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**BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION**

FILE No. 1197

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 INFORMATIONNAME: OMOTANI, TomotaraHOME ADDRESS: 1755 - W. 3rd Ave., Vancouver, B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 06896 SEX: Male AGE: 47OCCUPATION: Gardener

(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: Local residentsMARRIED? YesNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: AKI 11254ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: 1755 W. 3rd Ave., Vancouver, B.C.NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: MEIKO (F) YOKO (F)ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: 1755 W. 3rd Ave., Vancouver, B.C.AGE OF CHILDREN: 13, and 5 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)

None4. 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 1755 W. 3rd Ave., Vancouver, B.C.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mr. Baker, 2nd Ave., West., Vancouver, B.C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: \$10.00 per month
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: Carpenter's tools \$120, Sewing machine \$114, Bicycle \$15, kitchen stove \$70, Household furniture and kitchen utensils. All left at 1900 block 4th Ave. West., Vancouver, B.C. in c/p I. SUMI
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: _____

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) _____

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: 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 3 day of April 1942.

(Signature) J. Ortolani

W. Amann

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

Handwritten initials

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Aug. 20/43

Our File No. 1197

Full Name OMOTANI, Tomotara
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 06695 Male - Female
(Check) Age Mar 23/1895

Former Address 1755 West 3rd. Ave., City

Date Evacuated April 7/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address ~~Tashme, B.C.~~

Married - Single
(Check) *Go Lee Patterson Crossed alpha.
R.C.M.P. 14/47*
Name of Wife (ONISHI) Aki #06694
nee

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother KAWASHIRO, Sute #05865 Name of Father Toramatsu #05863

Names of Children under 16 Tsuneo(M) 18/9/25 #14529

Mieko(F) 13/9/29 Ryoko(F) 8/1/37

Requested by E.C.T. Registered with Custodian _____
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Gardener

January 14, 1947.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

Re: OMOTANI, Tomotaro - Reg. No. 06695.

Two claims were filed against Tomotaro OMOTANI:

(1) - B. C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd. \$4.80

The B. C. E. R. advised that this claim had been settled on May 18, 1942.

(2) - Toshiaki SUMI. \$50.34.

OMOTANI admitted this claim but stated that he was unable to pay. However, this has since been settled, directly, in full, as per Toshiaki SUMI's letter of August 27, 1946, copy of which will be found on this file.

This file reveals no outstanding claims.

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

CG

C. Guara

January 14, 1947.

January 14, 1947.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: OMOTANI, Tomotaro - Reg. No. 06695.

Tomotaro OMOTANI signed a declaration to the Custodian on April 3, 1942 and was evacuated on April 7, 1942.

CHATELS: He declared a few chattels stored in the 1900 block 4th. Avenue in the care of I. SUMI. He later somewhat changed his declaration and gave the address as 1907 West 4th. His wife, File 11254, also declared goods at that address.

This property was owned by Katsuyo SUMI (Mrs. Isematsu) File 10734. From a review of that file it is noticed that all the chattels stored at that address were sold by auction for the net sum of \$50.56. Choju YAKURA, File 4565 and his wife Shizuye, File 14035 both declared chattels at 1907 West 4th. An effort was made to separate the items sold but it was found to be impossible. We are endeavouring to obtain from Mrs. SUMI, and Mr. and Mrs. YAKURA their agreement to our sending the funds to Mrs. SUMI to be divided amongst them.

A similar agreement will be asked of Mr. and Mrs. OMOTANI.

MONEYS

RECEIVABLE: A refund of B. C. E. R. Security Deposit for light, amounting to \$3.00 has been received in July 1945 and is being remitted to Tomotaro on this date.

The file reveals no property other than that mentioned above.

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

CG

C. Girard
January 14, 1947.

SUMMARY OF CHATTELS

10734	Katsuyo SUMI (Mrs. Isomatsu)	Reg. No. 05994
4965	Choju YAKURA	Reg. No. 01891
14839	Shizuyo YAKURA (Mrs. Choju)	Reg. No. 05997
1397	Tomotaro OMTANI	Reg. No. 06695
1124	Aki OMTANI (Mrs. Tomotaro)	Reg. No. 06694

On June 16, 1942 Mrs. Sumi declared in her JP form a number of chattels which she was leaving in one top room at 1907 West 4th Avenue, Vancouver. Although the Custodian requested the agent, J.L. Clark, to have an inventory taken of the chattels and same acknowledged by the tenant, our file does not indicate that such a list was made.

The majority of the chattels were removed and sold at Vancouver auction No. 5 on November 10, 1943. No inventory was taken. A memo on file dated November 12th, 1943 lists some goods which were abandoned as being worthless. A few items were sold at Vancouver auction No. 6 on November 25th, 1943 and some books at Vancouver auction No. 57 on December 14, 1943. A memo on file dated November 30th, 1943 states that all chattels were removed from 1907 W. 4th Avenue, with the exception of a table desk left for the use of the tenant, Mr. Green, and a further memo dated December 11, 1944 states this desk was removed and sold at Vancouver auction 521.

On May 29, 1944 Mrs. Sumi inquired about her chattels and at that time advised that a number of the chattels which were stored at the above addressed belonged to some of her friends. The auction sheets covering the goods sold at auction were sent to Mrs. Sumi on June 20th, 1944 and on December 7th, 1944 our Mr. Green requested Mrs. Sumi to endeavor to identify the items belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Yakura, as it was found that they had declared chattels left at Mrs. Sumi's former residence.

In a letter dated February 26, 1945 Mrs. Sumi stated that most of the chattels belonged to her friends and it had been decided that they would have to settle the account between them as best they could. A further letter by Mr. Green dated March 7th, 1945 requested Mrs. Sumi to get in touch with her friends and agree with them as to how much of the proceeds derived from the sale of chattels should be credited to each party. Mrs. Sumi was again written on April 27th and August 1st, 1945, and a reply was received on August 9th, 1945, which letter was signed by the Yakuras and Mrs. Sumi agreeing that the funds be sent to Mrs. Sumi. Mrs. Sumi at this time requested that we forward to her the personal goods we were holding in Custodian storage and accordingly 3 boxes and 4 cartons were shipped via Boxman Storage on September 17, 1945, and Mrs. Sumi so advised by letter dated September 18, 1945.

The balance of the funds in Mrs. Sumi's account were apparently not forwarded in accordance with her request of August 9th, 1945 and on March 7, 1946 Mr. Doust wrote to Mr. and Mrs. Yakura asking them to confirm the arrangement that the funds be sent to Mrs. Sumi for settlement among them. Nothing further transpired until January 15th, 1947 when Miss C. Girard wrote to the Yakuras, the Omtanis (also found to have declared goods at 1907 W. 4th Avenue) and Mrs. Sumi requesting them to confirm the arrangement that we remit the balance of funds in Mrs. Sumi's account to Mrs. Sumi that she might divide them proportionately among those having chattels stored at her former place of residence. The Custodian advised that due to the absence of identification marks on the stored chattels it was impossible for us to separate their chattels. *(A fund by Omtanis on the 1st)*

NOTE: A schedule of the goods declared by Yakuras, Omtanis and Mrs. Sumi and a list of those sold at auction and those abandoned is attached. It will be noted that in the case of the Yakuras and Omtanis, both husband and wife declared similar items.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on files *Jan 16/47*

E. Robertson
E. Robertson

January 16, 1947.

May 24/47. Chattel funds pleased to Mrs. Sumi for proportionate distribution with Yakuras & Omtanis

SHAYLE SCHEDULE

Files:

10734	Katsuyo SUNEI (Mrs. Isemitou)	Reg. No. 05994
4945	Choju YAKURA	Reg. No. 01851
14835	Shigayo YAKURA (Mrs. Choju)	Reg. No. 05997
1197	Tomotaro CHOTANI	Reg. No. 06695
11284	Aki CHOTANI (Mrs. Tomotaro)	Reg. No. 06694

Declared by K. Suni,
JP Form June 16/43
as being left at
1307 1/2th Avenue.

**SOLD AT
AUCTION**

2 desks	<i>1-11/2/44</i>	
1 bookcase and books	Dec. 14, 1945	Nov. 12/43 - Abandoned
1 mirror	Nov. 10, 1943	
1 gas heater	Nov. 10, 1943 (oil stove?)	
10 chairs	Nov. 10, 1943 (12)	
Glass doors		
5 tables	Nov. 10/43 (4)	
2 bureaus	November 10/43	
Kitchen utensils	November 10/43	
2 cabinets	November 10/43	
Chinaware	November 10/43	
2 carpets	Nov. 10/43 (1)	
2 lunch boxes		
Lights, globes, extension wire	Nov. 10/43	
1 electric stove	November 10/43	
Clothes rack		
10 picture frames	Nov. 10/43	
Oil cloth		
Blinds		
Roller Skates		
Lumber	Nov. 10/43 (Shelving?)	
1 wooden box for pounding rice		
300 bulbs		
Shrubs		
Declared by G. Yakura, JP Form April 21/42, as being <u>at above address.</u>		
1 double bed)	Nov. 10/43 (double bed, spring)	
1 mattress)		
1 spring)		
25 pc. dinner set	Nov. 10/43 (chinaware)	
2 kitchen chairs	Nov. 10/43	
1 writing desk		
1 bookcase	Nov. 10/43 (book rack)	
books	Dec. 14/45	
Linoleum		Nov. 12/43 - 3 rolls dis (carded)
1 pr. ice skates		
1 lawnmower		
1 steel roller		
3 8" saws	Nov. 10/43	
43 aced. garden tools	Nov. 10/43 - axe, tree pruner	
900 plants, shrubs, bulbs in garden.		

202 3rd Ave,
Dashmore B.C.,
June 16, 1943

The Custodian's office.
Department of the Secretary of State
of Canada
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUN 17 1943
File No.	1197
Ans.	Spec
Referred	Spec

We received your letter. I am very
sorry to cause you all the trouble.
The accurate address is #1907 West 4th Ave.
The following articles left in the attic are:

- ①. Roll carriage.
- ②. Closet for clothes.
- ③. 4 roll carpets. +
- ④. 3 blinds. +
- ⑤. coffee table. +
- ⑥. smocking cabinet. +
- ⑦. picture frame. +
- ⑧. 1 dresser. +
- ⑨. mantel shelf cabinet. +
- ⑩. 2 Japanese silo
School Books.

- ①. 1 "Canada 1937"
- ②. 1 "Junior Electricity"

- ③ 1 "The story of medieval Britain" - C. W. Cline
 ④ 1 "The story of Saxon and Norman Britain"
 C. W. Cline
 ⑤ 1 "Denton and Lord Atlas"
 ⑥ 1 "Christmas Carols" - Dickens
 ⑦ 1 "Junior Geography" - Cornish
 ⑧ 1 "A History of Great Britain and
 Canada" - Hallam.
 ⑨ "Dominion Language Series" - Book III.
 Ronitz - Hall - Mathews - Mackenzie.
 ⑩ 1 "A World geography for Canadian Schools"
 Denton and Lord.
 ⑪ 1 "The Black Arrow" - R. L. Stevenson
 ⑫ 1 "Kidnapped"
 ⑬ 1 "Dominion French Reader" - Book
 I - Mackay & Thompson.

The rest belongs to my cousin.

Yours sincerely,
 Mr. Donatario Crotini
 # 06695.

MEMORANDUM.

File #1197
#11254

July 24, 1943.


TO: File
FROM: Mr. Geo. B. Spain

Re: 1907 West 4th Ave.

A visit was made to this address, and in company with Mrs. Green, our representative inspected the attic and found everything being kept in a very clean, orderly condition.

The chattels were obviously in good safe hands and without making an inventory or disturbing anything, these effects should be allowed to remain here in their present storage as long as found convenient.

GBS/MFP



Dalhousie, B. C.

July 24, 1944

The Auditor's Office
Dept. of the Secretary of State
By Order
Vancouver, B. C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd.	JUL 26 1944
File No.	1197
Ans.	
Referred	McLachlan

Dear Sir:

I have received your recent letter of July 17th, 1944 and have been informed that the following claims have been lodged against me with the Auditor.

- (1) B. C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd. \$4.80
- (2) Boshichi Furnace \$51.34

I am quite sure that we have paid up all our bills for the B. C. Electric before we evacuated from Vancouver. As I am not very sure of it will you please investigate further?

I am working as a farmer, at present. I get fifty-five dollars (\$55) per month. As you can see fifty-five dollars (\$55) is not enough to support my family of 5. So, at present I am not able to pay that sum.

~~W. J. H. H. H.~~

Yours truly,
Alexander Johnston

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

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

PHONE PACIFIC 6181

PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. 1197

11254

10734

January 15, 1947.

REGISTERED

Mr. and Mrs. Tomotara OMOTANI,
Reg. Nos. 0695 and 06694,
C/o Leo Patterson,
Gransford, Alberta.

Dear Sir and Madam:

We enclose herewith our cheque, in the amount of \$3.00,
payable to Tomotara OMOTANI. This represents your balance with this
office and is derived from the refund of B. C. Electric Railway Co.
Ltd. Security Deposit for light.

Your files have been reviewed and we note that both of
you declared chattels at 1907 West 4th. Avenue. All the chattels
stored there were sold under the name of Mrs. Katsuyo SUMI, as
there were no distinguishing marks of identification. The list
of goods sold was sent to Mrs. SUMI but she found it impossible
to identify the owners of the items sold. Mr. and Mrs. Chujo YAKURA
also left goods at 1907 West 4th. Avenue and they agree that the
proceeds from the sale should be sent to Mrs. SUMI who will divide
them proportionately.

We feel sure that you will agree that this is the only
way that this matter can be settled and will confirm this understand-
ing by signing and returning the attached copy of this letter. A
stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience
in replying.

We also note that Mrs. OMOTANI declared having left
some household furniture at 1642 West 2nd. Avenue, in the care of
Mr. Toshiaki SUMI. The chattels stored at that address have been
sold by Auction, but, due to the fact that the goods were not
marked with the owners' names, it may be some little time before
we are in a position to close your file in this respect.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson

F. Matheson,
Office of the Custodian.

CG
Enclosures (2)

WE AGREE TO THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF CHATTELS STORED AT 1907 WEST
4th. AVENUE BEING SENT TO MRS. SUMI, WHO WILL DIVIDE THEM PROPORTIONATELY.

Tomotara Omotani
Tomotara OMOTANI

Aki Omotani
Aki OMOTANI.

EVACUATION SECTION	
FEB 14 1947	
Rec'd	
File No.	1197/11254/10734
Ans.	noted - waiting for other papers
Referred	Matheson file and reply