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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE AUG. 10/43

Our File No. 1713

Full Name OKADA, Osamu  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 08524

Male - Female  
(Check)

Age Mar. 5/1901

Former Address Chemainus, B.C.

Date Evacuated 12/3/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(Check)

Present Address Tashme, B.C.

RETURNED TO JAPAN  
S.S. MARINE ANGEL  
31st MAY, 1946

Married - Single  
(Check)

nee  
Name of Wife (ICHIHARA) Yaeko #08525

(Chemainus) Name of Husband \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother OKADA, Rukujo #08597 Name of Father OKADA, Bunkichi (Japan)

Names of Children under 16 Chie(F) Sept. 17/29

Aki(F) Sept. 10/31 Hojime(M) Oct. 7/37 Sayuri June(F) June 17/41

Requested by G.M.

Registered with Custodian  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Boom Man

PERSONAL

BUREAU HASTINGS PARK

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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: OKADA Osamu.

HOME ADDRESS: Chemainus, B. C. Now at - Hastings Park, Vancouver, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 08524 SEX: Male AGE: 40

OCCUPATION: Boom Man.

(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: Victoria Lumber Co., Chemainus, B. C.

MARRIED? Yes.

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Yaeko.

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Same.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Chiyo (F), Aki (F), Hajime (M), Sayuri (F).

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Same.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 12, 10, 4, 11 months.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: \_\_\_\_\_  
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED**

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Chemainus, B. C. Wooden frame, six roomed bungalow,  
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Victoria Lumber Co., Chemainus, B.C.  
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: \$9.00 per month, paid up to date.  
4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: \_\_\_\_\_  
5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid) \_\_\_\_\_  
6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:**

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Stored on the property of Mr. Haruyuki Okada (Okada's Camp), Chemainus, B.C.: 1 double bed \$20.00; 1 small bicycle, boy's wagon \$20.00; 2 tables \$5.00.

Stored at the Japanese Hall, Chemainus, B.C. under the protection of the Local B.C.F.P.: 1 box kitchen utensils \$90.00; 1 box kitchen utensils \$25.00; 1 box pots, pans, plates, \$95.00; 1 heater \$10.00; 1 double bed \$20.00; 1 crated Singer Sewing Machine (No. 292346) \$120.00; wash-tub & bucket \$5.00;

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS \_\_\_\_\_  
3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: Yes, but details unknown at present.

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF OTHERS: \_\_\_\_\_

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) \_\_\_\_\_

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts) \_\_\_\_\_

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: \_\_\_\_\_

9. LIFE INSURANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: \_\_\_\_\_

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIABILITIES:**

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: \_\_\_\_\_

2. TRADE DEBTS: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily turn over to the Custodian all my property in the protected area as set out above, excepting fishing vessels, deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities, if any.

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 28th day of May 1942.

(Signature)

C. O. O'Neil

[Signature]  
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

[Handwritten mark]

GENERAL SUMMARY

Files No. 1713  
& 6966

February 15, 1946

Re: Osamu OKADA #08524  
& Yoko OKADA #08525

With reference to the chattels, which, as shown, were declared by both husband and wife, it is possible that some of the articles missing were identified as the property of Haruyuki OKADA, File 5200, in whose house some of these effects were stored.

It is possible, also, that some of the chattels left in the Japanese Community Hall, Chemainus, were sold and the proceeds credited to the account of Haruyuki OKADA.

A memorandum, calling the attention of the person handling File 5200 to this possibility, has been placed on File 5200.

However, as stated in memorandum from Mr. H. F. Green, April 16, 1945, the house of Haruyuki OKADA was some distance from town and was subjected to break-ins. It should also be borne in mind that Chemainus chattels were shipped, sometime in the late summer of 1943, to Nanaimo for storage and sale by auction (Chemainus Auction No. 1, which covered quite a period of time, was held in Nanaimo). Custodian Warehouse at Nanaimo has not been found to be the safest of storage houses, and all the missing articles may have been stolen.

Quite a large number of chattels, sold at Nanaimo including some identified as having been removed from Chemainus, were not identified as the property of any person and the proceeds from the sale of these articles is in Chattels Suspense Account. The funds thus credited are not great, and while distribution of these funds could be made arbitrarily to the accounts of the various persons from the district whose chattels are not accounted for, there does not seem to be any way in which these goods can now be identified.

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

*J. Matheson*

February 15, 1946.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 1713

February 15, 1946.

Est. Oscar SEADA 80824

This file reveals no liabilities. The file of this man's wife reveals no liabilities.

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

*J. M. [unclear]*

February 15, 1946.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 1713

February 15, 1946

Re: Osamu OKADA #08524

This man signed a declaration to the Custodian on May 28, 1942, in which he declared the following assets:

A bed, bicycle, boy's wagon and 2 tables left at the building known as "Okada's Camp", the property of his brother, Haruyuki OKADA, File 5200. A request was received, November 12, 1942, for shipment of the wagon and bicycle. It is not shown by the file that shipment was made, but it is assumed that these were shipped. If so, the bed and 2 tables are the only articles unaccounted for.

At the Japanese Community Hall, Chemainus, this man declared he had stored, 3 boxes of utensils, a wash tub and bucket and a crated Singer Sewing Machine, none of which have been accounted for; and a heater, which he requested shipment of on July 16, 1942, and which probably was shipped; and a double bed, which was sold for the net sum of \$4.76, which was credited to his account.

Bedding, 2 mats and some blinds, identified as the property of Yaeko OKADA, wife of this man (File 6566) were sold at Chemainus Auction #1, for the net sum of \$9.28, which was credited to Mrs. OKADA's account. Incidentally, both wife and husband declared exactly the same chattels. A joint Chattel Schedule has been made up and copies placed on the two files.

In addition to the items declared, the file shows that the sum of \$6.94 was credited to this account from the refund of one per cent wage deductions received from the Provincial Government, covering deductions January to June, 1941.

This file reveals no other property of any kind, except that on November 5, 1945, OKADA asked for the release of a camera left in the custody of Mr. Irving Stuart of Chemainus by Mr. Noboru TSUTSUE. At that time OKADA was informed that the owner of the camera was free to arrange for shipment, and asked to let us know when shipment was received. We have heard nothing further in regard to this.

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

*J. MacKinnon*

February 15, 1946.



CHattel Schedule

File No. W13  
& 6566

February 15, 1946.

Re: Osamu OKADA #08524  
& Yoko OKADA #08525

| <u>Declared</u><br><u>27/4/42</u><br><u>228/5/42</u> | <u>Inventoried</u><br><u>by A. Stubbs</u><br><u>12/7/42</u> | <u>Sold by</u><br><u>Custodian</u> | <u>Other Disposition</u>         |
|--|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Double bed   |   |                                    | Unaccounted for                  |
| Gal. Bicycle   |   |                                    | Shipped, 12/11/42 ?              |
| Boys Wagon   |   |                                    | " " 12/11/42 ?                   |
| 2 Tables   |   |                                    | Unaccounted for                  |
| (above at<br>Okada's Camp)                           |   |                                    |                                  |
| #1 Dr. Kitchen Utensils                              | x   |                                    | Unaccounted for                  |
| #2 " " "   | x   |                                    | " " "                            |
| #3 " Pots, pans, plates                              |   |                                    | " " "                            |
| #4 Heater  | x   |                                    | Shipped, 12/7/42                 |
| #5 Double Bed  |   | 22/11/43                           | Unaccounted for                  |
| #6 Crated Singer Sewing<br>Machine                   |   |                                    | Unaccounted for                  |
| #7 Wash tub & Bucket                                 |   |                                    | Unaccounted for                  |
| 12/11/42   |   |                                    | (Custodian Release<br>(Shipped ? |
| 1 Gal. Shaya   |   |                                    |                                  |
| 1 Sled   |   |                                    |                                  |
|  |   | Bedding)                           |                                  |
|  |   | 2 Mats )                           |                                  |
|  |   | Blinds ) Chemainus #1              |                                  |

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

*J. Matison*  
February 15, 1946.

Chemainus, B. C.

April 17th, 1942

Departments of the Secretary of State,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Japanese Evacuation Section,  
506 Royal Bank Buildings,  
Vancouver, B. C.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

**RECEIVED**  
APR 20 1942

Dear Sirs:

I hereby wish to hand over to your departments' care the following items, which shall be stored at the property of Mr. Haruyuki Okada, located at the so called "Okada's Camp".

|                                       |                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| # 1. <del>1 Double Bed</del> -----    | Valued at - \$ 20.00 |
| # 2. 1 Small bicycle - Boys' wagon -- | 20.00                |
| # 3. 2 Tables -----                   | 5.00                 |

The total value of the above items are \$ 45.00

The following items shall be stored at the Japanese Community Hall, under the protection of the Local B.C.P.P.

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| # 1. 1 Box of Kitchen Utensils ---                  | \$ 90.00 ✓ |
| # 2. 1 Box of Kitchen Utensils ---                  | 25.00 -    |
| # 3. 1 Box of Pots, pans, plates -                  | 95.00 ✓    |
| # 4. Heater -----                                   | 10.00 -    |
| # 5. Double Bed -----                               | 20.00 -    |
| # 6. Crated Singer Sewing Machine-<br>(#JB-292346 ) | 120.00 ✓   |
| # 7. Wash tub and bucket -----                      | 5.00 ✓     |

365.00

Yours very truly,

Osamu Okada,  
per ( MRS. ) *O. Okada*

*Sold by auction 22/11/43. 5/4/44. Chemainus*

Original sent April 24/45

NAME OKADA, OREN

REGISTRATION NO. 01984

FILE NO. 1713

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Hawaii, B. C. on Nov. 22, 1943-April 5, 1944

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| Mattress | \$ 1.00 |
| 1 Bed    | 3.00    |
| 1 Spring | 3.00    |

|                        |                           |                |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Total                  |                           | \$ 7.00        |
| Less Expenses:         | (Auctioneer's Fee) \$0.70 | \$ 2.24        |
|                        | (Advertising) 0.07        |                |
|                        | (Moving) 1.47             |                |
| Net Proceeds Credited: |                           | <u>\$ 4.76</u> |

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. R. M. Anderson

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Chonimus 1

Remarks.

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November 7, 1945.

Mr. Osamu OKADA,  
Registration No. 08524,  
Tashme, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 5th, we wish to advise that the Custodian makes no objection to the shipment of cameras to their owners.

In the case of a camera, which was not surrendered to the police, but was left in the care of a friend, all arrangements in regard to the return of the camera must be made directly between the camera owner and the person in whose possession the camera now is. The Custodian accepts no responsibility for the payment of any costs incurred in connection with the shipping of the camera.

We would appreciate being advised when the camera is received by the owner, in order that our records may be complete.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,  
Protection Department.

February 15, 1946.

MEMORANDUM to File 5200 - From F. Matheson

Re: HIRYUKI OKADA, Inv. No. 4553

Files 5151 and 5713, HIRYUKI OKADA and OZUMI OKADA, show that these two brothers of HIRYUKI OKADA left chattels at "OKADA'S CAMP", property of HIRYUKI OKADA.

If all chattels reported by HIRYUKI OKADA, File 5151, have been made, there remain unaccounted for nothing of importance so far as can be ascertained from the file.

File 5713, shows that, among chattels reported at OKADA'S CAMP, the following are not accounted for:

- 1 Double bed
- 2 Tables

While among articles belonging to OZUMI OKADA stored at the Japanese Community Hall, Champlain, the following are unaccounted for:

- 2 Sets of Kitchen Stencils
- 1 Sewing Machine (Singer) crated - Serial #12-332216
- 1 Wash tub and basket

In view of the fact that the file of HIRYUKI OKADA, File 5200, reveals that among the chattels sold for his account were some that were not mentioned previously in his file, and other that, as far as we can judge, were shipped to him, it would probably be advisable to ask him to confirm that some of the items sold at auction and credited to his account belonged to other members of his family.

*F. Matheson*

CANADA  
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

PHONE PACIFIC 6121

PLEASE REFER TO 1713 & 6566

FILE NO. ....

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

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

REGISTERED

February 16, 1946.

Mr. & Mrs. Osamu OKADA,  
Reg. Nos. 08524 & 08525,  
TASHME, B. C.

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| EVACUATION SECTION |             |
| Rec'd              | APR 30 1946 |
| File No.           |             |
| Ans.               |             |
| Referred           |             |

Dear Sir & Madam:

This is to inform you that your accounts with this office show a credit balance of \$14.04, representing the proceeds from the sale of chattels, identified as your property, sold at auction by this office.

The account of Mr. OKADA has been credited with the sum of \$6.94 received from the Provincial Government as refund of one per cent wage deductions.

The funds standing to your credit are available to you.

We have heard nothing further from you in regard to the camera about which you wrote us on November 5, 1945. We assume therefore that the camera has been shipped to the owner by Mr. Irving Stuart, of Chemainus.

It would appear that we have accounted for all the property of every kind left by you in the protected area, which vested in the Custodian, and in order that you may confirm this and inform us in regard to the camera, we enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for your convenience in replying.

Yours truly,

*F. Matheson*

F. Matheson,  
Protection Department.

Enclosure



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street

VANCOUVER B.C.

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| EVACUATION SECTION |
| Rec'd MAY 10 1946  |
| File No. 1713/6566 |
| Ass. _____         |
| Referred Matheson  |

9th May 1946

Attention: Miss F. Matheson.

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

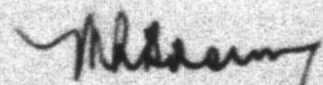
Dear Sir,

Re: Osamu OKADA, #08524  
Yaeko OKADA, #08525  
Your File Nos. 1713 & 6566

We have for acknowledgment your letter of  
May 2nd.

As representatives from your Office are now  
in our Tashme Project we feel sure Mr. and Mrs. OKADA  
will contact them regarding their funds as they have  
requested early repatriation. We would prefer, therefore,  
that the funds of this man and his wife be held until we  
receive a recommendation from our Tashme Project.

Yours truly,

  
M. L. Brown,  
Office Manager.

MMS/GM

711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,  
475 Howe Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Oct. 10/46

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

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ 350<sup>00</sup>

Dear Sir:

Re: OKADA, Osamu <sup>1713</sup> #08524  
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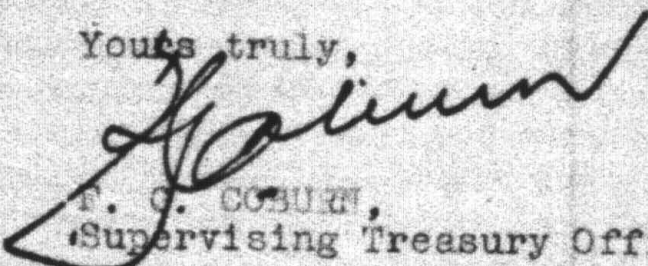
Please note that the above has been repatriated to Japan. At the time of repatriation, the following transactions took place:

Cash turned in - - - - - \$ Nil

Draft Issued - - - - - \$ 350.00

It will be seen that this Japanese is indebted to the Department on account of repatriation in the amount of \$ 350.00. 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,

  
F. C. COBURN,  
Supervising Treasury Officer.

FGC/EJ.



711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,  
475 Howe Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.,  
March 5th, 1947.

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

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ 335 <sup>20</sup>

Dear Sir:

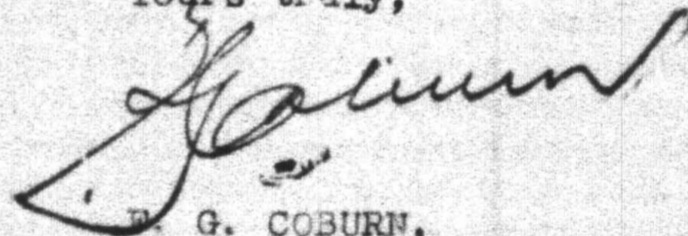
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Re: OKADA, Osamu #08524  
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This will acknowledge the sum of \$ 11.70  
received from you on account of the above mentioned which  
has been accounted for by this office in the proper manner.

There has been no No.2 Receipt issued in  
this instance.

Yours truly,



E. G. COBURN,  
Supervising Treasury Officer.

FGC/EJ.