

REAL PROPERTY										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 Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Total		
PERSONAL PROPERTY										Total
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			
NETS										Total
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	
MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS										Total
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			
163.45	69.50	20.85	42.63%	139.95	59.66					
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										80.51



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CASE NO: 1103

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

Toronto, Ontario,

October 7, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

(MRS.) AYA SAKAMOTO.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

Original.



1 IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"  
2 PART 1, REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 99.

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4 JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

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7 HIS HONOUR, JUDGE J.A. MCGIBBON, SUB-COMMISSIONER.

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9 Toronto, Ontario,  
10 October 7, 1948.

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14 IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF  
15 MRS. AYA SAKAMOTO.

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18 APPEARANCES:

19 K.A. CHRISTIE, ESQ., K.C., appearing for the  
Dominion Government,

20 R.A. BEST, ESQ., appearing for the  
21 Claimant.

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23 A. SMITH, ESQ., Secretary,  
24 G.N.R. UPTON, ESQ., Official Interpreter,  
25 A.G. VEITCH, ESQ., Official Reporter.

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MRS. AYA SAKAMOTO, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the interpreter as follows;

MR. BEST: Your honour, I might explain in this case, that this case is identical with the last in that the claimant is the wife in the family and has not nearly as much information about it as the husband but since the claim was put in the wife's name we will lead off with her.

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BEST:

Q. Is that your signature, Mrs. Sakamoto?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And was that claim form prepared upon your instructions?

A. Yes.

MR. BEST: It will be Exhibit 1 - Personal Chattels Claim form.

(PARTICULARS OF PERSONAL CHATTELS, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

Q. Mrs. Sakamoto, I understand that you formerly lived on Oxford Street in Vancouver. Is that correct?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And I wonder if you would tell us when you were evacuated? A. September 10, 1942.

Q. And, was your husband evacuated before you? A. Yes.

Q. I see.

Perhaps I should make one thing clear, your honour: This is a rather unfortunate case, from the claimant's standpoint in that under the terms of



Mrs. A. Sakamoto,  
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1 reference we obviously will have to abandon part of  
2 it. I wonder if my friend first of all could put in  
3 the analysis, please?

4 MR. CHRISTIE: I tender as Exhibit 2 the  
5 Analysis of Personal Property claim.

6 (ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM,  
7 MARKED EXHIBIT NO.2)

8 MR. BEST: Perhaps, Mr. Smith, as soon as you  
9 are through you can give his honour the analysis and  
10 he will know that of which we are speaking.

11 THE SECRETARY: Yes.

12 MR. BEST: If you will notice on the Analysis  
13 Items 53 to 62 in Column 3. The truth of the matter  
14 there is that the claimant actually did sell those  
15 goods in extremely difficult circumstances. According  
16 to her claim she says the night her husband was  
17 evacuated in March someone set fire to their car  
18 in the garage. She was afraid if she stayed there  
19 she might be hurt. She disposed of those items,  
20 herself. This is not the time or place to argue the  
21 merits of the case but I think it must be admitted  
22 that under the terms of reference since she had to sell  
23 them herself we are not suggesting that they be  
24 claimed for at this time. In similar cases of  
25 course your honour knows there will probably be  
26 general argument at the end about such circumstances.  
27 I wanted to clarify that point now.

28 Q. Mrs. Sakamoto, in your claim you mention  
29 first of all a dinner set which you purchased in 1940  
30 for \$49.50. You valued that at \$34.50. Can you tell



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1 us a little bit about it? Was it Bone china?

2 A. That was a set which I had imported from  
3 Japan? It was of a good grade of pottery and it  
4 had a very beautiful design.

5 Q. And this vacuum cleaner, according to  
6 your claim was purchased in 1941. Can you tell us just  
7 how long before you were evacuated it was purchased?

8 A. About two years before I was evacuated  
9 I purchased it.

10 Q. I see. Had you used it very much?

11 A. It was a small one and I had not used it  
12 very much.

13 Q. I see. Mrs. Sakamoto, there is a list of  
14 goods here, bed covers, kimono, flower vases and  
15 Japanese pictures. Are those the goods which were in  
16 those seven or eight boxes?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. I see. They are actually the contents of  
19 the boxes, then?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Do you remember, Mrs. Sakamoto, when you  
22 were evacuated you filled out a form either in  
23 Hastings Park or at this chop suey store and I believe  
24 at that time you did not make any note of any assets.

25 Do you remember that?

26 A. I did not make a list at that time.

27 Q. Can you tell us why? Did your husband  
28 make a list?

29 A. My husband made a list afterwards.  
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2 Q. I see. Now, just where were these goods  
3 left, Mrs. Sakamoto?

4 A. I left them at the house with Mr. Higuchi.

5 Q. And where was that? Was that 13th Avenue,  
6 Vancouver?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And were they kept separate from Mr.  
9 Higuchi's own goods?

10 A. Yes.

11 MR. BEST: All right; that is all!

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13 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. CHRISTIE:

14 Q. Mrs. Sakamoto, I produce the J.P. Form,  
15 dated July 15, 1942. Is that your signature?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And under the heading "Statement of  
18 personal property owned" you put "none." Is that  
19 correct?

20 A. There was no interpreter there and I  
21 cannot read English.

22 MR. CHRISTIE: I am tendering this as  
23 Exhibit 3, J.P. Form.

24 (J.P. FORM, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3)

25 Q. Mrs. Sakamoto, I produce here a letter  
26 dated February 11, 1946, addressed to Mr. B.R.  
27 Dusenbury, Administration Department, office  
28 of the Custodian. Is that your signature?

29 A. That is not my signature.

30 Q. Then, can you tell his honour whose



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signature that is?

A. That is my husband's signature.

MR. CHRISTIE: Your honour, I wish to read this into the record and tender them as exhibits. I think they can well be put in together.

The first is a copy of letter, February 1, 1946. We will have to produce the original in Vancouver. It is addressed to Mrs. Aya Sakamoto, Tashme, B.C.

"Dear Madam:

In checking your file we find that you declared on July 15th 1942 that you had no household effects or other chattels in the Protected Area of British Columbia.

It seems, however, from our records that you may have had some of these at that time, which you failed to mention in your declaration. We wish to ascertain if you did in fact leave any property of this nature in Vancouver when you were evacuated, and if so where it was left and of what did it consist? As we have not heard from you since you were evacuated, perhaps you disposed of all such effects before leaving Vancouver.

Please let us have a prompt and full reply, so that we can give the matter further attention if necessary."

The reply which I am just informed is signed by the husband, although in typeing it is "Aya"---





1 which is your first name?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. But evidently signed by the husband, to  
4 this effect:

5 "Thank you very much for your letter of the  
6 1st.

7 My household effects were left at Mr. U.  
8 Higuchi's, 1390 - 13th Ave., W., under my  
9 name 'Aya Sakamoto.' When my husband, Hideo  
10 Sakamoto claimed for the above the Custodian  
11 informed me that they were sold along with  
12 Mr. Higuchi's and that the Sales Slip was sent  
13 to him. Mr. Higuchi informed me about the matter  
14 at that time but since I have not the Sales Slip  
15 on hand I cannot give detailed information about  
16 them.

17 However, there is some Japanese Books,  
18 Pictures, etc. that were not sold and I would  
19 like you to send them to me as soon as possible.  
20 I had written to Mr. G. Spain but as yet have  
21 received no reply. Will you kindly look into  
22 this matter?"

23 Anything else in the letter has no pertinence.

24 I will file these letters as Exhibit 4.

25 (TWO LETTERS, MARKED EXHIBIT NO.4)

26 Q. Did you receive any money from Mrs. Higuchi  
27 for any of these articles?

28 A. No.

29 Q. Now, with reference to this dinner set, how  
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1 old was this dinner set?

2 A. 1940.

3 Q. Were any of the pieces broken?

4 A. It was complete and unbroken.

5 Q. Now, this vacuum cleaner, I suggest that it is

6 not a vacuum cleaner but a carpet sweeper at \$18.50.

7 I doubt if you would get any new vacuum cleaner at

8 \$18.50. A. It was a small vacuum cleaner.

9 Q. Was it hand operated?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. That is all, thank you.

12 A. Hand operated but with electricity.

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HIDE@ SAKAMOTO, being first duly sworn, testified  
as follows:

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DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BEST:

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Q. You are the husband of the previous

18 witness and the claimant, Mrs. Aya Sakamoto?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. We have already heard that you were

21 evacuated before your wife?

22 A. Yes,

23 Q. Now, so far as the household goods owned

24 by your wife and yourself were concerned I understand

25 that you put in a J.P. Form in which you claimed

26 some of them. Is that correct?

27 A. A J.P. Form?

28 Q. A form like that (Indicating) which you

29 signed when you were evacuated? Do you recall that?

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1 Do you recall signing a form similar to that?

2 A. No. I did not.

3 Q. You did not do that?

4 A. No. She has a little, small list.

5 Q. Well, your wife has told us that the  
6 reason she did not complete the J.P. Form with the  
7 list of assets was that she does not understand  
8 English and there was no interpreter there at the  
9 time. I do not suppose you were there, either?

10 A. I was in the camp. I do not know anything  
11 about that.

12 Q. One or two questions about the actual  
13 assets. I notice that you had a record player which  
14 you just valued at \$12.95. Do you remember that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Apparently the Custodian did very well  
17 because he sold it for \$16. Did you know that?

18 A. Yes. I know it.

19 Q. I take it you are willing to concede  
20 \$3.05 on that item, are you?

21 A. Thank you very much.

22 Q. What do you say about these various Japanese  
23 pictures and kimonos? Your wife has told us  
24 that they were the assets, contents of those seven  
25 or eight boxes. Is that correct?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Did you have anything at all to do with  
28 storing these goods in Mr. Higuchi's home and marking  
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1       them as yours or did your wife look after that  
2       entirely?

3               A. No. My wife looked after it.

4               Q. You say that you were not present when the  
5       goods were stored in Mr. Higuchi's home. Is that  
6       correct?

7               A. Yes.

8               Q. Do you know whether they were put in a  
9       separate place?

10              A. I do not know.

11              Q. I see. However, you or your wife did  
12       receive \$69.50, the amount of \$69.50 being the proceeds  
13       of an auction sale of these goods?

14              A. Yes.

15              Q. So that at that time there was no  
16       question about the Custodian acknowledging that these  
17       goods were your goods? I mean he said that they had  
18       sold your goods and credited you with \$69.50?

19              A. Yes.

20              Q. I see. Have you any explanation to offer  
21       to us as to what might have happened to the contents of  
22       some of these boxes, these Japanese pictures and so on  
23       which apparently were not found by the Custodian?

24              A. I think that in 1946 I went into Vancouver  
25       and I saw Mr. Spain and I asked him to look at the  
26       pictures in the warehouse but he says he has no  
27       time so she check up and after that he was going to  
28       send it Tashme but he did not send it to Tashme.  
29       Those pictures, I wanted to explain. My wife's

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1 father died and at that time he gave to us those  
2 pictures, which were good pictures. That is why we  
3 wanted to keep that. I especially asked that.  
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5 Q. What type of pictures were they?

6 A. According to the list they were all ---

7 Q. Japanese pictures? A. Yes.

8 Q. Did they come from Japan?

9 A. Yes. She brought the pictures here when  
10 her father died.

11 Q. Your wife brought these pictures back from  
12 Japan?

13 A. Back from Japan in 1940.

14 Q. I see, thank you.

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16 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. CHRISTIE:

17 Q. Were these pictures landscapes or were they  
18 personal photographs?

19 A. They were what they call Kekemono. They  
20 are rolled and hung on the wall.

21 Q. Were they landscapes? What was the nature  
22 of the picture?

23 A. They were all flowers and trees.

24 Q. Were any personal photographs included in  
25 these pictures?

26 A. No, no personal photographs.

27 Q. Now, will you tell us why these flower vases,  
28 or this flower vase at \$15. is so valuable?

29 A. It was a valuable Japanese vase made of what  
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1 is called Satsuma-ware; with a special and beautiful  
2 design.

3 Q. These goods were stored at Kiguchi's without  
4 any instructions from the Custodian at any time?

5 A. I do not know anything about that because  
6 I was not present.

7 Q. I have a copy here of a letter which may  
8 be helpful to the court and perhaps while it is  
9 addressed to your wife you may know whether or not  
10 you received it. It is dated February 15, 1946:

11 "Mrs. Hidea Sakamoto,

12 Dear Madam:

13 With reference to the enquiry contained in  
14 your letter of the 11th instant regarding  
15 Japanese books, pictures, etc. all books in  
16 the Japanese language have been discarded and  
17 pictures likewise unless they happen to be  
18 personal photographs.

19 Articles of a purely personal nature are  
20 being re-listed at present, and if anything is  
21 discovered in your name you will be notified."

22 Do you know whether or not you received the original  
23 of this? A. This letter?

24 Q. Yes? A. I got it, all right.

25 MR. CHRISTIE: We might put that in with  
26 Exhibit 4, a copy of a letter from G.B.Spain, dated  
27 February 15. Subject to further proof, of course.

28 MR. BEST: I was going to ask my friend whether  
29 he knows if in view of that letter the items shown in  
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1 the column "declared but not ~~found~~" should more  
2 properly be in the column "abandoned," if that was the  
3 policy the Custodian adopted of abandoning Japanese  
4 pictures and books; in this case I think it is a  
5 matter of some importance since the total would be  
6 less than \$100., maybe \$70. or \$80.

7 MR. CHRISTIE: In that column there is no  
8 books or pictures.

9 MR. BEST: What I am suggesting is that in view  
10 of the letter you have just read apparently these  
11 things were deliberately abandoned. The Custodian  
12 says that. I think it may be important that  
13 perhaps there was just a typographical error in  
14 putting those things in the "declared, not found"  
15 column, rather than the "abandoned" column.

16 MR. CHRISTIE: I have no information but my  
17 suggestion to my friend is that perhaps they could  
18 subpoena Spain in Vancouver to get that information.

19 THE INTERPRETER: Spain has gone back to Japan.

20 MR. CHRISTIE: That letter should go in as part  
21 of Exhibit 4.

22 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Yes.

23 (See Ex. #4.)

24 MR. BEST: That is the case.

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26 MR. CHRISTIE: It is submitted, your honour,  
27 that goods which were sold were sold at their fair  
28 market value.

29 It is further submitted that in respect of goods  
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1 which were not left with the Custodian and of which  
 2 the Custodian had no record, the Custodian cannot assume  
 3 any responsibility. Then I think perhaps to complete  
 4 the record I would like to file two sheets from the  
 5 auctioneer in which all the goods were set out in  
 6 detail which were sold. Exhibit 5, chattel schedule  
 7 I think would be a proper title as the heading.

8 (CHATTEL SCHEDULE; MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5)

9 MR. CHRISTIE: That is the defence, your honour.

10 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Very well.

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 12 (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

16 *A.G. Veitch*

17 "A.G. VEITCH"  
 18 Official Reporter.

19 I, John A. McGibbon, Deputy Commissioner,  
 20 appointed to hear a Commission to investigate  
 21 claims of Japanese Canadians for property  
 22 loss, do certify the foregoing is a true  
 23 copy of the evidence heard on the within claim.

24 *John A. McGibbon*  
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**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

*[Signature]*

*11473*  
*Toronto*

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

(1) NAME SAKAMOTO? AYA *mas* (RCMP) Reg. No. 06157  
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address 2307 Oxford St., VANCOUVER B.C.

(3) Present Address 19 Wales Ave. Toronto Ont.

(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
- (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 - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- (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 Sep. 12th 1942.

Mr. U. Higuchi's House 1390-13th Ave. West Vancouver B.C.

(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)

Mr. U. Higuchi's House.

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation \_\_\_\_\_

Packed in wooden Boxes. Stored in the attic.

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- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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**TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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) - - - - - \$ 378.10

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

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 )  
 Province of British Columbia )  
 TO WIT: )

I, Aya Sakamoto of the City  
 of Vancouver in the County of York

**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 Vancouver ) Aya Sakamoto  
 in the County of York )  
 this 6 day of January )  
 A.D. 1947 )  
J. Kaplan )  
 A Commissioner &c.

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.

(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")

Mr. Ukon Higuchi.

( 16 Chadwick Ave. Guelph Ont. ) Present Address)

(e) Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim:

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Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim.					
1	1 Set Dinner set	34.50	31	1 Only Bed Cover	5.95
2	1 Set Sukiyaki set	12.95	32	1 Pr. Judo Kimono	6.75
3	1 Only Cut Glass	9.75	33	1 Only Flower Vase	9.00
4	1 Only "	6.00	34	1 Only "	3.75
5	1 Set Jelly Set	1.95	35	1 Only "	15.00
6	1 Dz. Dishes	4.20	36	1 Only Japanese Picture	5.00
7	1 Dz. Covered Bowls.	2.10			
8	8 Only Dinner plate	3.60	37	1 Only "	18.75
9	8 Only "	2.80	38	1 Only "	8.75
10	8 Only Dishes	2.80	39	1 Only Pap. P. in flame	6.00
11	3 Only Bowls	2.95	40	1 Only "	15.00
12	1 Only Cake dish	1.25	41	1 Only "	3.00
13	1 Only Silver Ptd Cake P	1.25	42	1 Only "	7.00
14	1 Only "	2.50	43	1 Only "	18.75
15	1 Only Silver plate	5.75	44	1 Only Vacuum E. Cleaner	18.50
16	1 Only Fruit Bowl	1.25			
17	1 Only "	1.50	45	1 Only China Ornament	3.50
18	1 Set Butter dishes	2.75	46	1 Only "	6.75
19	2 Only Lacquer wear	3.00	47	1 Set Coffee maker	7.50
20	1 Only Record Player	12.95	48	1 Set "	2.95
21	1 Only Japanese Jardiner	30.00	49	1 Set Bed Flame	17.50
22	1 Only Electric Stove	2.95	50	1 Set Xma light	1.25
23	1 Set Sukiyaki Pan & Stov	4.50	51	1 Set "	2.50
24	1 Only Fruit Basket	1.25	52	Japanese Book	
25	1 Only Kitchen Clock	.95		Many of Copies	
26	10 Yds Curtain	4.50		Can't listed	-----
27	1 Only Table cloth	7.50			
28	1 Only "	15.00			
29	7 Only "	8.75			
30	1 Only Bed cover	3.75			
					<b>\$378.10</b>

~~XXXXXXXX~~

On the night of March 6th 1942, after my husband left for the road camp that day someone started a fire underneath our car in the grage. This incident mak me feel that it was not in safe to live alone with my two boys at 2307 Oxford St. Vancouver B.C. I disided to move to Mr. U. Higuchi 1390 W. 13th Ave. where we whould be safe.

In order to do this I had to sell the following things at the prices listed below.

1	Table	35.00	5.00
1	Washing machine	25.00	20.00
1	Dinning set	95.00	20.00
1	Cabinet	35.00	10.00
1	E. Vacuum Cleaner	55.00	20.00
1	Carpet	80.00	20.00
1	Kithen stove	125.00	20.00
1	set Chesterfield	95.00	40.00
4	Only Cussions	18.00	2.50
1	Bed Baby	23.00	2.00
		<b>\$686.00</b>	<b>\$159.50</b>

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

PHONE PACIFIC 6131

PLEASE REFER TO

FILE No. 11473

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

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

February 1st, 1946.

Mrs. Aya SAKAMOTO,  
Reg. No. 06157,  
Tashme, B.C.

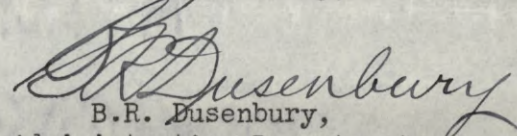
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Yours truly,

  
B.R. Dusenbury,  
Administration Department.

BRD/DD.

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JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6131

PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. 11473  
11360

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

February 15th, 1946.

Mrs. Hideo SAKAMOTO,  
Reg. No. 06157,  
TASHME, B.C.

Dear Madam:

With reference to the enquiry contained in your letter of the 11th instant regarding Japanese books, pictures, etc. all books in the Japanese language have been discarded and pictures likewise unless they happen to be personal photographs.

Articles of a purely personal nature are being re-listed at present, and if anything is discovered in your name you will be notified.

Yours truly,

*G. B. Spain*

G. B. Spain  
Protection Department

GBS:LBM

HOWARD SMITH  
GENOA BOND

SAKAMOTO, AYA.  
(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL CHATTELS

EXHIBIT NO. 1105-1 06157  
DATE OCT 7 1948 Reg. No.  
FILLED BY R. A. Best.

<u>Description of Major Items (and particularly of goods lost, stolen or destroyed)</u>	<u>Approximate Date Purchase</u>	<u>New or Used When Purchased</u>	<u>Price Paid</u>	<u>Condition when Evacuated</u>	<u>Estimated value at Date of Evacuation</u>
1 Dinner set	1940	New	\$49.50	Good	\$34.50
1 Table Cloth (linen) with napkins to match.	1936	"	\$35.00	"	\$15.00
1 Vacuum Cleaner	1941	"	\$18.50	"	\$18.50

The claimant is claiming on the chattels listed in column 3 of the Analysis of Personal Property Claim valued at \$378.10.

Description of Storage of Goods:

All the goods were packed in the 7 or 8 boxes with the claimant's name on each box and left at 1390 W. 13th Avenue, Vancouver.

The claimant's husband notified the Custodian of the Chattels.

General Statement as to Chattels not Described above:

Additional Comments, if any:

Valuations made by claimant are very fair.

Summary:

Estimated value	\$378.10
Sold by Custodian	<u>69.50</u>
Claim	<u>\$308.60</u>

aya sakamoto  
Signature

# ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

FILE No. 11473

EXHIBIT No. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME SAKAMOTO, Aya.

REG. No. 06157

DATE	INVENTORY	DETAILS OF CLAIM	SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND
			AUCTION	TENDER &c		
DECLARATION <u>July 15/42</u>	TAKEN BY _____					
EVACUATION <u>Sept. 10/42</u>	DATE _____					
No personal property declared.		1. 1 Set Dinner set	34.50	7.75		
Husband declared no personal property.		2. 1 Set Sukiyaki set	12.95 )			
		3. 1 only cut glass	9.75 )			
		4. 1 only cut glass	6.00 )			
		5. 1 Set Jelly set	1.95 )			
		6. 1 Dz. dishes	4.20 )			
		7. 1/2 Dz. covered bowls	2.10 )			
		8. 8 only dinner plate	3.60 )			
		9. 8 " " "	2.80 )	See China-ware sold		
		10. 8 only dishes	2.80 )			
		11. 3 only bowls	2.95 )	19.25		
		12. 1 only cake dish	1.25 )			
		13. 1 only silver Ptd. Cake Pl	1.25 )			
		14. 1 only "	2.50 )			
		15. 1 only Silver plate	5.75 )			
		16. 1 only fruit bowl	1.25 )			
		17. 1 only fruit	1.50 )			
		18. 1 set butter dishes	2.75 )			
		19. 2 only lacquer wear	3.00 )			
		20. 1 only record player	12.95	16.00		
		21. 1 only Japanese Jardiner	30.00	2.00		
		22. 1 only Electric stove	2.95			
		23. 1 set Sukiyaki Pan&stove	4.50	1.00		
		24. 1 only fruit basket	1.25			
		25. 1 only kitchen clock	.95			
		26. 10 yds. curtain	4.50			4.50
		27. 1 only Table cloth	7.50 )	5.00		
		28. 1 only "	15.00 )			
		29. 7 only "	8.75 )			
		30. 1 only bed cover	3.75			
		31. 1 only bed cover	5.95			
		32. 1 Pr. Judo Kimono	6.75			
		33. 1 only Flower Vase	9.00			
		34. 1 only Flower Vase	3.75			
		35. 1 only Flower Vase	15.00			
		36. 1 only Japanese picture	5.00			5.00
		37. 1 " " "	18.75			18.75
		38. 1 " " "	8.75			8.75
		39. 1 " Jap. P.in flame	6.00			6.00
		40. 1 " "	15.00			15.00
		41. 1 " "	3.00			3.00
		42. 1 " "	7.00			7.00
		43. 1 " "	18.75			18.75
		44. 1 only Vacuum E.Cleaner	18.50			
		45. 1 only China Ornament	3.50	4.00		
		46. 1 only China	6.75	Ch. X		
		47. 1 Set Coffe maker	7.50			
		48. 1 set "	2.95			
		49. 1 Set Bed Flame	17.50	13.50		
		50. 1 Set Ama light	1.25 )	1.00		
		51. 1 Set "	2.50 )			
		52. Japanese Book				
		Many of Copies can't listed.	378.10	69.50		86.75
		53. 1 Table	35.00			
		54. 1 Washing machine	125.00			
		55. 1 Dinning set	95.00			
		56. 1 Cabinet	35.00			
		57. 1 E. Vacuum Cleaner	55.00			
		58. 1 Carpet	80.00			
		59. 1 Kithen stove	125.00			
		60. 1 set chesterfield	95.00			
		61. 4 only cussions	18.00			
		62. 1 bed baby	23.00			

**SUMMARY OF CLAIM**  
 Goods for which Japanese claims \$21  
 " " " " " " 8  
 " " " " " " 7  
 \$ 37

FILE No. 11473  
 REG. No. 06157

EXHIBIT No. \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT No. 1102-2  
 DATE OCT 7 1948  
 FILLED BY R A Christie

CASE No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 VENUE \_\_\_\_\_

SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND	NO RECORD AT ANY TIME	ABANDONED	NOT ACCOUNTED FOR THEFT & C	UNSOLD	REMARKS
AUCTION	TENDER & C							
7.75								<p>Mrs. Sakamoto reported no goods in her JP. but a case and a small carton marked "A. Sakamoto" were found at 1390 W.13th, where she was living at the time of her evacuation. On Feb. 1/46 we wrote to Mrs. Sakamoto asking if she had left any goods in Vancouver. On Feb. 11/46 Mrs. Sakamoto wrote reporting some Japanese books, pictures, etc., but gave no details of her goods. Except for the items contained in the case and small carton, all goods found at 1390 W.13th were sold under the name of Ukon Higuchi, who had occupied the premises. At the request of Mr. Ukon Higuchi we transferred from his account to that of Mrs. Sakamoto the proceeds of the sale of a Japanese dinner set and of a bed &amp; spring.</p> <p><i>Smalison July 17/48</i></p>
19.25								
16.00								
2.00				2.95				
1.00				1.25 .95				
5.00			4.50					
				3.75 5.95 6.75 9.00 3.75 15.00				
			5.00 18.75 8.75 6.00 15.00 3.00 7.00 18.75					
4.00				18.50				
X				7.50 2.95				
13.50								
1.00								
<u>69.50</u>			<u>86.75</u>	<u>78.30</u>				

35.00) According to claim, these goods were  
 125.00) sold by Mrs. Sakamoto before  
 95.00) evacuation, for \$159.50.  
 35.00) These items are not included in her  
 55.00) claim of \$378.10  
 80.00)  
 125.00)  
 95.00)  
 18.00)  
 23.00)  
 686.00

SUMMARY OF CLAIM  
 Goods for which Japanese claims \$213.05 sold at auction for \$69.50  
 " " " " " 86.75 reported but not found  
 " " " " " 78.30 no record at any time.  
 \$ 378.10



OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

EXHIBIT No. DATE Oct. 7/48

JAPANESE SECTION

FILED BY K.A.Christie

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: SAKAMOTO Aya (Mrs. Hideo)

HOME ADDRESS: 1390 W. 13th Ave., Vancouver. Former address: 2307 Oxford St., Vancouver.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 06157 SEX: Female AGE: 34

OCCUPATION: Housewife

(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: none

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Hideo - File 11360

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Hope, B. C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Akira (M) Hidekazu

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: 1390 W. 13th Ave.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 14, 6 yrs.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: none

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: none

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) none

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) none

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

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

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: none
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: none
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

none

**STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED**

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 1390 W. 13th Ave., Vancouver, B. C.  
9 rooms, 3 storey, wooden house, occupies 1 room.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS:  
Mr. U. Higuchi, same address
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:  
Went in on July 1st, rent not yet known.
4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: none.
5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid)  
none
6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:  
none

**STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:**

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:  
none
2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS  
none
3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY  
none

FORM "JP"

4. INSURANCE
5. MORTGAGES
6. MONEY
7. BONDS
8. BANK
9. LIFE
10. INTEREST
11. SAFETY
- LIABILITIES**
1. PERSONAL
2. TRADE
- I, the undersigned, certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the property, interests, and liabilities of the person named above, as of the date specified, and of the property, interests, and liabilities of the person named above, as of the date specified, and of the property, interests, and liabilities of the person named above, as of the date specified.
- Dated \_\_\_\_\_
- FOR DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: .....  
none

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF  
OTHERS: .....  
none

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom).....  
One \$100.00 Victory Bond. Three \$50.00 Victory Bonds.  
In declarant's possession. Maturing in 1954.

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)  
One \$100.00 Victory Bond. ~~In~~ Three \$50.00 Victory Bonds.  
In declarant's possession. Maturing in 1954.

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: ..... none

9. LIFE INSURANCE: ..... none

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS .....  
none

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: ..... none

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: .....  
none

2. TRADE DEBTS: .....  
none

**I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily turn over to the Custodian all my property in the protected area as set out above, excepting fishing vessels, deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities, if any.**

I certify that the above information is true and complete and fully discloses all my property of every description in any protected area in British Columbia and sets forth all my liabilities direct and indirect.

Dated this 15th day of July 194 2.

(Signature) "Aya SAKAMOTO"

"D. M. Chope."

Witness

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

December 15, 1948.

*N. Steves*  
.....  
*J.Y.*

EXHIBIT No. \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE..... Oct. 7/48  
FILED BY K. A. Christie

11473

February 1st, 19461

Mrs. Aya SAKAMOTO,  
Reg. No. 06157,  
Tashme, B.C.

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December 15, 1948.

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J.Y.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	<i>Feb. 13, 1946</i>
File No.	<i>11473</i>
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Dusenbury</i>

(Mrs.) Aya SAKAMOTO,  
Reg. No. 06157,  
Tashme, B. C.

February 11th, 1946.

Mr. B. R. Dusenbury,  
Administration Dept.,  
Department of the Secretary of State,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 1st.

My household effects were left at Mr. U. Higuchi's, 1390- 13th Ave., W., under my name "Aya Sakamoto. When, my husband, Hideo Sakamoto claimed for the above the Custodian informed me that they were sold along with Mr. Higuchi's and that the Sales Slip was sent to him. Mr. Higuchi informed me about the matter at that time but since I have not the Sales Slip on hand I cannot give detailed informations about them.

However, there is some Japanese Books, Pictures, etc. that were not sold and I would like you to send them to me as soon as possible. I had written to Mr. G. Spain but as yet have received no reply. Will you kindly look into this matter?

Secondly, I had given back \$500.00 to Mr. Jinemon Taniguchi (Late) #10790 which I did not claim to you so will you kindly cancel the claim which was against my husband's account. My husband had been left in charge of Mr. Taniguchi's \$650 but the above \$500 was given back to him after my husband has already left for Road Camp. However there was a claim - dated April 8th, 1943 against my husband for \$650 so a letter was sent to him immediately and according to a letter received from Mr. Taniguchi, he stated that he sent a letter to your dept. to cancel all claims. If you will check up on your files I am sure you will find his letter.

Hoping that this letter is clear to you and that you will cancel this claim of \$650 upon checking your files.

Thanking you.

Yours very truly,  
"A. Sakamoto"  
Aya SAKAMOTO. (Mrs.)

Attached to Exhibit 1103-4

11473  
11360

February 15th, 1946.

Mrs. Hideo SAKAMOTO,  
Reg. No. 06157,  
TASHME, B. C.

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G. B. Spain  
Protection Department

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EXHIBIT No.

Oct. 7/48

DATE

FILED BY

K. A. Christie

CHATTEL SCHEDULE

File No. 11473

*June 4, 1947*

RE: Aya (Mrs. Hideo) SAKAMOTO  
Reg. No. 06157

DECLARED by Mrs. SAKAMOTO  
in letter of Feb. 11/46

INVENTORIED by Custodian  
at 1390 W.13th on May 10/44

SOLD

Although she did not declare any chattels on her original declaration she advised us in letter of Feb.11/46 that she had left household effects at the home of U. HIGUCHI, 1390 W. 13th.

1 case )	sold: 1 box dishes	May 19/44
1 carton )	1 box china	"
	platter & dishes	"
	bowl & 6 glasses	"
	2 bowls & 3 plates	"
	cake plate & dish	"
	3 plated dishes	"
	Xmas lights &	"
	lacquerware	"
	gas plate	"
	metal jardiniere	"
	oyster in case	"
	radio gramophone	"
	attachment	"
	linen	" <sup>2</sup> / <sub>8</sub>

Transferred from the account of Ukon HIGUCHI xxxxxxxxxx, file 11529, at his request:

Japanese dinner set "  
bed and spring "

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

June 4/47  
*L.B.A.*

"L. McKinnon"  
L. McKinnon

Note Mar.2/45 the husband of Mrs. Sakamoto requested shipment of the following goods left at 1390 W. 13th Ave.

- 7 or 8 boxes containing books, pictures, chinaware, curtain materials
- table cloth, record player, kitchenware
- 1 Double bed, frames only.

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

December 15, 1948.

*N. Steeves*  
.....  
*d.y.*

NAME: SAKAMOTO, Aya (Mrs. Hideo)REGISTRATION No. 06157FILE NO. 11473

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at 992 Powell Street, Vancouver on May 19th, 1944.

Box dishes	\$	1.00	<i>Chinaware etc.</i>
Box china		2.50	
Platter & plates		1.25	
Bowl & 6 glasses		6.75	
2 Bowls & 3 plates		2.75	
Cake plate & dish		3.00	
3 Plates dishes		2.00	
Xmas lights & lacquerware		1.00 - 50	
Gas plate		1.00 - 23	
Metal jardiniere		2.00 - 21	
Oyster in case		4.00 - 45	
Radio Gramophone attachment		16.00 - 20	
Linen		5.00	
Japanese dinner set )	Transferred from file 11529 - HIGUCHI,	7.75 # 1	
Bed & spring )	Ukon on May 13, 1946. CG.	13.50 # 49	

Total		\$	<u>48.25</u>	<u>69.50</u>
Less Expenses:	(Auctioneer's Fee:	\$	<u>4.83</u>	<u>6.95</u>
	(Advertising:	\$	<u>0.84</u>	<u>1.20</u>
	(Moving:	\$	<u>6.03</u>	<u>8.68</u>
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$	<u>36.55</u>	<u>\$52.67</u>

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Vancouver 20.

Remarks:

No Inventory