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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: SASAKI, (Mitsu) Mrs Sajiyo.  
HOME ADDRESS: North Pacific Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.  
REGISTRATION NUMBER 10999 SEX: Female. AGE: 51.  
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: Sajiyo.

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: North Pacific Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.

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 with husband Sajiro.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: ~~North Pacific Canning Co., Seattle, Wash.~~

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 sewing machine \$100, bed complete \$50 left with North Pacific Canning Co., Seattle, B. C.

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.



4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: None5. 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)

\$100 Victory Bond 1951 maturity on person.8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None9. LIFE INSURANCE: Sun Life Assurance Co., Vancouver Branch. #2032044 on person.Next premium due April 1942. Beneficiary husband Sajiro Sasaki. \$1,000.10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. None11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None**LIABILITIES:**1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None2. TRADE DEBTS: NoneREMARKS: 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 25th day of March 1942.

(Signature)

M. SAKIWitness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE April 7/43

Our File No. 1012

Full Name SASAKI, Mitsu (Mrs. Sajiro)  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 10999

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

Age Jan. 17/1890

Former Address Skeena River, B.C.

Date Evacuated 30/5/42

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

Present Address Slocan, B.C.

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

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

Name of Husband Sajiro #11000

Name of Mother Deceased

Name of Father Deceased

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

Requested by J. Spratt

Registered with Custodian Yes  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information \_\_\_\_\_



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CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

July 10th, 1944.

(Mrs. Saire) Mitsun SASAKI - Reg. No. 10999

CREDITORS:

NO CLAIMS ON FILE

*Reviewed March 4, 1946  
J. M. Wilson*

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File No. 1012

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

March 4, 1946.

Re: Mitsu (Mrs. Saijiro) SASAKI, Reg. No. 10999

In her declaration to the Custodian March 25, 1942, this woman declared 1 sewing machine and 1 complete bed left at North Pacific Cannery, Skeena River.

On November 17, 1942, Mr. G. L. Rorie informed this office that a sewing machine and box of clothing had been shipped to the husband of this woman. On July 30, 1943, Saijiro SASAKI asked for shipment of a complete bed and a soya bean grinder. These were shipped to him.

Saijiro SASAKI was the owner of two float-houses which were used as dwelling places and a workshop on floats. One of the dwelling houses was occupied by his son and daughter-in-law, the other by Mr. and Mrs. Saijiro SASAKI. As the household and personal effects of the two families were stored in one of the dwelling houses considerable confusion has resulted. However, on March 29, 1943, Saijiro SASAKI wrote to this office and said that in regard to the foodstuffs left at North Pacific Cannery, everything had been received with the exception of one 100 lb. sack of rice and one tub of soya. We wrote to the four members of this SASAKI family requesting that they send us a list of the chattels owned by each member. However, they never did send us this information.

Mrs. Mitsu SASAKI declared a \$100.00 Victory Bond in her own possession. This did not come under the control of this office.

She also declared Sun Life Assurance Co. policy 2032044 for \$1,000.00. This policy was in her own possession at the time of her declaration and did not come under the control of this office. *See May 5/46*

She reported no other property of any kind and none appears on her file.

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

*J. MacKinnon*  
March 4, 1946.

FM/MM



1012 & 11489

August 28, 1942

H. W. Harris Esq.,  
North Pacific Cannery,  
Skeena River, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Saito SASAKI

We have been advised by Mr. Kenneth Hardy that the following effects belonging to Mr. & Mrs. Sasaki have been left locked up on their property :-

- 15 H.P. Diesel Engine (Hallman & Peniston Machinery Company, Vancouver, B. C.)
- 2 Lathes for making corks.
- 24" Circle saw
- 2 Mandrels
- Model T. Ford engine.
- 2 H. P. Novo Stationery engine.
- 1 Pipe Vice.
- 1 Blacksmith Bellows
- 2 " Anvils
- 1 " Post Drills
- 1 " Vice
- 12' 1 1/2" Steel shafting and Pulley.
- 24" Pipe wrench
- 18" " "
- 8 Boat Clamps
- 4 Old Cross cut saws
- 6 Heavy Iron Blocks
- 1 Heavy Logging Jack
- 2 Ship's Adg.
- 1 No. 0 Wing Pump
- 6 3/4" x 12" Wood bits.

Mr. Hardy advised us that he would be leaving your community shortly and in view of the fact that Mrs. Sasaki's Registration form refers to a sewing machine and a bed being left with the North Pacific Cannery, we are wondering if you will also give some supervision to the effects left in their machine shop.



Files Nos. 11489, 1012 & 1016

5th September, 1942.

MEMO - MR. GIBSON

Attached you will find Files Nos. 11489 and 1012, together with the file 1016, the latter being the son of 11489.

I am of the opinion that when a reply has been received from Kenneth Hardy, Mr. Sajiro Sasaki (not Sakasi) should be sent \$50.01, provided that before doing so Mr. Gibson should insure the Sasaki buildings, machinery and chattels of all of the Sasaki, thereafter rendering available to the Sasaki net balances remaining after payment of insurance policies.

Before requisitioning the cheque, however, please consult Mr. Shears as I am not certain that the Japanese are in need of funds; on March 25th they had in Prince Rupert bank balances totalling \$2,100.00.

*noted by - See 11489.*

RPA:LF



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September 21st, 1942

Mr. Yoshimatsu Sasaki,  
Registration No. 11080,  
Eloca, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Mr. & Mrs. Sajiro Sasaki,  
Mr. & Mrs. Yoshimatsu Sasaki

We are writing a joint letter to you to cover your property and suggest that Mr. Yoshimatsu Sasaki, who we think has a good command of English, should reply after discussing each point with the rest of the family.

Sajiro Sasaki: We have his letter of August 24th and confirm that we hold \$50.01 for lead and hanging twine sold by the Inverness Cannery. We have now received an additional \$72.15, calculated as follows:

By Balance due on Cedar Net Corks	79.15
To Freight prepaid on Rice etc.	3.40
16 Gals tar	3.60
By Balance	<u>7.00</u>
	<u>72.15</u>

We are holding this to the credit of his account pending the filing of all claims and the completion of evacuation. We do not think that Mr. Sajiro Sasaki needs funds urgently as we see that at the time of registration the joint family funds as declared, amounted to over \$2000.00.

Turning to furniture and machinery left by Mr. and Mrs. Sajiro Sasaki, we were sent a list by Mr. Kenneth Hardy of the things left locked up in your float house and work shop. At the same time he advised that both the Sasaki dwelling houses had been broken into by Indians. We referred this list to the Manager, Mr. Harris, who advises us as follows:

Still Left:

- 15 H. P. Diesel Engine (Hallman & Peniston Machinery Company, Vancouver, B. C.)
- 2 Lathes for making corks
- 24" Circle Saw
- 2 Mandrels
- Model T. Ford engine
- 2 1/2 H. P. Novo Stationary engine
- 1 Pipe Vice



1	Blacksmith Bellows
1	Anvil
1	Post Drill
1	"
1	"
12	1 1/2" Steel Shafting and Pulley
4	Old Crescent Saws
3	Heavy Iron Blocks

**Inventory:**

1	Anvil
12	1 1/2" Pipe Wrench
27	"
8	Soft Clamps
3	Heavy Iron Blocks
1	Heavy Logging Jack
2	Ship's Adze's
1	Wind Pump
6	4 x 12" Wood Bits

He further writes, "The houses were too far from the Cannery for us to accept responsibility as even at the Cannery, several of the Japanese houses have been broken into by the local Indians. Before evacuation, Gassaki was advised to bring up to the Cannery anything of value, but he seems to prefer hiding it away on his float houses with the result that most has been lost."

Now we have your comments on this? It does appear as if you did not take reasonable precautions for your belongings.

Yoshimatsu Gassaki: The last part of what we have written above applies to your things also, but we note the release on file signed by your wife and hope that you received these things.

We suggest for record purposes that you send us two lists under headings, Mr. & Mrs. Gassaki, and Mr. & Mrs. Yoshimatsu Gassaki, of all things left behind by you at the Cannery and not subsequently received, together with a reasonable valuation of each article. We emphasize that the Custodian does not accept any responsibility for missing articles and that you must be very careful not to put an unreasonable valuation on your belongings.

Yours truly,

H. P. Green  
Protection Department

WFO:17



EXTRACT FOR FILES 1012)  
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Extract from G. L. Borie's letter of November 17th.

The following goods have been shipped from the North  
Pacific Cannery to S. Sasake:

- 1 Sewing machine
- 1 Box (appears to be  
clothing)

That is all I can find for him.



Dec. 9th, 1942

No. 4, Slocum City, B. C.

Re: Sasaki, Y., Reg. No. 11980  
& Sasaki, S., Reg. No. 11980

File No. 1014, 11489, 3187, 1012.

Mr. E. P. Brown  
Protection Department  
Office of the Custodian

Dear Sir:

We received your letter dated December 1st, in connection with my belongings which we stored at the Cannery.

We are going to ask you search again for the following goods which entrusted Mr. L. Hardy, watchman of the Cannery, to keep my goods safely and we are not say anything which we left in our house, and the following goods were received by me, said watchman, in writing.

From the list which was issued by the said watchman, duly signed, we received most goods except seven sack rice (100 lb. each) stored at E. P. Cannery's general store.

2 tubs ... Soy Sauce  
1 tub ... Miso (kept warehouse upstairs  
of cold storage.)

The above goods should be responsible by the Cannery, because these premises are always locked up by the watchman and I read a letter which was written by Johnson, present watchman, who stated that the goods probably sold to Chinaman whether or not you received any money.

Within letter dated Sept. 21, you stated freight prepaid \$3.40 deducted from my other account on rice, etc. What charge was this? We do not see anything for the Cannery. Kindly explain fully why or from what source did you obtain the said charges of \$3.40 on rice?

The valuation of lost goods are:

7 sacks of rice @ \$9.75	...	\$68.25
2 tubs soy sauce @ \$5.25	...	10.50
1 tub Miso @ \$5.00	...	5.00

Total value \$83.75







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December 22, 1942

Mr. Kenneth Hardy  
c/o B. C. Packers  
Imperial Cannery  
Steveston, B. C.

*Returned 4/2 uncalled for.*

Dear Sir:

We hesitate to trouble you further about the Sasaki family, but there is just one point we should like cleared up. If you do not know the position, perhaps you could tell us to whom we should write; and if you do, perhaps you would be so kind as to either answer or tell Mr. Robinson, our Steveston representative.

The Sasaki have written to us, asking the following two questions:

1. In their account, which Mr. Harris sent to us on August 24th, there was an item: "To freight prepaid on rice - \$3.40". We imagine this would refer to 3 tubs of sauce and 5 sacks of rice shipped to the Sasaki in May at Hastings Park, but would be grateful if you could confirm this.
2. The other item refers to 7 sacks of rice and 3 tubs of sauce (being the balance of the above stock) which were left stored at the North Pacific Cannery's General Store (except one tub of sauce which was kept upstairs in the cold storage). The Sasaki say that these premises are always kept locked up by the watchman. They did, however, hear from Mr. Johnson that these things had probably been sold to a Chinaman.

Would you be so good as to let us know what happened?

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

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*File this*

February 26th, 1943

Messrs. Sajiyo & Yoshimitsu SASAKI,  
Registration Nos. 11000 & 11080,  
Vancouver City, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

Further to our letter of December 19th we are sorry to say that our enquiries about your rice and sauce have not met with much success. Mr. Kenneth Hardy is no longer employed at the North Pacific Cannery and we have been trying to get in touch with him through Mr. Harris, the former Manager.

Mr. Harris tells us that he had a chance the other day to speak to Mr. Hardy, who is now seldom in Vancouver as he is acting as a sea captain, and was told that as far as he, Mr. Hardy, knew, everything was shipped to you. Mr. Harris, however, will make a further check when he returns to the North Pacific Cannery and will then let us know his findings.

The same applies to the prepaid item of \$3.40 which you have queried, although it seems clear to the writer that this refers to the shipment of three tubs of sauce and five sacks of rice shipped to you at Hastings Park in May last year.

We are sorry not to have more definite news for you, but you will appreciate that it is difficult to do anything until Mr. Harris returns to the North Pacific Cannery in the Spring.

Yours truly,

H. P. Green  
Protection Department

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June 12th, 1943

Mr. & Mrs. Sajiro SASAKI,  
and Mr. & Mrs. Yoshimitsu SASAKI,  
Reg. Nos. 11000, 10999, 11080, 11095,  
Slocan City, B. C.

Dear Sirs & Madames:-

Apart from the heavy equipment left in your machine shop at the North Pacific Cannery, there is now, we understand, only a sewing machine crated and a box No. 1 which you have applied for and have, we understand, been shipped to you, and a mattress, bedstead and springs still at the Cannery. Mr. Harris is now anxious to have Japanese effects moved from the North Pacific and before doing so, we are writing to Japanese to enquire if they need any of the articles in question. If you wish for these items, please apply as instructed in our form letter enclosed herewith, failing which we shall arrange storage at Prince Rupert or elsewhere.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

Enc.  
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711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,  
475 Howe Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.,  
Oct. 22/46

Custodian of Enemy Property,  
Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$200.00

Dear Sir:

Re: SASAKI, Mitsu <sup>1012</sup> #10999  
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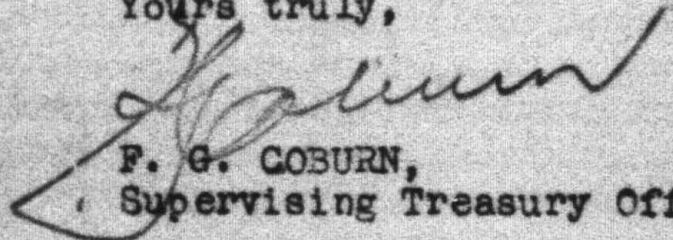
Please note that the above has been  
repatriated to Japan. At the time of repatriation, the  
following transactions took place:

Cash turned in - - - - - \$ Nil

Draft Issued - - - - - \$ 200.00

It will be seen that this Japanese is  
indebted to the Department on account of repatriation in  
the amount of \$ 200.00. Therefore should you receive  
further funds on this account such funds should be turned  
into this office. It will be applied first to recoup the  
expenditure made and, second, if there is any surplus such  
surplus will be remitted to Japan for the account of the  
Japanese in question.

Yours truly,

  
F. G. COBURN,  
Supervising Treasury Officer.

FGC/EJ.