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FILE NO. 994

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: OOTO, Shunichi

HOME ADDRESS: 1553 Powell St., Vancouver, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 10176 SEX: M AGE: 46

OCCUPATION: Grocer.

(If any business or businesses carried on, state where, under what name and whether carried on by yourself or in partnership with anyone; if partnership, give partner's name.)

EMPLOYER: None

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Shiko

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: 1553 Powell St., Vancouver, B. C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Takashi (M) Emiko (F) Satori (F)

Sachiko (F) Akio (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: 1553 Powell St., Vancouver, B. C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 15, 13, 11, 9, 7 yrs.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are)

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable)

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR
CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

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

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

1555 Powell Street, Vancouver, B.C.: Contents of Grocery Store; contents of Restaurant;
Negotiations are in progress for the sale of the above
for \$2700.00.

Furniture and household effects contained in the
living quarters-approx. value \$500.00

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:

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

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE:

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: \$30.00 per month.
Rent paid up to date.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: City of Vancouver, Vancouver, B. C.

and living quarters.

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 1555 Powell St., Vancouver, B. C. Store building-

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS:

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: None5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF
OTHERS: None6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) _____
None7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts) _____
None8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None9. LIFE INSURANCE: \$3000 Sun Life Assurance Co. 25 yrs. End., prem. about \$90.00
p.s., beneficiary-wife, Mrs. Shika Omoto, 1553 Powell St., Vancouver, B. C. Policy
Number unknown as policy is at home.10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: None11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None**LIABILITIES:**

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: _____

2. TRADE DEBTS: _____

REMARKS: _____

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 3rd day of April, 1942(Signature) S. OmotoGeo. H. H. H.
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE _____

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE August 10/43

Our File No. 994

Full Name OMOTO, Shohachi
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 10176 ^V Male - Female
(Check) Age July 27/1895

Former Address 1553 Powell St., Vancouver, B.C.

Date Evacuated Oct. 30/42 ^V Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address Lemon Creek, Slocan, B.C.

^V Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife YAMAMOTO, Shika #10289

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother ^{nee} (NISHIMURA) Sute (Dec'd) Name of Father OMOTO, Matsujiro (Dec'd)

Names of Children under 16 _____

See Over

Requested by V. Scott Registered with Custodian _____
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Gracer. 1 Store Above Address.

STATEMENT OF ASSETSCustodian's OfficeBritish Columbia Security Commission,File No.: 994Name: OMOTO Shichi Reg. No. 10176Address: Sloam

Special Enquiry: _____

Credit with Custodian: NilCredit in Bank: NilLife Insurance: \$3000.00 Sun Life Ins. Co. Policy #? Beneficiary wifeMrs. Shika OMOTO as at April 3rd, 1942.Net RevenueReal Property: NilNegotiable Assets: NilRemarks: This party sold his chattels for \$2000.00 cash in May 1942.He declared stock and equipment of a grocery store but
before his evacuation it was sold by his wife Shika, and the money
collected by her. We know of no other assets.He has claims filed against him for \$598.40.

Compiled by:

Date: April 27th, 1944G.D. Wilson

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 994

August 20, 1946.

Re: OMOTO, Shobachi
Reg. No. 10176.

The following claims were filed against the above:

Yoshitaro YAMASHITA	\$500.00
Beem Products of Western Canada	98.40

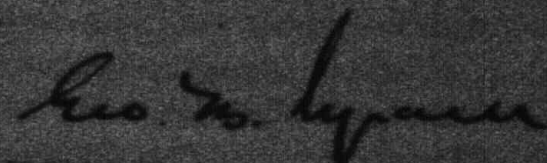
In his letter of December 15, 1943, OMOTO writes:

" I have not forgotten about it. I am willing to pay as soon as possible but at the present, as I am sure you know how my situation stands, since we have been evacuated, I have no sources of income whatsoever, living on the small relief the Commission allows us, in which there are no extra allowances. I am very sorry I cannot fill in any amount at the present."

The creditors were advised and the above quoted in our letters to them dated December 23, 1943. His address was given with the recommendation that they write direct and arrange settlement.

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

August 20, 1946.
GSS:CO.



G. B. Spain.

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C. BARRETT-LENNARD & CO.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
AUDITORS
LICENSED TRUSTEE IN
BANKRUPTCY

TELEPHONE SEYMOUR 7800

502 RANDALL BUILDING
555 WEST GEORGIA STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C.

April 15th, 1942.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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Attention Mr. C. L. Drewry

The Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir: Re: Shohachi OMOTO - No. 10176

This letter is referred to in my report dated April 15th. The suggestion contained herein may not be feasible or convenient, but I believe the information is worth keeping on file.

In my report, I referred to the difficult attitude adopted by this man during my interview, and suggested he be examined, preferably under oath. My reasons for making this suggestion are:

(1) He appears to me the type that will be insolent to camp guards, and will cause trouble to authorities in general.

(2) We may now have a good chance to discipline him.

(3) If he is not checked, his example will have a bad effect on others.

(4) Reasons for believing form "JP" does not disclose a true statement of his affairs are:

(a) He states he has no money in the bank. On this point he may be correct, as he may keep funds elsewhere, although this is improbable in a business as large as this.

(b) The restaurant has quite a large seating capacity. It is near one of the shipyards and many other large industrial plants, with little or no competition, and is doing a rushing business.

(c) His expenses are less than the minimum, Rent \$15.00 for Cafe & \$15.00 for living quarters. Assistants - A large amount of the work is done by his wife and children, once more keeping down expenses.

(5) An examination would disclose the volume of his sales, and the gross profit on the sales would be 50% or more, deduct from this his expenses and we know approximately his net profit.

(6) If he refuses to give information and says he does not keep books, he is violating Income Tax Regulations. Then we may discover he has not lived up to minimum wage and hours of work regulations. Then there are penalties if Unemployment Insurance regulations are not adhered to, not to mention deductions from employees for National Defence Tax. So it would seem we could make him very uncomfortable.

Such an examination would take time, but we most likely could catch him on several of these points, and possible on all of them, and put him in a more respectful mood for others who will have to put up with him later on.

Yours truly,

A. Bruce Stewart
S.A.

Report of Charles Barrett-Lennard,
Chartered Accountant, 502 Randall Build-
ing, Vancouver, B. C., on the affairs of
Shohashi Omoto, April 15th, 1942.

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Attention Mr. C. L. Drewry

The Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Shohashi OMOTO - No. 10176

I submit herewith my report on the above.

(a) Special Remarks Qualifying this Report

During the period I have been engaged in this work I have been able to get along amicably with all the Japanese interviewed, and in the end, at least, obtained their cooperation. This man is the exception, he and his family adopted almost an offensive attitude. I endeavored to be diplomatic, and in a friendly manner obtain the necessary information and check the physical property. I obtained from him by questioning, a list of the household furniture as per Schedule "A" attached, but when I asked if I could see this furniture, he refused, so I have not verified its existence.

Regarding the restaurant, Omoto gave me conflicting answers. He first said it was sold, and later that someone had an option to purchase, and had deposited \$50.00, the deal to be concluded later. However, as he objected to give any information, and as form "JP" signed by him does not appear to me to be a reasonable declaration of his financial affairs, I place little confidence in his remarks.

1. Location and Nature of Property. 1553 Powell Street, Vancouver, B. C. Restaurant and Grocery on premises, rented from the City of Vancouver, on a monthly rental basis.

2. Owner. Shohashi Omoto - I have seen nothing to verify ownership.

3. Financial Position. This appears to be a fairly well equipped restaurant, quite large. One side of the store is used as a grocery department. He is operating at present, and as the stock is being sold daily and therefore decreasing, there would be no object in taking stock, even if he allowed anyone to do so, and I am sure he would not willingly give permission. I should estimate the value of the grocery stock to be not more than \$100.00.

Omoto tells me there is nothing owing on the equipment, and that he does not owe any debts. I discovered later he owes the current months rent of \$30.00.

He does not report a bank account on form "JP". I am of the opinion he only reported what he wished to report, and that an examination would disclose substantial funds. I have gone into this subject more fully in a letter attached.

3. Financial Position (Cont'd.)

ASSETS

Stock of Groceries on hand - Estimated Value	\$ 100.00
Food - Prepared and in course of cooking -	
- Restaurant - Estimated	50.00
Living Room Furniture as per Schedule "A"	?
Restaurant Furnishings & Equipment - Schedule "B"	
- Estimated Value	<u>1,100.00</u>

LIABILITIES

Rent - Current Month	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
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4. Insurance in Force. None

5. Existing Contracts. According to S. Omoto there are none.

6. Prospects of Continued Operations. S. Omoto informs me the business is practically sold. It is quite apparent, however, he intends to make his own arrangements without the assistance of the Custodian.

7. Recommendations. If S. Omoto sells the restaurant, I presume the matter will be closed. In the event he is unable to complete a sale before being evacuated, or his wife is unable to do so before she is moved, I would recommend the price be made reasonable, and the place sold.

I shall be pleased to give any further information desired.

Reported by

A. Bauer
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT.

SCHEDULE "A"

Shohachi Omoto

Inventory of Living Rooms

4 Beds - Double
1 Gas Range
1 Dining Table
6 Dining Room Chairs
1 Chinaware Cabinet
1 Sofa
Linoleum on floors on three rooms in back.

SCHEDULE "B"

Restaurant

About 24 Swivel Chairs - leather covered
in good condition - cost about
\$4.00 or \$5.00 each.

3 Tables

12 Chairs

Kitchen Equipment
Crookery
Cooler
Winding Lunch Counter

Value About \$ 1,100.00

NOTE: I was unable to examine living room
furniture, see first para. of report.

For the same reason I did not obtain
a good list of the restaurant furniture
and equipment, and made up this list
from memory after leaving the premises.

16th April, 1942.

Property Department,
City of Vancouver,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

I am informed that Mr. Shonaoki Omoto,
an evacuated Japanese, is tenant of the property
known as 1553 Powell St. at a monthly rental of
\$30.00 paid to April 3, 1942.

Please advise me if this is a correct
statement, and, if he holds a lease of the premises,
the terms of such lease.

Yours truly,

G. L. Crewry,
Manager.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

Lands & Rentals

OFFICE

CITY HALL

April 18th, 1942.

Reviewed

C. L. Crewry, Esq.,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Shohaoki Omoto,
1549-1553 Powell St.

In response to yours of the 16th instant
regarding the above-noted evacuated Japanese, S. Omoto
is a tenant of our property at 1549-1553 Powell Street
at a monthly rental of \$30.00 per month payable in
advance.

The rent has been paid to March 31st, 1942.
There is no lease on the property and if it is being
vacated, we shall be pleased to receive notice of same.

Yours faithfully,

W. L. Woodford

Supervisor of Lands & Rentals.

WLW:MB

24th April, 1942.

Mr. C. Barrett-Lennard,
502 Randall Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir: Re: OMOTO, Shohachi

We thank you for your report on the above dated the 13th instant. The policy of this office is one of protective security of property voluntarily declared to the Custodian, and whilst we appreciate the difficulty you have had with this man we prefer that you do not make any investigation with a view to making him become involved with the National Defence Tax Authorities, etc.

We also appreciate that this is a case where this man might intentionally dispose of his business to the prejudice of his creditors, but it is unlikely that now, non-Japanese suppliers would allow him credit.

We shall be glad if you will inform him formally that any sale of his business requires the approval of the Custodian.

Apart from this there is nothing you can do prior to his evacuation.

Yours truly,

C.L. Drewry
Manager.

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April 29th, 1942

Mr. J. Gault
1933 Powell St.
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that you have committed a breach of the contract made between this Company and yourself, and dated the 9th day of September, 1941, as follows:

Default has been made in payment of instalments payable under the said contract, namely the instalments from the month of February, 1942 to date.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that this Company is taking possession of the display covered by the said contract, and declares the balance of the instalments therein provided to be paid to be forthwith due and payable in accordance with Paragraph 26 of your contract, and consequently there is now due and payable the sum of \$120.00.

This Company demands payment of the said sum of \$120.00 in accordance with your contract contained in the said contract.

Yours Truly,

WHEAT PRODUCTS OF WESTERN CANADA LIMITED

C. E. Corbet
Secretary-Treasurer

Balance of Contract	120.00
Credit for unearned maintenance to expiry date of contract	<u>21.60</u>
	\$ 98.40

TELEPHONES
OFFICE: 3644
RES: 8668

MA RINE 3644
PACIFIC 8668
WHYTECLIFF 546

801-3 BIRKS BUILDING
718 GRANVILLE STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Frederick C. Aubrey

*Barrister-at-Law, Solicitor
Notary Public, Commissioner*

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1942.

Department of Secretary of State
Office of the Custodian of Japanese Section
675 Hastings St. West,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Attention Mr. Kirby

Dear Sirs:-

Relative to our telephone conversation of this afternoon
I beg to state I am acting for Mrs. Shika Omoto of 1549-
1553 Powell Street Vancouver, B.C., wife of Shohachi Omoto.

My client has executed a Bill of Sale conveying her
confectionery and light lunch business situate at 1549-1553
Powell Street, City, to four Chinese, namely:

Gee Chew, Wholesale Florist
665 Pender St. E.

Leong How, cook
545 1/2 Carrall St.

William Chu, poultry dealer
660 Jackson Ave.

Ho Yee Shing, cook,
100 Pender St. E.

The Chinese are represented by Mr. Ray Shakespeare of
Messrs. Killam & Shakespeare, Barristers & Solicitors,
626 Pender St. W., City.

The consideration was \$2000.00, \$1900.00 of which is in
my possession to be paid to Mrs. Omoto, less two accounts:

General Securities Ltd., 744 Hastings St. W.
\$54.20

Hazelwood Creamery Ltd. 351 Keefer St.
\$160.00

Mrs. Omoto has sworn a declaration that the said two
accounts are her only debts.

The Chinese are in possession and all parties are satisfied
with the transaction but it occurred to me before disbursing

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Frederick C. Aubrey

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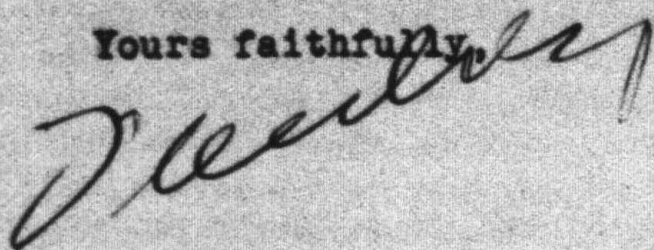
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these monies ~~and~~ to have your consent.

|| Mr. Omoto is still in the City but I think is to evacuate on the 15th inst.

I would appreciate hearing from you by telephone and should you consent a letter could be sent at a later date.

Yours faithfully,



FCA/BP

TELEPHONES:
OFFICE: MA 8126 3644
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M A Y the 9th,
1942.

Department of Secretary of State
Office of the Custodian of Japanese Section
675 Hastings Street West,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

re: Sale Shika Omoto to William Chu et al

I beg to state that my wife Shika Omoto has sold to Messrs.
Gee Chew, William Chu, Ho Yee Shing and Leong How, all
the goods, chattels, furniture, fixtures and effects concerning
her confectionery and cafe business carried on by her at
1549-1553 Powell Street, Vancouver, B.C.

The consideration was \$2000.00 cash.

This is the transaction referred to in the letter from
Mr. Frederick C. Aubrey, Barrister and Solicitor, to yourselves
of the 7th inst.

I hereby consent to and approve of the said sale.

Trusting this will be satisfactory, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Shika Omoto

TELEPHONES:
OFFICE: DIAL MA RINE 3644
RES. " PACIFIC 8668
WHYTECLIFF 546

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801-3 BIRKS BUILDING,
718 GRANVILLE STREET,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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MAY the 9th,
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Department of Secretary of State
Office of Custodian of Japanese Section
675 Hastings St. W.
Vancouver, B.C.

✓ Attention Mr. Kirby

Dear Sirs:-

re: Shika Omoto to William
Chu et al

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Pursuant to our telephone conference of this morning I have obtained written authorization from Shohacki Omoto, husband of Shika Omoto, to this sale. This consent is in the form of a letter, dated today from himself to yourselves, and is now enclosed.

For your information I might state that Mrs. Omoto swore a declaration of partnership on the 5th of December, 1941 and filed the same in the registry of the County Court of Vancouver. I do not know why she made a declaration of partnership since the declaration states she is the only partner and was not carrying on under a firm name. However, it is evidence that at that time she was the sole owner.

In accordance with our arrangement I have now remitted the proceeds of this sale to Mrs. Omoto.

A declaration under the Bulk Sales Act has been sworn by Mrs. Omoto and a copy is in my office.

Thanking you very kindly for your consideration, I am,

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
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September 30th, 1942

Mr. Shohachi Omoto,
Registration No. 10176,
2245 Dundas St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

In your registration with the Custodian on April 3rd you declared furniture and household effects at 1553 Powell Street.

We understand you have disposed of these chattels and if such is the case, please sign and return the attached copy of this letter for our record.

We assume that you have no other chattels in the protected area of British Columbia requiring our protection.

Yours truly,

Geo. B. Spain
Protection Department

Enc.
GBS:IF

Signed.....

Shohachi Omoto

July 1, 1943.

Mr. Shohachi OMOTO,
Registration #10176,
Slocan, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We would appreciate receiving your comments in connection with a claim filed with us against you of \$500.00 by Mr. Yoshitaro Yamashita, together with your comments in connection with the claim of \$98.40 filed with us against you by the Neon Products of Western Canada Limited.

In connection with the latter claim, your alleged creditor states that it consists of \$120.00 being the balance of the contract dated September 9th, 1941, less credit for unearned maintenance to expiry date of contract of \$21.60.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander.
Manager.

RPA/MFP

(Information supplied by Ins. Co.)

LIFE INSURANCE

Name Mr. Shohachi Omoto

File No. 994

Lemon Creek, Locan B.C.

Reg. No. 10176

Company Sun Life

Agency Vancouver Agency

Policy No. 2202764

Premium - \$ 56.88

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Payable: Annually, Semi-annually or monthly

Month August Day 1

REMARKS:

Letter sent 13/9/43

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd.	DEC 21 1943
File No.	974
Ans.	
Referred	W. J. Walter

47 Dogwood Ave.
Lamon Creek
Flores, B. C.
Dec 15, 1943.

Dear Mrs.

I am replying to your letter of December 10, 1943. regarding of the two claims RE. (1) Yoshitoko Yamashita - - - - \$500.00

(2) Neon Products - - - - 97.40

I have not forgotten about it. I am willing to pay it as soon as possible but at the present, as I am sure you know how my situation stands, since we have been evacuated. I have no source of income whatever, living on the small relief the commission allows us. in which there are no other allowances.

I am very sorry I cannot pay in any amount at the present.

Yours sincerely
S. Omoto