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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Sept. 25/43.

Our File No. 1/1/15325

Full Name IMAI, Matsutaro (Deid)
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 11146 Male - Female (check) Age Feb. 5, 1877

Former Address Steveston Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.

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

Present Address Deceased.
Drowned at Skeena River B.C.
on June 15/41.

Married - Single (check) I

Name of Wife (SAKUTA) Tsune nee 11147-462

Name of Husband —

Name of Mother Dead Name of Father Deid

Names of Children under 16
Sakaye (f) 21/11/25

Requested by RCMP Registered with Custodian _____ (Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman Owner of Boat.
R.C.M.P. commenced registering Japanese in March, 1941
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GENERAL SUMMARY

File No. 15335 December 18, 1946

Re: Matsutaro IMAI, Deceased
Reg. No. 11146

Matsutaro IMAI was presumed to have been drowned while fishing in the Skeena River on June 15, 1941.

The heirs are his widow, Tsune IMAI, File 462 and his daughter, Sakaye IMAI, File 464 (born November 21, 1925).

The only assets of the Deceased of which the Custodian has record are the following:

The sum of $53.40 was received on July 16, 1946, from the Registrar of War Savings Certificates, being redemption value of Certificates registered in the name of the Deceased. At the time it was believed that this small sum comprised the entire estate and the funds were remitted to the widow on September 3, 1946.

On December 7, 1946, we received from the Royal Bank of Canada, the sum of $98.82, being bank balance of the savings account of the Deceased. These funds are at present standing to the credit of the account of Tsune IMAI, widow of the Deceased, File 462.

None of the three files concerned reveal liabilities.

This summary is certified to be in accordance with information on file.

/FM December 18, 1946.

Funds received from Royal Bank. Prince Rupert Bank Clearing Account remitted to Widow & Daughter, jointly. ac.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

CERTIFICATS D'ÉPARGNE DE GUERRE

BUREAU DU RÉGISTRAIRE
350, AVENUE KING-EDWARD
OTTAWA.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
350 KING EDWARD AVENUE
OTTAWA

Office of the Custodian,
Department of the Secretary
of State,
509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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Rec'd JUN 24 1946
File No. 45335
Ans.
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REFER TO
MENTION F2/445837

June 19th, 1946.

Attention: Mr. F. G. Shears

Dear Sir, Re: Masutaro IMAI, #11146
(Deceased).

Under date of 5th June Mr. M. L. Brown of the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, Vancouver, has returned to us our cheque No. C025314 for $53.40 dated March 15, 1946, which was issued in the name of Masutaro Imai at 4889 St. Urbain St., Montreal. Mr. Brown advises us that Mr. Imai died in their Slocan Project on 31st July 1942 and that his widow, Tsune, #11147, is now residing in Montreal.

Mr. Brown asks that we forward the necessary forms for completion to Mrs. Imai in order that a new cheque may be issued in her favour for the amount involved.

We would appreciate your instructions in the matter.

Yours truly,

for Registrar.

Aug. 23/46. In view of information in Mrs. Imai's letter dated Aug. 17/46 I followed the R.C.M.P. and was advised that above statement of Mr. Brown was incorrect, as Mr. Imai was drowned at Sheena River June 15/41. The R.C.M.P. commenced Registering Japanese in March of 1941 which accounts for the deceased having been registered.

KEEP YOUR CERTIFICATES IN A SAFE PLACE, AND A LIST OF THEIR NUMBERS SAFELY ELSEWHERE

GARDEZ VOS CERTIFICATS DANS UN ENDROIT SÛR ET CONSERVEZ AILLEURS UNE LISTE DE LEURS NUMÉROS

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
June 29, 1946

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Evacuee Section

The Registrar,
War Savings Certificates,
350 King Edward Avenue,
Ottawa, Ontario

Re: Masutaro IMAI, Deceased,
Your File No. F2/445837

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your communication of the 19th instant and note contents.

In this connection, we wish to advise you that your cheque, amounting to $53.40, representing redemption of War Savings Certificates, held in the name of Masutaro Imai, deceased, should be forwarded to this office for the credit of the Estate account.

Your early attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Johnston
Administration Department

WJJ/JF

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BUREAU DU RÉGISTRAIRE
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Custodian's Office,
Dept. of the Secretary of State,
509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

ENEMY SECTION
Rec'd JUL 13 1946
File No.
Ans'd
Refer'd

REFER TO MENTION 13/445837

July 10, 1946
Your Ref: 15335, 462
Evacuee Section.

Dear Sir,

Re: MASUTARO IMAI, Dec'd

We have received your letter of June 29th containing instructions in connection with our cheque which is payable to the above deceased.

As requested, we are enclosing our cheque No. C025314 for $53.40 for the credit of the estate account.

Yours truly,

A. Ferguson

for Registrar.

Enclosure

attention:

Mr W. J. Johnston

Adm Archivist

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15335 # 462
Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,
16th July, 1946.

Mrs. Tsune INAI,
Reg. No. 11147,
Slocan, B.C.

Dear Madame

Re: Matsutaro INAI, Deceased

According to information on our files, the only asset left by your late husband is the sum of $53.40 derived from the cash surrender value of certain War Savings Certificates.

In order to complete our records, we would appreciate being advised if you know of any other assets, or liabilities, in connection with this estate.

Your early reply will be very much appreciated.

Yours truly,

W.J. JOHNSTON
ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

WJJ/DG

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
August 15, 1946

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Evacuee Section

Mrs. Tsume Imai,
4889 St. Urbain Street,
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Madam: Re: Matsutaro IMAI, Dec'd

We are enclosing herewith copy of our letter, dated July 16, 1946, and would ask you to please let us have a reply to same as soon as possible.

We have received your letter of the first instant and will give the matter of forwarding to you the funds received from the redemption of your late husband's War Savings Certificates as soon as we hear from you.

We are enclosing a stamped-addressed envelope for your convenience in replying.

Yours truly,

W. J. Johnston
Administration Department

WJJ/JF
Encl.

COPY

4889 St. Urbain St.,
Montreal, Que.,
Aug. 17, 1946

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter today, dated Aug. 15th, with thanks.

My husband Matsutaro Imai was presumed dead on July 16, 1941 at Skeena River, B.C. while on his work fishing. As we did not find his body we cannot tell you his registration card.

Ever since my daughter Sakaye Imai, #15104, have been living and earned our every through till now but seeing that everything is very expensive here I would like you to help me out by sending me the money.

I guess this is all I can tell you about my husband.

Hope you can send me the cheque soon.

Yours truly,

Mrs. "Tsune Imai"

#11147

War Savings Certificates
350 King Edward Avenue,
Ottawa, Ont.

Refer to A3/445837

Mrs. Tsune Imai,
4889 St. Urbain St.,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Madam:

We have received your letter of July 22nd, in which you enquired about a cheque in payment of War Savings Certificates registered in the name of your husband which you forwarded to us for redemption.

We would advise that our cheque No. C025314 for $53.40 was mailed to the British Columbia Security Commission, 360 Homer St., Vancouver, B.C., in accordance with the regulations governing Japanese Nationals. The cheque was returned to us with the statement that Mr. Imai had died in the Slocan Project on July 31, 1942. Our cheque was then forwarded to the Custodian's Office, Department of the Secretary of State, 509 Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, B.C. for their attention. Therefore, we would suggest that you communicate with the Custodian's Office in connection with the above cheque.

Yours truly,

Signed for Registrar.

COPY

4889 St. Urbain St.,
Montreal, Que.,
November 24, 1946.

The Royal Bank of Canada,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I am here writing to you if I can have my saving transferred to the Royal Bank in Montreal.

I sakaye Imai, daughter of Matsutaro Imai, had saving in the Royal Bank at Prince Rupert when I was a child. Account of my age my father had to sign his name. My father died about five years ago. You need my fathers sign in order to get my saving but he's dead and can't find his body so we can't get his death certificate for another two more years but hope you could do your best for me.

I am here enclosing the letter I got when my fathers bond I wanted to get. I got the bonds so hope you could do the same for me too.

My account book number is 955.

Hope you could write to me in your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Sakaye Imai
#15104

The Royal Bank of Canada

Please address all communications to the Manager

Refer to file

Prince Rupert, B.C.

December 4th, 1946.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd DEC 7 1946
File No. ✓
Ans.
Refer to Matheson

Custodian's Office,
Department of Secretary of State,
509 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

We are today in receipt of a letter from Sakaye Imai, 4889 St. Urbain St., Montreal, Que. requesting us to pay to her the balance of an account carried by us in the name of Matsutaro Imai. We are enclosing herewith a copy of her letter which is self-explanatory together with a letter addressed to Mrs. Tsune Imai from The Registrar, War Savings Certificates. We are not in a position to pay the funds to Miss Imai although she claims to be the owner of the account. We are sending the funds to you herewith and would ask you to please communicate with Miss Imai and advise her what you are able to do in the case.

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10147
Toane Ave

Yours truly,

A Armstrong

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Encls.

pro Manager.

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December 18, 1946.

The Royal Bank of Canada,
Prince Rupert, B. C.

Dear Sirs: Re: Matsutaro IMAI, Deceased

Your letter of December 4th, with enclosures, has been received.

We enclose herewith Custodian receipt for the sum of $96.82, being savings bank account balance of Matsutaro IMAI, Deceased, which you sent to us with your letter. We shall write Mrs. IMAI and her daughter in regard to this.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Office of the Custodian.

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February 6, 1967.

Miss Makaye IMAI,
Reg. No. 15104,
4889 St. Urbain St.,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Madam:

Re: Estate of Matsutaro IMAI, #11146,
Deceased.

We are holding the sum of $98.82 being bank balance in the name of Matsutaro Imai received from the Royal Bank of Canada, Prince Rupert.

We have considered the claim made by you as to the ownership of this money and will be willing to release it to you upon receipt of a letter signed by both your mother and yourself.

We understand that your father left no will and no other next-of-kin. If this is correct, please state this in your letter.

Yours truly,

A. G. Mortimer,
Office of the Custodian.

AGM:AH
cc - Mrs. Tsuno IMAI.

15335, 464, 462

February 25, 1947.

REGISTERED.

Miss Sakaye IMAI,
Reg. No. 15104,
4889 St. Urbain Street,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Madam:

We have to acknowledge your letter of February 12th signed by your mother and yourself. As requested by you we are enclosing Custodian cheque in the sum of $98.82 payable to your mother and yourself jointly.

As indicated to you in a previous letter these funds were received from the Royal Bank of Canada, Prince Rupert, where they represented the balance remaining to the credit of your late father Matsutaro Imai, but claimed by you to be your earnings deposited in his name.

When presenting this cheque for payment it will be necessary for it to be endorsed by your mother and yourself. Also in acknowledging this cheque will you please have your mother sign the letter with you using the stamped addressed envelope enclosed for your convenience.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian,

AGM:AH
encl. Cheque $98.82
Envelope.