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Steveston Branch  
**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: KATATSU Toshio  
 HOME ADDRESS: P.O. Box 294, Steveston B.C. (Steveston Buddhist Mission)  
 REGISTRATION NUMBER 04512 SEX: Male AGE: 33  
 OCCUPATION: Buddhist Priest.

(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: Buddhist Church

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Shizuko

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: P.O. Box 294, Steveston B.C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Wisono (F)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: P.O. Box 294, Steveston B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 7 years.

**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: Lived on Buddhist Mission Property

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Buddhist Mission, Steveston B.C.

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: 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:

3 Stoves, 2 Clocks, 1 Bed room suite, 2 Table sets, 2 Book Shelves

Kitchen utensils, Table wares, 1 Range, All at P.O. Box 284, Steveston

B.C. Religious Goods at the Mission Hall, Steveston B.C. 2 Sets

Alter, Candelsticks Vases, Incense-Burner, Lantern (Brass), Sutra Table, (3)

Sacrifice implement (3)

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: North West Fire Insurance Co.  
\$500.00 on the Religious Goods, and \$1000.00 on the House, both paid for  
by the Buddhist Mission. No. Policy 205007

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)

none

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

REMARKS: All goods and effects will be left in Buddhist  
Mission upon evacuation.

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) Toshio Kateten

[Signature]

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Dec. 9/41

Our File No. 1061

Full Name KATATSU, Toshio  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 04512 <sup>V</sup> Male - Female  
(Check) Age April 11/1907

Former Address Box 294 Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated July 27/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National <sup>V</sup>  
(Check)

Present Address Lemon Creek, B.C. June 11/43

RETURNED TO JAPAN  
S. S. GENERAL MEIGS  
2nd AUGUST, 1946

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

nee  
Name of Wife (IZUMI) Shizuko #04477

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

Name of Mother Deceased Name of Father KATATSU, Hozan (Japan)

Names of Children under 16 Misako 12/12/32

Kaname 13/11/42

Requested by Miss Carroll Registered with Custodian Yes  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Buddhist Priest

Argus Camera #440



STATEMENT OF ASSETS

Custodian's Office

British Columbia Security Commission.

File No.: 1061

Name: KATATEU Toshio Reg. No. 04512

Address: Leach Creek

Special Enquiry: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit with Custodian: NIL

Credit in Bank: NIL

Life Insurance: NIL

Real Property: NIL

Net Revenue

Negotiable Assets: Sundry chattels shown in JP form.

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 5th May, 1944.

ND Compiled by:

As Solicitor.



REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 1061

July 16, 1946.

RE: Toshio KATATSU, Reg. No. 04512

This file reveals the above owned no real property in any protected area of British Columbia.

The file reveals that the sum of \$500.00 on the religious goods and \$1000.00 on the house occupied by the above was placed with the North West Fire Insurance Co., Policy #205007. Premiums were paid on this by the Buddhist Mission.

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

July 16/46

REM:LEM

*R.B. Mackenzie*  
R.B. Mackenzie



PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 1061

July 16, 1946.

RE: Yoshio KATATSU, Reg. 04512

CHATELS:

The above, who made his declaration to the Custodian on April 3/42 and was evacuated July 27/42, declared effects as noted on the Chattel Schedule on file. KATATSU was the priest of the Buddhist Mission at Steveston and the chattels found in the house in which he lived were inventoried on Aug. 28/44 by Custodian agent, Mr. G.M. Harris, as noted on list #28 on file. These were sold at auction as shown on the Schedule for the net sum of \$20.80.

The account of KATATSU was also credited with the sum of \$6.00 being proceeds from sale of 6 bundles of shingles used to repair the roof of the house of Kinetaro MATSUO.

SPECIFIED ARTICLES:

The above wrote us on Sept. 29/42 asking for shipment of an R.C.A. Victor radio stated to be stored at the Kelly Piano Co. He did not declare this radio to us. The only other reference to the radio on file is a letter advising the above that no radios were being released at that time. The letter is dated Oct. 8/42.

An Argus camera was handed over by the above on March 9/42 to the R.C.M.P. This camera was released to the Custodian on Aug. 16/44 and stored at 992 Powell St. The above wrote on Aug. 16/44 asking to have his camera shipped to him. However this camera was apparently stolen from our warehouse and he was so advised on Sept. 18/45.

No property interests other than those mentioned above are found on this file.

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

July 16/46  
RBM:LBM

*R.B. Mackenzie*  
R.B. Mackenzie



SECRET

July 11, 1954

July 11, 1954

Mr. Thomas J. Ryan, New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Ryan: Enclosed are copies of the above report.

The above material is certified to be in accordance with the  
information in this  
report.

J. J. [Signature]



CHATTAL SCHEDULE

File No. 1061

July 16, 1946.

RE: Teshio KATATSU, Reg. No. 04512

DECLARED BY KATATSU on April 2/42 at Buddhist Mission, Steveston	INVENTORIED BY CUSTODIAN AGENT, G.M. Harris on Aug. 28/44 at the Priest's house	SOLD	OTHER DISPOSITION
3 stoves - 1 sold 2 not found	4 bedsteads	15/9/45	
2 clocks - not found	3 wood frame springs 1-	15/9/45	2 discarded
1 bedroom suite - not found	1 coil spring	15/9/45	
2 table sets - not found	1 H.M. baby bed	15/9/45	
2 book shelves - not found	1 dresser	15/9/45	
kitchen utensils } might be	12 kitchen chairs	15/9/45	
table vases } in the 1 tub	2 sacks wedges	15/9/44	
	1 sack saw handles	15/9/44	
	1 sledge hammer	15/9/44	
	1 wash board		abandoned
1 range - not found	3 deck brushes	15/9/44	
	1 heater	15/9/45	
Religious goods	1 carton oil lamps	15/9/45	
2 sets altar - not found	1 Coleman lamp	15/9/45	
candle stick vases *	1 drum & stand		some sold 7/11/45 and
incense burner *	1 tub festival paraphernalia		some personal and
latter brass *	& crockery		festival gear stored
matra table (3) *	1 carton - same		ready for shipment if
sacrifices implement (3) *			Japanese wishes it.
	small amount of lumber		
	6 bundles shingles	21/2/46	
	1 stone crock	15/9/45	

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

July 16/46

R.M.H.

*R.B. Mackenzie*  
R.B. Mackenzie



July 16, 1946.

RE: Toshio KATATSU, Reg. No. 04512

All trunks and personal belongings in storage at Steveston were opened and inspected in October, 1945. Goods of no value were discarded; clothing of no saleable value were turned over to U.S.R.R.A.; saleable articles were auctioned and any personal photographs or goods of a personal nature are stored at the Buddhist Temple at Steveston ready for shipment at the request of the Japanese.

KATATSU, T.      Lot 225

Auction - 1 fish bowl  
crochery  
1 wash tub

Discarded - old bunting

Personal - 1 picture and frame  
1 scroll  
1 broken picture and frame  
1 ceremonial drum  
2 cymbals  
1 pr. drumsticks  
1 small drum stand  
2 altar lamps  
photographs  
altar dishes

Discard - 2 old bed springs

*R. B. Mackenzie*



FILE

REGISTRATION NO.

FILE NO.

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 1914

Admiral and other

\$ 1.30

Total

\$ 1.30

Less Expenses:

(Auctioneer's Fee \$ .15  
Advertising .08  
Selling .07

\$ .30

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 1.00

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Mills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 43

Remarks.



NAME KARATHU, Tomie

REGISTRATION NO. 24512

FILE NO. 1001

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Stevenson, D. C. on September 15, 1944

- 1 wooden desk	\$ 2.00
- 1 chair	0.50
- 1 desk of wood	1.00
- 1 desk of wood	1.00
- 1 desk with two handles	1.00
- 1 desk	0.50
- 1 wooden cabinet lamp	0.50
- 1 wooden lamp	1.00
- 1 bed stand	1.00
- 1 bed stand	1.00
- 1 bed and part spring	1.00
- 1 bed and spring	1.00
- 1 kitchen chair	1.00
- 1 kitchen chair	1.00
- 1 stove with constant burner	1.00
- 1 baby bed	1.00
- 1 chest of drawers	1.00

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee) \$ 2.55  
(Advertising) 1.05  
(Savings) 2.25

Net Proceeds Credited:

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Stevenson 20.

Remarks.



4591  
Copy for # 1061

December 6, 1946.

Mr. Kihaiji KISHI,  
Registration No. 03835,  
Cascado, B. C.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter  
of December 4th, 1946.

We note you have received a letter from the  
Reverend T. Katata with reference to certain chattels which he claims  
he left in the protected area. We can find no evidence of the Reverend  
T. Katata declaring a Buddha, and there is no record of this being  
found on his premises. There were, however, certain religious goods  
that were stored in the Buddhist Temple at Steveston, but we regret to  
report that vandals have broken into this storage warehouse and opened  
all the parcels there. It will be practically impossible to identify  
their ownership.

Any other chattels which are in the name of  
the Steveston Buddhist Association must be dealt with as the property  
of this Association and not the property of the Reverend T. Katata.

Yours truly,

George Peters,  
Office of the Custodian.

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MEMORANDUM

June 9th, 1943.

To: File 1061

From: Specified Articles Department

Re: KATATSU, Toshio - Reg. 04512  
Buddhist Temple, Steveston, B. C.

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>APPRAISED VALUE</u>
CAMERA	Argue Camera #23565-C. RCMP No. 440	\$ 32.50

This camera was received from the RCMP and stored at 992 Powell Street.  
It is missing from the warehouse and is believed to have been stolen  
during a break-in.

*J. Maclean*  
*Dec 5/45*



Lemon Creek,  
Slocan City, B.C.,  
Dec 24/43.

Mr. A. McAlister,  
Claims Department,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	DEC 28 1943
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	<i>M. McAlister</i>

Dear Sir: BRD

Re: file # 1061

I have for acknowledgment  
your letter of Dec. 13th, informing  
me of a claim for \$15.05 lodged  
against me by Sajiro Takita.

Please be advised that I have  
no knowledge whatsoever of any  
such debt. However, will you  
please check your records and  
see if this claim may be against  
the Stevenson Buddhist Church?

If so, please send full particulars  
to the former president, Mr.  
Hiyaburo Yamamoto at New



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January 4th, 1944.

Mr. Kihelji KISHI,  
Registration No. 03835,  
Christina Lake, B.C.

Dear Sir:

*Sajiro*  
We submitted a claim of \$15.05 to Toshio  
KATATSU, lodged by Sajiro WAKITA, for payment.

KATATSU has replied stating that he has  
no knowledge of such a debt, and suggests that it  
may be against the Steveston Buddhist Church, of  
which you were treasurer. If such is the case you  
will know of it and we shall, therefore, be obliged  
if you will let us know if it is a proper claim  
against the Church, and if so if you can make settle-  
ment of same at this time.

Please give this an early answer, and  
oblige,

Yours truly,

B. R. Dusenbury,  
Claims Department.

BRD:DE



ALPINE LODGE COMMUNITY  
CHRISTINA LAKE · B · C

Cascade, B.C., 1944

January 6th, 1943.

Office of the Custodian,  
Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

COMMUNICATION SECTION
DATE JAN 10 1944
FILE NO. 1061
ANS.
REFERRED <i>W. Winter</i>

Sirs:-

Attention Mr. B. R. Dusenbury.

Re: Your File No. 1061.

In reply to your favor of 4th inst.,  
regarding claim of Saijiro WAKITA (Presumably Saijiro  
Wakita) I beg to state that:

- (1) The Steveston Buddhist Mission bought  
from Saijiro Wakita some Floor Oil and Matches amounting  
\$1.80, and this account was paid on March 19th, 1942.
- (2) On May 11th, 1942, I have gone through  
quite many numbers of stores in Steveston, including  
Wakita, in order to settle accounts of the Mission,  
and on that occasion there was no outstanding account  
at Wakita's store.
- (3) I have left Steveston on May 18th, 1942  
for Christina Lake and therefore, I have no knowledge of  
any accounts if incurred after that date, but my belief  
is if Mr. Katatsu does not definitely recognize the  
account, then it must be against some one other than the  
Mission.

However, if you are at lost to trace  
further in the matter, possibly you can forward me the  
details of the account as such as items purchased and  
dates, and I will be only too glad to enquire the others  
connected with the Mission.

Yours faithfully,

*K. Kishi*

Kiheiji Kishi  
Reg. No. 03835.

*[Handwritten signature]*



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

No. 440

EXHIBIT REPORT

HEADQUARTERS File No.

SUB-DIV'N and File No. VANCOUVER

DIVISION and File No. J.E. CARLIS

DETACHMENT and File No. GIB

DATE August 16, 1944

Re: Toshi KATASHI, Buddhist Temple, Steveston, B.C.

On Mar. 22, 1942 (Date) A.E. Malaren, Ont. (Member's Name)

Came into possession of the following described goods by

Handed over by owner

No. of EXHIBIT	No. of PARCELS	CAPACITY OR SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS
	1		ARGUS Camera / 83565 G (1)  Date 1061

REMARKS: Handed over to Custodian of Alien Property

DATE August 16, 1944

L.S. Custodian

VERIFIED CORRECT  
A.E. Malaren, Ont. #10550  
(Signature of Member)



September 18, 1945.

Mr. Toshi KATATSU,  
Reg. No. 04512,  
Lynn Creek,  
Alaska, U. S.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the request which you have recently made for the shipment of your camera, we regret to inform you that we are not able to comply with your request as the article required cannot at present be located.

We have taken all reasonable measures for protection of personal goods, involving considerable expense in the employment of caretakers, watchmen and night patrol, but, in spite of this, a certain amount of breaking-in and vandalism has occurred in our storage warehouses from time to time, resulting in some items being stolen. It would appear that your camera might have been taken under such circumstances.

Burglary and theft are circumstances which sometimes happen to the most careful property owners, even when the owner is in residence and taking every precaution against such possibilities.

The police have been made aware of this situation and if the missing article should be recovered you will be advised.

Your request and a copy of this letter will remain on our files indicating the facts regarding this matter and will be available for review at any future time. In the meantime, we suggest that you retain the receipt you were given when the camera was surrendered.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department.



July 8, 1946,  
Lemon Creek,  
Slocan, B.C.

Mr. F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd.	JUL 12 1946
File No.	1061
Ans.	
Returned	

*Returned to you*

Dear Sir:

Upon requesting you for the return of my camera left in your hands at the time of evacuation, I received a letter from you on September 18, 1945, advising me that it was lost.

I am scheduled to repatriate to Japan and wish to be compensated for this camera.

The camera was a treasured possession of mine and if possible, I would like to have you send me a similar one in return for the lost camera or a substitute.

For your reference, I am enclosing an illustrated price-list of cameras with my type of camera encircled.

Please give this matter your prompt attention and when sending the camera please send it care of the Department of Labour or the R.C.M.P., so I may surrender the receipt to either one of them in return of the camera.

Yours truly,

*Toshio Katatsu*

Rev. Toshio Katatsu,  
Reg. #04512.

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EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd. **AUG 1 1946**  
File No. **1061**  
Ans.  
Referred *Answered*  
*sent to you*

Lemon Creek,  
Slocan, B. C.,  
July 28, 1946.

The Custodian's Office,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I had received your letter dated July  
15 and note that you wish to have my for-  
warding address in Japan.

The following is my address:  
Katakake, Hosoiri, Nei-gun  
Toyama-ken, JAPAN.

Yours truly,

*T. Katatsu* (T. KATATSU)



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DOMINION OF CANADA  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Issued at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada,

the July 15th, 1946

The Government of Canada acknowledges that XXXXXXXXXX has provided for the use of the proceeds of the sale of the property situated in Canada as described herein and agrees to remit the net proceeds of the sale of such property, or such proportion of such net proceeds as may be required, to Japan under arrangements made with and approved by the United States Government and the Military Authorities in Japan; Provided that from the proceeds of such property there shall be retained such amount as may be required to repay advances made by the Government of Canada by way of Expenditure Loans.

XXXXXXXXXX \$25.00 ✓

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*R. Deau*  
for Comptroller of the Treasury



*T-me*

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 \$ *323<sup>20</sup>*

Dear Sir:

Re: KATATSU, Toshio <sup>*1061*</sup> #04512

Please note that the above has been repatriated to Japan. At the time of repatriation, the following transactions took place:

Cash turned in - - - - - \$ 26.80  
Draft Issued - - - - - \$ 350.00

It will be seen that this Japanese is indebted to the Department on account of repatriation in the amount of \$ 323.20. 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,  
*[Signature]*

F. C. COBURN,  
Supervising Treasury Officer.

FGC/EJ.

