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CANADA

**DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN**

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

AUCTION SHEET

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

DATE _____

NO.

DESCRIPTION OF GOODS

**JAPANESE NAME OR
FILE NUMBER**

PURCHASER**AMOUNT**[illegible]

**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 INFORMATIONNAME: SAKAMOTO, UnokichiHOME ADDRESS: Claxton Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 11157SEX: MAGE: 58OCCUPATION: 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: NoneMARRIED? YesNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: ShizuoADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Skeena River, B.C.NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Nabako (F), Fukami (F), Jurai (M), Naoto (M),
Clara (F), Suegumi (M), Marie (F), 14283ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Skeena River, B.C.AGE OF CHILDREN: 15, 12, 10, 9, 5, 4, 3.**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)

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: Skeena River, B.C. six room house.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Claxton Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:
None Rent Free 5/24
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:

In the custody of the Watchman of the Claxton Cannery Co., Skeena River,
B.C. :- 1 Spring Net \$20.00 Sold } See May 24/25
(6x20y) 1 Galley for hauling in net \$85.00 Sold }
1 Singer Treadle sewing machine \$80.00.
11 Boxes Kitchen Utensils x
3 Beds \$30.00
1 Pump Jack \$20.00

x 5 Boxes shipped

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)
11-\$5.00 War Savings Certificates in declarant's possession.

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 24th day of March 1942.

(Signature) U. Sakamoto

Geo. Kern
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

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✓
INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date

June 1/13
Apr. 21/43

Our File No. 1230

Full Name

SAKAMOTO, Unakichi

(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No.

11157

Male - Female

(check)

Age

May 24, 1884

Former Address

Coxton Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.

Date Evacuated

Apr. 24, 1942

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National

(check)

Present Address

c/o Leonard Hugh Murray
Port Credit
Greenwood B.C.

Athabasca Lake, Alta.

Iron Springs, Alta. Aug. 20/42

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife

Shizue # 11156

Name of Husband

Name of Mother

Deceased

Name of Father

Deceased

Names of Children under 16

Nobuo (F) Nov. 1/26 # 15812

Shizue (F) May 13/28 Jurai (M) July 21/30 Naoto (M)

May 20/32 Clara (F) June 1/36 Supekuma (M) Dec. 9/37

Requested by

C. Girard

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Fisherman

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 1230

April 4, 1946.

Re: Unokichi SAKAMOTO #11157

This man signed a declaration to the Custodian on March 24, 1942, one day before his evacuation.

In his declaration he reported one Spring net and one gurdy, left in the care of Claxton Cannery, Skeena River. B. C. Packers Ltd. informed us on May 21, 1945, that these articles had been purchased by Claxton Cannery and the money turned over to SAKAMOTO after an okay from this office. There is no other record of this on our files.

He declared a Singer treadle sewing machine, 11 boxes of kitchen utensils, 3 beds and one pump jack. A Custodian Release, dated May 16, 1942, covers 3 boxes, 2 tool chests and kitchen equipment. We have no record that these items were actually shipped. We have no record of the disposition of the sewing machine and pump jack, but in letter of May 21, 1945, B. C. Packers Ltd. state that all articles of value were shipped and the remainder discarded as of no value. In letter of July 2, 1945, SAKAMOTO states that 3 spring beds and 2 mattresses remain at Claxton. The 3 beds are the only items on the long list of chattels reported on July 2, 1945, that had been reported by SAKAMOTO to this office previously. It would appear that the beds must be considered to be among the items discarded as valueless.

In the list of boat equipment, tools and fishing gear, reported on July 2, 1945, for the first time, are two saws. Crosscut saws, identified as the property of this man, were sold at auction for the net sum of \$1.29. The boat equipment, according to letter of February 21, 1946, from B. C. Packers Ltd., was included in the equity paid Sakamoto when making settlement. This settlement would appear to be in connection with the vessel "N.S." The Cohoe net was not reported before and we have no record of this net. Until the report of July 2, 1945, we had no knowledge of the tools mentioned.

SAKAMOTO declared eleven \$5.00 War Savings Certificates in his own possession. These did not come under the control of this office.

The vessel "N.S." was released from custody to B. C. Packers Ltd., licensed owners. This vessel had been in SAKAMOTO's possession under a conditional sale agreement and B. C. Packers Ltd., May 21, 1945, informed us that SAKAMOTO had released the vessel to the company on February 13, 1942. We have no knowledge of what settlement was made in regard to SAKAMOTO's equity.

The account of this man was credited with the sum of \$50.25, in settlement of claim for refund of expenses incurred at the impounding of the vessel "N.S.".

This file reveals no other property of any kind.

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

G. M. Harrison

April 4, 1946.

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: Jan. 21, 1944

Name: Unosuke SAKAMOTO
UNOKICHI

Reg. No. *65040* File: *4933*
11157 *1230*

Boat File No.: Released Vessels "N.S."

Name of Vessel: "N.S." 29'x7'x3'6" (1939) Easthope 7 HP (1940)

Lic. or Reg. No.: Vancouver 4035

Naval No.: PR.047-H

Owner's Valuation: \$925.00

JFVDC Valuation: None

Custodian Valuation: None

Date of Sale: Released to Licensed Owner B.C.Packers Ltd.

Purchaser: None

Signature on Sales Papers: None

Selling Price: None

Paid to JFVDC or Custodian: None

Supervision Costs: None

Balance due Owner: None

Paid to: None

Location of Boat at Sale: This boat was in custody at New Westminster

Claims Against Canadian Govt.:

Repairs: Claim 534- B.C.Packers Ltd. \$157.90 (Unpaid)

*Panel
may 2/46*

Additional Information: Unosuke Sakamoto declared a mortgage to B.C.Packers of \$725.00. Sakamoto was probably buying it from B. C. Packers Ltd. on a conditional sales agreement. Boat file makes no reference to any equity of Sakamoto.

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Although this vessel was reported to be owned by Unosuke SAKAMOTO, the only man of that name of whom the RCMP have a record has denied that he is the man concerned. Unokichi SAKAMOTO, who formerly lived at Claxton Cannery, appears to be the man who was operating this vessel, and who had the boat in his possession under a Conditional Sale Agreement.

*Drachman
April 4/46*

Greenwood, B.C.,
July 2, 1942.

Mr. F. Macdonald,
Specified Articles Dept.,
516 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUL 4 1942
File No.	1730
Ass.	
Referred	Macdonald

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of May 11, 1942.
I am pleased to let you know that I am the
person concerned. I am the fisherman who
brought the vessel "N.S." Vancouver 4035, to Port
Westminster at the time of the impounding of
fishing vessels.

I do not owe the sum of \$24.81 to the
British Columbia Packers Ltd.

I have left many articles at Claxton
Cannery, Skeena River, B.C. They are all half
used. Will you claim the money of the following
articles from the B.C. Packers Ltd?

4 rollers

(not declared before)

2 water tanks (12 gal. & 8 gal.)

(not declared before)

2 generators

(not declared before)

3 gas pumps	not declared before
2 primus gas stoves	" " "
2 cans (1 gal.)	" " "
1 tank (1 gal.)	" " "
5 lanterns	" " "
2 compasses (small & medium)	" " "
2 water buckets	" " "
3 oil cups	" " "
3 storage batteries	" " "
2 pipe poles	" " "
1 deck brush	" " "
1 gas tank (22 gal.)	" " "
1 net guard	" " "
2 mattresses	" " "
3 spring beds	on J.P.
1 canvas net	not declared before
1 spring "	See letter May 21/45
1 wedge hammer	not declared before
2 felling saws (See Saw on Inventory)	" "
1 felling wedge	" " "
1 double axe	" " "
1 single axe	" " "

(Sold at
Auction)

My son, King Sakamoto, has also left a box
of carpenter tools there. Would you please make an

effort to send it here?

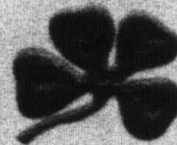
I shall be much obliged to receive
the repayment of its price.

Yours truly,
H. Sakamoto.

Registration No. 11157,
Greenwood, B.C.

British Columbia Packers Limited

OUR SPECIALTY
CLOVER LEAF
BRAND



SALMON

FOOT OF CAMPBELL AVE.
VANCOUVER.
CANADA

PACKERS OF FINEST CANNED
SALMON UNDER MANY
WELL KNOWN BRANDS

CABLE ADDRESS: PACKERS
ALL CODES USED
P. O. Box 939

May 21st, 1945.

The Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of The Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAY 22 1945
File No.	1230
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Notman</i>

Dear Sirs:

File 1230
Re: Unokichi SAKAMOTO, #11157

The boat "N.S." was sold under Conditional Sale Agreement to Unosuke Sakamoto and was released to the Company by him on February 13th, 1942. He used the name Unosuke and has lived over thirty years on the Skeena. We do not know if Unokichi is the same man or not.

The claim of \$24.81 was against this man but was collected in error from the Unosuke Sakamoto of Steveston. This amount was refunded to the Steveston Sakamoto on May 15th, 1942 by Company cheque and is still outstanding by the Skeena Sakamoto. This money was a fare advanced to allow him to return to the Skeena after making the trip with the boats in charge of the Navy.

The spring net and gurdy was purchased by Claxton and the money turned over direct to him after an okay for the Department. The other articles have either been shipped to him or were of no value and were discarded.

Hoping this answers your letter of May 11th.

Yours very truly,

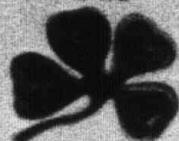
BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKERS LIMITED.

Per: *A.E. Lawson*

AEL/DES.

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File: 1230

February 21st, 1946.

Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
FEB 22 1946	
Rec'd	
File No.	1230
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Parton</i>

Dear Sirs:

Re: Unokichi SAKAMOTO - #11157.

The balance of \$24.85 owing by the above named Japanese is the cost of fare from Vancouver to Prince Rupert. Sakamoto was one of the men forced by the Navy to accompany the boats that were seized in Prince Rupert and towed to Vancouver. As he was unable to get this fare from the Naval authorities or any other government agency, he asked us to advance this amount, for which we understood we would be reimbursed. We feel this is a government issue and that we should not accept settlement on a pro rata basis.

The boat equipment mentioned by Sakamoto was included in the equity paid when making settlement.

The coho net, if of any value, was purchased by the Company and the money given to the owner.

The box of tools mentioned was shipped direct to Kingo Sakamoto by Claxton Cannery.

Yours very truly,

BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKERS LIMITED,

Per:

A. E. Lawson

AEL/MEL.

NAME SAKAMOTO, Unokichi

REGISTRATION NO. 11157

FILE NO. 1230

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Prince Rupert, B.C. on July 28, 30, 1945

Gross out saws

\$ 2.00

Total

\$ 2.00

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fees 0.20
(Advertising 0.07
(Moving 0.44

\$ 0.71

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 1.29

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mrs. Arnold (Agent)

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Prince Rupert 4.

Remarks.

To: Mr. Bell

July 5, 1945.

From: F. Matheson

Re: Unokichi SAKAMOTO. #11157. File 1230

With reference to the attached letter from this man, the sum of \$50.25 has been received in settlement of the claim for transportation expenses incurred at the impounding of his fishing vessel. The claim was filed in the name of H. Sakamoto, and, as there was doubt of the identity of the claimant, has not been credited to Unokichi Sakamoto's account. The sum of \$50.25 will be transferred to his account by requisition today.

The claim of B. C. Packers Ltd. for \$24.81 covers fare advanced to this man at the time he was returning to Prince Rupert after surrendering his vessel.

Altogether, there are five claims, totaling \$613.23, against Unokichi SAKAMOTO.

In regard to the chattels, declared on JP, the file shows the following:

- 1 Spring Net (\$20.00) B. C. Packers state they purchased this. Sakamoto lists this in his letter of July 2nd, does not say he sold it.
- 1 Galley (Gurdy?) \$35.00 - B. C. Packers state they purchased this. No mention in letter from Sakamoto, presumably it was sold.
- 11 Boxes Kitchen Utensils - Release dated May 16th, 1942, covers, "3 boxes, 2 tool chests, Kitchen equipment"
- 1 Singer Treadle Sewing Machine (\$80.00) Not mentioned in Sakamoto's letter, no record of shipment, or sale.
- 3 Beds (\$30.00) - Listed in Sakamoto's letter, no record of sale or shipment.
- 1 Pump Jack (\$20.00) - No record of sale or shipment.

An undated, unsigned inventory filed next to the JP form, gives the following:

- | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|
| 1 Singer S.M. | (See above) | |
| 3 Trunks | | |
| 4 Boxes | | |
| 1 Tub Sauce | | |
| 1 Wash tub (utensils) | | |
| 1 Carton | | |
| 1 7' Saw | | |
- Possibly the same as the 11 Boxes of Kitchen Utensils declared on JP. If so, there is one short.

On May 21st, B. C. Packers wrote that the spring net & gurdy were purchased, and the other articles were shipped to him or were discarded as of no value.

The file of Kingo Sakamoto (No. 1240) shows that his tool box was being traced, as at May 31, 1944, which is the last letter on the file.

File
JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

RELEASE AND DISCHARGE

FISHING VESSEL: "N.S."

REG. or LIC. No.: Vancouver 4035

NAVAL No.: PR.047-H

CLAIM PAYABLE TO:

British Columbia Packers Ltd.

CLAIM No.: 534-Released

Owner at Time of Impounding:

B. C. Packers Ltd. ~ 11167

(Unosuke SAKAMOTO, #05940,

File 1933) 1230

Present Owner:

British Columbia Packers Ltd.

This vessel was released on February 27, 1942, to the licensed owners, British Columbia Packers Ltd. The vessel had been impounded because she was in the possession of Unosuke SAKAMOTO under a conditional sale agreement.

While in the custody of the Royal Canadian Navy, this vessel suffered damage to the value of \$157.90, as assessed by the surveyor for Naval Service, which sum is approved by the undersigned and accepted as adequate compensation.

In consideration of the payment of the sum of **ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN**

DOLLARS AND NINETY CENTS

(\$ 157.90)

(of lawful money of Canada) (the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged), we, the undersigned, being the owners and/or mortgagees, shipyard repairers and all others having any interest, claim or demand against the said motor vessel registered at the Port of Vancouver, B. C.

Official or License No. 4035

DO HEREBY RELEASE and forever discharge His Majesty the King, as represented by Royal Canadian Naval Service or any patrol or auxiliary service, acting through or under the authority of Royal Canadian Naval Service, and all boards, commissions or departments of His Majesty's Canadian Government of and from claims which we may now have or which hereafter may arise and which now could or at any time hereafter be made in consequence of damage sustained or any alleged damage sustained, to the above-named motor vessel while in custody of His Majesty's Royal Canadian Naval Service or any auxiliary patrols, commissions, boards or departments hereinbefore named.

AND FURTHER, we covenant that we are the owners and/or mortgagees, shipyard repairers and all others having any interest, claim or demand against the said vessel and are the only parties or persons having any interest, claim, lien, demand or charge over the above-named motor vessel, and should any claim hereafter be made by or through any parties whatsoever, we hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless His Majesty the King as represented by any of the naval services, boards, patrols, departments, or commissions hereinbefore referred to.

AND FURTHER, that this discharge and release enures to the benefit of and is binding upon all the parties hereto, their respective heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, successors and representatives.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this **Second** day of **May**

1942

WITNESS:

*Paid
Ref #7111*
A. E. Lawson

BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKERS LIMITED.

[Signature]
Secretary-treasurer.

File No. 1230

LIABILITY SUMMARY

February 15, 1946.

Rei Naokiichi SAKAMOTO, Reg. No. 11197

This file reveals the following liabilities: James A. BROWN Estate, William FULTON, administrator, \$33.65; M. Furuya Co. \$7.45; Shimo KANEDA, \$395.57; Matsujiro OHASHI, \$151.75; British Columbia Packers Ltd., \$24.81; a total of \$613.23. The first four claims were referred to SAKAMOTO but these have been ignored.

The claim filed by the B. C. packers Ltd. was referred to SAKAMOTO in May, 1945. This claim, according to B.C. Packers Ltd., represents an advance made to SAKAMOTO to cover expenses of his trip back to Prince Rupert after delivering the vessel "N.S." to Naval Service at Steveston. SAKAMOTO has not denied this but has stated that in view of the many articles left by him at Claxton Cannery for which he has received no payment, he feels that he does not owe the packing company anything.

This file reveals no further liabilities of any kind.

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

G. McCarthy

February 18, 1946.

FM/MM

First four claim acknowledged April 20, 1946. Creditors advised to deal direct, August 20, 1947.

F. May