admitted?

MR. McINNIS: With the exception of a wall clock. It may have been a store clock, at that.

MR. COBUS: Yes. I think the amount of \$76.25 can safely be said to have been.

MR. McINNIS: That is correct, your honour.

30 MR. COBUS: Your witness.

MR. McINNES: If it please your honour, it will be submitted that any of the goods declared and sold by the Custodian were sold for their fair market value. It will be further submitted that there was no record of any personal chattels, household goods, and furniture; the same were never declared; and with reference to any articles which were declared and not accounted for, that the claim of the claimant is exorbitant.

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CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. McINNES:

Q: Your wife filed the J.P. form in your case, is that correct? A: Yes.

Q: And her name is Ruth? A: Yes.

Q: She has no claim independent of yours?

A: No.

Q: And the claim we are now dealing with represents the entire claim of you and your wife together?

A: Yes.

20 Q: When you left Steveston you left your personal goods and chattels with a Mr. or Mrs. Shimizu, is that correct? A: His wife had

put all those things at the Shimizu's house.

Q: Yes. And they were to look after them for you?

A: I can't say that definitely, as I was not there myself.

Q: You sold certain goods to a Mr. Taylor, Mr. C.B. Taylor? A: Yes.

Q: That consisted of a chesterfield set, a dish cabinet, A: I sold the

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settee, that is a long couch, but not the dish cabinet; I lent that to him.

Q: You lent that to him? A: Yes.

Q: What about a flower stand? A: I don't know the details because I was not there.

Q: You got \$50.00 from him? A: Yes.

Q: You are making no claim for those now?

A: I am not quite sure, but I think they are included in the claim that I am making now.

10 Q: Well, in fairness to you, clearly the chesterfield suite is not, because your counsel has deleted it. What about the other two?

MR. COBUS: Your honour, the only three articles that may be described as personal chattels for which the claim is now being made are one tri-lite, which in fact was sold by the Custodian, two steel beds, which in fact were sold by the Custodian, and one bureau with mirror, which was in fact sold by the Custodian. That is all.

20 THE COMMISSIONER: There is no object, then, in going into these outside articles.

MR. McINNES: Has the Analysis been filed?

MR. COBUS: I thought I had filed it.

MR. McINNES: You borrowed mine, but I don't think you filed it. What is your last exhibit, Mr. Secretary?

THE SECRETARY: There is just one.

MR. McINNES: Well, I would like to file the Analysis of Personal Property Claim as Exhibit E.

30 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

MR. McINNES: Q: Mr. Samaguchi, in your claim you have a meat slicing machine for which you claim an original value of \$150.00 as the price you paid?

A: Yes.

Q: Who did you buy that from?
it second hand.

A: I bought

Q: And you bought it second hand in 1933, is that correct?

A: Yes, the man

10 came to sell it.

Q: So that you would have used it for possibly six years prior to being evacuated, is that correct?

A: Yes.

Q: What sort of a store were you running?

A: Grocery, meat, etc.,

Q: You claim for a table scale?

A: Yes.

Q: You say that you bought that new for \$150.00.

Who did you buy it from?

A: From wholesale.

Q: From what wholesale?

A: I have for-

20 gotten the name.

Q: That was in 1933, was it?

A: Yes.

Q: So you used it steadily for nine years, then.

A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: Right.

MR. McINNES: 1933 to 1942.

MR. COBUS: Yes.

MR. McINNES: I think that is all.

MR. COBUS: No further questions, your honour.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right, that is all for this
30 claim.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings herein.

Gordon Hambleton

G. Hambleton
Official Reporter

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript purports to be an accurate record of the evidence adduced before me.

E.P. Dawson,
Sub-Commissioner