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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. 4000-3
EXHIBIT NO. 1171-3
DATE OCT 26 1948
FILLED BY H. A. B. [Signature]

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: WATANABE Usaku

HOME ADDRESS: Dunsmuir Av. Cumberland, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 06059 SEX: Male AGE: 61

OCCUPATION: Tailor

(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: Taka. [Signature]

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Same as above

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Yukio (M) Yoshio (M) Isamu (M)
Mitsuko (F) Teruko (F)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Yukio, Woodfibre, B.C. Rest Cumberland, B.C. (Now at Hastings Park)

AGE OF CHILDREN: 27 18 12 15 13

STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Title #21079-N Westerly 20 Ft. of Lot 4 Block 3 Lot 21. Nelson District Plan 522.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: Tailor shop. Store 18x40. & House at back 10x30.

Also a house at Camp 6 on Company property, 16x30

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) None.

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) On Shop & House, \$28.40 payable at City Hall Cumberland, B.C.

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)

None.

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) House back of Shop rented to Paul Spanyor, Cumberland. House at Camp 6 rented but name not known.

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: Owners possession.

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:

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

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

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE:

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid)

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:

Household Furniture, Chinaware, Kitchen Supplies, Beds, Tools, Books,
Clothing, 2 Stoves, Tailor goods Sewing Machine, Tailoring equipment.
All located in the store on Dunsmuir St. Cumberland, B.C.

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 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

~~XXXXXXXX~~

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: None
9. LIFE INSURANCE: None
10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. None
11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: _____
2. TRADE DEBTS: \$170.00 to Kemp & Co., Wholesalers, Vancouver, B.C.
(Paid)

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 17th day of April 1942.

(Signature)

U. Watanabe

J. Ramsey
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Aug 2/43

Our File No. 4000

Full Name WATANABE Usaku
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 06059 Male - Female
(check) Age Apr. 16, 1881

Former Address Rox 43, Cumberland, B.C.

Date Evacuated 22/9/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address Tashme, B.C.

Dec'd Oct. 6/45
New Denver, B.C.

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife (RIMANO) Takashi

Name of Husband —

Name of Mother WATANABE Name of Father Zenshichi (Hail)

Names of Children under 18 Kinji (Dead)

Matsuko (F) Nov 25/26 Isamu (M) May 31/29

Tetsuko (F) July 25/31

Requested by (Signature) Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information Tailor. Owner of house

& property.

LIABILITIES SUMMARY

File 4000.

Osaku WATANABE

Reg. No. 06059.

\$170.00 Kemp & Company, Vancouver. Declared on "JP" Form
(Apr. 17/42) and there marked "Paid".

\$ 50.00 Keiji MINATO, Reg. No. 06264, File 5066. Letter
(Nov. 5/45) re cheque dated Dec. 31/40. Paid by
Official Administrator (see July 15/46).

There are no other claims recorded in this file.

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

17th April, 1947.



REB/P.

MESSAGE TENURE PROPERTY

Cat. No. —

File No. 4000.

Name: Usaku WATANABE.

Reg. No. 06059.

Address: House No. 6, Mill Yard, Cumberland, B. C.

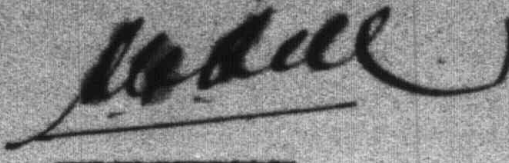
Description: 3-room Bungalow erected on land belonging to Canadian Collieries
(Dunsmuir) Limited.

Classification: Bungalow only.

NOTE: Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Limited took over this building (see our letter of August 28th, 1943) making an ex gratia payment of its estimated salvage value to them (\$30.00).

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

19th November, 1945.



RGB/P.

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REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Catalogue No. 562.

File No. 4000.

Name: Usaku WATANABE.

Reg. No. 06059.

Address: Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland, B. C.

Legal Description: The Westerly 20 ft. of Lot 4 in Block 3 of Lot 21, Nelson District, Plan 522.

Classification: Tailor Shop (18' x 40') and 2-room Cabin (10' x 30') at back.

Registered in the name of: USAKA WATANABE.

State of Title: Clear.

Sold to: JOHN MILETICH for \$800.00 (Cash).

As at: August 29th, 1944.

Title delivered to new Registered Owner on: February 15th, 1945.

Net proceeds (\$758.66) released to credit of Usaku WATANABE on: February 6th, 1945.

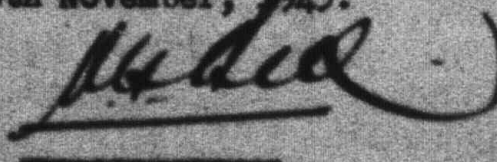
Chattels: Not involved.

Insurance: None.

Administration: The cabin was rented (@ \$5.00 per month) by the owner prior to evacuation. The shop remained vacant for some time but was rented for 2 months in 1943 (@ \$8.00 per month) and from April, 1944, @ \$15.00 per month. It was found necessary to make tenants of both properties substantial rent allowances to cover cost of essential repairs and renovating. Total revenue for the period of our administration amounted to \$223.53; total disbursements to \$193.28, leaving a net income of \$30.25.

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

20th November, 1945.



PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File 4000.

Usaku WATANABE

Reg. No. 06059.

This 61-year old Tailor, a Japanese-National, from Cumberland, B. C., signed a Custodian "JP" declaration form on Apr. 17/42. He was evacuated on Sept. 22/42. He died at New Denver, B. C., on Oct. 6/45. Administration of his Estate was applied for by this office on Nov. 28/45. Certified copy of Letters of Administration (Feb. 26/46) are on file. Cumberland Official Administrator's letter of Apr. 14/47 advised completion of administration and listed beneficiaries and their respective shares of net residue (\$552.29), regarding payment of which, see our letter of this date.

The widow, Taka (File 6862), signed a Custodian "No Property" card Apr. 28/42. She was evacuated with her husband (Sept. 22/42).

Personal Property: See Chattels Schedule for particulars of chattels, all of which have been accounted for by shipment, sale or discard.

Bills Receivable: None.

Bonds, Shares, etc.: None.

Bank Accounts: None.

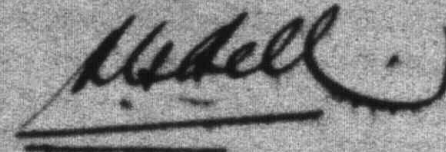
Life Insurance: None.

Funds: There are no funds in Custodian's hands, all (\$676.39) having been turned over to the Official Administrator, Cumberland, on Mar. 11/46.

There is no other personal property interest in this file.

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

17th April, 1947.



RGB/P.


Usaku WATANABE - Reg. No. 06059.

CHATTELS STATEMENT

as at date of R.P. Sale (29th Aug., 1944).

Disclosed	Date	Shipped	Sold	Stored	Remarks
(1) Household Furniture	17/4/42	All on "JP" form, Matt Brown inventory dated 17th December, 1942, see 11-36.			
(2) Chinaware	"				
(3) Kitchen Supplies	"				
(4) Beds	"				
(5) Tools	"				
(6) Books	"				
(7) Clothing	"				
(8) Stoves (2)	"				
(9) Sewing Machine (Tailors)	"				
(10) Tailoring equipment	"				
(11) Sewing Machine	17/12/42	9/6/42			
(12) Trunk (1)	"	"			
(13) Groceries (1 box)	"	"			
(14) Tools (1 box)	"	"			
(15) Kitchenware and tub (2 bbls.)	"	"			
(16) Kitchenware (1 basket)	"	"			
(17) Tailors supplies (1 Kori)	"	24/7/42			
(18) Sundry Effects (2 boxes)	"	28/11/42			
(19) Row Boat (1)	"		8/11/44		
(20) Kitchen Range	"		25/10/44		
(21) Tin Heater	"				
(22) Single Bed (old)	"				
(23) Double Bed (old)	"		25/10/44		
(24) Table (round)	"		"		
(25) Chairs (6)	"		"		
(26) Mirror (medium)	"		"		
(27) Mirror (large)	"		"		
(28) Laundry Stove and Irons	"		"		
(29) Wall Clock (2 - old)	"		"		
(30) Sewing Machine (tailors)	"	3/12/43			
(31) Dresser (old)	"		25/10/44		
(32) Wash stand	"		"		
(33) Sleigh	"		"		
(34) Sundry Tools (Sledge hammer, paces, D/B/Axes, C/C/Saws, etc.)	"		25/10/44		
(35) Washer wringer (old)	"		"		
(36) Lounge (old)	"		"		
(37) Motor Car (old, no tires)	25/10/44		25/10/44		
(38) Sundries (13 items)	"		"		

E. & O. E.
20th NOVEMBER, 1945.



CHATELS SCHEDULE

File 4000.

Usaku WATANABE

Reg. No. 06099.

JP Form (Apr. 17/42):

	<u>Shipped</u>	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Stored</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(1) Household Furniture	(see 11 to 36)			
(2) Chinaware	(13)			
(3) Kitchen Supplies	(15 & 16)			
(4) Beds	(22 & 23)			
(5) Tools	(14)			
(6) Books				
(7) Clothing				
(8) Stoves (2)		(20 & 21)		
(9) Sewing machine (Tailors)	(30)			
(10) Tailoring equipment	(17)			

Agent's (Matt Brown) Inventory
(Dec. 17/42):

(11) Sewing machine	9/6/42			
(12) Trunk	9/6/42			
(13) Groceries (box)	9/6/42			
(14) Tools (box)	9/6/42			
(15) Kitchenware & tub (2 bills.)	9/6/42			
(16) Kitchenware (1 basket)	9/6/42			
(17) Tailors supplies (1 box)	24/7/42			
(18) Sundry Effects (2 boxes)	28/11/42			
(19) Bed Tent		8/11/44		
(20) Kitchen Range		25/10/44		
(21) Tin Heater				(See "A"
(22) Single Bed (old)				(below
(23) Double Bed (old)		25/10/44		
(24) Table (round)		25/10/44		
(25) Chairs (6)		25/10/44		
(26) Mirror (medium)		25/10/44		
(27) Mirror (large)		25/10/44		
(28) Laundry Stove and Irons		25/10/44		
(29) Wall clocks (2 - old)		25/10/44		
(30) Sewing machine (tailors)	3/12/43			
(31) Dresser (old)		25/10/44		
(32) Wash stand		25/10/44		
(33) Sleigh		25/10/44		
(34) Sundry tools (sledge hammer, peavy, D.B. Axes, crosscut saw, etc.		25/10/44		
(35) Washer wringer (old)				(See "A"
(36) Lounge (old)				(below

(Over)

CHATELS SCHEDULE...Page 2.

File 1000.

Auction Sheet (Oct. 25/44),
Unidentified items only:

	<u>Shipped</u>	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Stored</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(37) Kitchen cabinet		25/10/44		
(38) Map		25/10/44		
(39) Tailors irons		25/10/44		
(40) Cans		25/10/44		
(41) Stools		25/10/44		
(42) Stoolchair		25/10/44		
(43) Carton & contents (bamboo table)		25/10/44		
(44) Kitchen utensils		25/10/44		
(45) Ironing board		25/10/44		
(46) Chev. car (old, no tires)		25/10/44		
(47) Medicine chest		25/10/44		
(48) Table & contents		25/10/44		
(49) Crock		25/10/44		
(50) Stools (3)		25/10/44		

E. & O. E.
17th APRIL, 1947.

[Signature]

NOTE: (A) - Extract from Agent's (Matt Brown) letter of Nov. 30/45:

"1 tin heater, single bed, wringer, lounge. These being old and valueless were sent to city dump for disposal. Balance mentioned were never listed but shown on Auction Sheet of 25/10/1944. This is in order as these were the property of Watanabe."

To the Secretary of State acting
in his capacity as Custodian.

I WATANABE, U. 4000 Police
registration No. 06059, hereby request you to
release to me the under-noted property stored at _____
At Home (Store) Dunsmuir Ave., Mr. Matt Brown Cumberland B.C.
and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to
such property.

Description of Property:

Tailor's Supplies Linings, Waddings etc.

TOTAL 1

Dated this 22nd day of June 1942.

U. Watanabe
(Japanese sign here)

Approved

James A. Rose

B. C. SECURITY COMMISSION

NOTE:

The Custodian is advised that the B.C. Security Commission will pay transportation charges up to 1,000 pounds (which amount includes the free baggage allowed by railroad company on tickets), and any charges over this amount will have to be for the account of the individual Japanese evacuee.

To the Secretary of State acting
in his capacity as Custodian.

I WATANABE, Uakui, Police
registration No. 06059, hereby request you to
release to me the under-noted property stored at

M. Brown, Tommy's Hardware Store, Cumberland, B. C.
and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to
such property.

Description of Property:

2 Crates sewing machine (in 2 parts)

1 Trunk

1 Crate Sewing Machine, 2 Boxes, 2 Galv. Tubs,
1 Basket, 1 Trunk, 1 Box Tools
Spec shipped as per Bill of Lading - June 9 '42

Dated this 18th day of May 1942.

U. Watanabe
(Japanese sign here)

Approved

A. J. Rose

B. C. SECURITY COMMISSION

NOTE:

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August 23, 1944.

T. H. Carey, Esq.,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Catalogue No. 962
Dunsmuir Ave., Cumberland
W201/4/3/21/522

Your letter of August 10th, enclosing cheque for \$200.00 and offer to purchase the above property for the sum of \$800.00 has been received and considered.

This is to advise you that we are prepared to recommend the acceptance of this offer. Will you please forward to us a certified cheque for the balance of the purchase price, namely, \$600.00.

Kindly advise the full name, address and occupation in which this property is to be registered and also state whether or not the purchaser is a British Subject.

The necessary documents will then be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of State at Ottawa, and if our recommendation is acted upon, the documents will be signed and returned.

After the documents have been registered a statement of adjustments of taxes, etc. will be prepared, including registration fees, and forwarded to you.

The tenant will then be advised that the property has been sold, subject to the existing tenancy, and you will then be in a position to assume control of this property.

We wish to call your attention to the charge for reservations of minerals etc. in favour of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company. The sale of the above property is subject to this charge.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

GP:EB

File No. 4025
Catalogue No. 342

September 16th, 1944

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. E. A. Tamm

From: Mr. J. M. Macpherson

Re: WILLIAM - Reg. No. 2107
The Willing MS of Lot 2 in Block
3 of Lot 2, Salem District, Mass.
MS. Certificate of Vesting Number
2107.

We enclose herewith the following documents in
connection with the sale of the above described property:

1. Original Certificate of Vesting.
2. Certificate in duplicate.
3. Deed in duplicate.....2107-2
4. Copy of letter showing to whom sold and price
paid for the property.
5. Memorandum from the Administration Department
confirming valuation, and approval of Advisory
Committee.
6. Real Property Numbered from Administration Dept.

Certificate of Indefeasible Title Number 2107-2 is in
the owner's possession.

J. M. Macpherson

WMM
JMM

18th September, 1944.

REAL PROPERTY MEMORANDUM

FILE NO: 4000
NAME: Deaka Watanabe
CATALOGUE NO: 562
RE: Dunsuir Ave., Cumberland, B.C.
- Shop and living quarters.

CERTIFICATE OF ENCUMBRANCE:

Description of Property: The Westerly 20 ft. of Lot 4
in Block 3 of Lot 21, Nelson
District, Plan 522.

Encumbrances: None

Taxes: 1944 taxes paid - no arrears
or consolidated.

Vested: 51871

VALUATION BY APPRAISER: \$800.00

AMOUNT OF BID: \$800.00

APPROVED BY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: 29th August, 1944.

AMOUNT RECEIVED BY CUSTODIAN: \$800.00

NAME OF PURCHASER: John Miletich

K.W. WRIGHT

KWW/DO
Attachs

Catalogue No. 562
File No. 4000
Dunsmuir Avenue,
Cumberland, B. C.
W 20' 4 3/21/522
Certificate of Title No. 34081-N

Control of property covered by Certificate of Title No. 34081-N and described
above is by me hereby acknowledged and I agree that all adjustments and incidents
connected with the sale to me of this property have been settled.

Dated at Cumberland B.C. this 8 day of February 1945.

John Miletiuk

Return to the Custodian

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

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Dunsmuir Ave. Cumberland

I understand that any Japanese effects and furniture on the premises are not included in the sale. These will be removed by the Custodian as soon as possible but in cases where the furniture is included in the lease to the present tenant it cannot, of course, be removed until he is ready to vacate the premises. I undertake to give the Custodian at least two weeks notice of the date on which the tenant is vacating the premises and to allow the Custodian access to the premises in order to remove the furniture at a reasonable and convenient time following the termination of the lease.

Yours faithfully,

John McIntire Signed

Return to the Custodian

File No. 4000.
Catalogue No. 562.

January 15th, 1945.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. George Peters

FROM: Mr. D. A. Cramer

Usaku WATANABE
W. 20 ft. of Lot 4 in
Blk. 3 of Lot 21, Nelson
District, Plan 522.

With reference to the above property which was recorded
in the Victoria Land Registry Office, dated November 1st, 1944,
we attach herewith the following documents in connection there-
with.

1. Copy of application number 34080-W, dated October 19th,
1944, registering the property in the name of the
Custodian (Transmission).
2. Copy of application number 34081-W, dated October 19th,
1944, registering the property in the name of John
Miletich (Deed).
3. Duplicate of Transmission dated September 23rd, 1944.
4. Duplicate of Deed dated September 23rd, 1944 - Secretary
of State to John Miletich.
5. Certificate of Indefeasible Title number 34081-W, dated
December 2nd, 1944, covering the above property in the
name of John Miletich.

D. A. Cramer

DAC:JS
Atch.

NAME WATANABE, Usaku

REGISTRATION NO. 06099

FILE NO. 4000

The following chattels were sold by public
 auction at Sunderland, B.C. on October 23, 1944.

Ironing stove & iron	2.00	✓
Range	5.00	✓
Brown bed	7.50	✓
Dresser	2.00	✓
Kitchen cabinet	3.00	✓
Map	0.05	✓
Tailors irons	0.30	✓
Mirror	1.00	✓
Clock	2.00	✓
Tools	1.25	✓
Tools	0.50	✓
Tools	1.50	✓
Tools	2.50	✓
Tools	1.75	✓
Tools	1.25	✓
Cart	1.00	✓
Sleigh	0.50	✓
6 Chairs	2.50	✓
Stools	1.00	✓
Step ladder	0.50	✓
Carton & contents - Bamboo tables	2.50	✓
Kitchen utensils	0.75	✓
Ironing board etc.	0.10	✓
Chevrolet car (old, no tires)	15.00	✓
Medicine chest	0.50	✓
Dining table	3.00	✓
Table & contents	0.25	✓
Crock	1.75	✓
Total to be carried forward	\$ 60.95	
Less Expenses:		
Net Proceeds Credited:		

~~Master of Auctioneer Staff Present.~~
~~Extracted from Auctioneering List No.~~
~~Remarks.~~

NAME WATANABE, Usaku

REGISTRATION NO. 06059

FILE NO. 4000

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Cumberland, B.C. on October 25th., 1944.

Washstand
3 Stools
Hall mirror

Brought forwards:

\$ 60.95		
1.00	52	✓
2.40	2	✓
4.00	27	✓

Total

(Auctioneer's Fee: \$6.83
Less Expenses: (Advertising: 2.73
(Movings: 1.96

\$ 68.35
\$ 14.52
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\$ 53.83

Net Proceeds Credited:

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Matt Brown

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Cumberland 2.

Remarks. List of chattels on Matt Brown's survey -
in Property section.

NAME WATABE, Usaku

REGISTRATION NO. 06059

FILE NO. 4000

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Cumberland, B. C. on November 8, 1944.

Boat

\$ 5.00 ✓

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 0.50
(Advertising: 0.25
(Moving: 0.60

\$	5.00
\$	1.35
\$	3.65

Net Proceeds Credited:

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Matt Brown

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Cumberland 3.

Remarks.

4000.

November 20th, 1945.

Mr. Matt Brown,
P. O. Box 431,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Unaka WATANABE - Reg. No. 06059.

This file is under review as a result of the death of this
Evacuee at New Denver, on the 6th October.

It does not appear to have been included in the list of
files dealt with during your recent visit, and we find the following dis-
crepancies in chattels records.

On your list of 17/12/1942 and still outstanding

Tin Heater
Single Bed (Old)
Washer Ringer (Old)
Lounge (Old)

Never listed but shown on Auction Sheet of 25/10/1944

Kitchen Cabinet	\$ 3.00	Kitchen utensils	\$.75
Map	\$.05	Ironing Board	\$.10
Tailors Irons	\$.30	Medicine Chest	\$.50
Cars	\$ 1.00	Motor Car (old, no tires)	\$15.00
Stools	\$ 1.00	Table and contents	\$.25
Stepladder	\$.50	Crock	\$ 1.75
Carton, Bamboo tables	\$ 2.50	Stools (3)	\$ 2.40

If, as appears possible from the description, all items in
the first category had no sale value and were discarded, we still need evidence
of that fact on file. Whatever the explanation please let us have your report.

With regard to the second category we need to be certain that
the proceeds from sale go to the correct account, and here again we are depend-
ent on your report as you handled these goods and there is no conclusive evidence
on our file.

It would be appreciated if you would give this matter your
early attention and let us have your reply in due course.

Yours very truly,

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

RGB/P.

4000 & 6862
Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
November 28, 1945

A. G. Freeze, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Cumberland, B. C.

Re: Estate of Usaku WATANABE, Dec'd

Dear Sir:

We have been advised by the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, that the above named Japanese, who prior to evacuation resided at Cumberland, B. C., died at New Denver, B. C., on October 6, 1945, and we are writing to request that you kindly undertake the administration of his Estate.

In this connection we are enclosing herewith list of particulars forwarded to this office by Mrs. Taka Watanabe, widow of the above mentioned.

For your information, we wish to advise that funeral expenses originally amounted to \$200.00, and that our cheque for this amount was forwarded to Mrs. Watanabe on November 19, 1945.

We also enclose copy of communication, dated November 5, 1945, received from Mr. Keiji Minato. We wrote Mr. Minato on the 19th instant, requesting that he forward the cheque in question, together with full particulars concerning this payment, to us, in order that this matter may be dealt with in the administration of the Estate.

According to information on our files, both the deceased and his wife are Japanese Nationals.

We will be pleased to have you advise us as to your willingness to act in this Estate and when Letters of Administration have been issued to you, kindly forward a certified copy to this office, so that we may remit the funds now in our hands, amounting to \$676.39.

Yours truly,

WJJ/JF
Encl.

W. J. Johnston
Administration Department

COPY

New Denver, B. C. Oct. 11 1945

Mrs. Watanabe
New Denver, B. C.

IN ACCOUNT WITH

NEW DENVER FUNERAL SERVICE
James Draper, Prop.

TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED

Oct. 10th To complete funeral & cremation

Late Mr. U. Watanabe
Floral pillow

\$150.00

10.00

\$160.00

Paid in full. Dec. 5th, 1945.

New Denver Funeral Service

Per "A. C. D."

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

IN PROBATE.

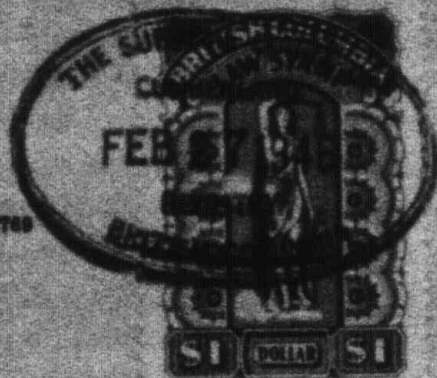
In the matter of the Estate of USAKU WATANABE *, deceased.*

I hereby certify that the paper writing hereunto annexed and marked with the letter "A" is a true and correct copy of the Letters of Administration

of the above-named deceased, issued out of this Honourable Court on the 26th day of February, 19 46

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Supreme Court of British Columbia,

this 27th day of February, 19 46



★ KM-044-2769

Deputy Registrar.

In the SUPREME Court OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the matter of USAKU WATANABE, deceased,
and 18W/46

In the matter of the "Administration Act."

DATED THE 26th DAY OF February, A.D. 1946

UPON reading the affidavits of A. G. Freeze sworn the 19th day of February 1946 and exhibits thereto and the renunciation of Taka Watanabe dated the 19th December 1945

, it is ordered,

that Arthur Gordon Freeze

Part of
Official Administrator for the

County of Nanaimo

, shall be Administrator of all and singular

the estate of Usaku Watanabe
New Denver B. C. on October 6th 1945

, deceased,* who died at

and that notice of this Order be published.

Estate valued at \$676.39

L. A. Hanna

L.J.S.C.

(Supreme Court Seal)



This is the paper writing Marked "A"
referred to in my Certificate, dated the

27th day of February 1946

Deputy District Registrar

A.G.F.

The Supreme Court of
British Columbia
Cumberland
Registry
Feb 26 1946

This Grant is made upon the condition that no portion of the assets shall be distributed or paid during the War to any beneficiary or creditor who is a National of the German Reich or Italy wherever resident, or to any one on his behalf, or to or on behalf of any person resident in the German Reich or Italy of whatever nationality, or to or on behalf of any subject or citizen of any country at war with His Majesty, without the express sanction of the Crown acting through the Minister of Finance; and if any distribution or payment is made contrary to this condition the grant of probate or letters of administration will be forthwith revoked.

★ 1M-1142-2041

OUR FILE

YOUR FILE 4000 A 6862

Evacuee Section

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY

TO Official Administrator.



Cumberland, B. C.
March 22nd, 1946.

W. J. Johnston, Esq.,
Administration Department,
Office of the Custodian,
509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

ENEMY SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 25 1946
File No.	4000-6862
Ans'd	/
Refer'd	

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Usaku WATAWABE,
deceased.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 21st enclosing your cheque of \$676.39 representing the funds which had on hand in the above estate, for which Official receipt is now enclosed.

In regard to the Claim, against the Estate, of Keijo Minato of Minto Mine in the sum of \$50.00 supported by an uncashed cheque of the deceased for a like amount in favour of K. Minato, for which cheque there were no funds, I have secured a statutory declaration from Mr. Minato in support of his Claim which I am prepared to recognise as a valid claim against the estate. Before preparing a voucher in favour of Mr. Minato, I will be pleased to have your approval of the payment for my file.

Yours faithfully,

A. G. Freeze,
Official Administrator.

AGF/AB
Encl.

ESTATE OF USAKU WATANABE
STATEMENT OF
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
RECEIPTS

Cash received from Custodian

\$676.39

DISBURSEMENTS

Voucher - A. G. Freeze - Fee for Letters of Administration-\$2.00	
Office Copy Inventory "I".10¢	
1 Certified copy of Letters of Adm.1.00	
1 Death Certificate\$1.00	\$4.10
Voucher - J. M. Mitchell- Legal Costs as taxed	32.70
Voucher - Keiji Minato - Repayment of Loan made to the dec'd	50.00
Voucher - Deputy Minister of Finance, Commission	33.82

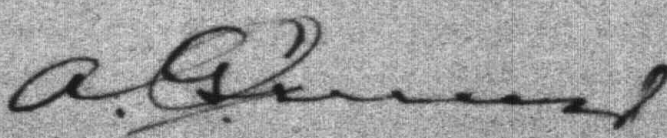
BALANCE ON HAND IN THE TREASURY

555.77

\$676.39

Dated at Cumberland, B. C.
this 15th day of July, 1946.

Certified a true copy


A. G. Freeze
Official Administrator.

4000 & 6862
Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
August 19, 1946

Mrs. Taka Watanabe,
Registration No. 06056,
25 D'Arcy Street,
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Madam:

Re: Estate of Usaku WATANABE, Dec'd

We duly received your letter of the 8th instant and wish to advise you that we wrote the Official Administrator, Mr. A. G. Freeze, regarding payment of a portion of the funds to which you are entitled in connection with the above-mentioned Estate, and he has replied, under date of August 16 as follows:

"I beg to acknowledge your letter of August 15th, enclosing copy of a letter from the widow, Mrs. T. Watanabe requesting distribution of her share of the estate.

The deceased died intestate on October 6th, 1945 and under Section 92 of the Administration Act distribution could not be made to the heirs until one year after the date of the death of the deceased, without an Order being obtained from the Court. This is the long vacation for the Court and the matter could not be placed before the Judge until August 30th. Distribution could be made on October 6th without an Order from the Court and as this is a small estate I feel that the further legal costs should be avoided if possible. If you feel that the matter is really pressing however, I will have such an application made to the Judge in Chambers on advice from you".

In view of the fact that considerable expense would be involved in making an application to a Supreme Court Judge in Victoria, we do not believe same should be made, especially as disbursement of funds could be made after October 6th this year, which is approximately one month after an application to the Court would be made.

Yours truly,

W. J. Johnston
Administration Department

WJJ/JY

EXHIBIT No. 1171-6
DATE OCT 28 1948
FILLED BY K A B Smith

EXTRACT OF R. U. HURFORD APPRAISALS
MADE DURING 1944

Catalogue No. 562.

File No. 4000.

Assessed Owner: U. Watanabe.

On this narrow lot is one of the oldest buildings in Cumberland. It has a frontage of 18'6" and the frame building has a 13' ceiling. Felt paper calceimined is used for lining. As it has not been regularly painted, decay is very much in evidence as it would not be difficult to tear out casings window sills with bare hands, and break up into pieces. Too far gone to repair. There is a habitable two room cabin 10 x 30 at rear, outside brick chimney, outside sink & tap also outside toilet.

Land value	300.00
Buildings	<u>500.00</u>
	800.00

COPY

(Orig. in File 4000).

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

EXHIBIT No. 1171 - 5

DATE OCT 28 1946

FILLED BY
K. D. G. Gairdner

YOUR FILE 4000 & 6862

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY

TO: Official Administrator.

Cumberland, B. C.
August 16th, 1946.

W. J. Johnston, Esq.,
Administration Department,
Department of the
Secretary of State,
509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Usaku Watanabe, dec'd.

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Yours faithfully,

"A. G. Freeze"

A. G. Freeze,
Official Administrator.

AGF/AB

(Orig. in File 4000).

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY
TO: Official Administrator.

COPY

Cumberland, B. C.
April 14th, 1947.

The Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Usaku Watanabe, deceased.

I beg to advise you that I have to-day sent forth
a voucher to the Department in your favour for \$552.29 in the
above estate. The heirs are as follows:

<u>Mrs. Taka Watanabe</u> , 159 Gerrard St., E., Toronto, Ontario.	1/3 - \$184.09
<u>Tukio Watanabe</u> , residence unknown thought to be in Montreal.	2/15 - 73.64
<u>Yoshio Watanabe</u> , 25 D'arcy St. Toronto, Ont.	2/15 - 73.64
<u>Mitsuko Watanabe</u> , (Age 20) 159 Gerrard St. E., Toronto, Ontario.	2/15 - 73.64
<u>Isamu Watanabe</u> (Age 17) 159 Gerrard St. E., Toronto, Ont.	2/15 - 73.64
<u>Teruko Watanabe</u> (Age 15) 159 Gerrard St. E., Toronto, Ont.	2/15 - 73.64
Total	<u>\$552.29</u>

Note that there are three heirs under 21 years of
age.

Yours faithfully,

"A. G. Freeze"

A. G. Freeze,
Official Administrator.

AGF/MG

4000

April 17, 1947.

A. G. Freeze, Esq.,
Official Administrator,
Cumberland, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Usaku SATANABE, #06059,
Deceased.

We have your letter of April 14th and note that you are requisitioning a cheque in the sum of \$552.29 to be allocated to the persons set out in your letter in the amounts named therein. According to the information contained in your letter three of the heirs are infants and we would therefore suggest that funds payable to them should be retained by the Provincial Government until the age of twenty-one is reached, or application is made on their behalf for release of the funds.

We have obtained from the Department of Labour the last known addresses of the heirs named in your letter and attach a list of them for your information.

The files of these beneficiaries have been reviewed and the Custodian will have no objection to the shares payable to each being sent direct to them. This may be more satisfactory to you as it will enable you to obtain the usual releases direct.

We would suggest that you would follow up your requisition to the Provincial Department in this regard and thereby save the trouble of having this cheque returned for proper allocation. Although we are not in this case interested in these funds for the credit of the respective accounts in this office, we would however appreciate having from you a letter indicating the final disposition made of them.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

AGM:AH
attach. List of heirs with addresses.

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.

6862

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

- (1) NAME Watanabe Taka (RCMP) Reg. No. 06056
(Printed Surname) (Given Name)
- (2) Pre-Evacuation Address Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland, B.C.
- (3) Present Address 1192 Dovercourt Rd., Toronto, Ontario
- (4) REAL ESTATE
- (a) Street Address (if any) Dunsmuir Ave., Cumberland, B.C.
City or Municipality Province
- (b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.)
West 20' Lot 4, Block 3, Lot 21, Plan 522, Cumberland
Nelson District
- (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.)
Widow of late Usaku Watanabe (06059) sole owner
- (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 receivable) - - - - - \$
(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - - - - - \$ 1500.00
(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - - - - \$ 800.00
(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - - - \$ 700.00

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

- (a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation
Dunsmuir Ave., Cumberland, B.C.
- (b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)
House
- (c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation
Left in house

(over)

- (d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to 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")

In no one's care

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

1. Chattels - per attached list - \$111.00	Estimated Value \$	
2. Sold by Custodian for \$73.35	Estimated Value \$	37.65
3.	Estimated Value \$	
4.	Estimated Value \$	
5.	Estimated Value \$	
6.	Estimated Value \$	
7.	Estimated Value \$	
8.	Estimated Value \$	
9.	Estimated Value \$	
10.	Estimated Value \$	

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS \$ 37.65

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) - - - - - \$ 151.65

- (6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard.
(Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge,
Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.)
Toronto
- (b) Do you require the services of an interpreter
at the hearing? Yes or no Yes

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,
County of York
TO WIT;

I, Taka Watanabe
of Toronto
of the City
in the Province of Ontario

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 City
of Toronto

in the County of York

this 9th day of January

A.D. 1948.

RA. Best

A Commissioner &c.

Taka Watanabe

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.

The Personal Property Loss Claims

File # 6900.

The following Chattles We're Sold By auction at Cumberland, N. C.

<u>Articles</u>	<u>Price Sold</u>	<u>By minimum demand Price</u>
Ironing stove iron	\$ 2.00	\$ 5.00
Range	5.00	15.00
Down bed	5.00	10.00
Dresser	5.00	5.00
Kitchen cabinet	5.00	5.00
Map	0.05	
Mirror	1.00	5.00
Clock	2.00	4.00
Tools	1.50	
Tools	0.50	
Tools	1.50	
Tools	2.50	
Tools	1.75	
Tools	1.25	
Notice these above tools are logging . and very vales		20000
Carpet	1.00	
Sleigh	0.50	
Chair's .6.	2.50	5.00
Stools .8.	1.00	5.00
Step ladder	0.50	5.00
Bamboo table	2.50	
Kitchen utensils	.75	
Iron box & etc	0.10	1.00
Chevrolet car	15.00	
Medicine chest	0.05	
Dining table	5.00	5.00
Table cabinet	0.25	
Crack	1.75	5.00
Washstand	1.00	5.00
Stools	2.00	5.00
Wall mirror	4.00	5.00
Boat .16 feet long.	5.00	10.00

Total sold Price 73.55

Total minimum
demand Price
\$111.00

Totals Claims \$37.15

OUR FILE

YOUR FILE 4000

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY

TO Official Administrator.



EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAY 7 1947
File No.	1400
Ans.	
Referred	James Arthur

sent to you

Cumberland, B. C.
May 5th, 1947.

The Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Usaku Watanabe, deceased.

I beg to advise you that a distribution
has been made to the following heirs:

MRS. TAKA WATANABE, 175 Elm Street, Toronto, Ont.	1/3	\$184.09
YUKIO WATANABE, 108 Beverley Street, Toronto, Ont.	2/15	\$ 73.64
YOSHIO WATANABE, 25 D'Arcy Street, Toronto, Ont.	2/15	\$ 73.64

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. G. Freeze".

A. G. Freeze,
Official Administrator.

AGF/MG

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"

PAGE 1. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 22.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

BEFORE

HIS HONOUR, JAMES H.A. MILLER, SUB-COMMISSIONER.

Toronto, Ontario,

October 28, 1928.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

MRS. TAMA WATANABE

PRESENTED AT HEARING

APPEARANCES:

H.A. CHRISTIE, Esq., K.C., appearing for the
Dominion Government.

H.A. BROWN, Esq., appearing for the
Claimant.

A. SMITH, Esq., Secretary.

G.H.B. UPTON, Esq., Official Interpreter.

A.G. VEITCH, Esq., Official Reporter.

T. Watanabe,
Sgt. 1st.

MR. TADA WATANABE, the claimed herein,
being first duly sworn,
testified through the
Interpreter, as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. HENRY:

Q. Mr. Watanabe, is this your signature on this
document? A. Yes.

Q. And are the facts stated in there right?

A. Yes.

MR. HENRY: I would ask that that be marked as

EXHIBIT 1.

(PARTICULARS OF REAL ESTATE, MARKED
EXHIBIT NO. 1)

Q. Here is a document headed Personal Effects.

Is that your signature? A. Yes.

Q. And are the facts there correct?

A. Yes.

(PARTICULARS OF PERSONAL EFFECTS, MARKED
EXHIBIT NO. 2)

Q. Your son is here. Are you willing to have
him give the evidence for you?

A. Yes.

Q. Very well.

I will ask my friend if he wishes to examine
the witness.

MR. CHRISTIAN: I will prove the J.P. form and
I will reserve the right to recall her if there
is anything which the son does not know.

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: All right.

T. Watanabe;
112-02 - 12-02

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. CHRISTIE:

Q. I have a J.P. Form dated April 17, 1942.
Will you tell us whose signature that is?

A. That is my husband's signature.

Q. And did the husband make out this form which
I show you, or did you assist in it or have any
knowledge of it?

A. It was made out by us together.

MR. CHRISTIE: I will file as Exhibit 3, this
J.P. Form.

(J.P. FORM, DATED APRIL 17, 1942)

MR. BROWN: Will you step down, Mrs. Watanabe?

THE WITNESS: Yes.

MR. CHRISTIE: Just one minute.

Q. I think you signed this card here. I want
to ask you did you sign this card?

A. Yes.

MR. CHRISTIE: I will file or tender this as
Exhibit 4. This is the No Property Card, Japanese
Edition, dated April 30, 1942, and signed by Mrs.
Watanabe.

(NO PROPERTY CARD, JULY 22, 1942, DATED
APRIL 30, 1942)

JOSEPH WATANABE,

being first duly sworn,
testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BROWN:

Q. You are the son of the last witness?

A. Yes, I am.

Q. Who is making the claim in this case?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. The property, the real estate for which your
3 mother is claiming is a part of a property in Cumberland
4 in British Columbia?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. If I am rightly informed, there was a
7 building in which a store was carried on there?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Who carried that on? A. My father.

10 Q. Your father. And, at the back of the store,
11 two rooms in which you lived? A. No. We did
12 not live in there.

13 Q. Did anybody live there? A. It was
14 rented out when we left.

15 Q. It was rented out when you left?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Do you know for how much? A. Around
18 \$12.00 a month.

19 Q. About \$12. a month. When did your father
20 die? A. October 5, 1945.

21 Q. October 5, 1945. His name, incidentally was
22 Taka Watanabe. Is that right? A. Yes.

23 Q. And on his death do you know if he left a
24 will or is there was any administration of his estate?

25 A. He left an estate but in order to get the
26 money from the Custodian my mother had to sue a
27 Rotary Public and through that way we received what
28 was due us from the Custodian.

29 Q. What do you mean "we received what was due
30

T. Watanabe, 2
Min. 22.

Q. My mother received the major portion.
There were five children besides her. We all
received a small portion.

Q. My friend is producing a copy of a letter
from a Mr. Prince, addressed to the Custodian.

A. Yes?

Q. He was the official administrator?

A. Yes.

Q. With authority to deal for your father's
estate? A. Yes.

Q. Here is a statement showing the distribution
amongst the family of the \$500.00 which apparently
he credited to the estate. Is that in accordance with
what you knew was the distribution which was made?

A. This is the first time I have seen the
letter.

Q. This is the first time you have seen the
letter, but I am asking you if that is how the money
was distributed? A. Yes, I believe that is
correct.

Q. That is correct. And then that is in a
letter of April 14, 1947, or a copy of a letter;
and, here is another letter dated August 15, 1946, a
copy of a letter from Mr. Prince to Mr. Johnson of
the Administration Department in the Secretary of
State's office, re Estate of Wanda Watanabe:

"I beg to acknowledge your letter enclosing
copy of a letter from the widow requesting
distribution of her share. The deceased died

T. Matsuda,
Director.

"Interdict on October 3, 1943 and under Section 95 of the Administration Act distribution could not be made to the heirs until one year after the date of death of the deceased without an order being obtained from the court."

Then there is a discussion as to whether they would apply to the court, to make an early distribution. That was apparently followed by this letter which did distribute the estate? A. Yes.

MR. CHRISTIE: I will tender these two copies of the letter from the Official Administrator to the Custodian of the Assets of the Estate of the deceased claimant, as Exhibit B.

(TWO LETTERS, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3)

MR. BROWN: Q. Am I right in concluding that your mother is now really making a claim for all of the family? A. Yes.

Q. Whatever proceeds there are presumably will be sent to the Official Administrator?

A. Yes.

Q. To be distributed by him?

A. Yes.

Q. She has the authority from the other members of the family? A. Yes.

Q. This property was purchased for \$3000. in 1927. Is that right? A. Yes.

Q. And you got out in this form \$675. worth of improvements which were made to it since then. Is that right? A. Yes.

T. W. W. W. W.
W. W. W.

MR. BROWN: In this case I have not got a copy of my appraisal. I wonder if my friend would like to read into the record a copy of that one?

MR. CHRISTIE: Yes. I am reading a copy of the H. V. Burford appraisal. It says:

"Appraised by: W. W. W."

On this survey lot is one of the oldest buildings in Cumberland. It has a frontage of 12 feet six inches and the frame building has a 12 foot ceiling. Felt paper calumined is used for lining. As it has not been regularly painted, decay is very much in evidence as it would not be difficult to tear out ceilings under nails with bare hands, and break up into pieces. Too far gone to repair. There is a habitable two room cabin ten by thirty or four, outside brick chimney, outside sink and top also outside toilet.

Land value \$50.00

Buildings \$50.00

\$100.00

I think I will put this copy in. I will tender this copy as an exhibit. It is not the original and my friend says he has not it. I think Burford made a copy of appraisals and it may probably be in some other file.

This is just the one pertaining to this house.
(APPRAISAL, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6)

MR. BROWN: Q. You heard my friend read that.

1 Have you any comments to make on this ^{to} ~~statement~~ ^{statement} about it? ^{to} ~~statement~~ ^{statement} in the
2 statement about it? A. I do not remember any
3 outside sink and tap and outside toilet.

4 Q. You do not remember? A. No. What do
5 you mean by "an outside toilet"? It was a flush
6 toilet.

7 Q. But, it was outside the house?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. I think that is what it means.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Do you agree that felt paper, oilcloth
12 was used for lining in the house? A. Yes, it
13 was.

14 Q. And had it not been regularly painted?

15 A. The last time we redecorated that in - I
16 think it shows on there.

17 Q. You redecorated it in 1939, apparently.
18 You renovated the interior? A. Yes.

19 Q. And also you renewed the foundation in
20 1939? A. Yes.

21 Q. Had two brick chimneys put in. Is that
22 right? A. Yes.

23 Q. And in 1940, just before the evacuation two
24 years, there was new sewage and drainage put in with
25 a flush toilet? A. Yes.

26 Q. And in 1941 the repairs to the store front
27 worth \$75. were put in. Is that right?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Do you agree with this statement that it was
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Q. Too far gone to repair? Mind you, this is made in 1944 and when you left was it too far gone to repair at all? A. Well, I do not think so. With two or three hundred dollars I think we could have repaired it.

Q. It says:

"... damage is very much in evidence as it would not be difficult to tear out window sills with bare hands, and break up into pieces."

Do you agree with that? Of course, it all depends on who is going to break it, I suppose. What would you say about that? A. I do not think I can say anything.

Q. In regard to the chattel claim, perhaps my friend would file the Analysis of Personal Property claim.

MR. CHRISTIAN: I am tendering as Exhibit 7 the Analysis of Personal Property claim.

(ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM,
MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 7)

There is some error in addition there. You corrected

claim.

MR. CHRISTIAN: I think so.

MR. JAMES: Q. In this case I observe from this exhibit that all of the goods in respect of which we are claiming were in fact sold at auction?

A. Yes.

Q. That is a matter of record from the Custodian's office? A. Yes.

Q. So that it is purely a question of valuation. Do you know how the values which were put in this claim in the claim were arrived at at all? A. We conferred with our friends and Mr. Holte was looking after our matter.

Q. He was looking after things for you?

A. Yes.

Q. What was Mr. Holte's occupation? Was he an expert at all or just a friend?

A. Just a friend.

Q. Had your mother discussed the matter with him? A. Yes.

Q. Now, do you know how they arrived at the values together which were put in there?

A. No. I am afraid not.

Q. That is all, thank you.

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T. Watanabe,
C.P.S.

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3 MR. CHRISTIE: I am tendering as Exhibit 8
4 the statement of the Corporation of the city of
5 Vancouver in the year 1944. It is a Tax Statement
6 with the statement added to the tax statement.

7 (TAX STATEMENT, 1944, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 8)

8 The statement is in the total amount of
9 \$1,133.

10 I am tendering as Exhibit 9 Certificate of
11 Encumbrance. It shows that the deceased Yukio Watanabe
12 was the registered owner.

13 (CERTIFICATE OF ENCUMBRANCE, MARKED EXHIBIT
14 NO. 9)

15 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. CHRISTIE:

16 Q. Mr. Watanabe, when this place was purchased
17 do you know how old this store was?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Now, who built the new warehouse. Was
20 that outside labour or did your father, and yourself,
21 do it? A. My father and myself, and I think we

22 hired an experienced man. I do not think he was a
23 carpenter.

24 Q. Do you know how much you paid him?

25 A. (No audible answer).

26 Q. To refresh your memory, there was put in an
27 amount of \$133. I was wondering of that \$133, how
28 much you spent? A. I think about \$43. For
29 outside labour. We spent about four or five days
30 building.

W. Williams,
W.F.M.

Q. With respect to this removed foundation,
I suppose that is on posts? A. Yes.

Q. That is, new cedar posts?
A. Yes.

Q. Did you do that work, yourself? A. No.
We hired a carpenter.

Q. You hired a carpenter? A. Yes.

Q. And what about the decorating of the
interior? Who did that? A. We did that,
ourselves.

Q. And that would represent both the labor
and the material? A. That is right, yes.

Q. In respect of the two rooms at the rear
of the cabin, were they rented?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know what rent was paid?

A. \$12., I think, a month.

Q. \$12. a month; and that was rented prior to
the construction? A. Yes. That is right.

Q. Had you made any arrangements with the
tenant to put new floors into the shop?

A. No.

Q. You do not know of any? A. No.

Q. How old was this range for which you are
claiming and which was sold at auction for \$5.? Do
you know how old this range was?

A. It was purchased in 1924.

Q. What were these tools which you are esti-
mating were worth \$20.? Were they carpenter's
tools? A. No; logging tools.

Toronto, Ont.
Oct. 26th, 1948.

DEFENCE BRIEF

File 6862 - Taka WATANABE, Reg. #06056 (Widow).
File 4000 - Usaku WATANABE, Reg. #06059 (Died 6/10/45).
Case 1171

- (1) Real Property, Vancouver Island (Cat. 562: The W20' of Lot 4 in Block 3 of Lot 21, Nelson District, Plan 522 - Shop and cabin on 20' lot, Cumberland)

Sold for

\$1,500.00 as per original (Jan. 9/48) and amended claim (Exh. 1171-1) - see also Custodian Combined Analysis (Aug. 23/48).

\$800.00

Net amount of Real Property Claim:

\$700.00

Evidence: Usaku WATANABE was the registered owner of this property, which was sold August 29th, 1944. He died October 6th, 1945. See attached Memorandum of today's date for particulars of administration and distribution of his Estate. According to Transcript p.6, line 16, this claim is being made by the widow on behalf of all the beneficiaries of the Estate.

According to amended claim (Exh. 1171-1) the property was purchased in 1937 for \$800.00, a total of \$450.00 being expended on improvements in 1939, \$150.00 in 1940 and \$75.00 in 1941. Estimated value at date of sale is put at \$1,500.00.

Assessed value (1944): \$1,125.00

On which taxes amounted to: \$ 29.90

Appraised value (1944): \$ 800.00

Custodian appraiser described the main building as one of the oldest in Cumberland, and "too far gone to repair."

Witness: R. U. Hurford (Appraiser).

- (2) Personal Property (Household Chattels as listed in amended claim and Custodian Personal Property analysis)

\$ 109.00 as per amended claim (Exh. 1171-2) and Custodian Analysis (Exh. 1171-7)

\$ 58.35)

Net amount of Claims:

\$ 35.65

- (3) \$ 15.00 Add: Chevrolet car - see Transcript p.9, line 24.

\$ 15.00

\$ 15.00)

Evidence: Claimant declared chattels in general terms in his "JP" form (Apr. 17/42).

(Over)

DEFENCE BRIEF.....Page 2.

Claim represents difference between claimant's valuation and proceeds of auction sales. (See Custodian Analysis - Exhibit 1171-7).

Witness: Matt Brown (Custodian Agent).

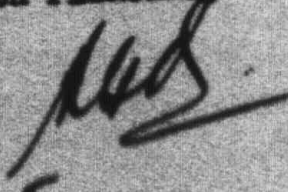
\$1,624.00 Gross total.

Net amount of Claim:

\$750.65

\$873.35

VANCOUVER, B. C.
28th FEBRUARY, 1949.



RCH/P.

<u>Summary of Witnesses</u>	<u>Where Required</u>	<u>Index to Defence Brief Documents</u>
R. U. Hurford (Appr.). Matt Brown (Agent).	(1) (2) & (3)	(A) DEFENCE BRIEF. (B) TRANSCRIPT. (C) EXHIBITS: (1) Exh. 1171-1 (Amended RP Claim). (2) Exh. 1171-2 (Amended PP Claim). (3) Exh. 1171-3 ("JP" Form - 17/4/42). (4) Exh. 1171-4 ("No Property" card - 28/4/42, Mrs. Watanabe). (5) Exh. 1171-5 (Let. of 16/8/46 & 14/4/47 from Official Administrator re distribution of Estate). (6) Exh. 1171-6 (Appraisal by R. U. Hurford). (7) Exh. 1171-7 (Cust. PP. Claim Analysis). (8) Exh. 1171-8 (Tax Notice - 1944). (9) Exh. 1171-9 (C/Encumbrance - 29/2/44). (10) Exh. 1171-10 (Cust. RP & PP Summaries). SUPPLEMENTARY DEFENCE BRIEF DOCUMENTS: (11) Original Claim (Jan. 9/48), & Inventory. (12) Let. (5/3/45) encl. St. of Sale and St. of Account. (13) Auction Sheets (25/10/44 & 8/11/44). (14) Custodian Combined Analysis.

MEMORANDUM

ESTATE OF USAKU WATANABE, DECEASED (OCT. 6/45)

Case 1171.

File 4000.

Usaku WATANABE was the registered owner of Cat. No. 562 (The Westerly 20' of Lot 4 in Block 3 of Lot 21, Nelson District, Plan 522) - see Certificate of Encumbrance dated February 29th, 1944 (Exh. 1171-9). He died intestate at New Denver on October 6th, 1945 (B. C. Security Commission regular death notice dated October 16th, 1945).

Application for administration of the Estate was applied for on November 28th, 1945, particulars for the purpose being supplied to the Custodian by the widow, Taka WATANABE, Reg. No. 06056, File 6862 (Dept. of Labour covering letter dated Nov. 27/45 on File 4000).

Letters of Administration were granted to A. G. Freeze, Official Administrator, Cumberland, February 26th, 1946 (Certified copy on File 4000).

Estate funds (\$676.39) were remitted to Official Administrator March 21st, 1946. Administrator's certified statement of Receipts and Disbursements (on File 4000) dated April 14th, 1947. Net residue (\$552.29) was distributed as follows (letters of April 14th and May 5th, 1947, on File 4000):

One-third Mrs. Taka WATANABE	\$184.09
Two-fifteenths Yukio WATANABE	73.64
Two-fifteenths Yoshio WATANABE	<u>73.64</u>
Total cash distribution	\$331.37
Two-fifteenths Mitsuko WATANABE	\$ 73.64
Two-fifteenths Isamu WATANABE	73.64
Two-fifteenths Teruko WATANABE	<u>73.64</u>
Held by Official Administrator in Trust for Minors:	\$220.92
Net residue of Estate:	<u>\$552.29</u>

Estate funds were derived from the sale of Usaku WATANABE'S Real Property (Cat. 562 - The W20' of Lot 4 in Block 3 of Lot 21, Nelson District, Plan 522), as per Custodian letter of March 5th, 1945, and attached statement of sale and statement of ledger account.

VANCOUVER, B. C.
28th FEBRUARY, 1949.



Name of Claimant **WATANABE, Usaka dead.**Case **1171**Custodian File **Taka**
1900 & 1902

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>											Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village				
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Amount Total			
		800	80.00	40.00 12.50							132.50
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>											
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear									
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column				
15.00	3.75										3.75
<u>NETS</u>											
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing			Percentage Total Award to Total Claim		Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim		Deduct Custodian Sale Price
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATELS</u>											
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price				
109.00	56.35	17.50									17.50
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION											153.75

Case 1171

Usaku WATANABE, deceased
Taka WATANABE

File 4000

Mrs. Taka WATANABE is claiming on behalf of herself and family. Mr. A.G. Freeze of Cumberland was appointed Official Administrator and on May 5/47 he made a distribution of 1/3 to Mrs. Watanabe and 2/15 to each of the two older sons, the other 3 children were still minors.

Mr. E. MacFarland has succeeded Mr. Freeze as Official Administrator, and it would appear that the award should be forwarded to Mr. MacFarland for distribution.

November 28, 1950.

R.J. McMaster, Esq.,
Barrister & Solicitor,
1408 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission
Case 1171

We are enclosing herein special form of Release which we have prepared in connection with the above case, for completion by Mr. E. MacFarland, Administrator of the above Estate.

Letter of Authority to Pay Legal Fees to the Co-Operative Committee, is enclosed for signature also.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears,
Director.

FOS/GW
Encl.

HAROLD S. S. MACIVOR, B.A., LL.B.
BARRISTER-AT-LAW, SOLICITOR
NOTARY PUBLIC & COMMISSIONER

JAN 18 1951

TELEPHONE 731
P. O. Box 999

SUITE 3, 450 FIFTH STREET
COURTENAY, B.C.

13th Jan. 1951.

National Executive Secretary,
Japanese Canadian Citizens Association,
61 College Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Sir, Re: J.C. Case #1171 & Estate of Usaku Watanabe, Deceased.

Thank you for your letter dated the 12th of December, 1950 which was addressed to Mr. E. McFarland, Cumberland, B. C.

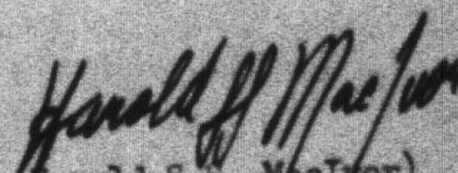
I regret the delay in answering it but there was no one acting as Official Administrator from the 28th of February, 1950, when Mr. A.G. Freeze retired from the Civil Service, until my recent appointment. Therefore, there was a great deal of work required before I could bring the correspondence up to date.

In view of the fact that I am acting in a trust capacity I do not feel free to sign the attached release in its present form. In one paragraph it states "AND WHEREAS the Custodian has paid to the Releaser the said sum;". I realize that this is the normal procedure but in view of the special circumstances I am not prepared to sign the release in its present form.

If you can make arrangements to have the cheque forwarded to a local bank I would be glad to exchange the Release for the cheque.

As the name of Mr. McFarland appears on the Release I am returning it for amendment.

Yours truly,


(Harold S. S. MacIvor)
Official Administrator
Courtenay, B. C.

LG
Enclosures.

February 8, 1951.

Mr. Harold S. S. MacIvor,
Official Administrator,
Suite 3,
450 Fifth St.,
Courtenay, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission
Case 1171 - Est. of Unaku WATANABE

Your letter of the 13th of January addressed to the National Executive Secretary of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, Toronto, has come to us for attention.

We note your remarks in regard to payment of the amount of the award prior to the signature of this Release. May we point out that this award is one of about 1300 and that Ottawa has adopted the policy of having the Release form signed before actual payment is made.

You will realize that this transaction is with a Government office, so that there would not appear to be any need for hesitation on your part. In addition we may say that this is not an award enforceable by the claimant, but is being made on an ex gratia basis by the Government.

In view of the retirement of Mr. A. G. Prosser, the enclosed Release has been prepared for your signature, together with letter of authorization for payment of legal fees - \$8.89. When these are returned duly executed, cheque will immediately issue in your favour for the net amount of \$144.86.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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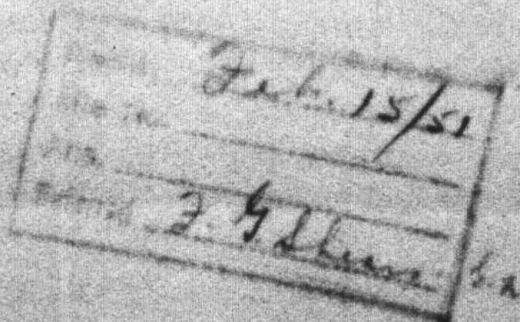
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February 13, 1951.

Registered Mail



F. G. Shears, Esq., Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir: Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission
 Case 1171-Estate of Usaku Watanabe

Thank you for your letter dated the 8th of February, 1951, and
for the documents which were enclosed with your letter.

I have executed the Release and signed the Letter of Author-
ization for payment of the legal fees in the amount of \$8.89, and
I am sending these documents to you, subject to the payment by you
of the sum of \$144.86.

Kindly let me have your cheque for \$144.86 as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harold S. S. MacIvor".

(Harold S. S. MacIvor)
Official Administrator
Courtenay, B.C.

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Registered

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February 16th, 1951

Mr. Harold S. S. MacIvor,
Official Administrator,
Suite 3, 450 Fifth Street,
Courtenay, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Estate of Usaku WATANABE Case No. 1171

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 ... \$ 153.75.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$ 144.86
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. \$ 8.89
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears
Director

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