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## BUREAU HASTINGS PARK

FORM 100

FILE NO.

4209

EXHIBIT NO.

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DATE

OCT 8 1946

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

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: UMEMOTO YASUO.

HOME ADDRESS: 2316, Wall Street, Vancouver, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 02234. SEX: Male. AGE: 62.

OCCUPATION: Retired.

(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: None.

MARRIED? Yes.

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Haru.

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND 2316, Wall Street, Vancouver, B.C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: None.

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN:

AGE OF CHILDREN:

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Municipality of Pitt Meadows.

The East Half of Lot 3 of the South Half of Section 4, Block 5, North, Range 1, East, Map 4741, being all that portion of Lot 3 lying to the East of a straight line bisecting the north and south boundaries in District of New Westminster. Title No. 105188 E. (From Cert. No. 86390 E.)

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: Pitt Meadows, B.C.

1 Room Shack.

1 Woodshed.

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) \$7.08, plus Dyking Tax \$7.12 paid in 1941 paid at Corporation of Pitt Meadows, B.C.

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

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

Self.



7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS. In own possession.
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST. None.
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN. Potatoes on about half an acre.

#### STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION. 2316, Wall Street, Vancouver, B.C.
- Dwelling House.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS. Agent, W.H. Gallagher, 448, West Pender, Vancouver.

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID. \$15.00 per month paid up to date.

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE. 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.

At 2316, Wall Street, Vancouver, B.C.

1 Sewing Machine, 2 Double Beds, Springs and Mattresses, 1 Single Bed and Mattress, 1 Bureau, 2 Tables, 6 Chairs, 1 Wicker Chair, 2 Boxes Kitchen Utensils, 1 Box Laundry Utensils, 2 Boxes containing miscellaneous personal effects, 2 Boxes Carpenter's Tools, 1 Chesterfield Set (3), 1 Kitchen Stove, 1 Heating Stove, 1 Lamp.

2 Farmer's Tools (Axe, Shovel, Mattock, etc, etc.)

2 Boxes Books.

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: \$1,000.00 Fire Insurance.

Sentinel Fire Insurance Co. Agent A.W. McLeod Ltd, 402. Pender Street, Vancouver. Policy No. 72282. In own possession. Expires May 25th. 1942.

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: \$2,016.00 in Bank of Montreal, Main and Hastings, Vancouver, B.C.

9. LIFE INSURANCE: None.

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 15th day of April 1942.

(Signature)

G. Unsworth

Dorothy M. Chope

Witness

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



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date July 23, 1943

Our File No. 4209

Full Name U MEMOTO, Yasuzo  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 02234

Male - Female  
(check)

Age Mr. 2, 880

Former Address 2316 Wall St., Vancouver, B.C.

Date Evacuated 2/9/42.

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(check)

Present Address

Deceased  
Died at St. Mary's BC on Oct 16/43

Married - Single  
(check)

Name of Wife Han #02235

Name of Husband —

Name of Mother — Name of Father —

Names of Children under 16 Yasuo - #04666  
Shina #00932

Requested by L

Registered with Custodian  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Retired - Ground at  
Little Meadows - also automobile



REAL PROPERTY SUMMARYDATE OCT 22 1943

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V.L.A. B.C. 511-P

JAPANESE NAME: Yasuo UMEMOTO - - Reg. No. 02234. *d. Oct 16.43 at Slocan.*

CATALOGUE NO: Part of The Director The Veterans' Land Act first offer.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: Nothing on file showing the location of the property and supplementing its legal description;

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The East half of Lot 3 of the South half of Section 4 Block 5 North Range 1 East Map 4741 being all that portion of said Lot 3 lying to the East of a straight line bisecting the North and South boundaries thereof, Municipality of Pitt Meadows, D.N.W.

TITLE: In the name of Yasuo UMEMOTO.

ENCUMBRANCE: Vesting 24322, 16th July 1942.

ASSESSED VALUE: 8.64 acres.  
Land \$300.00  
Improvements \$ 50.00 Total \$350.00 Taxes Municipal - \$6.83,  
Dyking \$7.86.CLASSIFICATION: No inspectors report on file. The owner declared  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre in potatoes with a 1 room shack and wood shed.

HISTORY OF ADMINISTRATION: Lease dated 9th June 1943, Secretary of State to Harold H. DALE covering the period of 1st June to 31st December 1943, for \$7.50 paid to the Custodian and allowed as rental to The Director The Veterans' Land Act.

SOLD: To The Director The Veterans' Land Act for \$82.00 as at 1st January 1943.  
Approval of Advisory Committee 1st June 1943.

FUNDS: Released to the credit of Yasuo UMEMOTO, sale price \$82.00, less Certificate of Encumbrance \$1.00, registration fee \$3.00, legal fee \$15.00, taxes \$16.03, total \$35.03. Net amount released \$46.97.

TITLE: Included in C. of T. 166855-E and payment of consideration included in cheque to the Custodian dated 28th February 1944.

NOTE: Yasuo UMEMOTO died at Slocan on October 15, 1943. There is on file a translation of Will in Japanese dated 1941, by which he bequeathed all his estate to his wife, Haru, and provided that the Estate pass to his son, Yaichi, when the latter became 21 years of age. Yasuo UMEMOTO declared no living children, but his wife Haru stated that there were 4 children, Fumi, Yaichi, Iaye and Shima aged 30, 28, 25 and 23 years respectively. The only son, Yaichi, is ~~not~~ registered with the police and his address is given as Jackfish, Ontario. It may be noted that his age



given as 28 cannot be reconciled with the provision in the Will that the Estate should pass to him when he became of age. We wrote Mrs. UMEMOTO on April 18th 1944, suggesting that she should apply to the Official Administrator at New Westminster to have the Will probated. We have no information that this has been done and as the interest of Yasuo UMEMOTO was vested prior to his decease and has been transmitted to The Secretary of State and conveyed by Deed to The Director The Veterans' Land Act, it does not appear that any acting as to probate of Will is required.

It is, however, necessary that we obtain authority to pay the net proceeds of the sale of the property to the son, Yaichi UMEMOTO, and this authority, in conformity with the Will given by Hara UMEMOTO, Yayo OYAMA (nee UMEMOTO) and Shima UMEMOTO, with signatures witnessed, has now been received and on file 4209.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file and on record by accounting department.

DATED May 17th, 1946.

*William H. H. H. H.*

IM:ML



GENERAL SUMMARY

File No. 4209

Yasuzo UMEMOTO, Dec'd.

Reg. No. 02234

Yasuzo UMEMOTO died at Slocan, B. C. on October 16, 1943. He is survived by his widow, Haru, file #8961; one son, George Yaichi, file #3565; and two daughters, Iaye, file #9006, and Shima, file #9007.

The deceased declared that he owned a parcel of land at Pitt Meadows, on which was situated a one-roomed shack. This property was sold to the V. L. A. for a net amount of \$46.97. Details of the administration of this property appear on the Real Property Summary on file.

The deceased declared chattels at 2316 Wall Street, Vancouver, but these were not found and the tenant at that address stated that there was no Japanese property in the building when she moved in. It is assumed that these goods were disposed of by the owner prior to his evacuation.

There is on file a Certified Copy of the translation of the Will of the deceased in which he left all his property to his widow, Haru, until his son, Yaichi became of age. At the time of his death, Yaichi was twenty-nine years of age and would, therefore, under the terms of the Will, have inherited the proceeds from the sale of the Real Property. In view of the small amount involved, it was suggested to the other natural heirs that they might sign a form of consent for the funds to be paid to Yaichi UMEMOTO. Forms signed by the widow and two daughters were received and the funds in the account of the deceased were transferred to the account of George Yaichi UMEMOTO in this office.

*he don't know what the deceased meant by "of age"*

The file indicates that the deceased owned a motor-vehicle but disposed of it prior to evacuation.

No claims appear on this file.

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

*A. Chavira*

February 26, 1947.

/AC

\* NOTE:

UPON CHECKING WITH THE BANK OF MONTREAL WE FIND THAT THEY HAVE NO RECORD OF THE ACCOUNT DECLARED BY THE DECEASED.

*AC*



FIRE INSURANCE SUMMARY

File No. 4209

Re: Yasuo UEMOTO

Reg. No. 02234.

No record of any insurance on file.

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

*J. Sullivan*

DATED March 15th, 1946.

IN:ML



LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 4209

Re: Kasuo UMEMOTO

Reg. No. 02234.

No record of any liabilities on file.

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

*Indacophaan*

DATED March 15th, 1946.

IN:ML



MEMORANDUM: File 4209

February 10, 1944

Re: Yasuzo UMEMOTO. Reg. 02234

With reference to automobile reported by RCMP, there is no record that this vehicle, or any other belonging to this man, was surrendered to the police.

He did not declare ownership of a motor-vehicle, which would indicate that he had disposed of his car before he registered.

In this connection, one "UMEMOTO" did transfer a Chevrolet Tudor to a non-Japanese through the Vancouver Office of the Provincial Police on March 10, 1942.

*J. Macdonald*



Extract from Lease No. 640.

File No. 4209.

Lessor: Yasuzo UMEMOTO.

Lessee: Harold A. DALE.

Date: 9th June, 1943.

Term: 7 months from 1st June, 1943 to 31st December, 1943.

Consideration: \$7.50 cash. No taxes.

Property:

Land: E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 3 of S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 4 Block 5 N, Range 1 E, Map 4741,  
lying to the East of a straight line bisecting the north and  
south boundaries. C. of T. 105188 E, Municipality of Pitt Meadows.

Buildings: Included.

Lease handed to S.S.B. 22/7/43.



UNEMOTO, Yasuji No. 02234.  
Chattel - 2316, Wall St.

- 1 Sewing Machine
- 2 Double Bed & Spring Mattresses
- 1 Single Bed & Mattress
- 1 Bureau
- 2 Tables
- 6 Chairs
- 1 Wicker Chair
- 2 Brass Kit. Wrenches
- 2 Brass Various Personal Goods
- 2 Brass Carpenter Tools
- 1 Chesterfield sink (3 ft)
- 1 Kitchen Stove
- 1 Heating Stove
- 1 Lamp
- 1 Farmer's tools
- 2 Brass Hooks

Still in residence  
17/7/42



**Norris & MacLennan**

BARRISTERS AT LAW, SOLICITORS  
NOTARIES PUBLIC

T. G. NORRIS, K.C.

J. A. MACLENNAN, LL.B.

CABLE ADDRESS: "NORRIS"  
VANCOUVER, CANADA  
TELEPHONE: PACIFIC 5284

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA BUILDING  
602 HASTINGS ST. WEST

VANCOUVER, B. C.

November 16, 1943

EVACUATION SECTION	
NOV 17 1943	
Rec'd	
File No.	4207
Ans.	W.A.
Referred	<i>Richardson</i>

*Richardson*  
*Anderson*

The Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir: re East-half of Lot 3, Section 4, Block 5,  
District of New Westminster, Register  
Volume 105188E.

We are in receipt of a communication from our  
Client Miss Shima Umemoto, enclosing a document which  
she advises is a Will of her father who died on October  
15th, 1943.

She informs us that the above property, which  
is written in the Will in English, is bequeathed to her  
mother Haru Umemoto and to her brother Yaichi Umemoto.  
You should have knowledge of this fact in the event of  
any dealings with the property.

If you wish to examine the Will, please let  
us know and we would be glad to permit you to examine  
it but must take it away with us immediately as our  
Client has asked for its return.

Yours truly,

NORRIS & MACLENNAN,

per *J. A. MacLennan*

JAM/CK

P.S. We should have mentioned that the Will, except  
for the description of the property, is entirely  
written in Japanese.



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REGISTERED MAIL

December 3, 1943.

Messrs. Norris & MacLennan,  
Barristers & Solicitors,  
Bank of Nova Scotia Building,  
602 Hastings Street West,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Yasuzo UMEMOTO.

Enclosed herewith please find the original  
Will of the late subject Japanese.

We thank you for your cooperation in supply-  
ing us with this document and we have also enclosed  
a Certified Copy of Translation for your information.

Yours very truly,

W. E. Anderson,  
Farm Department.

Enc.2.  
WEA/EG



File No. 4209

April 17, 1944.


MEMORANDUM.

To: The File.

From: A. G. McArthur.

Re: Yasuo UMEMOTO (Deceased). Oct 15743

Mr. McLennan stated over the telephone that he is not acting for the beneficiaries of this estate. That he was at one time approached relative to it and advised the next of kin that they should make application for probate of the will, but that he returned the will to them and he has no further information in this regard.



AGM:AS



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April 18, 1944.

Mrs. Haru UMEMOTO,  
Registration No. 02235,  
Bay Farms,  
Slocan, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Sometime ago your daughter, Shima, forwarded the Will of your husband to Norris and MacLennan, Barristers and Solicitors. This firm informs us that they had same translated and returned as it will be necessary to have this Will probated before any funds belonging to the estate can be released.

We would suggest that you apply to the Official Administrator, New Westminster, B. C., to have the Will probated in view of the small size of the estate.

Yours truly,

W. E. Anderson,  
Farm Department.

WEA/EG



Farm Appraisal ReportFile No. J.L.450

Land Description The E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 3 or S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec.4 Blk.5N Rge.1E Map 4741, being all that ptn.of said Lot 3 lying to east of a straight line bisecting the north & south boundaries thereof, NWD Containing 8.64 Acres

Owner's Name UMEMOTO, YasunoPost Office Address Pitt Meadows, B.C.Nearest Rail Point Pitt Meadows, C.P.RailwayDistance 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles.Market Town Pitt Meadows 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. New Westminster, B.C.Distance 14 "Church (give denomination) C.of E. & Presbyterian at Pitt M.Distance 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  "Nearest School Pitt Meadows. School bus picks up children.Distance 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  "State how property was identified: South West corner located and map and road check.

Roads: State whether property has access to main road, the kind of road and its condition.

EXHIBIT No. 1173-2DATE Oct. 29, 1948FILED BY A.G. GheraProperty has access to Ford Road but off, gravelled.Is this district a good one? Fair. Improving every year, mostly dairy farms.Employment opportunity Fair at Hammond and Haney mills and brick plant, also peat plant.Predominating Nationality and religion: British Protestant with a number of Europeans in area.Describe Fencing and its condition: No fencing.

Value \$

Water supply: No water. Majority use spring on Ford Road one mile distant.

Value \$

BUILDINGS ON FARM

BUILDINGS	DIMENSIONS	MATERIAL	HEIGHT	ROOF	AGE	Foundation	REPAIR	VALUATION
<del>HOUSE</del> Shack	10 x 14	Frame	8'	Shingle	8	Cedar Blks.	Poor	\$25.00
Woodshed	9 x 12	Pole & shake	8'	Shake	8	Poles on ground.	"	nil.
BARN	X							
	X							
BARN	X							
	X							
GRANARY	X							
	X							
	X							
	X							
	X							

No electric light available.Total present day value \$ 25.00Total Value Buildings add to farm Two-roomed shack\$ 25.00Is dwelling habitable without repairs? -

If not what is your approximate estimate of cost to make it

habitable? Needs new set of buildings.

\$

Describe the basement and chimneys: Stovepipe, no basement.No. rooms downstairs? 2 Upstairs? Nil How finished Ship lap lined.Are buildings painted? No.Condition of paint -Distance from nearest bush Unexposed.

Note: Particular care must be taken when examining and reporting on foundations, sills and roofs.



ACRES	LEVEL, UNULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP	VALUE PER ACRE	TOTAL
.75	Level	3' Peat	Clay	Canary reed grass and growing up in places to willow and hardhack.	\$25.	\$18.75
Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking.						
	LEVEL, UNULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL		VALUE PER ACRE	
Area which can be cultivated after a reasonable amount of clearing timber, stones, drainage, etc.						
7.89	LEVEL, UNULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	NATURE OF RECLAMATION NECESSARY	RECLAMATION COST PER ACRE	VALUE PER ACRE
	Level	3-4' of peat.	Clay	Hardhack and scrub pine.	\$75. an acre up.	\$5.
Area Unsuitable for Cultivation.						
CHARACTER OF LAND E. G. HILLY, SWAMPY, ROCKY.			NATURE OF TIMBER IF ANY AND WHETHER MARKETABLE		VALUE OF LAND PER ACRE	

8.64 acs.

Total value of Land \$ 58.20

Total added by buildings to value of farm \$ 25.00

Total fruit trees add to value of farm (for use in orchard districts only) \$

Total value of farm \$ 83.20

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied:  
Property has not been occupied for a year, according to neighbours and is undeveloped peat land subject to Dyke Tax with a small 2-roomed shack and no drinking water.

State most suitable type of agriculture for farm bearing in mind the district's limitations, if any.  
Owing to limited acreage and type of land do not consider this land suitable for any type of farming owing to its proximity to the peat bog.

Noxious weeds: Some thistles.

Give approximate detail and Corporation of District of Pitt Meadows, B.C.  
amount of all annual taxes and Land assessed at \$300.00  
names of Taxing Authorities: Improvements at 100.00 \$400. 1942 Taxes \$6.82.  
Maple Ridge Dyking District.  
8.64 "High" Dyking Tax. \$13.56. No drainage tax.

Date: 4th July, 1942.  
Place: New Westminster, B.C.

I certify that the above report is based on a personal examination  
of the whole farm made on the 2nd day of July 19 42.

Inspector's Signature

"L. B. PLUMBLY"

Note: (Use Form 43 (Sheet 2) in connection with this form.)



**Farm Appraisal Report UMEMOTO, Y.**

**Remarks:** This is an undeveloped property subject to Dyke Tax on the edge of the peat bog. Part of the property is quite peaty but land around the edge of the drainage ditch would appear to have less depth of peat.

There is no drinking water or well on this place and water is fetched from spring on Ford Road about a mile distant. No electric light available.

The small area cleared is growing up again to willow and canary reed grass. Balance of land has been slashed over and has a few scattered scrub pine trees.

**(FOR ORCHARD LANDS ONLY)**

**REMARKS:** re general lie of land, fertility of soil, irrigation, drainage or dyking and reclamation.

**ANNUAL COST OF IRRIGATION, DYKING AND DRAINAGE.****ORCHARDS, SMALL FRUITS, ETC.**

(Give number, age, variety and condition of all tree fruits, condition and area of each kind of small fruits.)

**Present Value**

\$

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**Total \$**

Amount fruit trees add to value of farm \$

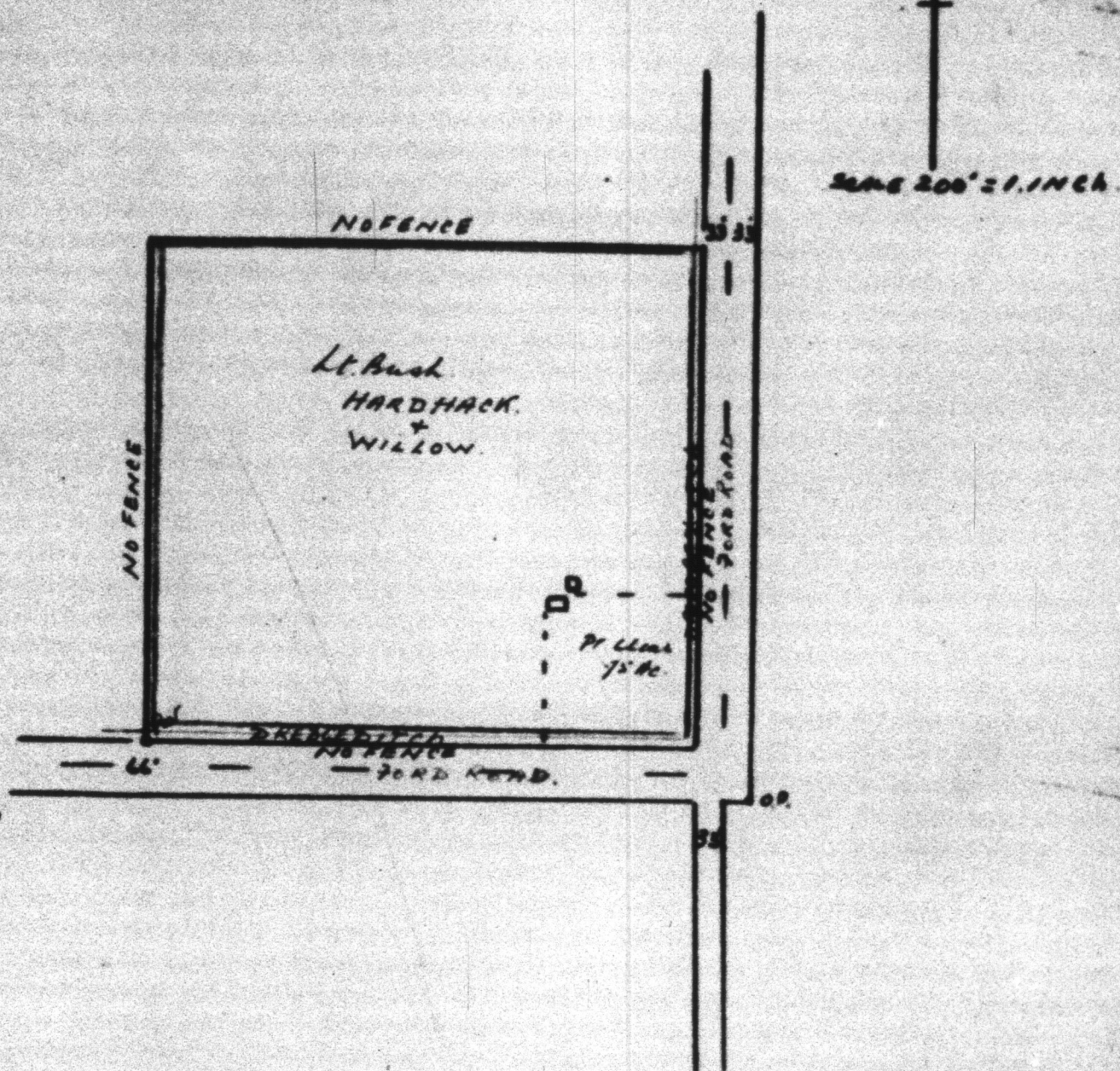


Diagram of Property

YASUZO UMEMOTO.

The E 1/2 of Lot 3 of the S 1/2 of SEC 4 BIX'S N R 1 E Map 4741  
 being all that portion of said Lot 3 lying to the  
 EAST of a straight line bisecting the NORTH  
 and SOUTH boundaries thereof N.W.D.

8.64 ACRES



Scale 200' = 1. INCH.

Following careful review of this appraisal report, it is my opinion that the present  
 value is \$ 100.00

Date 8th July 1942

"I. T. BARNET"  
 District Superintendent.



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SOLDIER SETTLEMENT and VETERANS' LAND ACT

File No. **BC/5113**  
**(JL-488)**

Vancouver, B.C.  
**FEB 25 1944**

A.G. Duncan Crux, Esq.,  
Randall Building,  
535 West Georgia St.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

*U M E MOTO, Vancouver*

Dear Sir:-

Re: The E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 3 of the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 4,  
Blk. 5 N., Rge. 1 East, Map 4741, being  
all that por. of Lot 3 lying E. of a  
straight line bisecting N. & S. halves  
thereof. MUNICIPALITY OF PITT MEADOWS

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Duplicate  
Certificate of Title No. **166955E** of the New Westminster  
Land Registry Office for the above parcel of land in the  
name of The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

Included in the Veterans' Land Act cheque  
for \$ **8,817.27** in favour of The Secretary of State,  
forwarded to you and dated **February 28, 1944**, is the  
amount of the purchase price in full of the above land  
arrived at as follows:-

Purchase Price	- \$	<b>82.00</b>
Less arrears of taxes to January 1st, 1943,	- \$	<b>16.03</b>
Amount paid to Secretary of State -	\$	<b>65.97</b> ✓

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of the  
purchase price by signing the receipt on the duplicate hereof  
and return it to me.

Yours truly,

*W.K. Chandler*

W.K. Chandler,  
LEGAL ADVISER.

WKC/W

RECEIVED Cheque covering the purchase  
price in full of the land above described.

**FEB 25 1944**

Date

Solicitor for  
The Secretary of State



MAY 3 - 1945

# DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

## OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

### JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

File No. 4209  
Reg. No. 02234

506 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Mr. Yasuzo UMEMOTO, (Deceased)

Dear Sir:

Re: Municipality of Pitt Meadows - The East Half of Lot 3 of the South Half of Section 4 Block North Range 1 East Map 4741 being all that portion of said lot 3 lying to the east of a straight line bisecting the north and south boundaries thereof, District of New Westminster, C. of E. 52484.

You have previously been advised that a sale of lands in rural districts was entered into between this Department and The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

Due to the size of this transaction, the arrangements for same and the completion of the transfer have taken a considerable time. Negotiations were started in the early part of 1943 and were based upon valuations made by qualified appraisers and on the basis of a sale effective as at January 1st of that year. This means that the 1943 revenues from the property were for the benefit of the purchasers, but that taxes, fire insurance and other operating charges were assumed by them.

The following is a statement showing the sale price and adjustments:

Sale price of above described property	\$ 82.00	
Add:		
Unexpired insurance premium as at January 1st, 1943		82.00
Less:		
Tax arrears to December 31st, 1942	\$ 16.03	
Registration fee	3.00	19.03
Encumbrance—Principal		
—Interest		
Net proceeds of sale		62.97

This amount has been placed to your credit and a statement of your account is endorsed hereon showing the present balance on our books. A small amount for legal fees in connection with the conveyance to the Veterans' land will be charged later.

Yours truly,  
F. G. SHEARS,  
Director.



OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Dr. Cr. Balance

1943

Jan. 1 Cr. re Sale of Property

62.97

Land Registry Office  
Certificate of Encumbrance 1.00

61.97 Cr.



# Will.

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I gave here by bequest to my wife  
Hara. My Entire assets and estate  
after my death.

2 If Hara Dies before me This Document  
to be Scrapped.

Entire Sum Deposited at Bank of Montreal  
Located at Corner of the Hastings Street  
and Main Street. (principal deposit. Interest  
included,

Estate,

Pit Meadow, B.C.

Eight (8) Acre and  $\frac{4}{6}$ .

East Half of Lot 3. Section 4 Block 5  
in the District of New Westminster.  
Register Vol 105188.E.

FROM Certificate No 89390.E.

\$1000.00 = One Thousand Dollars Life Insurance.  
Policy of Monarch Insurance Co.

Agreement drawn Sept 27th 1933.  
to be matured on Sept 27th 1953.



Residence. House. Furniture automobile, &c.  
in Japan.

Estate. Residential House. and all  
belongings.  
at. No 391. Asago Mura.  
Numage Gun. Yamaguchi Ken.  
Japan.

I have owe No Debt of any sort to  
any one, and No one's Claim None,  
after I'm gone.

Above is my true Statement, and  
my wife Haru shall take my place  
after my death. and Give all this  
assets & Estate to Son Yaechi  
when he become of Age. leg # 04795

to my wife Haru,  
from Husband Yaechi,

Dated at 1941.

I declare  
Declared before me This is true translation of what Yaechi, Haru, &c.  
this first day of  
December 1941  
Daw Brown

Translated by T. U. Higashida,

Translated By  
J. U. Higashida  
A Notary Public in and for the  
Province of British Columbia



8961

I, Haru UMEMOTO, widow of the late Yasuo UMEMOTO, who died at Slocan, on the 15th day of October 1943, do hereby agree and consent to the payment by the Custodian of Enemy Property of any monies owing to the estate of the said Yasuo UMEMOTO and in the hand of the Custodian to Yaichi UMEMOTO, son of the deceased and heir by virtue of an instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said Yasuo UMEMOTO. This consent applies particularly to the proceeds of the sale of the East half of Lot 3 of the South half of Section 4 Block 5 North Range 1 East Map 4741, being all that portion of said Lot 3 lying to the East of a straight line bisecting the North and East boundaries thereof, in the Municipality of Pitt Meadows, in the Province of British Columbia.

TORONTO IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO  
DATED at ~~Slocan in the Province of British Columbia~~ this 8

day of May 1946.

Mrs Edith Moses  
Witness

Haru Umemoto

53 Gloucester St  
Address

Toronto Ontario



9007

I, Shima UMEMOTO, daughter of the late Yasuo UMEMOTO, who died at Slesan, on the 15th day of October 1943, do hereby agree and consent to the payment by the Custodian of Enemy Property of any monies owing to the estate of the said Yasuo UMEMOTO and in the hand of the Custodian to Yaichi UMEMOTO, son of the deceased and heir by virtue of an instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said Yasuo UMEMOTO. This consent applies particularly to the proceeds of the sale of the East half of Lot 3 of the South half of Section 4 Block 5 North Range 1 East Map 4741, being all that portion of said Lot 3 lying to the East of a straight line bisecting the North and East boundaries thereof, in the Municipality of Pitt Meadows, in the Province of British Columbia.

TORONTO IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

DATED at ~~Slesan in the Province of British Columbia~~ this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1946.

Mrs Edith Moses  
Witness

Shima Umemoto

53 Gloucester St  
Address

Toronto Ontario



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I, Yaye UMEMOTO, daughter of the late Yasuo UMEMOTO, who died at Slocan, on the 15th day of October 1943, do hereby agree and consent to the payment by the Custodian of Enemy Property of any monies owing to the estate of the said Yasuo UMEMOTO and in the hand of the Custodian to Yaichi UMEMOTO, son of the deceased and heir by virtue of an instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said Yasuo UMEMOTO. This consent applies particularly to the proceeds of the sale of the East half of Lot 3 of the South half of Section 4 Block 5 North Range 1 East Map 4741, being all that portion of said Lot 3 lying to the East of a straight line bisecting the North and East boundaries thereof, in the Municipality of Pitt Meadows, in the Province of British Columbia.

DATED <sup>FORT WILLIAM</sup> at Slocan in the Province of <sup>ONTARIO</sup> British Columbia this

29<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 1946.

[Signature]  
Witness

[Signature]  
Address

[Signature]

(Mrs) Yaye Umemoto  
(nee Umemoto)



MEMORANDUM

File No.: 4209

Nov. 2nd, 1944.

To: Mr. Spain

From: Mr. Green

Re: Yasuzo UMEMOTO (Deceased)

This Japanese declared some things at 2316 Wall Street when he registered on April 15th. Nothing ever seems to have been done about these but I think it is highly probable that he disposed of them as he was not evacuated until September 2nd. He has since been gathered to his fathers and before I write to the widow who declared no effects, you may perhaps pay a call to these premises or phone Gallagher the agent.

HPG:IF

To: Mr. Green

From: Mr. Spain

W.H. Gallagher the agent stated definitely that no chattels were left at the above address by Umemoto.

*W. H. Gallagher*

*a letter necessary follow further*



4209, 8961, 3565  
9006, 9007

March 18th, 1946.

Mr. M.L. Brown,  
Department of Labour,  
Japanese Division,  
360 Homer St.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: E. 1/2 Lot 3, S. 1/2, Sec. 4, Blk. 5N,  
R. 1E, Map 4741, being all that  
portion of said Lot 3 lying E.  
of a straight line bisecting the  
N and E boundaries, Municipality  
of Pitt Meadows, D.N.W.

The registered owner of the above described parcel of land is Yasuso UMEMOTO who died at Slocan on the 15th October 1943, and who leaves a widow Haru UMEMOTO and two daughters, Yaye UMEMOTO and Shima UMEMOTO, all of whom presently reside at Slocan. The land in question has been sold to The Director The Veterans' Land Act by the Custodian and the net proceeds of the sale are now payable to the successor in the Estate. We have on file a translation of a document in Japanese which purports to be the Will of the late Yasuso UMEMOTO. The amount involved in this sale is so small that we consider it unadvisable to have the Will presented for probate, especially as the form of the Will is such that probate might be refused. In these circumstances and as obviously the deceased intended that his son Yaichi UMEMOTO should inherit, we wish to procure from the remaining natural heirs consent to pay the proceeds of the sale, \$46.97 to Yaichi UMEMOTO, and we enclose a letter to the widow and the two daughters together with a form of consent which we shall be glad if you will have your representative at Slocan procure the signature of these parties and witness the same and return the completed document to this office.

For your anticipated co-operation in this, we wish to thank you.

Yours truly,

Ian Macpherson,  
Title Examiner.

IM:ML  
Encl. (4)



4209, 8961, 3565  
9006, 9007.

March, 18th, 1946.

Mrs. Haru UMEMOTO,  
Reg. No. 02235,  
Slocan, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Re: E. 2, Lot 3, S. 2, Sec. 4, Blk. 5N,  
R. 1E, Map 4741, being all that  
portion of said Lot 3 lying E.  
of a straight line bisecting the  
N and E boundaries, Municipality  
of Pitt Meadows, L.N.B.

This parcel of land has been sold by the Custodian to The Director The Veterans' Land Act and after deducting the charge against the property, there remains a credit balance of \$46.97 payable to the Estate of Yasuo UMEMOTO, your late husband.

We received through Messrs. Morris and McLennan, a document in Japanese which we had translated and which was obviously intended to be a legal will. As it was not properly attested, it is doubtful if this will could be probated, and if so, the expense would be considerable and might exceed the amount above named, \$46.97.

It is clear, however, that the late Yasuo UMEMOTO intended that the property described above and other assets should pass to his wife Haru UMEMOTO until such time as his son, Yaichi became 21 years of age, when it should be his property. We understand that Yaichi UMEMOTO is now over 21 years of age and the Custodian is prepared to pay to him the above proceeds of \$46.97 provided the consent of other natural heirs is obtained.

We are enclosing a form of consent to pay this balance to Yaichi UMEMOTO and if you are agreeable, will you please sign this form, have your signature witnessed and return the signed document to this office. We are asking other members of the family for similar consent.

Yours truly,

Ian Macpherson,  
Title Examiner.

IM:ML  
Encl.



MEMORANDUM

File No. 4209

20th May, 1946.

Re: YASUO UENOTO - Reg. No. 02234  
(Deceased)

TO: W. Wills

FROM: W.E. Anderson

The following chattels belonging to the above Japanese  
were left at 2316 Wall Street:-

- 1 Sewing machine
- 2 Double beds, springs & mattresses
- 1 Single bed & mattress
- 1 Bureau
- 2 Tables
- 6 Chairs
- 1 Wicker chair
- 2 Boxes Kitchen utensils
- 2 Boxes Carpenters tools
- 1 Chesterfield suite, (3 pieces)
- 1 Kitchen stove
- 1 Heating stove
- 1 Lamp
- Farmer's tools
- 2 Boxes books.

Please arrange for their liquidation as soon as possible:

WEA:HA

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
RE: Above Chattels

Mrs Madison has been living at the above address  
for the last three years, states that there was no  
Japanese property in the building when she moved in.

Wm Wills



4209/3563

13th June, 1951.

Mr. Geo. Yaichi UEMOTO,  
Regn. No. 04795,  
140 Welle Street,  
Toronto 4, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 1193

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 \$116.77.

Cheque in your favour for this amount is enclosed herewith.

Yours truly,

F.C. Shears,  
Director.

FCS:HA  
Encl.





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IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"  
PART I. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927. CHAPTER 92.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

BEFORE

HIS HONOUR JUDGE M. A. MILLER, SUB-COMMISSIONER.

Toronto, Ontario  
October 29, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF  
GEORGE RAICHI UNEMOTO  
PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

APPEARANCES:

K.A. CHRISTIE, ESQ., K.C.,	appearing for the Dominion Government,
R. A. BEST, ESQ.,	appearing for the Claimant.
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A. SMITH, ESQ.,	Secretary,
D. J. HANDFORD, ESQ.,	Official Interpreter.
J. B. MCGREGOR, ESQ.,	Official Reporter.



G. Y. Umemoto,  
In chf.

GEORGE YASCHI UMEMOTO, the claimant herein,  
being first duly sworn,  
testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BEST:

Q. Is that your signature? A. Yes, it is.

Q. Was that form prepared upon your instructions?

A. Yes.

Q. You swear the contents of it are true?

A. Yes.

(REAL ESTATE FARMLAND CLAIM FORM MARKED  
EXHIBIT No. 1)

Q. Your given names are George Yaschi, is  
that right? A. Yes.

Q. And you are the son of the late Yasuno  
Umemoto? A. Yes.

Q. And your father owned this land prior to  
his death? A. Yes.

Q. Perhaps I should explain, your honour, that  
the deceased man, who is the registered owner of the  
property had left a will in which he left all his  
property, both real and personal, to his widow until  
his son, the witness, became of age. Now, at the  
time that his father died the witness was 29 years  
of age, so therefore I think it is safe to assume  
they meant 21 years of age.

Where did you live prior to the evacuation?

A. In Cumberland, B.C.

Q. Your father had a small holding there  
in the municipality of Pitt Meadows, B.C.?

A. That is right.

Q. How far is that from New Westminster?



3.  
G. T. Umamoto,  
in chf.

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2 A. About 20 miles.

3 MR. CHRISTIAN: I tender as Exhibit 2 the farm  
4 appraisal report.

5 (FARM APPRAISAL REPORT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

6 MR. SEST: Now, apparently your father pur-  
7 chased this 9 1/2 acre tract as bushland in 1930, for  
8 \$600. Is that correct? A. Yes.

9 Q. And he just cleared three-quarters of one  
10 acre of it? A. Yes.

11 Q. The rest is bush land is that right?

12 A. Yes, it was bush.

13 Q. Did you personally help to clear that  
14 three-quarters of an acre?

15 A. No.

16 Q. You didn't? A. No.

17 Q. Did your father do it alone?

18 A. I helped just part of the time.

19 Q. And your father had to do the rest, or were  
20 there others? A. I think he had to do it alone.

21 Q. Now, this house that was standing on the  
22 premises was apparently built in 1933, and it was a  
23 two-storey house, at least a two roomed house; a  
24 one storey house, is that correct?

25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Did you and your parents live there? A. No.

27 Q. You lived close by but not on the property?

28 A. No, at the time I lived quite a ways away,  
29 a few hundred miles.

30 Q. Was this small house on the property  
occupied? A. He occupied it at the time he



4.  
G. T. Uemoto,  
in chf.

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2 cleared the place.

3 Q. But since he cleared it?

4 A. No, it wasn't occupied.

5 Q. The property wasn't rented by your father?

6 A. No, but I believe there were people who had  
7 broken in and were occupying the house itself.

8 Q. Then he also built a small wood shed shortly  
9 after building the house? A. Yes.

10 Q. Now, I understand there is some peat on  
11 this property? A. Yes.

12 Q. Could it be taken out as a commercial  
13 proposition?

14 A. I don't believe so.

15 Q. Did your father intend to operate this as  
16 a small farm or do you know what his intentions  
17 were? A. His intentions were to operate a  
18 little farm after he got older.

19 Q. There is a comment in the appraisal that  
20 there is no drinking water or well on this place,  
21 and the water is fetched from a spring about a mile  
22 distant -- was there no closer supply of water  
23 than that?

24 A. Yes, there was on other farms.

25 Q. Was it possible to dig a well on this  
26 property? A. I believe it is possible; the  
27 farm across the road had a well.

28 Q. On the same type of land?

29 A. Very much the same.  
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Q. Y. Hasegawa,  
et. ex.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. CHRISTIE:

Q. I am showing you a J.P. Form dated the 15th of April, 1942; do you know whose signature that is?

A. I believe that is my father's.

(J.P. FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3)

(CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE MARKED EXHIBIT 4)

(NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR 1942,  
MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5)

Q. There was never any crop of any kind on this property? A. No crop at all.

Q. Or fruits or anything? A. No.

Q. Did you ever sell any lumber off it?

A. No, there was no standing trees on it at all.

Q. I think that is all, thank you.

(REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6)

MR. CHRISTIE: It is submitted your honour, that this real property was sold at its fair market value.

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED NINE MIN)

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings herein.

*J. B. McGregor*  
J. B. McGregor,  
Official Reporter.

I, M. A. Miller, Deputy Commissioner,  
appointed to hear a Commission to  
investigate claims of Japanese Canadians  
for property loss, do certify the fore-  
going is a true copy of the evidence  
heard on the within claim.

*M. A. Miller*  
M. A. Miller,  
Deputy Commissioner.



Toronto, Ontario.  
Oct. 29th, 1948.DEFENCE BRIEF

File 3565 - George Yaichi UMEMOTO, Reg. No. 04795 for  
 File 4209 - Yasuzo UMEMOTO, Reg. No. 02234 (Dec'd. 16/10/43).  
 Case 1193.

- (1) Real Property, Pitt Meadows (VLA: E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 3 of the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 4, Blk. 5, R1E, Map 4741, being all that portion of said Lot 3 lying to the East of a straight line bisecting the North and South boundaries thereof, Municipality of Pitt Meadows in the District of New Westminster - Shack and Woodshed on 8.64 acres).

Sold for

\$1,000.00 as per original (Nov. 29/47) and amended claim (Exh. 1193-1)

\$ 82.00

Net amount of Claim

\$918.00

Evidence: Claim statement (Exh. 1193-1) shows claimant's investment in this property to be:

\$ 600.00 purchase price, 1930.  
 \$ 150.00 cost of clearing  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre, 1933.  
 \$ 200.00 cost of 2-room house, 1933.  
 \$ 45.00 cost of woodshed, 1934.  
 \$ 995.00 total investment

\$1,000.00 estimated value at date of sale.

Assessed value (1942):

Land	\$300.00
Improvements	\$100.00
	\$400.00

On which taxes amounted to: \$6.83.

VLA appraiser (L. B. Plumbly) described this as an undeveloped property and owing to limited acreage (8.64 acres) as unsuitable for farming. He placed a value on the land of:

	\$ 58.20
and buildings as adding	\$ 25.00
Total appraisal:	\$ 83.20

Re-appraisal by I. T. Barnet	\$100.00
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VLA purchase price (1/1/43)	\$82.00
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Charges deducted by Custodian:

Certificate of Encumbrance	\$ 1.00
Taxes (to 31/12/42)	\$16.03
Registration fee	\$ 3.00
Share VLA legal expenses	\$15.00
	\$35.03

Net credit, as shown in claim	\$46.97
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DEFENCE BRIEF....Page 2.

(Note: Real Property sold January 1st, 1943. Registered owner died October 16th, 1943. Owing to smallness of Estate, probate proceedings were dispensed with, release and consent forms being obtained through Department of Labour, Japanese Division, (their letter May 14/46) from Widow and two daughters, in favour of son and heir named in Will, George Yaichi UMEMOTO, Reg. No. 04795, File 3565, to whom net residue (\$46.97) was remitted May 3rd, 1947.)

Witnesses: L. B. Plumbly.  
F. G. Shears.

\$1,000.00 Gross total.

Net amount of Claim:

\$918.00

\$ 82.00

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



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Summary of Witnesses

Where  
Required

L. B. Plumbly (Appr.)  
F. G. Shears

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Defence Brief Documents

(A) DEFENCE BRIEF.  
(B) TRANSCRIPT.  
(C) EXHIBITS:

- (1) Exh. 1193-1 (Claimant's RP Summary).
- (2) Exh. 1193-2 (VLA Appraisal).
- (3) Exh. 1193-3 ("JP" Form - 15/4/42).
- (4) Exh. 1193-4 (C/Encumbrance - 10/9/43).
- (5) Exh. 1193-5 (Assessment Notice - 1942).
- (6) Exh. 1193-6 (RP Summary - 17/5/46).

SUPPLEMENTARY DEFENCE BRIEF DOCUMENTS:

- (7) Original claim (Nov. 29/47).
- (8) Custodian Statement of Sale (May 3/45).
- (9) Custodian let. (30/5/47) explaining sale proceeds.
- (10) Translation of Will.
- (11) Letters (3) of release and consent from mother and two sisters in favour of only son and heir.
- (12) Custodian General Summary (26/2/47).



Name of Claimant

UNIMOTO, YASUO  
George Taichi

Case

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Custodian File

4209 &amp; 5848

REAL PROPERTY										
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village		Total	
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		
					32.00	116.77			116.77	
PERSONAL PROPERTY										
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			
NETS										
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
MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS										
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			
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										116.77



November 30, 1950.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission  
Case 1193

We are enclosing herein special form of Release which we have prepared in connection with the above case.

Will you have this Release completed by George Yaichi UENOTO, the Releasor.

Letter of Authority to Pay Legal Fees is not necessary in this case, as the Co-Operative Committee has already been overpaid.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears,  
Director.

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