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BUREAU HASTINGS PARK  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. 2195

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: YAMASHITA Sabei

HOME ADDRESS: Steveston B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 04318 SEX: Male AGE: 53

OCCUPATION: Carpenter

(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: Tamiye y.c.

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Steveston B.C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Sachiyo (F)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Steveston B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 1 yr. and 3 months

## 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: Steveston B.C. dwelling house
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mr. Y Mukai Steveston B.C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: monthly rental of \$14.00 paid to March 31st 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:
- 1 bed, 1 cook stove, 1 heater, 2 tables, 12 chairs, 1 singer sewing machine, 1 set carpenters tools, in box, kitchen utensils and dishes 1 band saw and motor. All at Steveston B.C.

- S. sold - Steveston 14 - 2/7/46 S. sold - Steveston 24 - 2/7/45  
S. sold - Steveston 10 - 3/3/45  
SS - " " 11 - 14/6/46
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

*wife  
declared no  
estate of her  
kind*



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: no

9. LIFE INSURANCE: no

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: none

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: none

**LIABILITIES:**

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: none

2. TRADE DEBTS: none

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 10th day of April 1942

(Signature)

H. J. Lagan  
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE May 28/43

Our File No. 2195

Full Name YAMASHITA, Sahei  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 04318

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

Age July 15/1899

Former Address P.O. Box 165, Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated May 2/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(Check)

Present Address

Greenwood, B.C.

New Denver, B.C. (27/1/47)

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

Name of Wife Taniye #04317

Name of Husband

Name of Mother

Name of Father

Names of Children under 16

Shugichi(M) 14yrs.

Yoshimi(F) 8yrs.

Sachiyo(F) 1/14/41

Requested by E.C.T.

Registered with Custodian yes  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Carpenter



April 9, 1945.

Mr. Sahei YAMASHITA,  
Registration No. 04318,  
GREENWOOD, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of April 4th written  
by Mrs. Tamiye YAMASHITA in reply to ours of March 29, 1945.

All the effects found at No. 705 Moncton Street  
and also at the rear living house basement, were removed to storage  
sometime ago. Some of these goods have been sold at auction and we  
have been able to identify some of your goods, the proceeds of which  
have been credited to your account. More goods still remain to be  
sold at future auctions.

Regarding the bandsaw and motor you will have to  
send us more information to enable us to locate them. Our records  
show that Mr. Santaro HATO owned the building at 52 Moncton Street,  
which was demolished sometime ago. He may have rented the place on  
No. 1 Road, which you mention in your letter. There is a machine shop  
there owned by a white man. Would this be the building where you stored  
your bandsaw and motor?

We have sold the three show cases you declared, but  
you will have to send us a list of the articles contained therein to  
enable us to identify them. Would you also give us a list of the boat  
building equipment which you mention as being stored at No. 705 No. 1  
Road in the rear living house basement.

Yours truly,

R. B. Mackenzie  
Protection Department

REM:LEH



File No. 2195.

April 14/48.

MEMORANDUM - Mr. Hunter.

Re: Sahel YAMASHITA - Reg.No.04318.

Re bed - on chattel schedule signed by Mr. Geo. Peters, it would appear that same was discarded. However, we have nothing on file to say what happened to the bed, as we have no record of same.

According to Sahel YAMASHITA'S wife's file she did not declare any chattels at anytime.

/JS

*J. Spratt*



EXHIBIT No. 439 - 1  
DATE June 25/48  
FILED BY Cebus

Re: Sabai YAMASHITA  
File No. 2195  
Reg. No. 04318

per Mrs. Tamiye YAMASHITA

This Exhibit is the Statement of Personal Chattels  
on the usual yellow form used by Japanese claimants  
with 2 lists attached. Signed by "T. Yamashita"

I certify the above statement to be correct

Sept. 23/48.

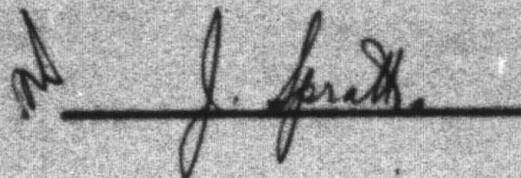
  
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EXHIBIT No. 439 - 2  
DATE June 25/48  
FILED BY Cebus

As I am unable to appear before the Royal  
Commission, I hereby authorize my wife, Tamiyo  
Yamashita, to represent me and to testify on  
my behalf as to my claim.

New Denver, B. C.

June 5, 1948.

"S. Yamashita"  
.....

I hereby certify that the foregoing words are a  
true copy of the original whereof they purport  
to be a copy.

Sept. 23/48.

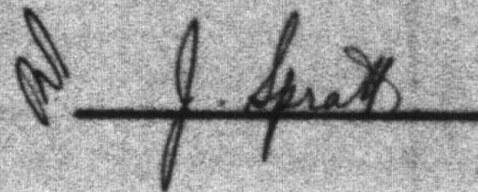
  
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EXHIBIT No. 439 - 3  
DATE June 25/48  
FILED BY Crown

Re: Sabai YAMASHITA  
File No. 2195  
Reg. No. 04318

This Exhibit is an Analysis of Personal Property  
Claim prepared in the office of the Custodian.

I certify the above statement to be  
correct.

Sept. 23/48.

*[Signature]*



EXHIBIT NO. **439 - 4**  
DATE **June 25/48**  
FILED BY **Crown**

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March 11th, 1946.

Mrs. Sute KITADE,  
Reg. No. 03731,  
MAGRATH, Alta.

Dear Madam:

You have written us on December 30th, 1945 and February 19th, 1946, regarding nets and lines which you state you left with us before your evacuation.

A reference to your file shows that you declared only furnishings for a six room house left at House #21, Pacific Coast Cannery.

On referring to the file of your son, Yasuo KITADE, we note that you supplied us with information of five nets, cork and lead line left at the Cannery net house in care of the watchman. Any sale of these nets would be credited to the account of your son.

We note your letter of December 17th, 1942, in which you list additional goods left in House #21 and not mentioned in our letter of November 30th, 1942. Did these goods belong to you, particularly the lumber? Mr. Sahei YAMASHITA declares having left a similar amount of lumber at the same address. It does not seem likely that two persons would leave practically the same kinds of lumber and the same measurements at the same house.

Thanking you in anticipation for your prompt reply.

Yours truly,

R. B. Mackenzie  
Protection Department

REM:LEM

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Sept. 23/48.

*[Signature]*



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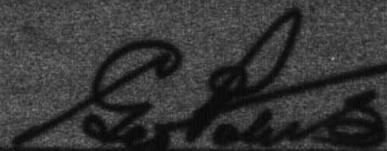
January 24, 1947.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

Re: Sabei YAMASHITA  
Reg. No. 04318

There are no claims against Sabei Yamashita  
revealed in the file.

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



George Peters,  
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL



**MEMORANDUM**

November 30, 1949

TO: Mr. Coad  
FROM: E. Robertson

Re: Case No. 439 - Sabai YAMASHITA  
File No. 2195

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

The above claim has been re-analyzed and the amended analysis shows the following distributions:

Goods valued at \$173.50	- sold by auction	\$54.50
"	477.65	- declared, not found
"	54.85	- no record at any time
"	20.00	- recorded now missing
"	66.50	- error in claim
Total claim		\$772.50

**Re: Error in Claim**

This relates to 300' Cedar Best Lumber, 200' fir best lumber, and 200' 1x3 flooring given by claimant to his sister, Mrs. Sato Kikada. Confirmation of this is on the claim file - see letter to Custodian from S. Yamashita, dated March 26/46.



**SAMUEL YAMASHITA**  
Claimant's Name

**PERSONAL CHATTELS**

CASE

Reg. No.  
ESTIMATED  
VALUE

**ITEMS**

DATE

NEW OR  
USED

PRICE PAID

CONDITION

- 6 Galv. Iron bars 1" 20"
- 6 Galv. Iron bars 1" 20"
- 12 Iron bars 1" 20"
- 12 Iron bars 1" 20"
- 6 Iron bars 5/16" 20"
- 1 Iron pipe 1" 20"
- 6 Black painted galv. iron bars 1" 20"
- 1 Brass half round bar 1" 12"
- 4 Doz. Iron carriage bolts 5/16"
- 4 Doz. Iron carriage bolts 1/2"
- 4 Doz. Iron carriage bolts 1/2"
- 3 Doz. Iron carriage bolts 1/2"
- 4 Doz. Iron carriage bolts 1/2"
- 12 doz. Galv. Iron bolts 1/2"
- 2 Doz. Galv. Iron bolts 1/2"
- 1 Doz. Galv. Iron bolts 1/2"
- 2 Doz. assorted galv. iron bolts 1/2"
- 1 Doz. Galv. Iron bolts 1/2"
- 50 # 2 1/2" Assorted boat and out nails (Galv)
- 12 # Ship calking cotton
- 10 # 1/2" and 1/4" Washers and nuts

ABOVE GOODS STORED AT IMAI HOUSE, STEVESTON, B. C.

- 1 Complete Band saw
- 1 4-H.P. Gasoline stationary engine

ABOVE STORED AT HATO'S NET HOUSE, IMPERIAL CANNERY, STEVESTON, B. C.

- 3 Band saw (cross cut)
- 6 Boat clamps (8")
- 2 Boat clamps (8")
- 1 Ft. square rule
- 1 Adjustable square rule (metal)
- 1 Compass
- 1 Adjustable plane
- 1 Label square (metal)
- 2 Coal chisels
- 1 Centre punch
- 1 Punch with handle
- 1 Crowbar
- 2 Calking hammers (large and small)
- 2 Calking chisels
- 2 Calking flatters
- 3 Ship's augers 1 1/2 ft. length
- 1 Ship auger 1 1/2 ft. length
- 1 Ship auger 1 x 16"
- 1 Ship auger 1 x 14"
- 2 Ship's augers 1 x 14"
- 1 Ship auger 1 x 14"
- 1 Ship auger 5/16 x 14"
- 2 Ship augers 1 x 14"
- 2 Ship augers 7/16 x 14"
- 1 Ship auger 1 x 14"
- 1 Ship auger 1 x 14"
- 1 Axe
- 1 Hatchet
- 1 Hatchet
- 1 Adze
- 6 Planes
- 7 Planes
- 8 Chisels
- 2 Machine hammers
- 1 Nail hammer
- 1 Crescent wrench 8"
- 1 Crescent wrench 8"
- 1 Crescent wrench 14"

ALL  
BOUGHT  
FROM  
TIME TO  
TIME

9.00	Good	6.00
2.00	"	6.00
5.00	"	3.50
1.50	"	1.00
1.25	"	.85
.75	"	.60
5.00	"	3.50
1.50	"	1.00
1.50	"	1.00
.35	"	.25
1.00	"	.65
1.50	"	1.00
12.50	"	8.50
1.00	"	.65
1.50	"	1.00
5.00	"	3.50
2.50	"	2.50
2.00	"	1.75
3.50	"	1.50
1.50	"	2.40
1.50	"	1.00
2.50	"	1.00
2.50	"	1.75
1.25	"	1.75
1.00	"	.85
2.50	"	1.75
3.00	"	2.00
4.00	"	2.75
5.00	"	3.50
18.00	"	12.00
10.50	"	7.00
10.00	"	6.75
3.50	"	2.50
2.00	"	1.50
2.25	"	.90
1.40	"	1.00
1.75	"	1.50

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DATE  
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**SAMUE YAMASHITA**

**PERSONAL CHATTELS**

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ITEM	DATE	NEW OR USED	PRICE PAID	CONDITION	ESTIMATED VALUE
1 Monkey wrench 10"		New	\$ 1.25	Good	1.25
1 Phillips' wrench 12"		"	2.50	"	1.75
1 Box wrench		"	1.50	"	1.00
1 Anger handle		"	7.00	"	8.00
1 Wood file		"	.70	"	.60

CARPENTER TOOLS STORED AT IMAI'S HOUSE, STEVESTON, B. C.

1 INCH STAFF					
300 sq. ft. assorted cedar boat lumber 8-14"	1941	"	35.00	Unused	35.00
300 sq. ft. of assorted fir boat lumber 12" (3" staff)	"	"	12.00	"	12.00
50 sq. ft. assorted boat lumber (1" staff) size 8 x 10 yellow cedar	"	"	1.50	"	1.50
1 pc. 1 x 10 Gum wood 16'	"	"	3.50	"	3.50
100 sq. ft. 1 x 3 Cedar flooring	"	"	4.50	"	4.50
100 sq. ft. 1 x 3 fir v joint	"	"	2.50	"	2.50

ABOVE LUMBER STORED AT HOUSE #21, PACIFIC COAST CANNERY, STEVESTON, B. C. OCCUPIED BY Y. KITAHARA

2 00 sq. ft. Assorted fir (2x4, 2x6, 2x12)	"	"	4.50	"	4.50
1 pc. fir 6 x 8 24' (keel)	1941	"	3.50	"	3.50

ABOVE STORED AT BOATHOUSE, PACIFIC COAST CANNERY, STEVESTON, B. C.

1 Kitchen stove	1938	"	40.00	Good	30.00
1 Heater stove	1938	"	30.00	"	20.00
1 Double bed complete	1938	"	45.00	"	30.00
1 set Festival dolls	1941	"	50.00	Like new	25.00
15 Chairs	1938	"	45.00	Very good	22.50
Kitchen tools (utensils) Time to time	"	"	25.00	Good	10.00
(consisting of cutlery, dishes, pots and pans)					

1 Showcases	1938	"	50.00	Good	38.00
1 Tables	"	"	30.00	"	12.00
1 Chairs	"	"	16.00	"	8.00
1 Refrigerator	"	"	25.00	"	18.00
1 Radio	"	"	3.50	"	2.00
14 plates	"	"	12.00	"	8.50
14 Cups and saucers	"	"	17.00	"	10.00
1 teapots	"	"	17.00	"	10.00
1 Coffee maker and stove	"	"	15.00	"	10.00
1 Scale	"	"	50.00	Very good	40.00
6 Candy jars	"	"	30.00	Good	15.00
Paper bags	"	"	15.00	"	15.00
Wrapping paper	"	"	10.00	"	10.00
Soda water	"	"	20.00	"	20.00
Firecrackers	"	"	15.00	"	15.00
Candies and chocolate bars	"	"	50.00	"	50.00

TOTAL \$772.50

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109.05  
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772.50

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DATE June 25/45  
FILED BY Crown

March 11th, 1946.

Mrs. Sate KITADA,  
Reg. No. 03731,  
MAGNATH, Alta.

Dear Madam:

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On referring to the file of your son, Yasuo KITADA, we note that you supplied us with information of five nets, cork and lead line left at the Cannery net house in care of the watchman. Any sale of these nets would be credited to the account of your son.

X We note your letter of December 17th, 1945, in which you list additional goods left in House #21 and not mentioned in our letter of November 30th, 1945. Did these goods belong to you, particularly the lumber? Mr. Sabei YAMASHITA declares having left a similar amount of lumber at the same address. It does not seem likely that two persons would leave practically the same kinds of lumber and the same measurements at the same house.

Thanking you in anticipation for your prompt reply.

Yours truly,

A. B. MacKendie  
Protection Department

REG:LEM



NAME YAMAGUCHI, Saburo

REGISTRATION NO. 0438

FILE NO. 2192

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Steveston, B.C. on March 31, 1944

Heating stove

\$ 2.75

Total

Less Expenses: { Auctioneer's Fee: \$0.28  
                  { Advertising: 0.11  
                  { Moving: 0.24

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$	2.75
\$	0.63
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	2.12
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Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 10.

Remarks.



NAME YAMAGUCHI, Sabu

REGISTRATION NO. 04312

FILE NO. 2193

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Steveston, B.C. ON April 14, 1944

Kitchen Range

\$ ✓ 6.00

Total

\$ 6.00

Less Expenses: { Auctioneer's Fees 0.60  
Advertising 0.30  
Movings 0.56

\$ 1.46

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 4.54

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 11.

Remarks.



NAME YANASHITA, Sabai

REGISTRATION NO. 04338

FILE NO. 3104

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at Steveston, B.C. on June 2, 1944.

Home made show case  
2 Small show cases  
6 Kitchen chairs  
6 Kitchen chairs  
Teledo scale

\$ ✓1.00 F  
✓1.75 F  
✓2.00 F  
✓1.00 F  
✓16.00 F

Total

(Auctioneer's Fee) \$2.17

Less Expenses: (Advertising)

1.17

(Moving)

2.40

\$ 21.75  
\$ 5.74

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 16.01

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 14.

Remarks.



NAME YAMASHITA, Sahel

REGISTRATION NO. 04318

FILE NO. 2195

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Stevenson, R.C. on October 27, 1944

Clamp  
Plates  
Cups & saucers  
Iron pot  
Dishes  
Glassware

✓ 4.75  
✓ 1.00 C  
✓ 4.75 C  
✓ 1.00 M  
K ✓ 1.00 C  
K ✓ 1.00 C

Total (Auctioneer's Fee: \$1.34  
Less Expenses: (Advertising: 0.53  
(Moving: 0.89

\$ 13.50

\$ 2.76

\$ 10.74

Net Proceeds Credited:

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Stevenson 23.

Remarks.



NAME YAMASHITA, Sahel

REGISTRATION NO. 04318

FILE NO. 2195

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Steveston, B.C. on September 21, 1945.

Box of galvanised pt.  
Large metal tank, coat hangers etc.  
Hand paint - white  
Sut and china  
Sunging lamp  
Glassware & china  
China boxes, sledge, trays etc.  
Eas decorations, china etc.  
Chinaware  
Oil painting & picture

11.00 A  
0.85 M  
V1.25 C  
K1.25 M  
1.00 F  
K1.75 C  
K 1.75 M  
K 0.75 M  
K1.75 C  
0.60 M

Total

(Auctioneer's Fee: \$1.20

\$ 11.95

Less Expenses:

(Advertising: 0.75

\$ 3.54

(Moving: 1.56

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 8.41

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Steveston 38.

Remarks. *Hold funds*



NAME YAMASHITA, Sahel

REGISTRATION NO. 04315

FILE NO. 2195

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Steveston, B. C. on November 2, 1945.

Chinaware

\$ 2.00 C

Total

(Auctioneer's fee \$ .20

\$ 2.00

Less Expenses:

(Advertising

.15

(Moving

.24

\$ .39

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 1.41

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mrs. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

39 Steveston

Remarks. *Hold funds*



DEC - 2 1947

IN THE MATTER OF a Commission to Investigate Claims of Japanese Canadians for Property Losses.

TO: The Commissioner,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

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Pursuant to the notice issued on the 26th day of September, 1947, I submit the following claim:

(1) NAME Yamashita Sachio (RCMP) Reg. No. 04158  
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address P. O. Box 165 Steveston, B. C.

(3) Present Address New Denver, B. C.

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
City or Municipality, Province

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):

- (i) Farm  
(ii) Residence Type of business \_\_\_\_\_  
(iii) Business  
(iv) Any other type of property (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

(d) What was your interest in the property (e.g., sole owner, life tenant, joint tenant, owner of one half or one third interest, leasehold, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):

- (i) Land - - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(ii) Buildings - - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern  
(including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels,  
fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts re-  
ceivable) - - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just  
fill in total value) - - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation \_\_\_\_\_  
Pacific Coast Cannery; Mr. Imai's house; both Steveston, B. C.

(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)  
boat house, store, house.

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation \_\_\_\_\_  
Some boxed, others left at home and boathouse

(over)



(d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to the terms of reference which exclude claims where the property was lost, destroyed or stolen while under the custody, control or management of any person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner of the property. It involves some definite arrangement whereby you appointed someone to take care of the property and such person accepted the responsibility of so doing. Unless such an arrangement was made the question should be answered "in no one's care")

### Care of Custodian

(e) Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim:

1. Boat Ladders	\$ 67.00	Estimated Value \$	
2. Boat Tools & Equipments	100.00	Estimated Value \$	
3. Boat Tools & Equipments	227.25	Estimated Value \$	
4. (Custodian's sale of (above	45.33	Estimated Value \$	
5. Total claim for above		Estimated Value \$	350.92
6. Household properties		Estimated Value \$	178.50
7. Store Room & Showcase		Estimated Value \$	
8. (Showcase sold by Custodian for (\$23.26)		Estimated Value \$	300.00
9. Total claim for both		Estimated Value \$	629.42
10. Itemized Description on attached paper		Estimated Value \$	

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS \$

N.B.—If you cannot list all the items here prepare a separate list with values set out opposite each item and attach it to the form. The item "personal property" includes shares, bonds, mortgages, loans, notes and all other forms of property not included in real estate.

(f) Total claim including real and personal property (this figure can be arrived at by adding items 4(f) and 5(e) - - - - - \$

(6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard.  
(Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge,  
Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.)  
**New Denver, B. C.**

(b) Do you require the services of an interpreter  
at the hearing? Yes or no

N.B.—This Declaration must be sworn before a Commissioner, Notary Public or other person entitled to take declarations. All lawyers are qualified to do so.

DOMINION OF CANADA,

of

TO WIT:

I, *Sahel Yamashita*  
of *New Denver*

of the  
in the *Province of British Columbia*

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

The information set out in the form above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED before me at the *Village*  
of *New Denver*  
in the *Province of British Columbia*  
this *24* day of *November*  
A.D. 1947.

A Commissioner &c.

N.B.—THIS FORM FULLY COMPLETED AND SWORN BEFORE A COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE COMMISSIONER, c/o THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN, ROYAL BANK BLDG., VANCOUVER, B.C., BEFORE NOVEMBER 30th, 1947. IF YOU CANNOT MAIL IT BEFORE THIS DATE SET OUT BELOW REASONS FOR THE DELAY.



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## BOATHOUSE EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS

## LISTS OF PERSONAL PROPERTIES ITEMIZED

				<u>Value</u>
6 bars	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	20 ft.	Galv. Iron bars	\$ 15.00
6 "	$\frac{3}{8}$	20 ft.	" " "	12.00
12 "	$\frac{1}{2}$	20 ft.	Iron bars	10.00
12 "	$\frac{3}{8}$	20 ft.	" "	7.00
6 "	$\frac{5}{16}$	20 ft.	" "	3.50
1 only	$\frac{3}{8}$	20 ft.	Iron Pipe	1.25
6 bars	$\frac{1}{2}$	20 ft.	Half round Galv. Iron	5.00
1 bar	1 in.	12 ft.	Brass half round bar	2.50
4 doz.	$\frac{5}{16}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Iron carriage bolts	4.80
4 "	$\frac{3}{8}$	4 inches	" " "	4.80
4 "	$\frac{1}{2}$	5 "	" " "	4.80
3 "	$\frac{1}{2}$	6 "	" " "	3.00
4 "	$\frac{3}{8}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Iron rug screws	4.80
12 pieces	$\frac{3}{8}$	5 "	Galv. Iron bolts	1.25
2 doz.	$\frac{3}{8}$	6 "	" " "	3.50
1 "	$\frac{3}{8}$	4 "	" " "	1.25
1 "	$\frac{3}{8}$	10 "	" " "	3.00
2 "	$\frac{1}{2}$	8,10,12	Assorted Galv. Iron bolts	7.00
50 lbs			Assorted boat & cut nails	
			(Galv.) Sizes $2\frac{1}{4}$ to 4 inches	10.00
12 lbs.			Ship calking cotton	4.80
10 lbs.			Assorted washers and nuts	
			size $\frac{3}{8}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$	4.00
				<u>\$ 113.25</u>

Above goods stored at Imai house  
Steveston, B. C.

3 pairs	Roller copper pipes	15.00
6 pairs	Roller tin pipes	9.00
1 only	Compleat Band Saw	60.00
1 "	4 H.P. Gasoline stationery Engine	30.00
		<u>\$ 114.00</u>

Above equipments stored at Hato's Nethouse  
Imperial Cannery, Steveston, B. C.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ 227.25



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ITEMIZED LIST OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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2	ONLY	Hand Saw (cross cut)	
6	"	Boat clamps (6 inches)	
2	"	" " (8 " )	
1	"	One foot square rule	
1	"	Adjustable square rule (Metal)	
1	"	Compass	
1	"	Adjustable Plane	
1	"	Label square (Metal)	
2	"	Coal chisels	
1	"	Center Punch	
1	"	Punch with handle	
1	"	Crow Bar	
2	"	Calking Hammer (Large and small)	
2	"	Calking chisels	
2	"	Calking flatters	
3	"	Ship augers	$\frac{1}{8}$ 5/8 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet length
1	"	"	$\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. length
1	"	"	1 x 16 inches
1	"	"	7/8 x 14 "
2	"	"	$\frac{1}{4}$ x 14 "
1	"	"	5/8 x 14 "
1	"	"	5/16 x 14 "
2	"	"	$\frac{1}{2}$ x 14 "
2	"	"	7/16 x 14 "
1	"	"	3/8 x 14 "
1	"	"	$\frac{1}{4}$ x 14 "
1	"	Carpenter's Axe (single)	
1	"	" Hatchet	
1	"	"	(Made in Japan)
1	"	Adze	( " " " )
6	"	Planes	( " " " )
7	"	"	(Different types)
8	"	Chisels	
2	"	Machine hammer	
1	"	Nail Hammer	
1	"	Crescent Wrench	(6 inches)
1	"	"	(8 " )
1	"	"	(14 " )
1	"	Monkey Wrench	(10 " )
1	"	Stillson's Wrench	(18 " )
1	"	Box	"
1	"	Auger handle	
1	"	Wood file	

Above tools at Imai House, Steveston, B. C.

TOTAL VALUE

\$ 100.00



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STOCK OF BOAT LUMBERS ITEMIZED

		Value
350 Sq. ft.	1 in. staff Assorted cedar boat lumber (size 8 to 14 in.)	\$ 35.00
300 Sq. ft.	Assorted fir boat lumber (size mostly 12 in.)	12.00
50 Sq. ft.	2 in. staff Assorted boat lumber (size 8 and 10)	1.50
1 piece	yellow cedar, 1 in. staff	
100 sq. ft.	1 x 10, 16 ft. long Gum wood	3.50
100 sq. ft.	1 x 3 cedar flooring	4.50
100 sq. ft.	1/2 x 3 fir V. joint	2.50

Above lumbers stored at the house formerly occupied by Y. Kitade  
Pacific Coast Cannery, Steveston, B. C.

200 sq. ft.	Assorted fir (sizes 2 x 4; 2 x 6; 2 x 12)	4.50
1 piece	6 x 6 24 ft. fir (keel)	3.50
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		\$ 67.00

Above two items stored at the boat house at Pacific Coast Cannery  
Steveston, B. C.

HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY ITEMIZED

	Value
Kitchen tools	\$ 10.50
" stove	35.00
Heater stove	25.00
Bed	40.00
Festival - dolls	35.00
18 chairs	33.00
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	\$ 178.50

STORE PROPERTY

1 showcase (The custodian send us the check of \$23.26 from this sale of the showcase)

Store merchandise

The two items above total at \$ 300.00



File No. 2195

January 24, 1947.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: Sahei YAMASHITA  
Reg. No. 04318

Chattels:

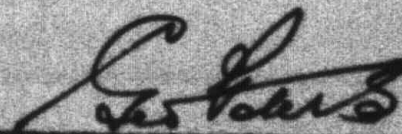
See Chattel Summary

Specified  
Articles:

There are no Cameras, radios, Fire Arms or motor Vehicles  
revealed in the registration or the file.

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



January 25, 1947.

CHattel SUMMARY

Re: Sahei YAMASHITA  
Reg. No. Q4318  
Evacuated May 2/42.

In his declaration of April 10, 1942, Sahei Yamashita declared chattels (see Schedule) giving no location beyond Steveston, B. C. The Custodian wrote to Sahei Yamashita on March 29, 1942, asking him to supply this information.

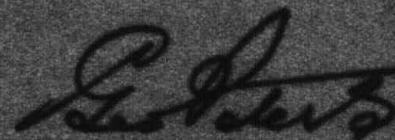
In a letter received from Mrs. Yamashita, sent through Kiyoshi Imai, File No. 9999, she confirms chattels declared by her husband as being left at 705 No. 1 Road, Steveston, B. C., the home of Kiyoshi Imai. In addition to what was declared by her husband, Mrs. Yamashita states that she left 3 small show-cases, with articles inside, in the house at the rear of Imai's property, also a hand saw and motor, to be stored at Santaro Hato's house near the Dyke.

Mrs. Yamashita admits taking the sewing machine, declared by Sahei Yamashita, with her on her evacuation.

Again on June 5, 1945, Mrs. Yamashita sent in a list of many articles, such as, chinaware, utensils, tools for boat building, etc., all stored in Imai's house. The boat building equipment was never found by the Custodian. Also included was a list of boat lumber, stored in the house formerly occupied by Y. Kitada, at Pacific Coast Cannery. However, in a letter dated March 26, 1946, Sahei states that this lumber was given to his sister, Mrs. Gutsu Kitada and this matter will be dealt with on her file.

All goods removed from the property of Kiyoshi Imai were removed under his name, and those that could be identified as belonging to Yamashita were transferred to his file. The chattel Schedule will show their disposition.

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



George Peters,  
Office of the Custodian.



January 20th, 1947.

CHATTEL SCHEDULE

Re: Sehei YAMASHITA  
Registration No. 04318

S. YAMASHITA'S DECLARATION -- APRIL 10th, 1942.

1 bed	discarded
1 cook stove	auctioned, transferred from file #9999, K. IMAI
1 heater	auctioned, " " " " " "
2 tables	missing
12 chairs	auctioned, transferred from file #9999, K. IMAI
1 Singer sewing machine	Taken by Mrs. Yamashita
1 set carpenter tools } in box.	missing
kitchen utensils and dishes	auctioned
1 hand saw and motor	Never found (Stored at Santaro Hato, <sup>Full</sup> near Dyke)

Added by letter of April 4, 1945.

3 small show cases	auctioned, transferred from file #9999, K. IMAI.
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Added by letter of June 5, 1945.

1 store candy scale	auctioned, transferred from file #9999, K. IMAI.
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The above Schedule is certified to be in  
accordance with the information on file.

  
George Peters,  
Office of the Custodian.



December 14, 1946.

Re: Sahei YAMASHITA  
Registration No. 04318

All trunks and personal belongings in storage at Steveston were opened and inspected in October, 1945. Goods of no value were discarded; clothing of no saleable value were turned to U.N.R.H.A., and saleable articles were auctioned, and any personal photographs or goods of a personal nature are stored ready for shipment at the request of the Japanese.

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YAMASHITA, S.  
Lgt No. 99

For Auction: 1 small carton of crockery

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December 14, 1946.

A telephone call was received on November 22, 1946, from Mr. Howall, who does special work for the Custodian. He informed us that the Buddhist Temple had again been broken into and that all parcels of personal goods stored in the basement had been opened and the contents strewn on the floor. It is impossible to identify to whom they belong.

George Peters,  
Office of the Custodian.

GP/lc



Sanatorium  
New Denver Bldg.  
March 26th 1946

Custodian of Enemy Property  
(Japanese Division)

Royal Bank Bldg.

Cor Hastings & Granville Sts. Vancouver B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	APR 1 1946
File No.	2195
Ans.	Noted 1-4-46 RDM
Referred	

Dear Sirs,

I, Sabei Yamashita (Reg # 04318) formerly of  
resident of Okaville B.C. hereby declare that Boat  
lumber as follows stored at Pacific Coast Cannery  
of Steveston which belong to me, was given to my sister  
Mrs. Sute <sup>KITADE</sup> Kitade who lived at Pacific Coast Cannery  
Steveston B.C. before the evacuation.

Please acknowledge the same.

Witness my hand.

Yours very truly,  
S. Yamashita

300 feet cedar Boat Lumber  
200 " Fir " "  
100 " 1x3 Flooring.

SAHEI YAMASHITA  
Reg # 04318.



COPY (Original on file No. 1385)

March 18th, 1946  
Magrath, Alberta

Office of the Custodian,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 11th instant I wish to clear the point on the lumber you mentioned at the House #21 at the Pacific Coast Cannery.

Mr. Sahei Yamashita is being related to me as he is my brother. Before the evacuation Mr. Yamashita built my son a boat of which lumber I had bought. And such lumber as being mentioned above is the left-over from the building of the boat. I have written to my brother, Mr. S. Yamashita, of my claiming the ownership of the lumber. I am certain that you will hear from Mr. S. Yamashita in regards to the lumber.

Yours truly,

"S. Kitade  
Reg. #03731"



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June 9th, 1945.

Mrs. Sachi YAMASHITA,  
Registration No. 04317,  
GREENWOOD, B.C.

Dear Madam:

Thank you for your letter of June 5th listing the articles which you left stored in the rear dwelling house basement of Mr. K. Inai, and also the enclosed lists from your husband. This, I am sure, will prove very useful when the goods removed from that address and stored in our Warehouse, are brought into our auction room and sold. Some of the goods already have been sold and the proceeds credited to your husband's account. These consist of a scale, one dozen chairs, one kitchen stove, one heater stove, and some dishes.

We have asked our Steveston representative to try and locate the band saw and 4 H.P. engine said to be stored in S. Hato's net house. We will advise you of the result of this investigation.

Turning now to the list of boat lumber said to be stored in the house of Y. Kitade at the Pacific Coast Cannery, we regret to say we have no trace of ever having moved this lumber, and fear that it has been stolen, as there was a great deal of pilfering at Steveston the latter part of 1942 and the early part of 1943.

Yours truly,

R. B. Mackenzie  
Protection Department

MM:LEH



Mr R. B. Mackenzie  
(Administration Dept.)  
Protection Dept.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd JUN 7 1945	Reg. No. 04318
File No. 2195	GREENWOOD, BL
Ans. 7645	June 5, 1945
Referred Mackenzie	

YAMOTO 115

Dear Sir:

Since I had to write to my husband who is at New Denver Hospital I had to make some delay of replying your letter of April 9th.

Enclosed please find the specified list of material sheets which were sent to me by my husband.

These list of materials are my husband necessities only.

There are some of my articles which are stored at \_\_\_\_\_ and the following are:  
Since we had a coffee and candy shop the china ware and glass ware are in great number.

- ✓ 1 Bed, white, double
- ✓ 1 store candy scale worth \$38.00
- 3 dozen Coffee tea cup with saucer
- 3 dozen cake saucers
- 3 dozen glass cup
- 2 dozen tea pot
- 2 sets coffee boilers \$18.00
- ✓ 1 kitchen camp stove
- ✓ 1 heater coal stove high one
- 7 pieces flower pot
- 2 tables
- ✓ 1 dozen chairs

Sold  
Sold

Sold

Kitchen utensils & dishes.  
1/2 dozen candy jars at \$1.50 each.  
These above articles are stored at K. Imai  
705 No 1 Rd Steveston. Near Dwelling house  
basement.



# List of Equipments and tools.

2	only	Hand saw	cross cut	
6	"	Boat clumps	6	Inches
2	"	"	8	"
1	"	One Foot Square rule		
1	"	Adjustable Square rule		Metal
1	"	Compass		
1	"	Adjustable Plane		
1	"	Label Square		Metal
2	"	Coal Chisels		
1	"	Center punch		
1	"	Punch with handle		
1	"	Crow Bar		
2	"	Calking Hammer		Large and Small
2	"	Calking Chisels		
2	"	Calking Flatters		
3	"	Ship Augers	1/2 5/8	1/2 # feet length
1	"	"	1/2 X	2 1/2 feet length
1	"	"	1/2 X	16 Inches
1	"	"	7/8 X	14 "
2	"	"	1/2 X	14 "
1	"	"	5/8 X	14 "
1	"	"	5/16 X	14 "
2	"	"	1/2 X	14 "
2	"	"	7/16 X	14 "
1	"	"	3/8 X	14 "
1	"	"	1/2 X	14 "
1	"	Carpenter's Axe	( single )	
1	"	"	Hatchet	
1	"	"	( Made in Japan )	
1	"	"	Adze	
6	"	"	Planes	
7	"	"	"	different types

1	only	Crescent Renche	6	Inches
1	"	"	8	"
1	"	"	14	"
1	"	Monkey Rench	10	"
1	"	Stillson's Rench	18	"
1	"	Box		

Above goods at Imai house, Steveston B.C. - House No 705 Rd No 1.

S. Hato's house on  
No 1 Rd near dock  
is the place where the  
small place where the  
cheapest  
it goes to the  
main house.  
That is the place  
where these two equipments  
are stored.

There is nothing to do with the machine shop.  
May be if he has them it is mine  
if it is not in the main house  
stored at Hato's Not House

only complete Band Saw.  
4 H.P Gasoline stationery Engine.

Imperial Cannery  
Steveston B.C.



*Saku Yamasita Boat Builders supplies.*  
*Reg. No. 04318*

List of materials.

6 bars.	1/2 "	20 feet	Gal v. Iron bars.
6 "	3/8 "	20 "	" " "
12 "	1/2 "	20 "	Iron bars
12 "	3/8 "	20 "	" "
6 "	5/16 "	20 "	" "
1 only	3/8 "	20 "	Iron Pipe
6 bars	1/2 "	20 "	Half round Galv Iron.
1 bar	1 inch	12 "	Brass half round bar.
4 Dozen	5/16 "	3 1/2 "	Iron carriage bolts.
4 "	3/8 "	4 inches	" "
4 "	1-2 "	8 "	" "
3 "	1/2 "	6 "	" "
4 "	3/8 "	3 1/2 "	Iron rug screws
12 pieces	3/8 "	5 "	Galv Iron bolts.
2 Dozen	3/8 "	6 "	" "
1 "	3/8 "	4 "	" "
1 "	3/8 "	10 "	" "
2 "	1/2 "	8 10 12	assorted galv Iron bol ts.
50lbs	Assorted boat and cut nails ( Galv )		
	Sizes 2 1/4 to 4 inches.		
12 lbs	Ship calking cotton.		
10 lbs	Assorted washers and nuts ( size 3/8 and 1/2. )		

Above goods stored at Imai house, Steveston B.C.

*Rear of 705 No 1 Rd.*  
*house*



Stock of boat lumbers.

350 Sq feet Assorted cedar boat lumber ( size 8 to 14 inches)  
1 inch staff.

300 " " Assorted Fir boat lumber ( size mostly 12 inches)  
2 inches staff )

50 " " Assorted boat lumber  
yellow cedar 1 inch staff ) ( size 8 and 10)

1 piece 1 by 10 16 feet long Gum wood.

100 Sq feet 1 by 3 cedar flooring

100 " " 1/2 by 3 Fir V joint

Above goods stored at the house formerly lived by Y. Kitade  
at Pacific Coast Cannery Steveston B.C.

200 Sq feet Assorted Fir ( Sizes 2x4 2x6 2x12.)

1 piece 6x6 24 feet Fir ( keel)

Above Two items stored at the boat house at Pacific  
Coast Cannery Steveston B.C.

No trace of lumber

See letter 26-3-46  
lumber given to his sister  
not sure Kitade. no house  
boat he was building



March 29, 1945.

Mr. Sahel YAMASHITA,  
Registration No. 04318,  
GREENWOOD, B.C.

Dear Sir:

On your J. P. form, dated 10th April, 1944,  
you declared the following:

1 bed, 1 cook stove, 1 heater, 2 tables, 12  
chairs, 1 Singer sewing machine, 1 box carpenter's tools,  
kitchen utensils and dishes, 1 band saw and motor, all at  
Steveston, B.C.

When you were evacuated on May 2nd did you take  
these goods with you or at what address did you leave them?  
Unless we hear from you to the contrary we will assume that  
there is nothing left in the protected area for which the Cus-  
todian need care.

Thanking you in anticipation of a prompt reply,

Yours truly,

R. B. Mackenzie  
Protection Department

RBM:LBH



Mr. L. B. MacKellie.  
Protection Department.

File No. 2195

House No. 24.  
Greenwood, D.C.  
April 4, 1945

Dear Sir:

I am replying to your letter of March 29th  
regarding:

- ✓ 1 bed
- ✓ 1 cook stove — CAMP STOVE
- ✓ 1 heater — COAL HIGH HEATER.
- ✓ 2 tables
- ✓ 12 chairs
- ✓ 1 Singer sewing machine — I bought this — Greenwood
- ✓ 1 box carpenter's tools — IN TRUNK LIKE BOX
- ✓ Kitchen utensils and dishes
- 1 hand saw and motor.

Those with the checked items are stored  
at K. IMAI. (REG NO. 10688). file 9999  
705 NO. 1 R d.

REAR W' LIVING HOUSE BASEMENT.

Since there is so many stored at the same  
place I have given you the description  
as to distinguish from the other.

Very best items, 1 hand saw and motor  
are store at Mrs. Santoro Hats at Stevenson.



Near the dyke, end of No 1 Rd. Near the  
Imperial Oil is. Cause of the heaviness  
in weight I had to store it there.  
I think I have replied fully but if there  
is any doubt I will be very glad to  
notify you.

Beside the above mentioned articles  
there are some other articles that were  
not declared. These are:

✓ 3 show case as we were in  
the store business.

In these show cases there are  
many articles. These are all mine.

As my husband had to leave Stenston  
so fast we did not had time to check  
or declare these. My husband was in the  
boat building business. So there are  
some other boat builder's necessities.

There are too stored at K. IMAI  
705 No 1 Rd. Stenston. in the Rear Living  
Room Basement.

Please kindly check these and send me  
the full details concerning.



Yours very truly,

Reg No. 04317

Jamaye Yamashita

Reg No. 04318

Wife of Sakei Yamashita

K. Imai in charge of their goods. So  
I have to ask to reply your letter.

Dear Sir:

There are many articles which are  
stored in my house (which <sup>are</sup> sold) <sup>HOUSE</sup> No 705.  
No 1 Rd. Rear Living Room Basement and  
which are not declared or registered.  
Please check these and send me the  
full details of every item for these  
goods belong to many other persons.

There are some more goods stored  
in the front store building. These goods  
are stored in the attic in way to the front.  
Entrance to the attic is above the narrow, short  
hall. Rear to the parlor. One near the bath and  
toilet room at the rear of the building.

TURN.



1 Wool Japanese comforter

1 set chinaware Worth \$ 50.00

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Please check these carefully and  
give or send me the details.

Thanking you very much in advance,

Yours truly,

L. L. Linn

Ref. No. 10688.

P.O. Box 579

Greenwood  
B.C.

File No.  
9999



IN THE MATTER OF THE INQUIRIES ACT.  
PART 1. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927. CHAPTER 92

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

**B E F O R E**  
(HIS HONOUR, JUDGE H.W. COLGAN, SUB-COMMISSIONER)

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New Denver, B.C.

June 25, 1948

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF  
SABEI YAMASHITA

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

20 APPEARANCES:

DONALD MACDONALD, Esq.,

appearing for the  
Dominion Government

A.E. COBUS, Esq.,

appearing for the  
claimant.

W.J. STURGEON, Esq.,

Secretary to New  
Denver Sub-Commission

G.H.R. UPTON, Esq.,

Official Interpreter

G. HAMBLETON, Esq.,

Official Reporter

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MR. COBUS: The claim, your honour, of Sabei Yamashita, No. 67 on the Secretary's list. I am calling in this case, your honour, the wife of the claimant, Tamiye Yamashita, inasmuch as her husband is in hospital and is unable to give evidence on his own behalf.

(MRS) TAMIYE YAMASHITA, a witness called on behalf of the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the official interpreter as follows:

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DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. COBUS:

Q: What is your full name, please?

A: Tamiye Yamashita.

Q: Your husband is in hospital, is that correct, witness? A: Yes.

Q: What hospital is that?

A: At the sanitarium in New Denver.

Q: And he is so sick as not to be able to appear here today, is that correct? A: Yes.

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MR. COBUS: I would ask leave, your honour, to amend the claim, which is a claim for personal property only, by showing a total of \$772.50 for chattels, which is itemized on a list to be filed as part of the statement, and we are crediting the Custodian with \$46.95, leaving a net claim and a whole claim of \$725.55.

Q: Witness, I produce to you a statement concerning the personal chattels for which your husband has submitted a claim. On behalf of your hus-

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band did you instruct Mr. Leckie to prepare that statement and is this your signature?

A: Yes.

Q: You have full knowledge of the matters relating to this claim, have you?

A: Yes.

Q: In your statement you make reference to a list attached to your statement. I produce to you now a two page list of chattels totalling \$772.50. Is that list the one to which you make reference in your statement?

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A: Yes.

Q: Is the information contained in your statement and lists true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: That will be Exhibit 1.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. COBUS: In the statement now marked Exhibit 1, your honour, the witness refers to the lists attached to show where the goods were stored, and if your honour refers to the lists attached, in capital letters below several groups she has indicated that certain goods were stored at the Imai house at Steveston, B.C., two items at Hato's net house, Imperial Cannery, Steveston; the carpenters tools stored at Imai's house, Steveston, B.C.; certain lumber claimed stored at house No. 21 Pacific Coast Cannery, Steveston, B.C., which was occupied by Y. Kitade; another group

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stored at the boat house of the Pacific Coast  
Cannery, Steveston, B.C.

In her statement she says that she is representing her husband as to the claim and that he, the husband, is a bed patient in hospital and is unable to appear. She says that depreciation has been allowed on all used items, while unused items are valued at cost.

Perhaps I should have asked earlier, your honour, to file this authority of the husband.

10 Q: Witness, I produce to you a document which appears to bear the signature of S. Yamashita and is dated at New Denver, B.C. on June 5, 1948. Is that signature the signature of your husband? A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: I would ask leave, your honour, to file the signed authority of the claimant.

THE COMMISSIONER: That will be Exhibit 2.

(AUTHORITY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

20 MR. COBUS: Would my friend produce the Analysis of Personal Property Claim?

(Handed to Mr. Cobus)

MR. COBUS: A three page Analysis of Personal Property Claim is filed on behalf of the Crown.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3)

MR. COBUS: In regard to page 2 of the Analysis, your honour, I point out that there are three items shown under "No record at any time" relating to certain chisels, machine hammer, and a nail hammer. That would appear to be an error inasmuch

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as on page 1, which shows the reported items on the J.P. form in column 1, the seventh item from the top is shown as one set of carpenter tools in a box. Similarly, lower down in that column are two items, an augur handle and a wood file. I make the same comment with respect to that. Finally, lower down in the "Details of Chain" column, still on page 2, under the heading "Household Property" the Custodian shows the \$10.50 item for kitchen tools as no record at any time. In the declaration kitchen utensils and dishes are declared, and obviously that declaration would cover that item.

Your witness.

MR. MACDONALD: I submit, your honour, that the personal property was sold at its fair market value.

I would like to draw your honour's attention to the Analysis that is filed, showing that the great bulk of the goods were declared as reported by the wife on behalf of the husband on June 5, 1945. The original declaration was made by the husband on April 10, 1942. There is a period of over three years between the two declarations. Your honour will note that there are a lot of articles declared but not found, and the bulk of these seem to be those reported after June 5, 1945. The Analysis also shows the goods that were sold by auction. I don't think there is anything else that I could say about that only to say that this very likely was caused by



the delay in reporting to the Custodian the goods and chattels belonging to the claimant.

Again I should like to draw your honour's attention to the comment that occurs in the file about the theft and pilfering that went on at Steveston, and it could very well happen in this period of three years that the Custodian would have no record of the goods or who owned the goods.

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That is all I have to say, your honour.

MR. COBUS: My friend has raised the question of late declaration. I would ask him to produce, your honour, a copy of a letter from the Custodian to Mrs. Kitade, which I think is dated -- I haven't the exact date in '48.

(Handed to Mr. Cobus)

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MR. COBUS: I have had produced, your honour, a carbon copy of a letter from the Custodian's file dated March 11th, 1948 addressed to Mrs. Sute Kitade at Magrath, Alberta. The only relevant paragraph is the second to the last, which I shall read, with your honour's leave, into the record:

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"We note your letter of December 17th, in which you list additional goods left in House 21 and not mentioned in our letter of November 30th, 1942. Did these goods belong to you, particularly the lumber? Mr. Sahei Yamashita declares having left a similar amount of lumber at the same address. It does not seem likely that two persons would leave practically the same



kind of lumber and the same measurements at  
the same house."

In other words, there was correspondence,  
your honour, and I think it would appear from  
this letter from the Custodian that Mrs. Kitade  
had written the Custodian in December of 1942,  
that the Custodian was communicated with on  
November 30, 1942.

THE COMMISSIONER: This letter is dated 1946.

10 MR. COBUS: 1946, true; in other words, it was not  
quite four years, but three years, before the  
Custodian made any effort to find out what was  
the situation.

THE COMMISSIONER: This will be Exhibit 4.

(LETTER MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4)

THE COMMISSIONER: That is all, thank you.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true  
and accurate transcript of the proceedings  
herein.

*G. Hambleton*  
G. Hambleton  
Official Reporter

I hereby certify that the foregoing trans-  
cript purports to be an accurate record of  
the evidence adduced before me.

H.W. Colgan  
Sub-Commissioner

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December 20th, 1950.

Mrs. Tamiye YAMASHITA,  
New Denver, B. C.

Dear ~~Mr.~~ Madam:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 439

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, our form of Release which has been executed by yourself covering the award recommended under the above Claims Commission for the sum of ... \$346.42.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$323.09  
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. \$ 23.33  
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears  
Director

FGS/js  
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October 3, 1950.

R. J. McInister, Esq.,  
Barrister & Solicitor,  
Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission  
Case A-32

Release in connection with this case has been received  
through the Co-Operative Committee.

Written in after the name of the claimant are the  
words "Deceased. Died July 14, 1948 at New Denver, B.C.  
Make cheque out to his wife, Yamiye Yamashita".

There is no evidence that the wife is entitled to  
receive all the funds. I presume you will make enquiries and  
arrange for the estate to be properly administered.

The address of Mrs. Yamashita is given as New Denver.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,  
Director.

FCS/CH



Name of Claimant **YAMASHITA, Sabu**Case **432**Custodian File **2195**

<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>										<b>Total</b>
<b>Greater Vancouver</b>		<b>Rural (except V.L.A.)</b>			<b>V.L.A. (except Mission Village)</b>		<b>V.L.A. Mission Village</b>			
<b>Sale Price</b>	<b>5% thereof &amp; 12.50</b>	<b>Sale Price</b>	<b>10% thereof</b>	<b>Charges 12.50 &amp; Comm.</b>	<b>Sale Price</b>	<b>Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total</b>	<b>Sale Price</b>	<b>Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Amount Total</b>		
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>										
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>		<b>Boats and Boat Gear</b>								
<b>Sale Price</b>	<b>25% thereof</b>	<b>Sale Price</b>	<b>Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price</b>	<b>Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price</b>	<b>Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners</b>	<b>Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared &amp; Not Found &amp; Recorded Now Missing</b>	<b>45% of amount in next preceding column</b>			
<b>NETS</b>										
<b>Total award for Nets plus Sale Price</b>		<b>Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing</b>		<b>Percentage Total Award to Total Claim</b>		<b>Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, &amp; Recorded Now Missing</b>		<b>Apply % ratio to Claim</b>	<b>Deduct Custodian Sale Price</b>	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</b>										
<b>Claim for goods Sold By Auction</b>	<b>Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction</b>	<b>Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price</b>	<b>Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim</b>	<b>Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, &amp; Sold Not Paid</b>	<b>Applica-tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column</b>	<b>Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender</b>	<b>12% of Sale Price</b>			
<b>206.83</b>	<b>57.95</b>	<b>17.36</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>290.40</b>	<b>81.31</b>	<b>Special</b>			<b>247.73</b>	
									<b>98.69</b>	
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDATION</b>										<b>346.42</b>



Defence Brief

NEW DENVER  
25 June 1948

Sabei YAMASHITA

File No. 2195

Case No. 439

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

(All claims shown are Gross)

Household Furniture, Tools & Equipment

Amended Claim

\$ 772.50

(Trans. Page 2)

Sold for

\$57.95

Claimant's wife appeared at the hearing and gave evidence as claimant was prevented by illness from attending.

It was stated that certain goods were stored at the Imai House, Steveston, some at Hato's Net House, Imperial Cannery, Steveston, some of the lumber at 21 Pacific Coast Cannery, Steveston and some more lumber at the Boat House of the Pacific Coast Cannery.

(a) Goods value	\$431.70	Sold by Auction for	\$57.95
(b) " "	340.80	Declared not found.	
	<u>\$772.50</u>		

On his J.P. Form claimant gave no location as to where his goods were stored beyond Steveston, B.C.

Custodian was notified that the Buddhist Temple had been broken into and all parcels had been opened and contents stown on the floor and it was impossible to identify to whom they belonged.

Claimant wrote a letter 26/3/46 stating that he had given his sister certain lumber stored at the Pacific Coast Cannery before evacuation. He mentioned Cedar Boat Lumber, Fir Boat Lumber and 1 x 3 Flooring. This lumber appears to be identical to the lumber for which he is claiming \$51.50.

It is submitted that the personal property was sold for its fair market value.

Summary of Defence Witnesses

Thompson & Co.  
Mr. Harris  
Mr. Wills

Where required

1 (a)	Auctioneers
1 (a)	Staff
1 (a)	Staff

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