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Powell St. 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: OTSUJI, Kihel.

HOME ADDRESS: 53 W. Hastings St., Vancouver, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 01352 SEX: Male AGE: 40

OCCUPATION: Rooming house attendant.

(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: Self

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Rito

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Japan

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Akigide (M); Asako (F); Masao (M); Kazuo (F).

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: 53 W. Hastings St., Vancouver, B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 14; 12; 11; 9.

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: 55 W. Hastings St., Vancouver, B.C.
85 room Hotel, "Strathcona Hotel."
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: T. Paris, 55 W. Hastings St., Vancouver, B.C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: \$200.00 per month,
paid up to the end of March, 1942.
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:
- 41 single beds, 47 double beds, 40 mattresses-single, 45 double mattresses, 138 pillows, 180 pillow-slips, 202 sheets, 150 blankets, 91 spreads, 32 comforters, 79 dressers, 38 tables, 130 chairs, 61 linoleum, 21 carpets, 44 mats, 5 gas stoves, 17 gas plates, 103 face towels, 111 bath towels, 4 lobby benches, 4 chairs, 4 upholstered armchairs, 1 table, 1 arm-chair, 1 cash register, 1 vacuum cleaner, 1 Singer Sewing Machine--\$295.00.
Personal belongings--estimated at \$200.00.. The above is stored at 55 W. Hastings St., Vancouver, 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: 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: 4 room bungalow, situated at Shika-ken, Japan.

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 30th day of March 1942.

(Signature) H. Otsuji

[Signature]
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE 2/4/43

Cur File No. 1266

Full Name OTSUJI, Kihei or (Kinyoye)
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 01352

^V
Male - Female
(Check)

Age Sept. 20/1891

Former Address 53 West Hastings St., Vancouver, B.C.

Date Evacuated April 26/42

^V
Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address c/o Frank Nishimura, Raymond, Alberta

RETURNED TO JAPAN
S. S. MARINE FALCON
24th DEC. 1946

^V
Married - Single
(Check)

nee
Name of Wife (OTSUJI) Rito #01353

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother ^{nee} (KANBAYASHI) Kane

Name of Father Deceased

Names of Children under 16

Kiichi (M) 24/1/26

Akihide (M) 6/11/27

Asako (F) 8/1/30

Masao (M) 11/2/31

Kazue (F) 20/1/33

All living with Parents.

Requested by J. Spratt

Registered with Custodian Yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Rooming House

File No. 1266

December 15th, 1943.

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Kibei and/or Kinyoro OTSUJI
Reg. No. 01352

CREDITORS:-

NO CLAIMS ON FILE, at this date.

Claims closed

3-5-44

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November 18, 1946.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: OTSUJI, Kihei - Reg. No. 01352.

The above signed a declaration to the Custodian on March 30, 1942 and was evacuated on April 26, 1942.

CHATELS: He declared a quantity of furniture and bedding being the equipment of the Rooming House he operated at 53 West Hastings St., Vancouver. Harold D. Campbell, Chartered Accountant was appointed agent by this office and reported on October 23, 1942 that his investigation disclosed that the chattels belonged to Rito Otsuji, wife of Kihei, now in Japan. She had bought the chattels under a conditional bill of sale and as the sale agreement was badly in default and the rent for the premises also in arrears, the owner P. Paris, repossessed the chattels.

OTSUJI also declared personal belongings amounting to \$200.00, stored at 53 West Hastings. Nothing, evidently, was left in October 1942, when Mr. Campbell reported on this file and we can only presume that OTSUJI took them with him when he was evacuated.

A few books were sold for the net sum of \$0.20 but, as OTSUJI had not declared any, we have transferred this to Chattel Suspense Acct.

LIFE

INSURANCE: Information received from the Insurance Companies discloses that he is the holder of a policy with the Sun Life Assurance Co. and one with the Crown Life Insurance Co. He did not declare either of these and they were not brought under the control of the Custodian.

This file reveals no assets other than those mentioned above.

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

CG.

C. Girard
November 18, 1946.

NAME OTHELLO, Kibei or (Kinyoya)

REGISTRATION NO. 01329

FILE NO. 1246

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at Vancouver, B. C. on December 14th, 1945.

Books

\$.25

*Transferred to
Chattel Savings Act.*

15/1/46

P.C.

Total

(Auctioneer's Fee \$.02

(Advertising .01

Less Expenses:

(Moving .02

\$.25

\$.05

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$.20

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 57

Remarks.

RE - OTSUJI, KIHEI

53 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B. C. - 01352

YOUR FILE NO. 1266

1. On contacting the present operator of this rooming house, chattels of which were declared to your Office in a "JP" Declaration on the 30th of March, 1942, by the above Japanese, the only information I could obtain was that he had purchased same from Mr. P. Paris, the owner of the building, and that he had no knowledge of the previous Japanese operator.

2. I then called on Mr. Paris and was advised that the matter had all been settled with your Office back in the early spring and requested that I contact the Solicitor, Mr. Graham Ladner, for further details.

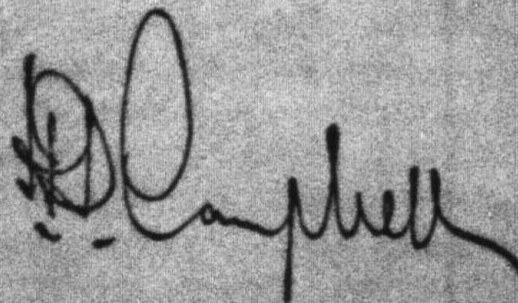
3. On getting in touch with Mr. Ladner I was informed that this property did not belong to Kihei Otsuji but to his wife, Rito Otsuji, who was visiting in Japan when war broke out.

4. He further informed me that the chattels of the rooming house business were sold to Rito Otsuji by P. Paris under a Conditional Bill of Sale and that at the time of originally contacting your Office, the Sale Agreement was very badly in default and, in addition, the rent for the premises was also several months in arrears.

5. Mr. Ladner took the matter up with Mr. Read and Mr. McPherson of your Office, and they advised him that they had no objection to him taking the normal recourse the Conditional Bill of Sale provided, under these circumstances, and he repossessed the chattels on behalf of his client.

6. In order, therefore, to complete your file in this case, I suggest that the Enemy Alien Section of your Office be contacted and the information which I have passed on to you, as above, be checked with their files in order to complete your records in this case.

7. I will appreciate hearing from you in due course, as a result of your investigation, whether I am to close my file in this case.



October 23, 1942.

711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,
475 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B.C.,
January 29th, 1947.

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

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ 300-

Dear Sir:

Re: OTSUJI, Kihei #01352 ¹²⁶⁶

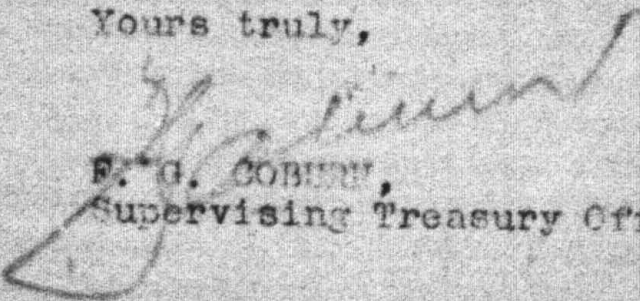
Please note that the above has been repatriated to Japan. At the time of repatriation, the following transactions took place:

Cash turned in - - - - - \$ Nil

Draft Issued - - - - - \$ 300.00

It will be seen that this Japanese is indebted to the Department on account of repatriation in the amount of \$ 300.00. 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,


E. G. COBURN,
Supervising Treasury Officer.

ECC/EJ.