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

FILE NO. 1851

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: KURAMOTO, Denbe  
HOME ADDRESS: Steveston, B. C.  
REGISTRATION NUMBER 03459 SEX: M AGE: 67  
OCCUPATION: 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: Canadian Fish Co. Ltd., Steveston, B.C.MARRIED? YesNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: KoshobuADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Steveston, B. C.NAMES 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: Cabin, Canadian Fish Co. Ltd.,  
Steveston, B. C.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Canadian Fish Co. Ltd.,  
Steveston, B. C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: None
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 trunk, 1 bag of working clothes, 1 double bed, 1 table,  
4 chairs, 1 washtub and kitchen utensils, all left in the  
cannery house.

*See 8/5/44* Boat Reg. #2031, Identification No. N. W. 044F, \$1000.00, valuation,  
turned over to the custody of the proper authorities at  
New Westminster, B. C. Receipt in the possession of owner.

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: None5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF  
OTHERS: None6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) None7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts) None8. BANK ACCOUNTS: Royal Bank of Canada, Steveston, B. C., amount \$800.00.9. LIFE INSURANCE: None10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: None11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None**LIABILITIES:**1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None2. TRADE DEBTS: NoneREMARKS: House in 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 8th day of April 1942.

(Signature)

Glenby KuramotoM. Quairight

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

[Signature]



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE May 3/43

Our File No. 1851

Full Name KURAMOTO, Denbe  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 03459

<sup>V</sup>  
Male - Female  
(Check)

Age Sept. 10/1873

Former Address Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated April 27/42

<sup>V</sup>  
Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(Check)

Present Address

Greenwood, B.C.

New Denver, B.C. 2-11/44

<sup>V</sup>  
Married - Single  
(Check)

Name of Wife <sup>nee</sup> (DOI) Koshiyobu #03553

Name of Husband

Name of Mother Japan

Name of Father Deceased

Names of Children under 16

Requested by E.C.T.

Registered with Custodian

yes  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman



LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 1851

Sept. 30/46

RE: Densho KURAMOTO, Reg. No. 03459

This file reveals no claims against the above person.

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

Sept. 30/46  
RHM:lmw

*R. B. Mackenzie*  
*per C. A. H.*  
R. B. Mackenzie



PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 1851

Sept. 30/46

RE: Denbe KURAMOTO, Reg. No. 03459

This file reveals the above owned no real property in any protected area of B.C., and did not carry any Fire Insurance.

CHATELS:

The above, who made his declaration to the Custodian on April 8/42 and was evacuated on April 27/42, declared a few household effects as noted on the J.P. form, left in a Canadian Fishing Co. Ltd., cannery house at Steveston, and a fishing vessel in custody of the naval authorities at New Westminster.

No chattels were found by the Custodian in the name of the above so it may be assumed he disposed of the declared effects himself before he was evacuated or took them with him.

SPECIFIED ARTICLES:

According to information supplied to this office the above was the registered owner of a fishing vessel the "D.K." which was sold through the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee for the net sum of \$428.15, and this sum was paid into the office of the Custodian and credited to the account of the above with this office. Of this sum \$308.85 was paid to the B.C.S.C. being refund of maintenance they had advanced to the above. This payment was authorized by KURAMOTO in his letter of June 7/44.

MONEYS

RECEIVABLE:

In July, 1945, the account of the above was credited with the sum of \$3.92, being a refund of security deposit for light from the B.C.E.R.

BANK

ACCOUNT:

The above declared a savings account in the Royal Bank of Canada, Steveston, in the sum of \$800.00. This was not brought under the control of the Custodian.

Remittances of \$25.00 were sent to the above monthly on the following dates, July 4/44, July 10/44, Aug. 22/44, Sept. 19/44, Oct. 20/44. The last sum sent was only \$19.30 as this was the total left in his account at that time.

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

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

Sept. 30/46

RBM:LEM

*R.B. Mackenzie*  
*R.B. Mackenzie*



SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: May 8, 1944

Name: KURAMOTO, Denbei

Reg. No. 03459

File: 1851

Boat File No.: JFVDC 701

Name of Vessel: "D.K." 31'x7'x3.6', Easthope 7 HP

Lic. or Reg. No.: New Westminster 2031

Naval No.: NW.044-F

Owner's Valuation: \$1,000.00

JFVDC Valuation: 431.00 Survey #467 NW

Custodian Valuation: None

Date of Sale: B/S, Oct. 30, 1942 - Boat Released July 27, 1942

Purchaser: Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd.

Signature on Sales Papers: Custodian

Selling Price: \$435.00

Paid to JFVDC ~~on exhibition~~: 435.00

Supervision Costs: 6.85

Balance due Owner: 428.15

Paid to: Custodian on behalf of Denbei Kuramoto

Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster

Claims Against Canadian Govt.:

Inventory Claim #245-Nelson Bros. Fisheries - \$62.65 (Paid)

Additional Information:

*JW*



# Agreement for Sale of Vessel

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BETWEEN:

THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CANADA ACTING IN HIS CAPACITY  
AS CUSTODIAN AS VESTED OWNER OF THE INTEREST OF  
Donbe KURAMOTO

(hereinafter called the "Vendor")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND

NELSON BROS. FISHERIES LIMITED

(hereinafter called the "Purchaser")

OF THE SECOND PART

In consideration of the sum of \$1.00, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we agree to the sale and purchase of the vessel hereunder described:

Name of Vessel: "D. K."

Port of Registry: New Westminster

Official Number: 2031 NW 0447

Length: 31'

Breadth: 7'

Depth: 3'6"

Propelling power: Easthope 7 H. P.

For the price or sum of \$ 435.00 (Four Hundred and Thirty-five)

Payable as follows: Cash

FURTHER, the Vendor covenants with the said Nelson Bros. Fisheries Limited

and its assigns,

that he has power to transfer, in the manner aforesaid, the premises hereinbefore expressed to be transferred, and that he has no knowledge of any encumbrances and accepts no responsibility for same other than to the amount of the purchase price referred to above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals

this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, A. D. 1942.

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED

in the presence of:

*Geo Michaely*  
1138 Nelson St.  
Vancouver B.C.  
 stenographer

*G. W. McPherson*  
(G. W. McPHERSON)  
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary  
of State and/or Custodian



## JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

## Committee:

THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE SIDNEY SMITH  
CHAIRMAN  
COMMANDER B. L. JOHNSON, D.S.O., R.C.N.R.  
KISHIZO KIMURA  
A. E. McMASTER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

1528 MARINE BUILDING  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Oct. 31st. 1942

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| Rec'd    | NOV 4 1942           |
| File No. | 1851- <i>Evacuee</i> |
| Ans.     |                      |
| Referred |                      |

Nelson Bros. Fisheries, Ltd.  
325 Howe St.  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

re: M/V "D.K." NW 044 F , 2031  
Our file No. 701

Herewith the following documents in connection with  
the above Vessel:

1. Completed Bill of Sale
2. Our letter of Advice to the Registrar

On presentation of these documents to the Registrar  
of Shipping together with the temporary permit under which  
you have been operating the boat, the Registrar will issue  
your official license.

Yours truly,

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encs.

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Per

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G. W. McPherson, Esq.,  
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary  
of State and/or Custodian  
Royal Bank Bldg.  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

re: Your file 1851 (Evacuee)  
M/V "D.K." 2031 NW044F

*Denke Kuramoto*

Herewith our cheque No. 963,10/31/42 for \$ 428.15  
being the proceeds from the sale of the above Vessel,  
less our Commission and Survey charges.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE

DURKEE  
*Sita*



DEPARTMENT OF  
LABOUR



BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.  
June 16th 1944

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

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| EVACUATION SECTION |             |
| Recd.              | JUN 17 1944 |
| File No.           | 1851        |
| Ans.               |             |
| Referred           |             |

Dear Sir,

Re Denbe KURAMOTO #03459  
Custodian File #1851

We enclose herewith a letter signed by the above named authorizing you to repay to this Commission the sum of \$308.85 representing refund of maintenance.

Will you please forward to Mr KURAMOTO a monthly cheque for \$25.00, the first remittance to be forwarded on the 28th of June and a further remittance on the 28th of each month thereafter.

The amount to be reserved for rehabilitation purposes in this instance is \$520.00. Therefore, will you please hold this sum intact and make no further remittances to Mr KURAMOTO once his balance has been reduced to the above amount of \$520.00.

Yours truly,

M.L. Brown  
Office Manager.

MS  
enc

*Handwritten:* ~~Handwritten~~  
*off to*  
*name*

*19/6*

*only*  
*\$ 428.15*  
*made*



Greenwood, B.C.,  
June 7, 1944.

The Custodian of Enemy Property,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Please deliver to the Receiver General of Canada through  
the B. C. Security Commission, the sum of \$308.85 and charge  
the same to my account.

Dated at Greenwood, B.C.,  
June 7, 1944

*D. Kuramoto*  
KURAMOTO, Denbe #03459