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FORM 11

BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO.

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having no property in any protected area.

NAME: **WATANABE, Ken** REGISTRATION No. **07402**
HOME ADDRESS: **905 E. Georgia St., Vancouver, B. C.**
SEX: **Male** AGE: **19** MARRIED? **No**
OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: **Veneer Worker, Fraser Wood Products, 1898 Kent St., Vancouver, B. C.**
NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: **NONE** ADDRESS: **None**
NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: **None** ADDRESS: **None**

I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia.

Dated this **4th** day of **April** 1942
WITNESS: **M. Wright** (Signature) **K. Watanabe**

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Aug. 30/43.

File No. 2742

Full Name WATANABE Ken.
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 07402

Male - Female
(check)

Age Dec. 3, 1921

Former Address 905 E. Georgia St., City

Date Evacuated 10/6/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address Malakwa, B.C.

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife -

Name of Husband -

Name of Mother (KOIKE) Kato Name of Father Shosaku #07961

Names of Children under 16 #07846

Requested by [Signature] Registered with Custodian yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information James Harker.

September 8, 1947.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARYRe: WATANABE, Ken - Reg. No. 97402

The above signed a declaration to the Custodian on April 4, 1942 and was evacuated on June 10, 1942. He resided at 905 East Georgia, presumably with his parents.

CHATELS: He declared no chattels but some were found marked WATANABE at 1898 Kent Street, Fraser Wood Products for whom he worked. This is fully dealt with in the attached schedule and summary. Proceeds derived from the sale of the chattels amounted to \$37.62 which will be sent to the Japanese when we ascertain the correct ownership.

This file reveals no other property of any kind.

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

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No reply was received to our letter September 8, 1947, to George NARUKE.

The proceeds of the sale of chattels found marked "Watanabe", at 1898 Kent Street, have been placed in Chattel Suspense Acct. See File G/181, under address 1898 Kent Street. Total Amount of funds transferred \$37.62.

The inventory sheet and sheets listing goods discarded have been placed behind the auction sheets on G/181, after removal from File 2742.

J. MacLean
act 28/47

File No. 5565
5564
2742

September 8, 1947.

CHATTEL SUMMARY

Re: NARUKE, George - Reg. No. 07273
ISHIKAWA, Yoshiye - Reg. No. 07168
WATANABE, Ken - Reg. No. 07402

The above files connected with the Fraser Wood Products have been examined.

The Fraser Wood Products Ltd. was situated at 1896 Kent Street, Vancouver, B.C. It was 1/3 owned by George NARUKE and the remaining 2/3 interests were owned by John S. Pawson and Phillip Pawson. None of the Japanese mentioned above declared any chattels.

Fleishman & Neagher, on behalf of the Fraser Wood Products Ltd. reported the affairs of the company to the Custodian on January 2, 1942 but did not mention chattels.

A notice of fire insurance mentioning equipment and stock appears on file 5565 at the date of August 10, 1942. This had been placed on File 11413 in the name of George S. MURUKI. Mr. Spain in memorandum of April 18, 1944 does not mention chattels. He stated, however that Mr. A. H. Fleishman (of Fleishman & Neagher) would be able to give any required information. Upon writing to this firm, it was found that MURUKI and NARUKE were the same person.

No mention of chattels appears on the file until a letter from P. S. Ross & Sons, dated Dec. 1, 1944 on file 5565 which states as follows "We are informed by Mr. Pawson of Fraser Wood Products Ltd. that there is a house on the company's property, the furniture in which is owned by NARUKE. This furniture included a piano and other furniture of value. There is a number of personal effects stored in a locked room, the property of both NARUKE and his friends." "As the company wish to use this house, would it be possible to have this furniture moved out at an early date."

Mr. Spain examined the chattels and reported on Dec. 6, 1944 that there would be a large truck load of furniture which he proposed to move to Willards Auction Room on Dec. 8, 1944. He also remarked that Mr. Pawson was living in the house and that his furniture and that owned by NARUKE were all mixed. Without a declaration we would have to rely on Mr. Pawson to give us all the goods belonging to NARUKE.

On the auction file G/180/7 there is a bill for moving goods from Fraser Wood Products to 992 Powell St., on November 8, 1944. Evidently this should be December 8, 1944 as Mr. P. S. Ross & Sons did not ask us to move the chattels until Dec. 1, 1944 as per letter of that date on file 5565. The chattels were moved in the names of NARUKE, George, File 5565, Ken WATANABE, File 2742 on December 9, 1944 to Willards' Auction Room.

As far as is known the usual procedure was to take to Willards all large articles and items packed loosely in open boxes or crates unless they were considered to be of a personal nature. All unopened boxes were taken to 992 Powell Street and stored. Later these boxes were opened and the contents sold except for pictures, photographs, shrines etc, which were and, in some cases, still are stored at 604 East Cordova Street. At that time inventories were not being made of goods going directly to the Auction. Only those being stored were inventoried.

Inventories dated December 15, 1944 appear on File 5565, #675, on file 2742 #674, on file 5564 #673. This last file is that of ISHIKAWA, Yoshie another employee of the Fraser Wood Products. Another inventory #676, in the name of J. K. Tsuchiya is in chattel Suspense File. Proceeds amounting to \$6.65 derived from the sale of books listed on that inventory are being held in Suspense Account as J. K. Tsuchiya has not been identified. This is probably Harry K. TSUCHIYA, File 11262 or his brother G. K. Tsuchiya, File 563. The TSUCHIYA family has been written to in regard to this; they do not reply to any of our letters.

On the same date as that of the inventories, December 15, 1944 goods were sold and credited to File 5565 and also to 2742. This was in Auction Vancouver 37 and was held at 992 Powell Street. It does not seem that these were the goods listed on the inventory for several reasons:

- 1 - The procedure explained above in which only the goods to be stored were inventoried.
- 2 - Items sold for NARUKU, File 5565 consisted of a large quantity of dishes, etc. as well as a dresser, wooden cabinet, scales, bicycle, coal oil heater. These last items were too large to have been in boxes.
- 3 - Moving bill of December 8, 1944 (Nov. 8, 1944) was for \$15.00 which seems rather a lot for 1 shrine and 22 odd cartons and boxes. However, this bill has a pencilled note by D. A. Smith "personal and boxes not opened" This makes it hard to explain the dresser, wooden cabinet and bicycle as well as the two tables and cupboards discarded at the Warehouse.
- 4 - Finally in Auction 56 on December 7, 1945 a few items were sold for 5565 and 2742 which would account for a few of the items inventoried. In any case, the contents of boxes often proved to be old clothes, magazines, books etc. all of which proved to have no sale value. This may account for some of the boxes.

Taken individually this is the chattel situation on each of the files:

5565 - Chattel situation as outlined in the foregoing. For items sold see Chattel Schedule. As stated previously everything appears to have been moved out of the house except 1 old heavy Hamilton piano. It would have been extremely difficult to remove the piano as the ground around the house was very boggy. Mr. Pawson offered to purchase this piano. The

piano was appraised at \$115.00 by W. G. Willarde and sold to Mr. Pawson on January 16, 1945. As will be seen from the chattel schedule, a few items were discarded at 992 Powell Street. There is at present 1 bundle of photos and 1 Koto (musical instrument) stored at 604 East Cordova in the name of this Japanese. The total sum realized from the sale of chattels was \$233.40 which has been sent to NARUKE. NARUKE has no family.

2742 - WATANABE, Ken. - This young, unmarried, veneer worker declared no chattels. Neither did his parents, Shosaku WATANABE, file 3597 and Koto, File 6789. In view of P. S. Ross's statement that friends of NARUKE's had left goods in his house it would seem quite likely that these goods belong to Ken WATANABE. We are writing to NARUKE to ask him to confirm that the goods belong to WATANABE.

5564 - ISHIKAWA, Yoshiye - This man declared no chattels, neither did his wife and children. The Auction information supplied by Mr. Wills at the time of Auction Vancouver 37, Dec. 15, 1944 gives his name. Nothing appears in the auction under his name. Possibly some confusion arose between his goods and those of NARUKE, File 5565. As ISHIKAWA declared nothing it is impossible to determine whether any of his goods were sold and credited to NARUKE. Inventory #673 lists 2 cartons and 2 boxes from which books were sold in Auction Vancouver 56 for the net sum of 19¢.

J. K. TSUCHIYA - This is dealt with in paragraph 2 of page 2 of this memorandum.

In conclusion, as stated previously, we are writing to NARUKE to obtain his confirmation that WATANABE, Ken is the owner of the goods marked WATANABE, to obtain the full name of J. K. TSUCHIYA and also of Yoshiye ISHIKAWA. Should any of these people claim for other goods, they should be advised that all the funds which were credited to NARUKE and also that the goods were insufficiently marked to make identification certain. These chattels were in the care of the Pawsons until December 1944 and should anything prove to be missing, it could be referred to them.

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

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P. Girard

2 - have been sent to him.

NAME WATANABE, Ken

REGISTRATION NO. 07402

FILE NO. 2742

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Vancouver, B. C. on December 7th, 1945.

2 Ladgers
Pillows etc.
Clothes
Books

\$ 1.00
1.00
1.00
.25

*Transferred Chattel Sale
Vancouver, 1898 Kent St
Oct 28/47
J.M.*

Total
Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee \$.33
(Advertising .33
(Moving .25

\$ 3.25
\$.85
\$ 2.40

Net Proceeds Credited:

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Vancouver 56

Remarks.

NAME WATANABE, Ken

REGISTRATION NO. 07402

FILE NO. 2742

The following chattels were sold by public
 auction at 922 Powell St., Vancouver, B. C. on December 15, 1944.

9 Pictures	\$ 2.00
Box of glass Jars and Gas Burner	1.50
Box of Photography Equipment	8.50
Iron Pot	1.50
Toys	1.60
5 Vases	2.75
2 Glass Jugs	1.00
Decanter and Shakers	1.10
Dishes	3.00
Plated ware and glass dish	1.00
5 Vases	2.00
2 Boxes of dishes	3.50
Box of sundries	1.25
2 Mats	0.50

*Transferred Chattel
 Suspense - 1898 Kent St.
 Watanabe*

Total	\$ 31.20
Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$3.12)	
(Advertising: 1.04)	\$ 9.79
(Movings: 5.43)	
Net Proceeds Credited:	\$ 21.61

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 37

Remarks. *Auction Watanabe - 1898 Kent St.
 End Victoria Drive*

NAME WATANABE, Ken

REGISTRATION NO. 07402

FILE NO. 2742

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 1047 Seymour St., Vancouver, B.C. on December 14, 1944.

Bed
Bed and spring
Bed and spring (poor condition)

\$ 3.75
10.50
4.00

*Transferred to
Chattel Suspense
1878 Kent St "Watanabe"
Oct 28/47
JMN*

Total

\$ 18.25

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$1.82
Advertising: 0.65
Moving: 2.17

\$ 4.64

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 13.61

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. D. A. Smith

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 522

Remarks.

File 2742

September 8, 1947.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

Re: WATANABE, Ken - Reg. No. 07402.

This file reveals no liabilities against the above.

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

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C. G. Givens