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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: **MURAO, Katsujiro**

HOME ADDRESS: **P. O. Box 28, Steveston, B. C.** REGISTRATION No. **05076**

SEX: **Male** AGE: **53** MARRIED? **yes**

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: **Fisherman. Self employer.**

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: **Mon** ADDRESS: **P.O. Box 28, Steveston, B.**

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: **none** ADDRESS: **none**

ADDRESS:

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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 **3rd** day of **April** 1942.

WITNESS:

*[Handwritten signature]*

(Signature)

*Katsujiro Murao*

LIST OF LIABILITIES:

The declarant owes M. Yoshida, Steveston, B. C. \$300.00.

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO PAY THESE OFF?

The declarant's son, Tashio Murae, Steveston, B. C., owns a fishing boat and when this is sold will assume payment of his father's debt.

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

P. N. 23/12/42

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date

Dec. 20, 42  
~~Jan 28/43~~

Our File No.

3545

Full Name

MURAO, Katsujiro  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No.

05076

Male - Female  
(check)

Age

Dec 5/42

Former Address

P.O. Box 28, Strathcona, B.C.

Date Evacuated

7/4/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(check)

Present Address

c/o Mrs. J. G. C. Spodden  
Grand Forks, B.C.

Married - Single  
(check)

Name of Wife

(Mrs) Taka (Japan)

Name of Husband

Name of Mother

(Mrs) Taka (Japan)

Name of Father

Deceased

Names of Children under 16

Requested by

Mrs. O'Brien

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Fisherman (Government Company)

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 3545

April 4th, 1946.

RE: Katsuliro MURAO, Reg. No. 05076

This file reveals that the above owned no real property in any protected area of British Columbia.

The file reveals that the above carried no Fire Insurance.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file.  
April 4th, 1946.  
REM:LEM

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

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 3545

April 4th, 1946.

RE: Katsujiro MURAO, Reg. No. 05076

CHATELS:

The above, who registered with the Custodian on April 3/42 and was evacuated on July 4/42, signed a yellow "no property" card stating that he had no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area of B.C. Nevertheless in his letter of Nov. 29/42 he states that the Inverness Cannery, Skeena River, had sold his Coho net for the sum of \$40.00 and asked for this money. This sum was received in this office from J. H. Todd & Sons Ltd., who had purchased the net owned by the above, and credited to the account of Katsujiro MURAO. At the request of the above the sum of \$40.00 was sent to Mankichi YOSHIDA in part payment of a debt of \$300.00 which MURAO owed to Mr. YOSHIDA. The payment of the balance of this debt is explained on the Liability Summary on file.

The file reveals no specified articles owned by the above.

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.

April 4/46

RBM:LBM

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

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 3545

April 4th, 1946.

RE: Katsumi MURAO, Reg. No. 05076

When the above made his declaration to the Custodian on April 3/42, he declared a debt of \$300.00 owing to Mankichi YOSHIDA, File 3350. On January 25/43 a Custodian cheque in the sum of \$40.00 was sent to Mankichi YOSHIDA in part payment of this debt as requested in a letter from MURAO dated Jan. 18/43.

On March 20/46 the sum of \$260.00 was transferred to the account of Mankichi YOSHIDA from the account of Toshio MURAO (Int. File 627), a son of the above, as requested in a letter from Toshio MURAO dated March 11/46. This debt has now therefore been paid in full. The file reveals no other claims against the above.

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

April 4/46  
RHW:LEM

*R. P. Mackenzie*  
R. P. Mackenzie

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Specimen  
Grand Forks B.C.  
November 27, 1942  
P.O. Box 181.

The Custodian Office,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver B.C.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION  
**RECEIVED**  
DEC 1 1942

Dear Sir:

Having received a letter from  
Mr. R. W. Sinclair, manager of Japa-  
nese Cannery of Skeena River, I do  
not hesitate to write to you.

In his letter, he mentioned that  
he had sold my coho nets for  
fourty dollars (\$40.00). But he  
wrote that without the permit from  
the Custodian Office, I am not  
able to get the money from him.

Thus, I would like to ask you  
to send the permit to Mr. Sinclair  
so that I could get the money  
from him.

Hoping that you will send  
the permit to Mr. Sinclair as soon  
as possible,

I remain,  
Sincerely,

Katsujiro Murao.



Box 181  
Grand Forks Bk.  
Dec 21, 1942.

Fib No. 3545, 3350 and Antenna Fib 627

Dear Mr. Green:

Thank you very much for the letter on December 16. Telling about my cobra net and the sum I borrowed from Mr. Mankube Yoshida. I am supposed to pay Mr. Yoshida from the proceed of sale of my <sup>ponies</sup> ~~ponies~~. So please send the money to Mankube Yoshida.

Yours truly.

Katsuziro Murao.  
No. 05076.

Internee Files 627 and 283-40  
Evacuee Files 3350 and 3545

January 12th, 1943.  
(Dictated Jan. 11, 1943)

MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. H. F. GREEN

FROM: MR. K. V. WRIGHT

Re: P/W A-1416, HURAO, Toshio  
Fukumatsu UENO (in Japan) <sup>627</sup>  
Mankichi YOSHIDA / Reg. #04559 (Evacuee) <sup>283-40</sup>  
Katsuiro HURAO / Reg. #05076 (Evacuee) 3545

With further reference to your memo of the 8th instant, also our conversation in your office this afternoon, I find that the boat "Fragrance" does not belong to Toshio HURAO but to Fukumatsu UENO. Originally, it was believed that HURAO owned the boat but investigation disclosed that UENO transferred same in consideration of the sum of \$1.00 and Mr. G. W. McPherson in a letter addressed to the Collector of Customs and Excise stated that the Custodian will consider this vessel to be enemy owned and the property of Fukumatsu UENO, now a resident of Japan.

I return your files 3350 and 3545.

K. V. WRIGHT

KVW/V

Box 181,  
Grand Forks 15L.

January 11, 1943.

EVACUATION SECTION
JAN 20 1943
No. _____
Rec'd _____
Adm. _____
Refused _____

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for the letter dated January 13, 1943.

About the \$40 for my canoe net. I have spoken to Mr. Manrichi Yoshida that if you would please send the money to Manrichi Yoshida who is also on Grand Forks too.

About my son's boat. I think there is a mistake about my son transferring his boat to someone in Japan. The real thing is that I have paid for my son's boat "fragrance". I have purchased for F. Hyeno. Can you check up on your file. Thank you very much.

Yours truly

Katsujiro Murao, Re. 05076.

I am returning the letter to you.

December

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	OCT 4 1944
File No.	3545
Ans.	10/10/44
Referred	McKedie

P.O. Box 181,  
Grand Forks, B.C.  
Sept. 29, 1944.

Custodian of Jap. Property.,  
Vancouver, B.C.  
Dear Sir, or Sirs,

I am writing if you have overlook  
in shipping my personal effects which is in the  
clothes bag marked K. Murao, located at upstairs  
room of the former house of Mr. Kenichi<sup>6653</sup> Morishita,  
2nd avenue, Steveston, B.C. All of Mr. Morishita's  
things have arrived 2 weeks ago, but mine  
was not in the shipment. Will you please  
look into the matter once more and ship them  
for me, for I need them badly. If they are  
missing let me know.

Thank you, yours truly,  
(Mr) Katsujiro Murao  
Reg No. 05076.

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Files 213-10 (Enemy), 627 (Int)  
Encs. 3245

March 5, 1946

To: Mr. Johnston

From: A. G. Harbison

Re: Toshio MURAO, I/NA-506, Int. File 627 and N/V "Fragrance"

This matter has been discussed with Mr. Shears, and it is agreed that the vessel "Fragrance" will be considered to have been the property of Toshio MURAO. Therefore the sale proceeds obtained from the sale by the Enemy Section of the Office of the Custodian, in the amount of \$642.02, are to be transferred from the account of Fukumasa UENO, Enemy File 203-10, to the account of Toshio MURAO, I/NA-506, Internes File 627.

The file of Katujiro MURAO, Reg. No. 05076, Evacuee File 3245, father of Toshio MURAO, indicates that Toshio MURAO is to be responsible for the indebtedness of \$250.00 owing to Masaki KOSHIDA, Reg. No. 04379, Evacuee File 3390, and upon confirmation of this by Toshio MURAO, would you kindly transfer the sum of \$250.00 from his account to the account of his father in order that the father, Katujiro MURAO, may pay this debt?

AM/TM

*Notes  
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File No. 3545

October 31, 1944

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Katsuniro MURAO - Reg. No. 05076

CREDITORS-

1. Bankichi TORIDA.....J-3350.....	\$300.00	
Less: Paid Jan 25/43.....	40.00	\$260.00

*[Handwritten signature]*

*amf 1143*

*Paid 20-3-46*

BBB:ND

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% Mrs. E. Woodward,  
P.O. Box 181,  
Grand Forks B.C.  
March 25, 1946.

File No - 627 - Evacuee Section 354573350

Mr. W. J. Johnston,  
Adm. Dept.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the ~~letter~~ of March  
20th. Mr. Mankichi Yoshida have not yet received  
the \$260.00, amount, which I owed him prior to  
evacuation. He wish to receive that debt as  
soon as possible. I would be much obliged if  
you would send him the said amount in cash soon.

ENEMY SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 26 1946
File No.	
Ans'd	
Refer'd	

Yours truly,  
Hatsuyiro Murao,  
Reg. No. 05076 J 545

P.O. Paul Finkler

Feb 26, 1946

EVACUATION SECTION  
Rec'd 2/26/46  
File No. 3545  
Re: Reg. of Item  
Submitted McKelce

Dear Sir

Will you kindly send my  
mailing of above contents that  
filled etc. It is under  
"K. MURAO" that was brought to your  
office from Kentucky <sup>Marietta</sup>  
home from Hamilton, Bl.

Also kindly let me know  
if you sold my box best  
"FRAGRANCE" if so, what was the  
price.  
My name is TOSHIO MURAO.

Sincerely yours,

KATUJIRO MURAO

REG NO 05076

FILE NO (3545)  
(3350)

107  
Clothing: Content drawers  
are being damaged by moths.  
A.M.



3545

April 17th, 1946.

Mr. Katsujiro MURAO,  
Reg. No. 05076,  
R. #1,  
GRAND FORKS, B.C.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that the fishing vessel the "FRAGRANCE" was sold on September 2nd, 1942, for the net sum of \$642.02, and this amount was credited to the account of your son Toshio.

At the request of your son in his letter of March 11th, 1946, we paid to Mankichi YOSHIDA a debt of \$260.00 owed by you and which your son assumed.

Regarding your dunnage bag left in care of Mr. Kenichi MORISHITA, the contents had to be discarded as they were found to be riddled with moths.

Yours truly,

R. B. Mackenzie  
Protection Department

RRM:LEM

627 & 3545  
Enemy Section

509 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.  
August 14, 1946

Mr. Katsumihiro Murao,  
Registration No. 05076,  
c/o Mr. E. Woodward,  
P.O. Box 297,  
Grand Forks, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your undated letter regarding funds held in the account of your son, Toshio Murao, and we note that you wish the entire amount forwarded to you.

In reply, we wish to advise you that until such time as we have written authority from your son to pay his funds to you, it will not be in order to make payment as requested.

Yours truly,

W. J. Johnston  
Administration Department

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c/o Mr. E. Woodward,  
P.O.Box 297,  
Grand Forks, B. C.

Mr. W. J. Johnson,  
Adm. Dept.,  
Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to inquire if there is any credit left for my son Toshio Murao, Reg. No. P/W A-508. I understand he drew some cash from his accounts with the custodian & took with him when he left Canada for Japan on the second repatriation boat. As I am his only relative here I wish to know just how much he drew & how much is still left. Please send me the balance in one full amount.

Yours truly,

"Katsujiro Murao"  
Reg. No. 05076

627 - Enemy Section  
3545 - Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.,  
6th September, 1946.

Mr. Katsujiro Muroo,  
Reg. No. 05076,  
c/o Mr. E. Woodward,  
P.O. Box 297,  
Grand Forks, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Toshio MURAO, Repatriate

In reply to your letter of 2nd instant, we wish to advise that all funds belonging to the above named were remitted to him previous to his departure for Japan.

Yours truly,

W.J. JOHNSTON  
ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

WJJ/DG

COPY

c/o Mr. E. Woodward,  
P.O. Box 297,  
Grand Forks, B.C.

File No. 627 & 3545

Sept. 2, 1946

Mr. W.J. Johnston,  
509 Royal Bank Building,  
Van. B.C.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the letter of August 14th. In reply to that letter, my son have written to me while waiting to board the second repatriation boat from Vancouver, that I should ask the Custodian to transfer all his funds to me, since he is going to Japan and would not be able to deal with the Custodian as conveniently as he would be in Canada.

Thank you, yours truly,

"Katsujiro Muraio"

Reg. No. 05076