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BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. 4009

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

ME: **TAKEMOTO, Tsumhichi**

HOME ADDRESS: **266 Powell St., Vancouver, B.C.** REGISTRATION No. **03353**

SEX: **Male** AGE: **60** MARRIED? **Yes**

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: **Restaurant Proprietor - self**

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: **Yaeno** ADDRESS: **same as above**

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: **Ely (M) 13** ADDRESS: " " "

Setsuko (f) 14 ADDRESS: " " "

Lucy (f) 11 ADDRESS: " " "

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.

Witnessed this **17th** day of **April** 1942.

WITNESS: *J. Ramsey*

(Signature) *Tsumhichi Takemoto*

LIST OF LIABILITIES:

None

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO PAY THESE OFF?

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

✓
INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Apr. 28/43.

Our File No. 4009

Full Name TAKEMOTO Tsurukichi
 (Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 03353

✓
 Male - Female
 (check)

Age Oct. 19, 1881

Former Address

266 Powell St., City

Date Evacuated

May 4/42.

✓
 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
 (check)

Present Address

Greenwood, B.C.

✓
 Married - Single
 (check)

Name of Wife

(nee) #03354
 (SHIJI) Ya (Y)eno

Name of Husband

-

Name of Mother

Deceased.

Name of Father

Deceased

Names of Children under 16

Setuko Jan. 18/28.

Eli Apr. 17/29.

Lucy Dec. 15/31.

Requested by

[Signature]

Registered with Custodian

Yes
 (Yes or No)

Additional Information

Restaurant Prop.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 4009

Tsurukichi TAKEMOTO #03353

November 5, 1946.

This man signed a declaration to the Custodian on April 17, 1942. He was evacuated on May 4, 1942.

In his declaration he stated that he owned no property of any kind whatsoever.

However, the RCMP reported that 2 radios had been surrendered on his behalf. These radios are described on the Specified Articles Memorandum. These were sold by the Custodian for the net sum of \$108.76, which has been credited to this account. TAKEMOTO has objected to the sale of his radios.

The chattels belonging to this man and his wife are dealt with in the file of his wife, File 6689, as she reported the chattels to the Custodian. The net proceeds from saleable chattels were \$325.56, which has been credited to the account of Mrs. TAKEMOTO. Copy of Chattel Summary and Schedule are on this file. TAKEMOTO has objected to the sale of his chattels, and to the prices obtained.

This file reveals no other property of any kind.

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

J. Macpherson

November 5, 1946.

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CHATEL SUMMARY

File No. 400
440

November 3, 1944

Re: Tsurukichi TAKEMOTO #03353
Yayeno TAKEMOTO #03354

Tsurukichi TAKEMOTO signed a JP declaration on April 17, 1942. He was evacuated May 4, 1942. His wife, Yayeno TAKEMOTO signed a JP declaration on April 27, 1942. She was evacuated May 4, 1942.

Tsurukichi TAKEMOTO stated in his JP that he owned no property in the protected area. However, two radios (reported by his wife in her declaration) were said by the RCMP to have been surrendered by Tsurukichi TAKEMOTO. These radios were sold by the Custodian, as follows:

RCMP No. 138 - Spartan Console, Model No. 10141, Serial No. 101410418	
Sold at auction May 9, 1944.	Sale Price: \$90.00
	Expenses: 13.11
	Net Credit: 76.89

RCMP No. 140 - Table Battery Set, Model 826, Series 175266 (Westinghouse)	
Sold at auction June 14, 1944.	Sale Price: \$38.00
	Expenses: 6.13
	Net Credit: 31.87

These radios were considered the property of Tsurukichi TAKEMOTO and the proceeds were credited to his account.

Yayeno TAKEMOTO declared a long list of furniture, chinaware, utensils, etc. all left at 266 Powell Street. H.B. Campbell reported May 11, 1942, that TAKEMOTO had arranged with the owner of the building to rent two rooms for storage of his goods. The rooms were boarded and locked. The rooms were not entered by Custodian representatives until the building was sold, and the contents then were removed to auction. Apart from the goods in the two locked rooms, Pemberton Realty Corporation, agents for the building, reported on July 28, 1942, that some chattels were left by TAKEMOTO in another part of the building. When the building was sold these goods, except for some items that were built in, were removed, with the contents of the two locked rooms, and everything saleable was sold at auction. Auctions at which the goods were sold were held August 3, 10 & 17, 1944.

Gross Proceeds of Auctions:	\$436.50
Expenses:	110.54
Net Credit:	325.96

The proceeds of the sales were credited to the account of Mrs. Yayeno TAKEMOTO.

The following items were found but were not sold:

Some photo graphs - still in Custodian storage, 604 E. Cordova.
Linoleum - hall linoleum only part of any value and this was nailed to floor and could not be removed. See memo of October 30, 1944.

Abandoned as of no value: one couch, 2 beds & springs, one old ice box. See Aug. 3/44, Aug. 16/44 and October 30, 1944.

T. Mackenzie

CHATTLE SCHEDULE

File No. 4489

November 4, 1946.

Est. James TAKEMOTO, Reg. No. 93354

Declared Quantity	Sold at Auction
1000 Small	
1 Japanese gallery	<i>See memo Dec 3, 1946 - re goods in storage at 604 Cardona</i>
100 Records	
2 Trunk	
1 Small dress	
1 Theatre Curtains	
11 Tables	
25 Chairs	
1 Gas Heater	
1 Gas Cooking Stove	
1 Gas Stove & Garbage Burner	
1 Small Table	
1 Bed	
1 Mirror	Mirror Aug. 3/44
1 Dresser	1 dresser, 1 nightstand sold Aug. 3/44
1 Bed	
10 Pictures	Pictures Aug. 3/44 \$3.25
20 Lamps	2 lamps sold - No lamp shades sold
3 Clothes Racks	3 hat-racks sold Aug. 3/44 \$3.00
2 Clocks	2 Wall clocks Aug. 3/44 \$7.25
3 Japanese Flower Stands	3 Jardiniere
20 Cushions	Number of small cushions \$3.60
1 Fruit Bowl	Box of dishes Aug. 17/44
6 Rice Pots	
100 Bottles	Glassware Aug. 10/44
1000 Whiskey Glasses	
20 Ash Trays	Lacquar Trays Aug. 17/44 85 cents
60 Water Pitchers	Glassware Aug. /44
90 Water Glasses	
6 Kitchen Knives	6 old knives Aug. 3/44
1 Ice Box	Left in house not worth moving
100 Japanese Trays	
150 Jap. Soup Dishes	} Crockery, dishes, chinaware, plates, platters, rice bowls, fish bowl
100 Assorted Dishes	
100 Pots & Dishes	
10 Large Plates	
30 Rice Bowls	
100 Medium Sized Dishes	
54 Pcs. Kitchen Utensils	
7 Large Fruit Bowls	
6 Flower Vases	
3 Large Trays	
12 Glass Flower Vases	} Kitchen Utensils
10 Pcs. Linoleum	
3 Bookcases	Most of this worn-out and valueless - Ball line nailed to floor
1 Bed	2 Bookcases sold
1 Dresser	1 Couch abandoned August 16/44 as of no value
3 China Cabinets	1 Cupboard, 2 cabinets, 1 record cabinet, 1 cardboard wardrobe sold.
1 Bed	1 kitchen cabinet was built in and was not removed from house
1 Springs	2 discarded 3 beds and springs sold
3 Ex. Japanese Dolls	Toys sold Aug. 3/44 - \$3.60
1 Ex. Carpenter Tools	Tools Aug. 3/44

CHATTLE SCHEDULE - Continued

File No. 669

Additional goods
sold at auction

Old Electric Clipper broken
Washboard
Box of Coat-hangers
Paper Cutter
2 Boxes Jap. Kmas Goods
Cheque Protector
Large Straw Mat
White Screen
Screen
4 Table Legs
Foot Stool
Mounted Eagle

Fratcher
Nov 5/26

MEMORANDUM To Files 6609 & 4009

December 3, 1946.

According to the Inventory taken by Mr. Wills of the goods now in storage at 604 Curdova, the following are listed under File 6609:

Block 2 - Page 1 - Draw and Photos
Page 2 - Photos

Block 1 - Page 1 - Photos

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MEMORANDUM

August 10, 1943.

TO: File No. 4009
FROM: Specified Articles Department

Re: TAKEMOTO Tsurukichi, Reg. #03353

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>APPRAISED VALUE</u>
RADIO S.	Console, Sparton Radio, Model #10141 Series No. 101410418	\$60.00
RADIO	Table Battery Set Radio, Model 826 Serial #175266 Westinghouse	\$10.00

BS

*S. sold by auction 9/5/44 Vancouver 19.
✓ - Sell by auction 11/6/44 Vancouver 24*

Sale Price of Sparton - \$90.00
Expenses 13.11
Net Credit 76.89

Sale Price of Westinghouse \$38.00
Expenses 6.13
Net Credit 31.87

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Pemberton Realty Corporation Limited

TELEPHONE PACIFIC 8341

418 HOWE STREET
VANCOUVER, CANADA

July 28, 1942

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

RECEIVED
JUL 30 1942

Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 - Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: T. TAKAMOTO

Dear Sirs:

In premises belonging to Uta, Gerechi and Chyota Ochori
at 266 Powell Street, the following articles were left by
Takamoto:

- 1 5 ft. round oak table *sold Vancouver auction SoD. see 6689*
- 1 Ice refrigerator (old) *?*
- 5 Kitchen chairs *sold Vancouver auction SoD.*
- 1 6 ft. couch *abandoned - see 4/8/42 on file 6689.*
- 1 4 hole gas stove (Gurney) *sold Vancouver SoD.*
- 1 McClary Kitchen Heater #9
- 1 Gas H.W. Heater *judicial*
- #30 H.W. Tank
- 1 Kitchen table ✓ *sold Vancouver SoD.*
- Counters and 1 large table

Some of these were built into the premises and could not be removed, and he apparently wanted them left there where they had been used. We do not know Takamoto's number.

Yours truly,

PEMBERTON REALTY CORPORATION LIMITED

JG Walker
Manager, Rental Department

JGW:WH

File: 4009

Reg. #03353

EFFECTS BELONGING TO TSUMHICHI TAKEMOTO

- 1 5 Ft. round oak table ✓
- 1 Ice refrigerator (old) ✓ ~~check~~
- 5 Kitchen chairs ✓
- 1 6 Ft. couch *abandoned*
- 1 4 Hole gas stove (Gurney) ✓ ✓
- 1 McClary Kitchen Heater #9 ✓ ✓
- 1 Gas H. W. Heater } ✓
#30 H. W. Tank } *fixtures* ✓
- 1 Kitchen table ✓
- Counters and 1 large table ✓
- 3 sinks } *fixtures*
- 2 Toilets } *fixtures*
- 11 Rooms of Carpets (floor) ✓ - check ✓
- 21 Light Bulbs
- 6 Light Shades (Large) } *fixtures*

This is all the property I have in the restricted area of British Columbia. And the Chattels belonging to me which are stored in two rooms at 266 Powell Street Vancouver

Signed.....*T. Takemoto*.....

I have already filled out your regular "JP" form before I came here so I think I do not have to fill it out again.

*yes, very true
but it was a
no property card.*

Sold on file 6689.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

No. 138

EXHIBIT REPORT

HEADQUARTERS File No.

SUB-DIV'N and File No. Vancouver

DIVISION and File No.

DETACHMENT and File No. C.I.B.

(Jap. Reg. 0555)

DATE April 24th, 1944

Re: T. TAGUCHI

(Name of File)

On March 10th, 1942

(Date)

F.R. Jefferson, Cst.

(Member's Name)

Came into possession of the following described goods by

Handed over by S. YAMASHITA, 205 Gore Ave., Vancouver, B.C.
(State Authority from whom seized and place of seizure)

No. OF EXHIBIT	No. OF PACKAGES	CAPACITY OR MEAS.	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS
	1		Console, Sperton Radio, Model No. 10141, Serial No. 101,10,18.

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REMARKS: Handed over to the Custodian of Alien Property.

DATE APR 25 1944

(State briefly disposition)

CERTIFIED CORRECT

S. B. Spain, For Custodian. F.R. Jefferson, Reg. 10559, Cst.

(Signature of Receiver or Witness)

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Form 100A

EXHIBIT REPORT

No. 110 111

HEADQUARTERS File No.

SUB-DIV'N and File No. Vancouver

DIVISION and File No.

DETACHMENT and File No. Central

(J.A. 03353)

DATE May 27th 1944

Re: T. YAMAGUCHI

(Name of File)

On March 10th 1944

at U.S. Marine Club

(Address, Name)

Came into possession of the following described goods by

handed over by Shinsuke YAMAGUCHI, 205 G. St. Ave., Vancouver,

(State locality from which seized and place of seizure)

DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS

No. OF EXHIBIT	No. OF PARCELS	CAPACITY OR SER.	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS
	1		Table battery set, Radio, Model 826, Series 175266 (1)
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REMARKS: handed over to the Custodian of Alien Property.

(State briefly disposition)

DATE May 27th 1944

A. S. [Signature] Custodian

CERTIFIED CORRECT

[Signature]
Sgt. [Name] 10559-68

NAME YAKIMOTO, Tsurukichi

REGISTRATION NO. 03353

FILE NO. 4009

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 992 Powell St., Vancouver on May 9th, 1944.

Spartan Consul Radio

\$ 90.00

Total	(Auctioneer's Fee) \$ 9.00	
	(Advertising) 2.16	\$ 90.00
Less Expenses:	(Moving) 0.95	\$ 13.11
	(Storage) 1.00	
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$ 76.89

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Vills

Extracted from Auctioneering list No.

Vancouver 19.

Remarks.

NAME TAKEMOTO, Tsurukichi

REGISTRATION NO. 93353

FILE NO. 4999

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 992 Powell, Vancouver, B.C. on June 14, 1944.

Westinghouse metal battery

\$ 38.00

Total			<u>\$ 38.00</u>
Less Expenses:	(Auctioneer's Fee:	\$3.80	
	(Advertising:	0.90	
	(Moving:	0.43	
	(Storage:	<u>1.00</u>	
Net Proceeds Credited:			<u><u>\$ 31.87</u></u>

Members of Custodian Staff Present, Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 24

Remarks.

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August 11, 1954

MEMORANDUM

To: The File
From: Mr. Spain

Re: Mrs. T. TAKEMOTO
266 Powell Street

The following articles were recovered from the tenant, Mrs. Niemi:

- 1 Large Gas Stove
- 1 Large Coal stove
- 1 Kitchen table
- 4 Kitchen chairs

These articles were included in Vancouver Auction No. 504.

One kitchen cabinet was built-in and attached to the wall and left on the premises.

W. K. Spain

WKS/MAC

MEMORANDUM

File Nos. 6857, 4009, 7037

October 14th, 1944

To: The File

From: Mr. G.J. Spain

Re: Mrs. T. Takemoto
266 Powell Street

When removing the chattels from the above address
a couch was found to be in a very dilapidated con-
dition and it therefore had no value at auction.
This article was allowed to remain and was abandoned.

W. G. L. L. L. L.

GJS:EM

P.S. All chattels at the above address were moved
to Willard's auction room where they were in-
cluded in Vancouver auction #504

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P. O. Box 581,
Greenwood, B.C.
Sept. 5, 1946.

File Nos. 6689, 4009, 10438

Mr. H. F. Green,
Protection Dept.,
Dept. of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 19, 1945, in which you state that our belongs were sold, for the net total of three hundred and twenty five dollars. The chattels of the premises do not belong to Mr. I. SHIGEMATSU but only to ourselves.

I did not answer until now because your letter just made me mad enough not answer. Why did you sell without even consulting us. Isn't the method you're using like the Nazis? Do you think it is democratic? No! I certainly think you're just like the Fascists confiscating people's property, chasing them out of their homes, sending them out to a kind of a concentration camp, special registration cards, permits for travelling. Don't you think this is the method used in dictatorship countries. Democracy means no racial discrimination, or is it the very opposite. It certainly seems that way to me.

You did not even send us a letter asking us if wanted to sell or not did you? The total amount you sold our goods for is three hundred and sixty four dollars and twenty five cents. And the expenses. Auctioneers fee; advertising; moving; Who ordered you to do this? I know I didn't! Even though the government has power, has it the power to sell Canadian citizens' goods. I don't think there is any law to do that.

All the goods you sold, we would have gladly paid the freight if you sent it to us. These things are very valuable to us. The Japanese dishes, trays, etc., are not what you think they are. The total cost of the property we had in the premises is about \$3500.00. What do you think about that? Will you please tell me about how much is credited to my account?

This letter states that I did not wish you to sell my property at this terrible low rate. Please answer as soon as possible to my inquiry.

Thank you very much for your immediate attention.

Yours very truly,

"Mrs. Tsurukichi TAKEMOTO"
Reg. No. 03354
per S. TAKEMOTO.

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Sept. 17th, 1946.

Mr. Tsurukichi TAKEMOTO,
Reg. No. 03353,
P. O. Box 561,
GREENWOOD, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge receipt of your two letters of the 5th instant and regret to receive your complaint. In reply we would inform you that the property was liquidated in accordance with the Government regulations. In as Japanese who did not wish the chattels to be sold at auction had the privilege of having their things shipped to them. It was only necessary for you to apply to the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, at Greenwood, and they would have issued the regular Custodian Release forms. You had two years to take such steps but failed to do so.

With reference to your radios, an examination of the records shows the following positions:

The Westinghouse Mantel battery set was appraised by a radio appraiser
for the sum of \$10.00
It was sold at auction for the sum of 31.87

The Spartan Console radio set was appraised by a radio appraiser
for the sum of \$60.00
It was sold at auction for the sum of 76.89

The Price Control Board experts placed ceiling prices on all the radios we sold, and it would have been illegal to sell over that ceiling price.

We trust the foregoing explanation will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

G. B. Spain
Protection Department

GBS: BM

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Box 581,

Greenwood, B.C.

October 23, 1946.

Mrs. M. B. Spains,
Protection Department,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Recd.	OCT 25 1946
File No.	6689, 4009
Ans.	
Referred	Matheson

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 17, in which you state that my property was sold according to Government regulations and that if I had not wanted my chattels sold that it was necessary to ask the Department of Labour at Greenwood to have my property sent to me.

I definitely did ask the Japanese Division, then known as the B.C. Security Commission to have my chattels sent to me, but they definitely said that it was impossible to do so. I did not feel to do anything as you so state. I tried time and time again to have my chattels and radios sent to me, but they said it wasn't any use. And now you tell me that I should have done likewise.

I would appreciate it very much if you will send me a cheque for the full amount credited to me.

Net amount for chattels sold 325.56

Net amount for radios sold 108.76

net amount 434.32

You state that it is necessary to send you the receipts of the radios. I think that risk is too much for me to take. Even selling our chattels and radios was a state in the past, so I think if you will send the money to me I will then gladly send the receipts to you. To claim my ownership telling you the serial numbers is proof enough.

Yours very truly,

F. Takemoto

(per F. Takemoto)

No.

F. 113

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Series #

\$ 09397

March 10th

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Received from

Shuntaro Yamasaki

205 Gae Ave, Vancouver

in behalf of T. TAKEMOTO

1 - Console - Spartan Radio

Model # 10141

Series # 101410418

Dollars,

100

Signature

J. J. Miles Col

No.

F. 112

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Serial #
\$ 09397

March 10th 1942

Received from

Shuntaro Yamashita

205 Gore Ave, Vancouver

in behalf of T. Takemoto

1- Table Battery Set

Model ~~110~~ 826 Serial # 175266

Dollars,

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Signature

C. J. Keohane

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Box 581,
Greenwood, B. C.
November 27, 1946.

Mr. F. Matheson,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 5 and also a cheque for Three hundred twenty-five dollars and fifty six cents (\$325.56).

Although I have accepted this cheque, I do so with many complaints. For one the amount for the cheque is only a small fraction of what the chattels are really worth. Years of hard labour were put in to get the chattels worth over three thousand dollars. I trusted these fixtures to you, that you would take care of them until this matter was cleared up. If I did ask you to sell my personal property, I would gladly accept the cheque but since this is not the case I am not doing so.

The cheque remains uncashed until you inform me what you are going to do about this matter. Your immediate answer to this letter will be greatly appreciated.

I am enclosing two receipts which I received when I surrendered two radios to the R.C.M.P. Please send the money to me. But please note that this cheque is not the real value of the radios.

I am definitely not accepting them as full payment for the chattels and radios.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) Y. Takemoto
Per S.T.