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BUREAU HASTINGS PARK  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

I FILE NO. 2352

## 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: OKANO Fukuzo.

HOME ADDRESS: 214. Carroll Street, Vancouver, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 04641. SEX: Male. AGE: 64.

OCCUPATION: Rooming House.

(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? Widower.

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND:

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND:

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN:

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN:

AGE OF CHILDREN:

## 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: 214. Carroll Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Rooming House. Has ten rooms for rent.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mr. Grant, Yorkshire Building Co.,

Seymour Street, Vancouver, B.C.

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:

\$15.00 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)

Declarant rents ten rooms in his Rooming House and received about

\$70.00 per month for the rent of the ten rooms.

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:

At 214. Carroll Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Household Furniture and Personal Effects as per list which the declarant will bring later.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \$100.00 approx. in Royal Bank of Canada, East End9. LIFE INSURANCE: Branch, Vancouver, B.C.

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

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

**LIABILITIES:**

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

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

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

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 9 day of April, 1942.

(Signature)

OKano FudugoDavid M. Chope

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE \_\_\_\_\_



OKANO Fukuzo.

Registered April 9th.

Supplementary Report.

REPORT ON PROPERTY FOR CUSTODIAN

NO.04641

TAVERN HOTEL

FUKUZO OKANO  
214 Carroll Street  
Vancouver, B.C.

10 Double Beds	1 Garbage Can.
4 Single Beds	1 Axe
10 Mattresses	2 Hatches
4 Single Bed Mattresses	2 Shovels
13 Bureaus	1 Gas Stove
20 Blankets	1 Aluminum Kettle
30 Pillows	1 Aluminum Boiler Pot
50 Pillow Cases	1 Aluminum Frying Pan
13 Counterpanes	1 Frying Pan
30 Window Curtains	1 Kettle
30 Towels	3 Roast Pans
12 Window Blinds	5 Tea Pots
30 Chairs	
6 Basins	7 Pie Pans
5 Jugs	1 Iron Pot
1 Desk	5 Pots
6 Tables	2 Doz. Small Saucers
4 Buckets	
1 Spray	5 Dinner Plates
8 Comforters	1 Stove Crock
4 Stoves, Chimney Pipe Included	1 Electric Heater
8 Wash Stands	1 Cabinet
14 Carpets	1 Dish Pan
1 Gas Boiler	1 Small Cabinet
2 Mirrors	1 Mop
1 Dust Pan	3 Doz. Light Bulbs
1 washtub	1 Wall Clock
40 sheets	1 iron

At SUMAS HOP YARD

1 Stove.

3 Boilers & Dishes

Rice Bowls, etc.

*Witness*

*Dorothy M. Chape.*

*Apr. 10. 1942.*

Signed

*Okano Fukuzo*



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE May 31/43

Our File No. 2352

Full Name OKANO, Fukuzo *Okano*  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 04641

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

Age Feb. 5/1879

Former Address 214 Carroll St., City

Date Evacuated 2/6/42

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

Present Address c/o Roberts & Green, Coaldale, Alberta

*Wid at Coaldale, Alta, Nov. 7/46*

Widower  
~~Married - Single~~  
(Check)

Name of Wife OKANO, Mato (Dec'd)

Name of Husband \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother OKANO, Hatsuno (Dec'd) Name of Father Jitsuke (Dec'd)

Names of Children under 16 \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by Mary Lynn

Registered with Custodian yes  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information \_\_\_\_\_



GENERAL SUMMARY

File No. 2352

Fukuzo OKANO, Deceased

Reg. No. 04641

Fukuzo OKANO died at Coaldale, Alberta, on November 7, 1946. He is survived by his son son Yoshio, file #12623, and two daughters, Shizuye (Mrs. James) Mah, file #14429, and Hatsuye, file #1269 (in Japan).

The deceased declared personal effects left at 214 Carrol Street, Vancouver, and a few articles left at Sumas Hop Yard. The personal effects at 214 Carrol Street were sold by OKANO, prior to evacuation. Upon writing to the Hop Company, we were advised that the articles declared by OKANO were the property of Hiroto SHIGEYMATSU and that OKANO was unknown to them. SHIGEYMATSU confirmed his ownership of these items. OKANO was advised of this and asked for further information but did not reply.

On January 28, 1943, OKANO signed a release asking the Custodian to sell his 1936 Willys Sedan. This sale was made but it was found that the automobile was registered in the name of Hatsuye OKANO who had returned to Japan. The funds were, therefore, credited to her account.

Claims were filed against OKANO as follows:

R. Tagashira & Co.....	\$13.77
Dr. M. Uchida.....	75.00
Tasaburo Chaki.....	10.25

OKANO denied the claim of R. Tagashira & Co. and the creditor was so advised. Dr. Uchida withdrew his claim. The claim of Tasaburo Chaki was submitted to OKANO on March 27, 1943, but no reply was received. The creditor was advised to contact OKANO direct.

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

*Blauer*

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**BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION**

ALBERTA REPRESENTATIVE

SUITE B, METCALFE BLOCK  
LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

July 28, 1942

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

**RECEIVED**  
JUL 30 1942

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Mr. R. P. Green,  
Manager Protection Dept.,  
Office of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Fukuzo Okano, Reg. No. 04641, has brought us your letter of July 21st, as he is at a loss to understand the meaning of same.

Mr. Okano informs us that he sold some personal property to Green and Shepard for the amount of \$425.00, for which he received cash in full.

He also informs us that he does not owe any bills at the Coast, and we would ask that if you have any such claims filed against Mr. Okano, would you kindly let us know the nature of same and the amount. What does the amount of \$185.00 refer to - money owing by Mr. Okano, or money owing to him?

Regarding the cooking utensils at Sumas Hop Yard. Mr. Okano states that these articles are still there, and are valued at approximately \$200.00. They are still his property and have never been sold at any time.

May we have an early reply from you.

Yours very truly,

*W. Andrews*

W. ANDREWS  
Alberta Representative

MG.



July 21st, 1942

Messrs. Larry Green & V. Sheppard,  
214 Carroll Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

Re: OKANO, Fukuzo

We understand that the above sold  
his personal property and rooming-house equip-  
ment to you on May 16th for \$455.00 and that  
there is a balance of \$185.00 still owing.

Will you please confirm that this is  
so and if it is, pay the money to this office  
not to the Japanese direct? Your cheque should  
be made payable to Mr. G. W. McPherson, Deputy  
Custodian.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Manager Protection Dept.

HFG:IF

Mrs. Sheppard (Tel. 7173) telephoned  
24-7 that money was paid in full  
and \$185.00 borrowed from a white  
for this purpose. B.9 for further  
letter to F. Okano.



July 31st, 1942

Mr. W. Andrews  
Alberta Representative,  
B. C. Security Commission,  
Suite B, Metcalfe Block,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Dear Sir:-

Re: OKANO, Fukuzo

Thank you for your letter of July 28th.  
We find subsequently that we were misinformed and  
that Mr. Okano has been paid in full.

We have, however, on file a claim from  
Dr. Uchida of 439 Powell Street for \$25.00, and from  
the Singer Sewing Machine Company of 742 Granville  
Street for \$59.50. Would you be so kind as to ask  
Mr. Okano if he acknowledges these claims? Is he in  
a position to meet them if he acknowledges their  
correctness?

We will write to the Sumas Hop Yard to  
see that his cooking utensils are being cared for,  
but should be glad if he could give us more particulars  
of the address and to whom we should write.

Address?

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Manager Protection Dept.

P.S.

Since writing the above we have received  
another claim against Mr. Okano for \$17.77 from  
R. Tagashiro & Company.

HFG:IF



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TELEPHONE 2466

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

ALBERTA REPRESENTATIVE



SUITE B, METCALFE BLOCK  
LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

August 14, 1942

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

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AUG 18 1942

Office of the Custodian,  
The B. C. Security Commission,  
1130 Marine Bldg.,  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: OKANO, Fukuzo

In reply to your letter of July 31st, regarding the claims made against the above Japanese. I have interviewed Mr. Okano and he has produced the following receipts showing payment on sewing machine:

Receipt #E664921-41	\$41.50.	May 28, 1942
" #E664045-41	3.50	5/26/42
" #E666886-41	3.50	5/13/42

It would appear that Mr. Okano has paid his account with the Singer Sewing Machine in full, and he states that he has all previous receipts in his possession at home.

In regard to the claim of Dr. Uchida in the amount of \$75.00, Mr. Okano states that he took only a few treatments from this Doctor for asthma, and he requests that you obtain for him a statement in full, showing dates, nature of treatments, medicines, if any, etc.

In regard to the claim of \$13.77 from R. Tagashiro & Company, he states definitely he does not owe this firm any money.

Yours very truly,

*W. Andrews*  
W. ANDREWS  
Alberta Representative

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MG.



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October 14th, 1942

Wasson Co.,  
Chilliwack, B. C.

Attention Mr. Kins

Dear Sir:

Re: GRAND, FURNER

The above has declared to the Custodian that the  
undernoted articles have been left in your care:

1 Stove

Rice Bowls, etc.

3 Dailers & Dishes

Please acknowledge holding these articles by sign-  
ing and returning to this office the declaration on the attached  
copy of this letter in the enclosed envelope.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green,  
Manager, Protection Department.

CLD:LF

I acknowledge holding the articles above described  
for safe custody and undertake to account for same to the  
Custodian on behalf of the above named Japanese. I have no  
claim on such articles (if any claim asserted state basis and  
amount).





JOHN I. HAAS HOP CO. (CANADA) LTD.

"GOLDING FARM"

GROWERS OF CHOICE HOPS

SARDIS, B. C., CANADA

PHONES: CHILLIWACK

MANAGER'S RESIDENCE AND OFFICE 5421  
FOREMAN'S HOUSE 5003

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN October 19, 1942.  
JAPANESE SECTION

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OCT 20 1942

Attention Mr. H. F. Green

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

Dear Sir:

RE: FILE #2352

We have your letter of the 14th.  
instant with reference to certain articles which it is claimed  
have been left on this property by Okano, Fukuzo. We think that  
the name should be Shigeyama, Hiroto as we are not acquainted with  
Okano. If you find this statement to be correct, would you make  
the necessary alterations and forward to us for signature.

Yours truly,

JOHN I. HAAS HOP CO. (CANADA) LTD.

A. B. HINDS

A. B. Hinds, Manager.

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December 18, 1942.

John I. Haas Hop Company,  
Sardis, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: P/W A-142 SHIGEYAMA, Hidemori

Your letter of October 19th has been referred to this department as the above named is an internee.

Although he did not declare any chattels, it transpires that certain personal property is left in your care and appeared in our records as the property of Fukuzo OKANO. On receiving your letter of the 19th of October, we communicated with Hidemori Shigeyama who now claims that these chattels are his, and we shall be glad if you will confirm that these articles which we list below are in your care until such time as they can be claimed or disposed of.

One stove  
Rice bowls

Three boilers  
Dishes.

Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT.  
Counsel for the Custodian.

WGB/MFP

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November 23rd, 1942

Mr. Fukuzo OKANO,  
Registration No. 04641,  
P. O. Box 190,  
Coaldale, Alta.

Dear Sir:-

We cannot trace having received any answer to our letter of October 21st asking you whether the items set out below were not the property of Mr. Hidemora Shigeyama.

- 1 Stove
- Rice bowls etc.
- 3 Boilers
- Dishes

We have now heard from Mr. Hidemora Shigeyama that these articles belong to him. As the Haas Hop Company say the same, we shall so assume unless we hear from you to the contrary.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

HFG:IF

*6 mto Hq. Co. on 11/*



Memorandum to File 2352

May 19, 1944

Re: Fukuzo OKANO, Reg. 04641

Motor Vehicle - Car 52

The Willys Sedan, Licence #65564, referred to in this file was the property of Hatsuye OKANO (Japan) Enemy File 1269. The proceeds of the sale have been credited to Hatsuye OKANO's account.

*FM*



J. Skans,

P.O. Box 190,

Coaldale, Alta

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd JUL 20 1944

File No. 2352

Ans.

Referred

Spain

Dear Mr. Skans,  
How are you and  
the rest of your family  
getting along. Many a  
day has passed since  
we evacuated from B.C. My  
son's family and I are at  
present residing in a little  
town of Coaldale just east  
of Lethbridge. Presumably you  
know by now that we  
are on a sugar beet project.  
We are about to begin our  
third season. As for us  
we are all fine and are  
in the best of health.  
I had intention of writing  
you sooner but circumstances



did not permit me to  
do so.

I appreciate your  
kindness in the past for  
which I thank you very  
kindly. I felt sorry to  
much trouble for you.  
I like to ask you for some  
favor, namely;

Will you please  
send me all the rice  
bowls, saucers, cups etc.  
which I left in your  
care. Please wrap each one  
in a newspaper and stuff  
it with paper because  
these goods are break-  
able. Mark it Fragile  
Handle with care. on the  
chattel which you pack.  
Please send it C. O. D.  
by freight. There are two  
stewing pots left behind



If you could sell it.  
please do so for ~~me~~  
my account is very ~~low~~  
poor.

Thanking you in ad-  
vance and trusting you  
and your family are in  
the best of health.

Yours sincerely,

F. Okano

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Old address in Vancouver

Fukuzo Okano - 214 Carroll

Jan's old address

Joe K's Cleaners

3084 W Broadway



CANADA  
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6181

PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. 2352

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

July 20th, 1944.

*July 24 44  
Manager of  
my Mr. J. Haas Hop Co.*

The John I. Haas Hop Co.,  
R. R. No. 3,  
Sardis, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

*not associated  
with John I. Haas Hop Co  
articles  
addressed in error  
Hear*

Re: Fukuzo OKANO

With reference to the visit to this office of Mr. H. N. Ord, we are in receipt of your letter received from Mr. Fukuzo Okano and regret that we cannot accede to his request and permit the shipment to him of the articles mentioned.

If you will refer to our letter to the John I. Haas Hop Company dated December 18th, 1942, you will find reference to these articles at which time we mentioned that the ownership of such articles was claimed by Mr. Hidemori Shigeyama and we are, therefore, obliged to continue to leave these articles in your care until such time as they can be identified and disposed of.

Yours truly,

*Geo. B. Spain*

Geo. B. Spain  
Protection Department

GBS:IF



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July 24, 1944.

Mr. H. N. ORD,  
Sardis, B. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your visit to this office regarding a letter which you have received from Mr. Fukuzo OKANO requesting shipment of articles to him.

We regret we cannot agree to his request as Mr. Hidemori SHIGEMURA claims ownership of the same articles.

Until correct ownership is established we will be obliged to allow these articles to remain at their present location.

Yours truly,

Geo. B. Spain

Protection Department.

GBS/pls



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June 3rd, 1946

Department of Labour,  
Japanese Division,  
360 Homer Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs

Re:- Fukuzo OKANO  
Reg. No. 04641

In reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo relative to the above, this is to advise that Fukuzo OKANO has no funds to his credit with the Custodian.

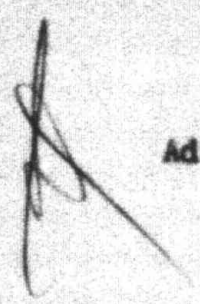
Under Release form dated January 28, 1943 he requested release of "One Willis 1936 Automobile 1936 Sedan License No. 65564 C r. No. 52, etc". See your letter February 17th, 1943 enclosing same. Subsequent investigation indicates that this automobile was in the name of Hatsuyo OKANO, and when sold, the proceeds were credited to her account Internee 1269.

In respect to this transaction, it is noted that we wrote to you on the 29th of May 1945, and on the 13th of June 1945 in connection with Yoshiyo OKANO, Reg. No. 06615, our file No. 12623.

It may be that Fukuzo OKANO thinks that these funds are to his credit, which of course they are not.

Yours truly,

BRD/DD.

  
B.R. Dusenbury,  
Administration Department.