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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: KATAYAMA, Sanji.

HOME ADDRESS: Oceanic Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 10992. SEX: Male. AGE: 52.

OCCUPATION: Fisherman.

(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: Self.

MARRIED? No.

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: None.

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: None.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: None.

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: None.

AGE OF CHILDREN: None.

### 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: Dwelling house owned by Oceanic Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Oceanic Cannery, Skeena River, B. C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: None, rent free
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:

1 coho net, 1 sockeye salmon net, 1 1/2 lines of floats, 1 1/2 lead weight line, 2 winches,  
1 anchor, left with Oceanic Cannery, Skeena River, B.C. Value \$200  
Cross cut saw, hand saw, hammer & wedge, 2 blankets, 2 mattresses, in dwelling house as  
above, key held by Cannery. Value \$50  
Fishing boat in custody at New Westminster value \$1200. *Sold for  
see receipt 10/2/44*

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. Still owes \$220 on boat to Oceanic Cannery, Skeena River, B. C.

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)  
None
7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)  
\$5 War Saving Certificate on person.
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: \$220 owing to Oceanic Cannery, Skeena River, B. C., against  
boat as under clause <sup>three</sup> ~~one~~ above. Settled, letter 3.12.43

REMARKS: None

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 24th day of March 1942

(Signature)

S. Katayama

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

FILE NO. 670

KATAYAMA Sanji

Reg. No. 10992

FISHING BOAT:

"SANJI 57" PR 070C

TYPE:

GILL-NETTER BUILT 1933

DIMENSIONS:

27'6" x 7' x 3'

ENGINE:

EASTHOPE 7 H.P. 1941

STORED:

SOLD FEBRUARY 24 1942 FOR \$430.00

NOTE:

THERE WAS A MORTGAGE AGAINST THIS BOAT  
HELD BY CANADIAN FISHING CO. LTD. OF \$212.50



EVACUATION SECTION	
Recd JUL 14 1943	Unit # 4,
File No. 670	Three Valley, B.C.
Ans. 16/7	July 9, 1943.
Referred	

The Custodian's Office,  
Department of Secretary of Stat of Canada,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Sir,

According to information available, the New England Fish Company, Skeena, B.C. has in possession my Cohoe net, and lead and cork lines. The company claims it has not disposed them yet. But prior to evacuation, it was agreed and understood by the company and myself that the company was to purchase them. The net is valued at \$112.00 when the company purchased it for me in October, 1941, though I have not paid for it at the time of purchase. However, I have paid \$75.00 for the usage. If the company were to claim the net for my usage, I think it is too much. The cork and lead lines are worth \$40.00, thus leaving the difference to my credit \$77.00. ✓

I have stored at Oceanic Cannery, Skeena, B.C. the following articles: one--4 gal tin sugar, one-- 4 gal tin rice, and one case canned goods. If the goods are not sold, you would oblige me by forwarding them to me. I will pay the freight charge as soon as I hear from you.

When the war broke out between Japan and Canada, I was taken on my boat to Steveston, B.C. from Skeena by the Naval authority. Return fare to my home was paid individually. However, I and other who went together, were told the cost of return trip will be refunded by the government. To date, I have not heard from the latter.

You would kindly look into the above matter please.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,

JJK:SK

*S. Katayama*  
S. Katayama,  
Reg. No. 10992.

CLAIM  
FILED  
AT OTTAWA  
UN  
23/11/44

Gresson Lake,

Via Three Valley, BC

Nov. 28, 1943.

Officer in Charge,  
Dept. of Fishery,  
Vancouver, BC.

Dear Sir -

I have been informed that my net is not  
worth selling. But I wish to point out few facts  
regarding this net.

This net I bought from Mr. Fraser of  
the Oceanic Cannery at Skeena; and I have been  
very unfortunate with it so since I had no opportunity  
to use this net. Therefore I am quite sure  
that the net should be in good condition.

I will write to the Oceanic Cannery regarding  
this net. So will you kindly look into this matter for me.

Thanking you I remain,

yours truly,

S. Katayama

Sanji Katayama  
Reg. No. 10992

EVACUATION SECTION	
Date	DEC 1 1943
File No.	670
Ass.	7/12/43
Refused	

CLAIM

November 13, 1944

FILE: 670

CREDITOR: Sanji KATAYAMA, 10992

DEBTOR: Canadian Government

AMOUNT: \$50.25

Expenses incurred in connection with the seizure and removal from the Skeena River to the Fraser River of the M.S. "Sanji".

*For*

*Paid - 11-4-1945*

PERSONAL PROPERTY MEMORANDUM

From: F. Matheson  
File: No. 670

August 13, 1945.

Re: Sanji KATAYAMA, Reg. No. 10992

Date of Evacuation: April 21, 1942

Date of JP Registration: March 24, 1942.

Personal Property Declared:

1 Coho Net	}	Value: \$200.00
1 Sockeye Salmon Net		
1 1/2 Lines of Floats		
1 1/2 Lead Weight Lines		
1 Anchor		
		At Oceanic Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.
		(No record of disposition)
		See Mrs. Arnold's report June 21, 1945
X Crosscut Saw	}	Value: \$50.00
Hand-saw		
Hammer & Wedge		
2 Blankets		
2 Mattresses		
		In Dwelling House owned by
		Oceanic Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.
		(No record of disposition)
		See Mrs. Arnold's report, June 21, 1945.

Shipment Requested July 9, 1943, of the following:

1- 4 Gal. Tin Sugar	}	At Oceanic Cannery
1- 4 Gal. Tin Rice		
1 Case Tinned Goods		
		(No record of shipment)

See letter July 9, 1943 regarding fishing equipment  
See letter Feb. 9, 1943 regarding fishing equipment.  
No record of sale of these articles

See B.C.S.C. letter (Aug. 30, 1943) regarding shipment of groceries.  
Also B.C.S.C. letter of Sept. 9, 1943.

See Mr. Green's letter of December 10, 1943, to which there has been  
no reply.

*F. Matheson*

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 670

Re: Sanji KATAYAMA

Reg. No. 10992

This file reveals no real property summary.

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

*F. Maclean*

November 27, 1945.

LIABILITIES SUMMARY

File No. 670

Re: Sanji KATAYAMA

Reg. No. 10992

The following claim was filed against this man:

Kirukichi YAMAHARA, Reg. No. 10419, File No. 9085A - \$10.04

This claim was acknowledged by KATAYAMA, and was settled by transfer from his account to that of the creditor on August 28, 1945.

Sanji KATAYAMA declared the following liability:

Canadian Fishing Co. Ltd., Oceanic Cannery \$220.00

This was settled at the time the Canadian Fishing Co. Ltd. purchased KATAYAMA's fishing vessel, as shown on the Vessels Summary.

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

*J. Matheson*

November 21, 1945.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 670

Re: Sanji KATAYAMA

Reg. No. 10992

This man signed a declaration to the Custodian on March 24, 1942. He was evacuated on April 21, 1942.

Chattels: He declared a quantity of fishing gear and tools, as well as bedding and groceries at Oceanic Cannery and in his former residence at Oceanic Cannery. The groceries may have been shipped to him, as he requested shipment. There is no record of what happened to the remainder of his chattels.

Securities: War Savings Certificate, \$5.00, on his person. This did not come under the control of the Custodian.

Vessel: M.V. "Sanji", described in Vessels Summary, was sold by KATAYAMA through the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee, for the total sum of \$430.00. After deduction of the Committee's charges of \$6.80 and the sum of \$220.00 to settle a claim due the purchaser, the balance of \$203.20 was paid to KATAYAMA on March 31, 1942.

Accounts Receivable: Expenses incurred in bringing M.V. "Sanji" to Fraser River from Skeena River, at the time of the impounding of this vessel, and returning to Prince Rupert after delivering vessel to Naval Service - \$50.25. Refund of expenses paid to Custodian on behalf of Sanji KATAYAMA by the Dominion Government, and credited to this man's account.

This file reveals no ownership of any property other than that shown above.

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

*J. Macdonald*

November 27, 1945.

CHATELS SUMMARY

File No. 670

Rai Sanji KATAYAMA

Reg. No. 10992

This man signed a declaration to the Custodian on March 24, 1942. He was evacuated on April 21, 1942.

In his declaration, he reported fishing gear and an anchor left at Oceanic Cannery, Skeena River, B.C. He placed a value of \$200.00 on these items. In the inventory taken by Mr. Smith, early in the summer of 1942, only the anchor is shown, although it would appear from The Canadian Fishing Company letter of February 9, 1943, that atleast two nets and a lead line were at Oceanic. Although the file shows considerable correspondence from KATAYAMA, who wished this office to sell his gear, there is no record of sale. The Canadian Fishing Company stated that the nets were of small value, while KATAYAMA stated that he had paid the Cannery \$112.00, in October, 1941, for the Coho net. KATAYAMA's letter of July 9, 1943, indicates that the Cannery might have an interest in the fishing gear, and it is possible that the company may have taken this over in settlement of the debt, and possibly paid KATAYAMA direct any balance due him after his indebtedness had been settled. Otherwise, we must assume that the gear was not disposed of and that it is among the valueless goods still at Oceanic Cannery, as reported by Mrs. Arnold.

KATAYAMA also declared some tools, 2 blankets and 2 mattresses left at his former residence at Oceanic Cannery. These he valued at \$50.00. Mr. Smith inventoried a 7-foot saw and some valueless miscellaneous tools. It would appear that these chattels are still at Oceanic. In her report of her visit to Oceanic on June 20, 1945, Mrs. N. E. Arnold reports, among a very few items of any value remaining there, two cross-cut saws. It is possible that one of these belongs to KATAYAMA. In her report Mrs. Arnold recommended, in view of the inaccessibility of Oceanic Cannery and the expense involved in moving chattels from there, that all goods at Oceanic be left as they were and considered valueless.

On July 9, 1943, KATAYAMA asked that three items of groceries be shipped to him. and the B. C. Security Commission instructed the Cannery to ship these, as shown in their letter of September 9, 1943. This office wrote KATAYAMA that we understood that his possessions other than fishing gear had ben shipped to him. He did not reply, which may mean that he received his groceries.

The situation in regard to the chattels declared by this man is very unsatisfactory, but, as Mrs. Arnold has reported that there is nothing at Oceanic Cannery worth moving, there does not appear to be anything that can be done about these goods.

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

*J. MacLellan*

November 27, 1945.

CHATELS SCHEDULE

File No. 670

Re: Sanji KATAYAMA

Reg. No. 10992

Declared  
March 24/42

Inventory  
May/June, 1942  
D.A. Smith

Disposition

1 Cohoe Net }  
1 Sockeye Salmon Net }  
1 Lines of Floats }  
1 Lead Weight Lines }  
1 Anchor }  
1 Crosscut Saw }  
1 Hand-saw }  
1 Hammer & Wedge }  
2 Blankets }  
2 Mattresses }

Misc. Tools

No record

No record

See Mrs. Arnold's report (next on file)

No record

No record

July 9/43

1 - 4-Gal. Tin Sugar }  
1 - 4-Gal. Tin Rice }  
1 Case Tinned Goods }

Cannery Manager, asked 28/8/43  
to ship.

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

*F. MacKison*

November 27, 1945.

File 670

Report from Mrs. H. E. Arnold, of H.G. Halgerson, Limited, of investigation made at Oceanic Cannery, Sasana River, on June 20, 1945.

" Remaining goods at this place are not worth the cost of shipment out. They are all worthless odds and ends left over after shipping out the bulk, old coal-oil cans, rusty gasoline stoves, a few poor kitchen chairs, pots and pans and a heterogeneous collection of rubbishy articles. With the exception of two large cross-cut saws and one trunk of china, there was nothing of any value. The goods are stored in a locked house somewhat isolated from the rest of the buildings and in quantity cover the floors only of two rooms. Even if brought into this city little of it is saleable. Oceanic Cannery is not now used as a cannery, but only as a fish camp and store. It is built on Smith Island on the river side, is difficult of access and its somewhat exposed position complicates the matter. If we contemplated sending in a boat and scow, bad weather might delay loading and run up costs out of all proportion. I recommend that the goods be left where they are and considered worthless. "

ORIGINAL on File A/39

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: February 25, 1944  
Name: Sanji KATAYAMA Reg. No. 10992 File: 670  
Boat File No.: JFVDC 23  
Name of Vessel: "Sanji" 27'6"x7'x3' (1932) Easthope 7 HP (1941)  
Lic. or Reg. No.: Unknown (Maybe PR.57)  
Naval No.: PR.070-C  
Owner's Valuation: \$470.00  
JFVDC Valuation: None  
Custodian Valuation: None  
Date of Sale: February 3, 1942  
Purchaser: Canadian Fishing Co.Ltd.  
Signature on Sales Papers: No copy  
Selling Price: \$430.00  
Amount owing to Purchaser: \$220.00  
Paid to JFVDC ~~RECORDED~~: \$210.00  
Supervision Costs: \$6.80  
Balance due Owner: \$203.20  
Paid to: S. Katayama on March 31, 1942  
Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster  
Claims Against Canadian Govt.: None

Additional Information:

*F. Macdonald*  
*This apparently is the boat listed on JP*  
*Reviewed Nov 27/45 FM*

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Sept. 23/43

Cur File No. 670

Full Name KATAYAMA, Sanji  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 10992

<sup>V</sup>  
Male - Female  
(Check)

Age Dec. 1/1889

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

Date Evacuated 21/4/42

<sup>V</sup>  
Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(Check)

Present Address Three Valley, B.C. KASLO, B.C.

<sup>V</sup>  
Married - Single  
(Check)

Name of Wife \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Husband \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother Deceased

Name of Father Deceased

Names of Children under 16 \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by E. C. T.

Registered with Custodian Yes  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman. Owner of Gasboat.

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS

Custodian's Office

British Columbia Security Commission

File No.: 670.

Name: Sanji KATAYAMA

Reg. No. 10992

Address: Three Valley, B. C.

Special Enquiry:

Ref.: Your letter of 27/4/1945.

Credit with Custodian: \$50.25 - Refund of transportation expenses re vessel, "Sanji".

Credit in Bank: Nil.

Life Insurance: Nil.

Real Property: Nil.

Net Revenue

Negotiable Assets \$5.00 War Savings Certificate (declared 24/4/1942).

Remarks: The file of this 32-year old Fisherman from Skeena River carries no evidence of any other assets except a few fishing nets and tools left with the Canadian Fishing Co., Skeena River. There is a claim for \$10.04 registered against this Evacuee.

Date: April 30th, 1945.

Compiled by:

R. G. Bell.