

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>										
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village		Total	
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices		Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices:	
						% of Total	Amount		% of Total	Amount
<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 & Recorded Now Missing		45% of amount in next preceding column		
						% of Total	Amount			
<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	Applica-tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
84	25	7.50	29.76%	22.50	6.69	5.00	.60	14.79		
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION									14.79	

CASE NO: 283

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

Grand Forks, B.C.

May 27, 1948

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
(MRS) JEAN MASAKO FUJIMOTO

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART I, REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 99

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B E F O R E
(HIS HONOUR, JUDGE ERIC P. DAWSON, SUB-COMMISSIONER)

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20 APPEARANCES:

HAROLD W. McINNES, Esq., appearing for the
Dominion Government.

A.E. COBUS, Esq., appearing for the
Claimant.

L.A. DODD, Esq., Secretary to Grand
Forks Sub-Commission
MRS. I.C. SMITH, Official Interpreter
G. HAMBLETON, Esq., Official Reporter

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MR. COBUS: The claim, your honour, of Mrs. Jean Masako Fujimoto, No. 5 on the Secretary's list, which becomes Case No. 283.

(MRS) JEAN MASAKO FUJIMOTO, the Claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

MR. COBUS: Your honour, I would ask leave to amend the claim, which is a claim for personal property only. There is no change in the items as listed, the only changes we are making are with respect to the values. I believe, save for one or two items, there is a change in each case, so I will read the items and give the new value.

Item 1, small gas range, becomes \$17.50.

THE COMMISSIONER: Now, I have got a kitchen table ahead of that on my list.

MR. McINNES: I have a gas range as the first item.

MR. COBUS: Kitchen table and 9 chairs become 10.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see

MR. COBUS: Item 1, small gas range, becomes \$17.50; Item 2, a Fawcett heater, becomes \$40.00; item 3, large plate glass mirror, four feet by six feet, \$15.00; item 4, large moveable clothes closet, \$10.00; item 5, writing desk, \$7.50; item 6, waiting room set remains at \$9.00; item 7, corner cupboard and dresser, \$12.50; item 8, large counter left at Buddhist church, \$15.00; and, under 10, a kitchen table and 9 chairs remains at \$9.00. The total of the items listed is \$125.50, and a credit to the Custodian of

9135.50

\$30.00 for sales, leaving a net claim of \$105.50.

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. COBUS:

Q: Witness, I produce to you a statement respecting the personal chattels for which you are claiming. Did you instruct Mr. Leckie to prepare this statement for you and is that your signature?

A: Yes.

10 Q: And are the statements contained therein true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A: Yes.

Q: In your statement you have listed item by item all of the articles for which you are claiming, is that correct?

A: Yes.

Q: And in the extreme right hand column, under "estimated value", those values, I take it, are your estimate of what a fair market value would have been?

A: Yes.

20 MR. COBUS: I would ask to file the statement concerning personal chattels as the first exhibit, your honour.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. COBUS: Referring to the statement, your honour, the list of articles is exactly the same as that found on the claim form with the added information as to date of purchase, whether it was purchased new or used, the price paid, and the condition on evacuation. The claimant states that the goods listed were left at 148 East Columbia Street, New Westminster, B.C., and adds

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J.M. Fujimoto
In Chief
Cross exam

that she has allowed for depreciation on all articles claimed.

Would my learned friend produce the Analysis of Personal Property Claim?

(Handed to Mr. Cobus)

I have, produced from the Custodian's file, a document headed, "Analysis of Personal Property Claim" in the name of the present claimant. I ask that it be filed on behalf of the Crown.

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(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

MR. COBUS: Referring to Exhibit 2, your honour, the Analysis of Personal Property Claim, under remarks there is this statement: "Table abandoned. 9 chairs not declared or inventoried." That is with respect to the item described under details of claim as kitchen table and 9 chairs.

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I simply point out this, your honour, that obviously the nine chairs were sold, whether inventoried or declared or not. I think I can say that all of the items claimed for are accounted for either in the J.P. form as copied on to the Analysis of Personal Property Claim in the first column, or by sales of articles.

Your witness.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. McINNES:

Q: Mrs. Fujimoto, you signed a J.P. form before you were evacuated? A: Yes, I did.

Q: Yes. And you listed property at three different addresses, is that correct? A: Yes.

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- Q: 3176 West 31st Street Vancouver?
A: Yes.
Q: 120 - 10th Street, New Westminster?
A: Yes.
Q: And 148 East Columbia? A: Yes.
Q: And it is in respect of the property at 148 East Columbia that you are claiming.
A: That I am claiming for.
Q: The others have all been taken care of?
10 A: One at 120-10th Street; just a large counter was left there.
Q: Yes. And the rest is in 148 East Columbia Street? A: Yes.
Q: Now, you received from the Custodian a list of your chattels and you were asked to verify that, is that correct? A: Yes.
Q: That is property that was at --
A: 148 East Columbia.
Q: That is the original of that last document, is
20 it, that is your signature there?
A: That is my signature.
MR. McINNES: The document is dated November 24, 1942, and is headed "List of Chattels," and refers to Mrs. Fujimoto, the claimant. I would tender that as an exhibit.
MR. COBUS: I would suggest that perhaps Mrs. Fujimoto signed the document without the addenda in ink.
MR. McINNES: That is quite right.
30 Q: These erasures and writings in pen and ink were

put on after you signed it?

A: I never saw them before, when I signed that.

MR. McINNES: Yes, that is all right.

THE COMMISSIONER: This list only refers to 148 East
Columbia.

MR. McINNES: Yes, that is the only place there is any
claim for.

MR. COBUS: Save for the counter that she has already
mentioned.

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(LIST MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3.)

MR. McINNES: Q: Now, in connection with that list
of chattels which we have referred to as Exhibit
2, you had occasion to write to the Custodian's
office under date of November 27, 1942?

A: Yes.

Q: Is that your letter? A: Yes.

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MR. McINNES: The letter, which I will file as an exhibit,
your honour, is dated General Delivery, Kaslo,
B.C., November 27, 1942, and is addressed to Mr.
Green of the Custodian's Protection Department.
"I notice in your list of chattels left at 148
East Columbia Street, New Westminster, my removable
clothes closet (green) has been omitted. I
could not get it upstairs so the people renting
the place, Mrs. Ed Worms downstairs are using it.
Please include this into the list. Yours truly,
Mrs. Y. Fujimoto."

Q: That is your letter? A: Yes.

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Q: Before I file it as an exhibit, you know that
removable clothes closet was subsequently sold
to Mrs. Worms? A: No. Well, I

didn't sell it.

Q: You knew the Custodian sold it to her, did you?

A: No.

MR. McINNES: All right. That will be Exhibit 4.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4)

THE COMMISSIONER: That is a large movable closet, is it, that was sold?

MR. McINNES: Yes. She doesn't admit that, but those are my instructions.

10 MR. COBUS: Your honour, we have given the credit to the Custodian for \$30.00 which includes \$5.00 for the large movable closet.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, \$5.00 for the closet.

MR. McINNES: Q: Now, I call your attention, Mrs. Fujimoto, to the fact that in your claim today you show a Fawcett heater for which you claim \$40.00.

A: Yes.

Q: If you will notice, that is not on your list of chattels which you have signed, Exhibit 3. I
20 beg your pardon, it does appear. It is on there, I am sorry.

MR. McINNES: That is all.

THE COMMISSIONER: I presume that is the same as the gas stove.

MR. McINNES: No, the gas heater is there. One gas stove. Then above it on this list of chattels is 'one heater, tall' which I take it is the Fawcett heater.

THE COMMISSIONER: "One heater, tall" yes.

30 MR. McINNES: That is all.

J.M. Fujimoto
Discussion
Re-Direct exam

It will be submitted, your honour, on behalf of the Custodian that the goods of the claimant which came into the hands of the Custodian were sold for their fair market value, and for any goods which were not accounted for, the claim of the claimant is exorbitant.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. COBUS:

10 Q: Witness, with respect to the sale of the article described as a large movable closet, I take it that you are not denying that the closet was sold; you are merely saying you did not know to whom it was sold? A: Yes.

MR. McINNES: Yes, she was quite clear on that.

MR. COBUS: That is all, your honour.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is all, thank you.

(witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

20 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
E.P. Dawson
Sub-Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF a Commission to Investigate Claims of Japanese Canadians for Property Losses.

TO: The Commissioner,
Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

ACKNOWLEDGED

7841

[Handwritten signature/initials]

Pursuant to the notice issued on the 26th day of September, 1947, I submit the following claim:

(1) NAME FUJIMOTO - JEAN. MASAKO (RCMP) Reg. No. 08215
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address 403 - 8th St. NEW WESTMINSTER

(3) Present Address P. O. Box 55 - MIDWAY, B.C.

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) _____
City or Municipality, Province

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.) _____

(c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):

- (i) Farm
- (ii) Residence Type of business Exclusive Dressmaking Shop.
- (iii) Business
- (iv) Any other type of property (describe) _____

(d) What was your interest in the property (e.g., sole owner, life tenant, joint tenant, owner of one half or one third interest, leasehold, etc.) _____

(e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):

- (i) Land - - - - - \$ _____
- (ii) Buildings - - - - - \$ _____
- (iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable) - - - - - \$ _____
- (iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - - - - - \$ _____
- (v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - \$ 19.30

(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - \$ _____

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation _____

(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)
148 EAST COLUMBIA ST. NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.
HOUSE

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation Stored in UPSTAIRS

(d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to the terms of reference which exclude claims where the property was lost, destroyed or stolen while under the custody, control or management of any person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner of the property. It involves some definite arrangement whereby you appointed someone to take care of the property and such person accepted the responsibility of so doing. Unless such an arrangement was made the question should be answered "in no one's care")

K. OKIHIRO - LATER CUSTODIAN

KITCHEN TABLE AND 9 CHAIRS - 9.00

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1. SMALL GAS RANGE | Estimated Value \$ | 27.50 |
| 2. FAUCETT HEATER | Estimated Value \$ | 40.00 |
| 3. LARGE PLATEGLASS MIRROR | Estimated Value \$ | 20.00 |
| 4. ABOUT 4ft by 6ft | Estimated Value \$ | 20.00 |
| 5. LARGE MOVABLE CLOTHES CLOSET | Estimated Value \$ | 10.00 |
| 6. WRITING DESK - | Estimated Value \$ | 27.50 |
| 7. WAITING ROOM SET | Estimated Value \$ | 9.00 |
| 8. CORNER CUPBOARD & BABY'S DRESSER | Estimated Value \$ | 10.50 |
| 9. LARGE COUNTER LEFT AT | Estimated Value \$ | |
| 10. BUDDIST CHURCH. | Estimated Value \$ | 15.00 |

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS ~~\$180.00~~ 135.50

N.B.—If you cannot list all the items here prepare a separate list with values set out opposite each item and attach it to the form. The item "personal property" includes shares, bonds, mortgages, loans, notes and all other forms of property not included in real estate.

(f) Total claim including real and personal property (this figure can be arrived at by adding items 4(f) and 5(e) - - - - - \$ 150.90 105

- (6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard. (Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.) NELSON.
- (b) Do you require the services of an interpreter at the hearing? Yes or no NO

N.B.—This Declaration must be sworn before a Commissioner, Notary Public or other person entitled to take declarations. All lawyers are qualified to do so.

DOMINION OF CANADA)
of)
TO WIT:)

I, Jean M. Fujimato of the Town
of Midway in the Province of B.C.

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

The information set out in the form above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED before me at the city
of Greenwood
in the Province of B.C.
this 18 day of November
A.D. 1947.

Jean M. Fujimato
W. L. Cooper
A Commissioner &c. REGISTRAR COUNTY COURT

N.B.—THIS FORM FULLY COMPLETED AND SWORN BEFORE A COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE COMMISSIONER, c/o THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN, ROYAL BANK BLDG., VANCOUVER, B.C., BEFORE NOVEMBER 30th, 1947. IF YOU CANNOT MAIL IT BEFORE THIS DATE SET OUT BELOW REASONS FOR THE DELAY.

I want Custodial
Save \$30

Amended

Jean M Fujimoto
 (Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL CHATTELS

08217-
 Reg. No.

Description of Major Items (and particularly of goods lost, stolen or destroyed)	Approximate Date Purchase	New or Used When Purchased	Price Paid	Condition when Evacuated	Estimated value at Date of Evacuation
1 gas range	1938	new	\$ 25.00	good	17.50
Faucet Heater	1939	new	50.00	good	40.00
Large Plate Glass mirror	1938	used	20.00	good	15.00
Large wardrobe closet (with glass cut-in doors)	1938	new	15.00	good	10.00
1 Writing desk	1940	new	10.00	good	7.50
Waiting room set (Cateh.) 2 chairs, settee	1938	used	15.00	good	9.00
Corner Cupboard & dresser	1940	new	17.00	good	12.50
Large counter 2' x 2' (appx)	1939	new	20.00	good	15.00
Kitchen table & 9 chairs	1939	new	15.00	good	9.00

Description of Storage of Goods:

The goods listed above were left at 148 East Columbia St, new
 Westminster, BC
 Total claim \$ 135.50

EXHIBIT No. 283-1
 DATE 27/5/48
 FILLED BY claimant

General Statement as to Chattels not Described above:

all goods claimed for are listed above

Additional Comments, if any:

I have allowed for depreciation on all articles claimed.

Jean M. Fujimoto
 SIGNATURE

ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

FILE No. 7841

EXHIBIT No. _____

NAME Jean Masako FUJIMOTO (Mrs. Yasuo)

REG. No. 08215

DATE	INVENTORY	DETAILS OF CLAIM	SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND
			AUCTION	TENDER &c		

DECLARATION May 6, 1942. TAKEN BY _____
 EVACUATION May 11, 1942. DATE _____

Dressmaking business -
 1 mirror, 3 cabinets,
 1 cutting table, waiting
 room suite, small utensils
 (thread, scissors (5),
 zippers etc.) 2 irons,
 1 electric Singer Sewing
 machine-listed property
 will be left at 120-10th
 St., New Westminster.

Personal -
 2 alarm clocks
 5 picture frame
 3 lamps
 box of silver ware
 1 box glass ware
 4 vases - listed property
 will be at 3176, West 31st
 Vanc'r. B. C.

Personal -
 bedroom suite,
 kitchen set
 gas range
 heating stove
 1 incinerator
 2 boxes dishes
 1 desk
 1 bookcase - listed
 property will be stored
 at 148 East Columbia,
 New Westminster, B. C.

Small Gas Range	20.00		2.75	
Fawcett Heater	50.00		2.50	
Large Plate Glass Mirror 6 ft. by 4 ft.	20.00			
Large Movable Closet	15.00			5.00
Writing Desk	10.00			
Waiting Room Set	9.00		6.00	
Corner Cupboard and Dresser	17.00		7.50	
Large Counter left at Buddhist Church	20.00			
* Kitchen table & 9 chairs	9.00		6.25	
	\$170.00		\$25.00	5.00 - Total \$30.00

RECAP:

Goods valued by Claimant at \$101.00 (chairs included)
 Goods valued by Claimant at 15.00 sold by Tender et
 Goods valued by Claimant at 30.00 recorded as "No A
 Goods valued by Claimant at 20.00 recorded as still
 * Kitchen table (say value \$4.00) 4.00 recorded as aban
\$170.00

* For purpose of Recap., value of table and chairs were
 arbitrarily assumed to have a value of \$4.00 and \$5.00

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SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND	NO RECORD AT ANYTIME	ABANDONED	NO ACCOUNT, THEFT &c	UNSOLD	REMARKS
AUCTION	TENDER &c							
2.75								
2.50								
	5.00					x		Not found
6.00						x		Too unwieldy to move to Auction.
7.50								Small - Not found.
								Including rocker
6.25					x			In New Westminster Storage at Doves.
<u>\$25.00</u>								Chairs only. Table abandoned.
	5.00 - Total							9 chairs not declared or inventoried.
	<u>\$30.00</u>							

l by Claimant at \$101.00 (chairs included at \$5.00 *) sold at Auction for \$25.00.
 l by Claimant at 15.00 sold by Tender etc. for..... 5.00.
 l by Claimant at 30.00 recorded as "No Account, theft etc."
 l by Claimant at 20.00 recorded as still unsold.
 le (say value \$4.00) 4.00 recorded as abandoned.
\$170.00

\$30.00

of Recap., value of table and chairs were assumed to have a value of \$4.00 and \$5.00 respectively.

EXHIBIT No. 283-2
 DATE 27/5/48
 FILLED BY Crown

EXHIBIT No. 27/5/48

DATE.....

FILED BY Crown

November 24, 1942.

Name: FUJIMOTO, Mrs. Yasuo

File: 7841

Reg. No. 08215

LIST OF CHATTELSStored at 148 East Columbia, New Westminster:Room 1.

1 Mirror "not found"
 ✓ ~~4~~ Chairs "s"
 1 Small desk "
~~2 Cupboards with contents~~ "sold"
 1 Chiffonier "not found"
 ✓ ~~1~~ Bookcase "s"
 ✓ ~~1~~ Heater -- tall "s"
 ✓ ~~1~~ Gas stove "s"
 ✓ 2 Table parts "Left on premises, not worth moving"
 "W.J.J"

Room 2.

✓ ~~2~~ Chairs "s"
 ✓ ~~1~~ Rocking chair for baby "s"
 ✓ ~~4~~ Piece set -- green plush sofa "s"
 rocking chair "s"
 1 chair
 table
 bench

 "1 Removable clothes closet acknowledged to be in c/o

"Sold to
 Tenant"

Mrs. Worms"
 "R.B.M."

Including effects left at 120 Tenth St.,
 New Westminster, B.C.

This represents all my chattels in any protected
 area of British Columbia.

Date November 27/42 Signed "Mrs. Y. Fujimoto"

Please sign and return one copy to this office.

I hereby certify that the foregoing words are a true
 copy of the original whereof they purport to be a copy.

m w.

August 18, 1948.

[Signature]

EXHIBIT No. 283 - 4
DATE 27/5/48
FILED BY Crown

General Delivery
Kaslo B.C.
Nov. 27/42

Mr. H. F. Green,
Protection Department,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

I notice in your list of chattels, File No. 7841, left at 148 East Columbia St., New Westminster, my removable Clothes closet (green) has been omitted. I could not get it upstairs so the people renting the place Mrs. Ed Worms downstairs are using it. Please include this into the list.

Yours truly,

"(Mrs.) Y. Fujimoto"

Reg. No. 08215.

I hereby certify that the foregoing words are a true copy of the original whereof they purport to be a copy.

M.A. August 18, 1948.

