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BUREAU HASTINGS PARK  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE No. 4132

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: **MURAO, Tokujiro**  
HOME ADDRESS: **Box 405, Steveston, B. C.**  
REGISTRATION NUMBER: **04633** SEX: **Male** AGE: **40**  
OCCUPATION: **Fisherman**

(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: **MASAKO 5717**

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: **Same address**

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: **NAGAKO (F), MICHITAKA (M), SETSOYO (F)**  
**OSAMU (M), YOSHIKO (F)**

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: **Same address**

AGE OF CHILDREN: **10, 8, 6, 4 years, 9 months**

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are)

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable)

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

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS:

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST:

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

**STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED**

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: **Cabin, Steveston, B. C.**

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: **The Canadian Fish Company, Steveston, B. C.**

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: **5 cents per fish**

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:

**Furniture and Household effects valued at \$200.00**

**in cabin at Steveston, B. C. , in own care.**

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

- 4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF OTHERS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. BANK ACCOUNTS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. LIFE INSURANCE: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIABILITIES:**

- 1. PERSONAL DEBTS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. TRADE DEBTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I certify that the above information is true and complete and fully discloses all my property of every description in any protected area in British Columbia and sets forth all my liabilities direct and indirect.

Dated this 18th day of April 1942.

Kamman

Witness

(Signature) J. Muras

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

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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date

June 16/43

Our File No.

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Full Name

MURAO,

Tokujiro (Deceased)

(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No.

04633

Male - Female  
(check)

Age

Jan. 20, 1903

Former Address

Box 405, Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated

13/6/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(check)

Present Address

Greenwood, B.C.

Died in Vancouver Gen. Hospital on June 20/47

Married - Single  
(check)

Name of Wife

Masako #04634

Name of Husband

-

Name of Mother

(<sup>nee</sup>NAKANO) Maki

Name of Father

Jimomatsu

Names of Children under 16

Magako (F) Oct. 6/31

Muchitaka (M) May 10/33 Setsuy (F) Sept. 26, 1935

Osamu (M) May 23/38 Yoshiko (F) May 22/41

Requested by

(Signature)

Registered with Custodian

Yes  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Fisherman Owner of 2124 N.W.

Naval Control N.W. 014-6.

10/27

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 4132

Sept. 11/45

RE: Tokujiro MURAO

This file reveals that the above owned no real property in the protected area.

This file reveals no evidence of fire insurance carried on any property belonging to this man.

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

*R. B. Mackenzie*

R. B. Mackenzie

Sept. 11/45

LIABILITIES SUMMARY

File No. 4132

Sept. 12/45

RE: Tokutiro MURAO

Two claims were registered against the above, one by the Vancouver General Hospital in the sum of \$7.50 and the other by the B. C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd. in the sum of \$1.04. These debts were acknowledged in his letter of July 8th, 1944 and were paid by us on July 12th, 1944.

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

*R. B. Mackenzie*

R. B. Mackenzie

Sept. 12/45

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 4132

October 26, 1945.

Re: Tokujiro MURAO, Reg. 04633

This man, who was evacuated on June 13, 1942, signed a declaration to the Custodian on April 15, 1942.

FURNITURE:

The only personal property declared by him was furniture and household effects to the value of \$200.00. As stated in the Chattels Summary, no chattels were found when the Custodian investigated his former residence, which was owned by the Canadian Fishing Company Ltd. The file does not reveal when the Custodian's representative visited these premises.

FISHING GEAR:

Although this man declared no nets or other fishing gear, nets and cork lines to the value of \$140.00 were sold and were credited to his account. Of this sum \$105.00 was received from Canadian Fishing Company who reported the gear as the property of Tokujiro MURAO. The remainder of the gear sold was removed from Gulf of Georgia Cannery, and probably was also identified as the property of this man by the cannery officials. At any rate the only persons, other than this man, named "T. Murao" were unlikely to have stored their fishing gear at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery. Our records would indicate that the proceeds from the sale of this fishing gear has been correctly credited.

VESSEL:

The fishing vessel "T.M." described in Vessels Summary was sold through the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee by Tokujiro MURAO, and the net proceeds of \$418.25 were paid to him direct, by the Committee, on April 8, 1942.

This file reveals no other assets, belonging to this man, of any kind.

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

OCTOBER 27, 1945.

FM

*R. B. MacKeddie*



CHATELS SUMMARY

File No. 4132

October 27, 1945.

Rai Tokujiro MURAO, Reg. No. 04611

In his declaration to the Custodian, this man stated that he owned furniture and household effects valued at \$200.00. None of these effects were found at his former residence by Custodian representative, and it is assumed that he had disposed of his chattels before his evacuation.

While he declared no nets, the Canadian Fishing Company Ltd. sent to the Custodian cheques for \$90.00 and \$15.00, in July and October, 1942, in payment of a net and of cork lines, which had been stored by this man at Gulf of Georgia Cannery.

Later nets, Custodian Nos. 905 and 906, were sold at prices of \$5.00 and \$30.00, respectively. These had been removed from Gulf of Georgia Cannery and were tagged with the name "T. Murao". A search of the files of three other men (the only persons of this name in Custodian records) all of whom were fishermen, shows that none of these would be likely to have nets stored at Gulf of Georgia. Therefore, these funds have been credited to this account, although Tokujiro MURAO has not at any time declared ownership of nets.

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

OCTOBER 27, 1945.

*R. J. MacNeil*

MURAO, Tokujiro,  
Registration No. 04633,  
File No. 4132.

January 24, 1944.

NET STATEMENT

<u>Cust. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Japanese Value</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
905	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 5 - 100 fa.	\$25.00	\$ 5.00
906	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 50 - 300 fa.	75.00	30.00
904	150 fa. cork line	20.00	15.00 ✓
Cannery	4/40 x 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ x 50 - 150	90.00	<u>90.00</u> ✓
	TOTAL SALES.....		\$140.00

Files of the other men named "T. Murao", indicated that this man is the only one who would be likely to have stored fishing gear at Gulf of Georgia Cannery, the place from which the above gear was removed.

October 27, 1945.

*J. MacLellan*

FM

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SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: Jan. 11, 1944  
Name: Tokujiro MURAO Reg. No. 04633 File: 4132  
Boat File No.: JFVDC 343  
Name of Vessel: "T.M." 1186 28'x6'7"x3'(1934) Vivian 6 HP  
Lic. or Reg. No.: New Westminster 2124  
Naval No.: NW.014-E  
Owner's Valuation: \$850.00  
JFVDC Valuation: \$460.00 (with drum) Survey #38  
Custodian Valuation: No appraisal  
Date of Sale: April 2, 1942  
Purchaser: Cassiar Packing Co.Ltd.  
Signature on Sales Papers: Tokujiro MURAO  
Selling Price: \$425.00  
Paid to JFVDC ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ \$425.00  
Supervision Costs: \$6.75  
Balance due Owner: \$418.25  
Paid to: T. Murao on April 8, 1942.  
Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster  
Claims Against Canadian Govt.:  
Repairs - Star Shipyard Job. #3 - \$133.21 (Paid)

Additional Information:

*Reviewed  
Oct 26/45  
JMN*

*J Maclean*

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May 22nd, 1944

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Tokuhiro MURAO - Reg. No. 04633

CREDITORS:-

- [Handwritten signature]*
1. Vancouver General Hospital..... \$ 7.50
  2. B. C. Electric Railway Co. .... 1.04

*no claims on wife's file*  
*[Signature]*  
*14.6.44*

Cr. Bal. .... \$140.00  
22/5/44

/ND

C L A I M

File No. 4132

DATE

Nov. 6/42.

CREDITOR

Vancouver General Hospital

DEBTOR

MURAO, T., Mr.

AMOUNT OWING

\$7.50

AGENT

ORIGINAL FILE

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COPY: Mr. F. G. Shears

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REGISTERED

October 27, 1945.

Mr. Tokujiro MURAO,  
Registration No. 04633,  
GREENWOOD, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Custodian cheque in the amount of \$131.46 has gone forward to you through the Department of Labour, Japanese Division. This cheque represents all funds standing to your credit with this office.

Your file has been reviewed and it is noted that in your declaration to the Custodian, dated April 15, 1942, you stated that you were the owner of furniture and household effects. When representatives of this office visited your former residence, following your evacuation in June, 1942, no furniture or household effects were found. It is assumed that you had disposed of your chattels before your evacuation.

Although you declared no fishing gear of any kind, nets and cork line, as shown in the Net Statement attached, were sold and, as these were reported to be your property, the proceeds of the sales were credited to your account.

According to information supplied to this office, the fishing vessel "T.M.", New Westminster Licence 2124, was sold by you through the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee, and the net proceeds of \$418.25 paid to you on April 8, 1942.

Two claims were filed against you, The Vancouver General Hospital - \$7.50 and the B. C. Electric Railway Company Ltd. - \$1.04. These claims were acknowledged by you and were paid through this office on July 12, 1944, from funds standing to your credit.

The total sum credited to your account was \$140.00, and from this we have paid out \$8.54, which leaves a credit balance of \$131.46, and this sum has been remitted to you as stated.

It would appear that we have accounted for all property of every kind left by you in the protected area which vested in the Custodian, and in order that you may confirm this and acknowledge the cheque which we have sent to you, we enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for your convenience in replying.

Yours truly,

FM

R. B. Mackenzie,  
Protection Department.

Enclosure (1)

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EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd JUL 18 1947

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Ans.

Referred [Signature]

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - CANADA

JAPANESE DIVISION

Date: July 17/47

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

Dear Sirs:

Please be advised that (NAME) MURAO, Tokujiro  
(REGISTRATION NO.) 04633 died at (PLACE) Vancouver General  
Hospital  
on (DATE) June 20/47.

This is for your information.

Yours truly,

[Signature]  
M.L. Brown  
Office Manager