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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 INFORMATIONNAME: OKANO, MasajiHOME ADDRESS: P.O. Box 72, Steveston, B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 02679SEX: MaleAGE: 39OCCUPATION: 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: B.C. Packers, Steveston, B.C.*formerly*MARRIED? NoNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: NoneADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: NoneNAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: NoneADDRESS OF CHILDREN: NoneAGE OF CHILDREN: None**STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY** (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: None3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) None4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) None5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) None6. 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. B.C. Packers bunkhouse, Stevenson, B.C.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS. B.C. Packers, Stevenson, 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. 1 Oil Stove, 1 Gas camping stove, 10 chairs, 1 bed, 1 mattress, 1 water tank, 2 lanterns 1 anchor, 2 log saws, 1 axe, 1 fishing boat - East Hope engine 30' x 7' - in custody of the B.C.M.P. at New Westminster, B.C. 2 fishing nets, 1 row boat. B.C. Packers will assign a house to store the above articles. *new (excepting fishing boat & row boat) at bunkhouse as above*

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) One \$5.00 War Saving Certificate in owner's possession.
8. BANK ACCOUNTS: \$170.00 in the Royal Bank of Canada, Steveston, B.C.
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: Row boat is at Sumner Cannery on Skeena R. B.C.

28/11/42 H.H.G. says to defer inquiry until her agent appointed on railway opened up "DCH"

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 2nd day of April 1942.

(Signature)

A. McArthur

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.O.M.P.

DATE August 19, 1943.

Our File No. 1407

Full Name OKANO, Masaji
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 02679

☒ Male - Female
(Check)

Age June 21, 1903.

Former Address P. O. Box 72, Steveston, B. C.

Date Evacuated April 21, 1942.

☒ Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address Japanese Work Camp, Unit 4, Three Valley, B. C. (22/2/43)
Giscome, B. C. (17/6/44) - Greenwood, B. C. (3/6/45)
Eagle Lake Sawmills, Giscome, B. C. (4/2/47).

☒ Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife ---

Name of Husband ---

Name of Mother (nee INABA) Mine #05558 Name of Father Decensed

Names of Children under 16 ---

Requested by G. M.

Registered with Custodian Yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman. Gasboat #1988 N.W.

February 3, 1947.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: Masaji OKANO
Reg. No. 02679

Chattels:

See Chattel Summary

Specified
Articles:

The file reveals that Masaji Okano owned a Baty Brownie (Small) camera which was turned over to the Custodian by the R. C. M. P. on August 16, 1944. We are writing to Masaji Okano asking for his receipt, upon receipt of which, the camera will be forwarded to him.

Fishing
Vessels:

The file reveals that the fishing vessel, "M.O.", was sold through the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee and the net proceeds, in the amount of \$690.50, were paid direct to M. Okano, on April 10, 1942.

Bank
Accounts:

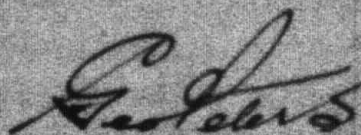
\$170.00 in the Royal Bank of Canada, Steveston, B. C. - no action was required by the Custodian.

Stocks,
Bonds, etc:

One \$5.00 War Savings Certificate in owner's possession - no action was required by the Custodian.

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

The above Summary is certified to be in
accordance with the information on file:



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

No.

Three Valley, Me.

P. 112

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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Dec 22nd 1974

Received from

Masaji O Kono # 01679

One Baby Brownie Camera

Dollars,

Signature

G. L. Cunningham, P.C.M.P.
Union B.

SUB-DIV'N and File No. Vancouver

DETACHMENT and File No. 020

DATE AUG. 18/44

Choice of VDO

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1. Introduction

Handled over by R.S.M. Vernon, B.C.

These Authors from whom you can expect a lot of interest:

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What's hot: *See above.*

~~CERTIFIED CORRECT~~

THE JOURNAL OF THE

MEMORANDUM: File 1407

September 28, 1944

Re: Masaji OKANO, REG. 02679

<u>Article</u>	<u>Description</u>
Camera	Baby Brownie (Small)

Released to Custodian Aug. 16, 1944

*From
shipped Feb 17/47
see memo under that
date from MacLellan*

Japanese Work Camp, Unit 4,
Three Valley, B. C.
February 28, 1943.

Department OF The Secretary OF State,
Office OF The Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Dear Sir:

Received your letter of February 18th, your file no.
1407.

By reading the answer to the letter I sent B. C.
Packers I agreed to accept the amount of \$7.50 for the
Row Boat and also \$20.00 for Cohoe Net.

Furthermore the Spring Salmon Net which I valued
\$120.00 and was sold at \$90.00 I also the sum which was
appraised by independent appraiser.

Please forward the total amount of \$117.50 which
was credited to my account.

Yours truly,

M Okano

MASAJI OKANO
Reg. No. 02679.

117.50
to
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British Columbia Packers Limited

OUR SPECIALTY
CLOVER LEAF
BRAND



SALMON

FOOT OF CAMPBELL AVE
P. O. BOX 939

VANCOUVER,
CANADA

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd FEB 5 1943

File No

Ans.

Referred

Feb. 4, 1943.

Dept. of Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. Green

Dear Sir:

The following is a letter received from M. Okano,
Japanese Work Camp, Unit 4, Three Valley, B. C. :

"I would like to inquire on the matter concerning a Row Boat and a Cohoe net I left in Sunnyside Cannery, Skeena River, B. C. When the Row Boat was valued it was said worth \$7.50 but as for the Cohoe net I would like to get at least \$50.00. Please let me know at earliest convenience the above matters."

The Row Boat we have been able to sell for the amount of \$7.50 but the Cohoe net was in very poor condition and the price on this net is \$20.00. We are enclosing cheque for \$27.50 payable to the Deputy Custodian for these two articles.

As far as we can ascertain from our records Mr. Okano's first name is Masaji which may help you in locating the proper party.

Hoping that the above is in order.

Yours very truly,

BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKERS LIMITED
SUNNYSIDE CANNERY

M. Mayzone
Bookkeeper

OKANO, Masaji
File 1407 Reg. 02679
Sale of row boat \$7.50
Sale of Cohoe net 20.00
27.50

February 4, 1947.

SHUTTLE SUMMARY

No: Mine (Mrs. Sakiji) OKANO Registration No. 05528 Died - June 21, 1942.	- Tsurus (Mrs. Tadashi) OKANO Registration No. 04178 Evacuated - April 29, 1942.
Sakiji OKANO Registration No. 05579 Evacuated - April 21, 1942.	- Hideo (Mrs. Hideo) OKANO Registration No. 05582 Evacuated - June 1, 1942.

The above-named Japanese declared chattels left in the Imperial Cannery at Stevenson, B. C. They are all related to one another.

In the evacuation of the Japanese people from the Protected Area, the Imperial Cannery people set aside certain houses for the storage of Japanese chattels. In many cases, the Japanese saved their goods to these storage houses, and in other cases, they were removed by the cannery people or the Custodian. In many cases, the goods were not tagged with the owners' names and it was impossible for the Custodian to identify them.

In the case of the above Japanese, the Custodian's agent at Stevenson removed chattels from the Imperial Cannery House #14 under the name of H. Okano. A list of the goods removed was sent to Mrs. Tadashi Okano and she signed this inventory as goods belonging to her and returned it to the Custodian. As the goods removed did not fit in with her original list, declared on her evacuation, the Custodian has tried to identify the goods removed and sold with the declarations made.

The majority of goods sold were credited to the account of Mrs. Hideo Okano, who was the daughter-in-law of Mrs. Mine Okano (Mrs. Mine Okano was living in the home of her son, Hideo, before evacuation). The chattel schedules on each file will show the disposition of the respective chattels declared.

The above Summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on files.



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

MEMORANDUM

File Nos. 6444
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May 30th, 1945.

TO: The File
FROM: Mr. R. B. Mackenzie

RE: Mine (Mrs. Sakiji) OKANO
Hideo OKANO
Koito (Mrs. Hideo) OKANO
Tadashi OKANO
Tsuruo (Mrs. Tadashi) OKANO
Masaji OKANO

This family all lived in Imperial Cannery Houses. Chattels as per List 22 were moved on the 19th of June, 1942, from Imperial Cannery House No. 34 to our Warehouse No. 1. It will be noted that the name on this list is "H. OKANO", which is most likely intended for "H. OKANO", and has been placed on File 6444, Mrs. Mine OKANO, as she was the mother of this family.

All goods sold from this list have for the time being been credited to this file (6444).

It will also be noted that a copy of List 22 is on File 4754, Mrs. Tadashi OKANO, and Mrs. Tadashi OKANO confirms this on November 26th, 1942.

RBM:LEH

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: April 12, 1944
Name: OKANO, Masaji Reg. No. 02679 File: 1407
Boat File No.: JFVDC 375
Name of Vessel: "M.O." 29'x6'10"x3' (1931) Easthope 7 HP
Lic. or Reg. No.: New Westminster 1983
Naval No.: NW.063-E
Owner's Valuation: \$1,000.00
JFVDC Valuation: 460.00 - Survey #367
Custodian Valuation: None
Date of Sale: April 7, 1942
Purchaser: H. Bell-Irving & Co. Ltd.
Signature on Sales Papers: No copy
Selling Price: \$700.00
Paid to JFVDC ~~on Custodian~~: 700.00
Supervision Costs: 9.50
Balance due Owner: 690.50
Paid to: M. Okano, April 10, 1942
Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster
Claims Against Canadian Govt.: None

Additional Information:

J. M. Wilson *Received*
4 Dec 5/45
Jim

EVACUATION SECTION

MAR 27 1951

Mr. C. H. Reel

Reel

EVACUATION SECTION

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Shoji Okano
Hiscombe

Mr. C. H. Reel

Custodian's Office

Vancouver B.C.

3 shares

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Feb 28/51
Copper Creek B.C.

Dear Sir,
Re: ^{Stevenson} Nosan Kaisha

I have received a letter from
Mr. Okano of Hiscombe B.C. stating
that he has 3 shares of above company
and want to get the money at once.

As I have submitted the list
of share holders name to the Commission
and at the hearing, I have no way
of checking ^{original} share holders list.

Though, I am not certain but it seems
his name was on the list. I don't remember
distinctly.

Will you kindly check the list and let
me know at your early convenience.

Yours Truly
J. Takekoshi

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2nd April, 1951.

Mr. Masaji OKANO,
Regn. No. 02079,

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. Gihyoe TAKAHASHI, we have now transferred to your account the sum of \$140.54 representing your portion of the distribution of the Stevenson Mosses Kaisha. Custodian cheque for this amount is attached hereto.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,

C.H. Reed,
Office of the Custodian.

CHR:HA
Encl.