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BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO.

4980

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: OKUBO, Fusanobu

HOME ADDRESS: 32nd Ave., Ruskin, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 13376 SEX: Male AGE: 53

OCCUPATION: Farmer

(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: CHIYE 68/6

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Same address

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: FUMIKO (F) AIKO (F) FUSAUKI (M)
TAKAYUKI (M) KESUKE (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Same address.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 14, 11, 9, 6, 1 years

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

R Ten acres of land at 32nd Ave., Ruskin, B. C.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

Four room house frame building shingle roof.

Chicken house and woodshed.

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

None

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) \$26.00 payable at Port Haney, B. C.
1941 paid.

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

None

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

Self

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: Title in own possession
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: None
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN: Berries and Asparagus

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Dwelling house 52nd Ave., Ruskin, B. C.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Self
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: None
4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: None
5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid) None
6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: Berries and Asparagus
None

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS: Sewing machine, furniture and household effects value \$500.00
still in own house at Ruskin, 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: None

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:

\$1,000.00 invested in The Ruskin Box Manf. Co., Ruskin, B. C.

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX:

None

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS:

None

2. TRADE DEBTS:

None

I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily turn over to the Custodian all my property in the protected area as set out above, excepting fishing vessels, deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities, if any.

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 20th day of April

1942

(Signature)

J. Okubo

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Nov. 16/42

Our File No. 4980

Full Name OKUBO, Fusanosuke
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 13376

^V
Male - Female
(check)

Age Mar. 19, 1889

Former Address 32nd Ave., Ruskin, B. C.

Date Evacuated Oct. 13/42

^V
Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address Tashme, B. C.

Moose Jaw, Alta. 184 1/2 Park Ave East

Box 46 Chatham

^V
Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife Chiye (Kil)

Name of Husband - - -

Name of Mother MINAMI, Kiku

Name of Father OKUBO, Kumanosuke
(Deceased)

Names of Children under 16 Fumiko (F); Aiko (F); Fusauki (M)

Takayuki (M); Kesuke (M)

Requested by C. Girard

Registered with Custodian Yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Farmer.

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File 4980

V.L.A. B.C. 131-P

JAPANESE NAME: Fusanosuke OKUBO - - Reg. No. 13376.

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

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 245 - 2nd Ave., Ruskin, B. C.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: An undivided one half interest in and to Lot 3 of Legal Subdivision 8 of Section 5 Township 15 Map 3949 Municipality of Maple Ridge in the District of New Westminster.

TITLE: In the name of Benjamina Laing Miller Gilchrist and Elisabeth Mildred Black "In Trust" (Filing 22990)

ENCUMBRANCES: 843970 20th August 1941 Agreement for Sale and Purchase to Fusanosuke OKUBO.

Vesting 24182 - 7th July 1942.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: An undivided one half interest in and to Lot 3 of Legal Subdivision 8 of Section 5 Township 15 Map 3949 Municipality of Maple Ridge in the District of New Westminster.

TITLE: In the name of Alexander Gilchrist.

ENCUMBRANCES: 843970 20th August 1941 Agreement for Sale and Purchase to Fusanosuke OKUBO.

Vesting 24182 - 7th July 1942.

ASSESSED VALUE: 1942 -
Land \$600.00
Improvements \$900.00 Total \$1500.00 Taxes \$29.61.

CLASSIFICATION: Inspector reported September 10th, 1942, a farm of 10 acres of which 5 acres had been cleared with 18 fruit trees, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre strawberries, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre asparagus, a frame 1 storey house 21x 30, 4 rooms in fair condition, brooder house 6 x 8, bath house and woodshed combined 24 x 30, 5 packing sheds, poor, 1 - 2 room cabin 16 x 22, 1 room shed 14 x 20.

HISTORY OF
ADMINISTRATION:

Leased on the 2nd May 1942 by Fusanosuke OKUBO to Berco Exploration Co. Ltd., for 1 year from the 1st May 1942, with option to renew. Rental of \$40.00 paid to OKUBO.

Leased on the 12th March 1943 by the Secretary of State to Arthur H. PONTING for a term of 8 months from the 2nd May 1943 to the end of the year with space for storage reserved, at a rental of \$136.00 of which \$95.00 was paid to the Custodian and allowed as accrued rental to The Director The Veterans' Land Act.

The filing number 22990 recorded on Title refers to the record of the Will of George Gilchrist and probate of same on the 12th

12th

October 1940 appointing Benjamina Laing Gilchrist and Elisabeth Mildred Black as executrices of the Will.

The balance owing on the registered Agreement of Sale covering both interests in this property as at the 15th August 1944 was \$495.00 principal and interest at 4% from the 1st August 1941 = \$63.85 = total \$558.85, which was paid by the Custodian on the 9th August 1944 to the vendors who executed a Deed dated the 29th May 1944 to Fusanosuke OKUBO, which Deed OKUBO sent to The Director The Veterans' Land Act on the 31st May 1944.

SOLD: To The Director The Veterans' Land Act for \$930.00 as at 1st January 1943.
Approval of Advisory Committee 1st June 1943.

FUNDS: Released to the credit of Fusanosuke OKUBO, sale price \$930.00 less balance owing on Agreement of Sale \$558.85, taxes \$33.87, Certificate of Encumbrance \$2.00, registration fee \$3.00, legal fee \$15.00, total \$612.72. Net amount released \$317.28.

TITLE: Issued number 173987-E and payment made on the 25th July 1944.

OLD C. OF T.
NOS. 141119-E
and 132630-E: In the Land Registry Office, New Westminster.

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

DATED July 7th, 1946.

J. Macpherson

IM:ML

REPORT ON EVACUATED JAPANESE PROPERTY

File No. 4980

MUNICIPALITY: Maple Ridge

Date: Sept. 10-42.

NAME: OKUBA, Fusanosuke

REGISTRATION NO. 13376

ADDRESS: 245-32nd Ave, Ruskin, B. C.

PROPERTY: Farm

ACREAGE: 10 acres, 5 cleared - balance rough

KIND OF CROPS: 18 fruit trees, $\frac{1}{2}$ strawberry, $\frac{1}{4}$ asparagus

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF EACH:

HOUSE: 1 storey

VACANT: Yes

OCCUPIED:

DESCRIPTION: Frame

ROOF: Shingle

SIZE: 21 X 30

NO. OF ROOMS: 4

CONDITION: Fair

OTHER BUILDINGS: 1 brooder house 6X8. Bath house and woodshed combined,
24X30, 5 packing sheds (Pa)
(1-2 room cabin 16X22) 1 room shed 14X20 (Pa)

NAME OF LESSEE OR RENTOR: Mr. Shaw of Ruskin, B. C.

TERMS: \$40.00 per year

WATER: Well

ON:

OFF:

LIGHT: Electric

ON:

OFF: Yes

REMARKS: House broken into

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS LEFT ON PROPERTY:

In House (Main)

1 clothes rack
1 bamboo bookcase
1 round table
5 kitchen chairs -
1 heater
1 shrine
1 large cabinet
3 frame pictures
1 wall mirror
Linos. on 3 floors
3 beds, complete
1 chest of drawers -
3 boxes dishes, 1 carton
1 wash tub
100 ft. garden hose
1 car jack
2 pipe wrenches
1 15" crescent wrench
1 large kitchen table
2 benches
6 gal crock
10 gal. crocks
range
cooking utensils -

1 wash tub stand
1 kitchen cabinet
1 gramophone & records
1 - 2 hole hot plate
1 electric toaster
1 fire extinguisher
1 mattress

Basement

3 rakes, 1 potato digger
6 hoes, 2 shovels, 1 mattock
1 crowbar, 4 sickles,
1 load binder, 1 old gramophone
cabinet
2" auger, some 2' chicken net
1 roll old paper, 1 chair
2 beds complete, 1 sledge
1 tow chain

Outside

3000 ft. lumber
Quantity of
shakes

Signed:

In Bath house and Woodshed

4 bread pans
1 pot
4 Jap tubs
2 screen doors
1 wheelbarrow -
Hand pump on well
1 old range
1 potato digger
3 Jap tubs

J. Makarsan
W. Stinson

NATURE OF ENCUMBRANCE AGREEMENT FOR SALE or
 (registered) (unregistered)
Name of Owner of Property OKUBO, Fusanosuke Reg. No. 13376
Address 32nd Ave. Ruskin.
Occupation Farmer
Registered Owner of Property Benamina Laing Gilchrist, Elizabeth Mildred Black, in Trust
 Filing 22990, and Alexander Gilchrist C.T.No.

Property:

Property Address Mun. Maple Ridge
Legal Description Lot 3 of subd. of a portion of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 5, Twp. 15, Map 3949
 L.R.O. 84397-G
Nature of interest

Particulars of Encumbrance:

Date August 1941
Parties to document:
Name Benamina Laing Gilchrist and Elizabeth Mildred Black, in Trust Filing 22990
 and Alexander Gilchrist Vendors
Address Ruskin, B.C.
Name Fusanosuke OKUBO, Purchaser
Address Mission, B. C.
Principal Amount \$1,000.00
Terms of Payment Cash \$325.00 (FOR DETAILS SEE OVER)
 Rate of Interest .4%
Arrears, if any: Principal Interest
Balance owing as at this date \$495.00
Standing of Taxes: Arrears none Current \$29.61

Insurance:

(1) Agent Company
Policy No. Amt. Prem Exp. Date
 (2) Agent Company
Policy No. Amt Prem Exp. Date

Nature, particulars and whereabouts of unregistered documents, if any:

Dated at this day of A.D. 1942.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Elizabeth Mildred Black
Benamina Laing Gilchrist
Alexander Gilchrist
 (Signature)

Rec'd
D-10-2

Farm Appraisal ReportFile No. JL-357Land Description Lot 3 of L.S.8, Sect.5, Tp.16, Map 3949.Containing 9.77 AcresOwner's Name OKUBO, Fusanosuke Post Office Address Whonnook, B.C.Nearest Rail Point Whonnook, B.C. Distance 8 milesMarket Town New Westminster, B.C. Distance 27 "Church (give denomination) Anglican & United - Whonnook, B.C. Distance 2 "Nearest School Whonnook, B.C. Distance 2 "State how property was identified: Corner post & map location.

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

Direct access to 32nd Avenue. Gravel road - fair condition.Is this district a good one? Only fair - Co-operative marketing.Employment opportunity Very limited in this locality.Predominating Nationality and religion: Mixed - Japanese predominating.Describe Fencing and its condition: No fences. Value \$Water supply: Domestic supply from wells. Value \$**BUILDINGS ON FARM**

BUILDINGS	DIMENSIONS	MATERIAL	HEIGHT	ROOF	AGE	Foundation	REPAIR	VALUATION
HOUSE	24, 32	Frame	1 1/2 st.	Shgl.	15	Wood	Fair	800.00
Shed	18, 28	"	8-14'	"	15	"	"	150.00
BARN	X							
Cabin	18x 22	Rough Lbr.	6-10'	Shke.	10	"	"	150.00
BARN	X							
	X							
GRANARY	X							
	X							
	X							
	X							

Total present day value \$ 1100.00Total Value Buildings add to farm \$ 600.00Is dwelling habitable without repairs? Yes. If not what is your approximate estimate of cost to make it habitable?Describe the basement and chimneys: Wood lined-two rooms; brick chimney to ground.No. rooms downstairs? 2 Upstairs? 4 How finished Wood lined.Are buildings painted? No. Condition of paintDistance from nearest bank Over 300 feet.

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

ACRES	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP	VALUE PER ACRE	TOTAL
5.00	Level and Undulating	Loam - 10"-20"	Hardpan & clay	Small fruits, oats & grass	60.00	300.00
Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking.						
	LEVEL, UNDULATING, 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.						
	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	NATURE OF RECLAMATION NECESSARY	RECLAMATION COST PER ACRE	VALUE PER ACRE
4.77	Level	Loam 10"-20"	Clay	Clearing, stump- ing, drainage	150.00 to 250.00	10.00
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	

Total value of Land \$ 347.70Total added by buildings to value of farm \$ 600.00Total fruit trees add to value of farm (for use in orchard districts only) \$ -Total value of farm \$ 947.70

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied:

Farm in only fair condition. Dwelling occupied by Japanese owner.
Property leased to Berco Exploration Company.

State most suitable type of agriculture for farm bearing in mind the district's limitations, if any.

Noxious weeds: Thistle making inroads on grass land.

Give approximate detail and
amount of all annual taxes and
names of Taxing Authorities:

District of Maple Ridge - 1942 Tax - \$29.61.
1941 " - \$28.91.

Date: June 24th, 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 23 day of June 1942.

Inspector's Signature

"H.L. SINCLAIR"

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

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Farm Appraisal Report

L-357 - F. OKUBO

Remarks:

This is a poor type of property with only a limited acreage cleared and under cultivation; a small portion of the land under cultivation is bench land, and from this bench the land slopes to South and West to flats. Drainage on the lower land is poor and this acreage, which at present time is in oats and hay, is not considered suitable for the production of small fruits under existing conditions.

Electric lights are installed in the house.

Property is leased to Berco Exploration Company to February 28th. Rental of \$80.00, plus fertilizer account.

(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

Strawberries	- .35 acres	- only fair condition	\$
Asparagus	- .15	" " "	\$
Oats & hay	- 4.50	" " "	\$
Bush	- 4.77	" " "	\$
	9.77	" " "	\$

Total \$

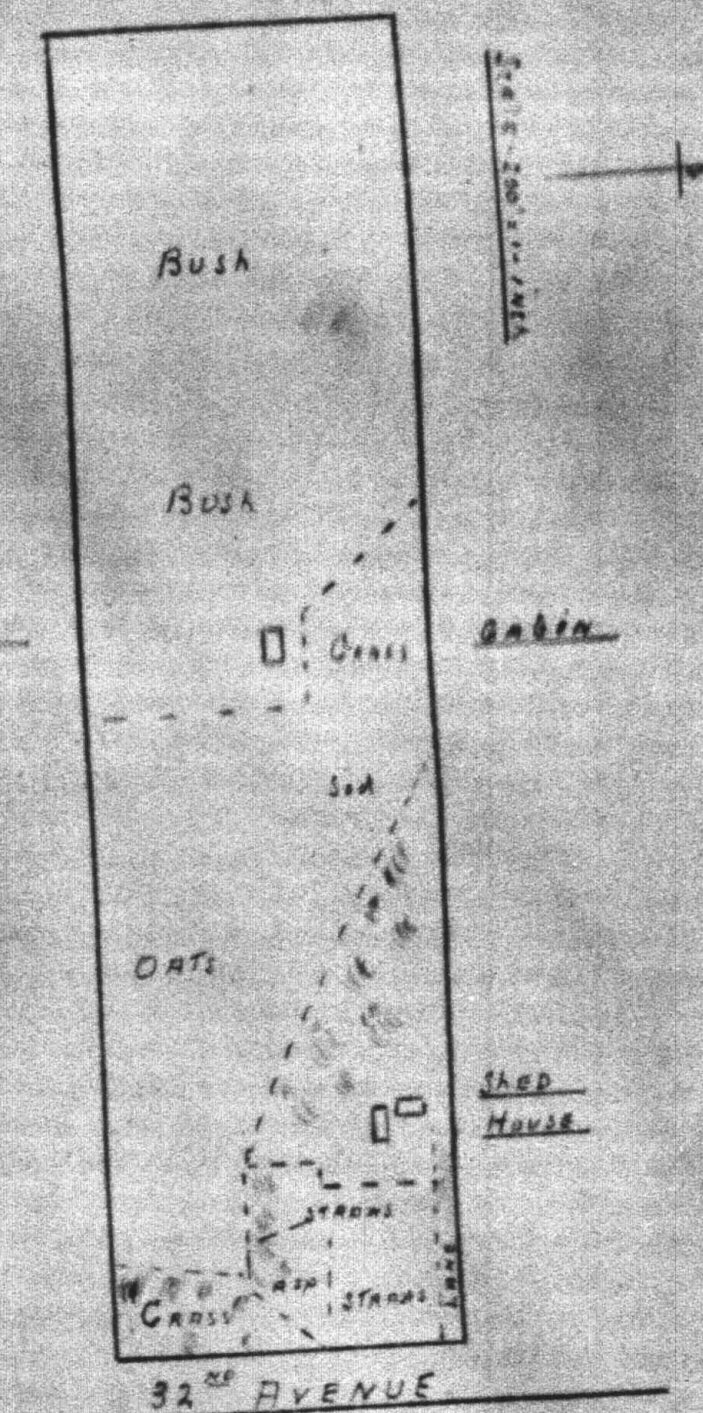
Amount fruit trees add to value of farm \$

Diagram of Property

Lot 3 of 1, Sub A, Sect 5, T. 15, R. 15, MAP 1949

9.77 Acre

FUSHINSUKE - OKUBO.



Following careful review of this appraisal report, it is my opinion that the present

value is \$ 800.00

Date 25th June 19 42.

"I.T. BARNET"

District Superintendent.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
REGISTRATION AND NOTES
IN 25 1944

THIS REGISTRATION CARD is to be filled in by office of origin
Le présent est à remplir par le bureau d'origine

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Envoi recommandé

REGISTERED AT THE OFFICE OF
Enregistré au bureau de poste de

DATE

UNDER NO
sous le NO

17835

ADDRESSED TO
adressé à

Mr. FUMANOBUKE OKINO

Reg. No. 11376

TASHEE, B. C.

550,000-5-1-42

ACKNOWLEDGMENT
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To be filled in by sender who will
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À remplir par l'expéditeur qui doit
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The Custodian's Office,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,

Vancouver, B. C.

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Rue et numéro

Vancouver, B. C.

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Lieu d'origine de l'objet recommandé

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En lettres moulées

CANADA

File 4980

Extract from Lease.

Lease No. 292.

File No. 4980.

Lessor: The Secretary of State. (Fusanosuke OKUBA)

Lessee: Arthur H. PONTING.

Date: 12th March, 1943.

Term: 8 months from 2nd May, 1943 to 31st December, 1943.

Consideration: \$136.00 on 15th July, 1943. No Taxes.

Property:

Land: Lot 3 of Legal Subd. 8 of Section 5Tp.15, Map 3949, C.of T.
(235 - 32nd Ave.) Municipality of Maple Ridge.

Buildings: Included. Space reserved for storing chattels.

Chattels: Not included.

Lease handed S.S.B. 11/8/43.

Extract from Lease.

File #4980.

Drawn by P. McD. Kerr.

Lessor: F. OKUBO. (Fusanosuke)

Lessee: BERCO EXPLORATION CO., LTD.

Date: 2nd May, 1942.

Term: 1 year from 2nd May, 1942, with option to renew lease
for further period of 1 year on same terms.

Consideration: \$40.00, paid. No Taxes.

Property:

Land: Lot 3 of Subdivision of portion of S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5,
Tp.15 as shown on Map No.3949, City of New Westminster
District of Maple Ridge.

House: Included.

Chattels: Not included.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File 4980

Re: Fusanosuke OKUBO

Reg. No. 13376.

Dr. M.J. Macrett filed a claim on the 7th July 1942 of \$5.00 for medical attendance. This was a balance of an account originally \$15.00. Mr. OKUBO was notified of this claim on the 11th January 1943 and on the 19th the Security Commission reported that OKUBO claimed that this debt had been paid but could produce no receipt. This response was reported to J.C. Campbell, Solicitor for Dr. Macrett, on the 19th February 1943. Mr. Campbell replied on the 9th March 1943, re-asserting the claim. This was reported to OKUBO with no response and on the 8th April, OKUBO's address was given to Mr. Campbell, who was advised to take the matter up direct with OKUBO.

Beatty Bros. filed a claim of \$49.95 in respect to the balance of the sale of a washing machine to OKUBO. This machine was left with T.A. Shaw of Ruskin, who agreed with Beatty Bros to pay the amount owing at the rate of \$5.00 per month. On the 13th January 1943, the balance remaining unpaid was \$39.95. There is no further record on file, Mr. Shaw having agreed with the vendors of the machine to assume this liability, the Custodian is no longer interested.

Isamu UJIMOTO filed a claim on the 9th April 1943, for \$14.25. UJIMOTO states that this liability had been paid by the return of a number of crates. Mr. OKUBO was requested on the 8th April 1943 to take the matter up with Mr. UJIMOTO direct.

Masanobu INABA filed a claim with the Custodian on the 24th March 1943 for \$300.00, which he claimed was a loan to Fusanosuke OKUBO made on the 1st February 1942. On the 8th April 1943, Mr. OKUBO admitted the liability but claimed that the loan was made to himself and Hikosaku FUJITA. Elsewhere on file it appears that INABA made a loan of \$150.00 to the Ruskin Box Manufacturing Co., of which OKUBO and FUJITA were part owners. It would appear that from this, some confusion as to the amount may have arisen. The liability however in part is admitted by OKUBO.

✓ N. Nishiguchi Co. Ltd., filed a claim with the Custodian against Fusanosuke OKUBO for \$46.36. This claim being referred to the Security Commission for investigation, the Commission reported on the 19th January 1943, that OKUBO claimed that he paid this debt before evacuation. This denial of the claim was reported to the creditor who on the 17th March 1943 explained that an account of \$249.87 against OKUBO had been transferred at his request to the Ruskin Box Manufacturing Co., on the 24th October 1941 and that the amount of \$46.36 was a personal debt created subsequent to that date. This was reported to OKUBO on the 29th March 1943 but no further action appears to have been taken.

Charles J. Wilson filed with the Custodian on the 15th April 1942, a claim of \$1400.00. This claim represented a promissory note given by OKUBO and Hikosaku FUJITA to the Pacific Wood Products Ltd. on the 1st January 1934, the note bearing interest at 7%. This note was assigned by the Pacific Wood Products Ltd to the claimant on the 26th October 1939, and notice of this assignment was given and acknowledged by the makers of the note. No payment was made on the note. The claim was referred to the Security Commission who reported on the 19th January 1943, that OKUBO admitted the claim, but stated that it was impossible to meet the obligation until after the war.

The claimant then proceeded with an action and secured judgment in the Supreme Court at Victoria on the 6th September 1945, in the amount of \$2540.33 plus cost - \$32.85 - total \$2573.18, bearing legal interest at 5%. In this action the Custodian refused to intervene. R.J. McMaster, Solicitor for the defendant proposed to re-open the case on the grounds of insufficient notice, but has not done so. The B.C. Security Commission in a report dated 30th August 1945, informed the Custodian that the debtor claims that the note was secured by a Chattel Mortgage on machinery. In his statement of claims to the Custodian, Mr. Wilson declared under Affidavit that the note was unsecured. We have not searched the Court Register for this alleged Chattel Mortgage. In any event, it is probable that the machinery referred to by the defendants was not the property of OKUBO but of the Ruskin Box Manufacturing Co. The judgment stands against OKUBO and FUJITA.

Nobuichi Takeyasu filed a claim with the Custodian on the 13th April 1942 against Fusanosuke OKUBO of \$2504.43. This claim was referred to the B.C. Security Commission for a report and the commission reported that OKUBO could not meet this obligation until after the war. This was reported to Mr. Takeyasu on the 19th February 1943.

The liabilities of Fusanosuke OKUBO considerably ~~extend~~ ^{exceed} any known assets. He is indebted to Takeyasu in the amount of \$2504.43 and with H. Fujita to C.J. Wilson in \$2573.18 and is personally or with Fujita indebted to INABA in the amount of \$300.00. So far as known his assets would appear to be his interest in the farm sold to The Director The Veterans' Land Act in which he has a credit of \$317.37 and some interest in the Ruskin Box Manufacturing Co., including a judgment by that company against Yoichi OKUMA for \$535.83, and possibly some other interest in that company. There does not appear to be any surplus of assets ~~from~~ liabilities in the Ruskin Box Manufacturing Co.

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

Takeyasu

IN:ML

File No. 4980.

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

March 2nd, 1943.

Fusanosuke OKUBO,
Registration No. 13376.

CREDITORS:

1. Dr. B. J. Macrett
2. M. Nishiguchi Co. Ltd.
3. Chas. J. Wilson
4. Nobuichi TAKEYASU
5. Isamu UJIMOTO
6. Masanobu INABA

\$5.00 *Debit on disbursements*
46.36 "*"*
1400.00 *Plus Interest*
2504.43 *Debit on disbursements*
14.25 "*"*
300.00 *Debit on disbursements and*
paid to Inaba Co.

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BRD:DE

CR Bal 335.00 10/15/42
[Handwritten signature]

File No. 13377.

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

October 11th, 1943.

Ruskin Box Manufacturing Co.CREDITORS:

1. McLennan, McFeely & Prior Ltd.	\$ 25.11
2. Shell Oil Co.	19.04
3. Mohawk Service	44.01
4. N. Nishiguchi Co. Ltd.	15.97
5. Shunichi FUKANAGA (wages)	362.53
6. N. Furuya Co. (FUKANAGA says against Co.)	28.27
7. Shotaro NAKAMURA (FUKANAGA says against Co.)	75.34
8. Pioneer Halloway Box Co.	3911.99
(MACHIDA letter 23/1/43)	
9. M. Inaba, Case #602	1750.00

DEBITORS:

Sundry Promissory Notes; as list.	\$1935.07
Yoichi OKUMA (Judgment)	553.00

NOTE: Partners: Ruskin Box Mfg. Co. - as follows:

Dankichi MACHIDA, File No. 3205 - Reg. No. 92745

Fusunosuke OKUMA, File No. 4980 - Reg. No. 13376 ✓

Hirotsugu FUJITA, File No. 5814 - Reg. No. 13466.

BRD:DE

AFFIDAVIT IN PROOF OF INDEBTEDNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF an indebtedness by Susanosuke Okubo and Hikosaku Fujita, Japanese Evacuees, from the Postal District of Ruskin, in the Province of British Columbia, Farmers and Manufacturers, and IN THE MATTER OF a claim against the said Japanese Evacuees by Charles James Wilson, of the Postal District of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia.

I, Charles James Wilson, of the Postal District of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, Retired, make oath and say as follows:-

1. That Susanosuke Okubo and Hikosaku Fujita, both of Parker Road, in the Postal District of Ruskin in the Province of British Columbia, are jointly and severally indebted to me in the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400.00) together with interest thereon at the rate of Seven Per Cent per annum from January 1st. 1934.
2. That the said indebtedness is evidenced by a promissory note signed by the said Okubo and Fujita in favor of Pacific Wood Products Limited in the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400.00) dated January 1st. 1934 and bearing interest at the rate of 7% per annum from the date thereof.
3. That the said note was duly assigned by the said Pacific Wood Products Limited to me this deponent by absolute assignment in writing dated December 31st. 1937, notice of which assignment was duly given to the payees, the said Okubo and the said Fujita, by notice in writing dated at Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, the 26th. day of October, 1939.
4. That I hold a letter signed by the said Okubo and the said Fujita, acknowledging the receipt of the said notice of assignment and making promise of payment of the said note to me this deponent.
5. That I hold no security for the said indebtedness herein referred to.
6. That neither the said Okubo or the said Fujita, or either of them, have made any payment to me of the monies due and owing as evidenced by the said promissory note, and the whole amount together with interest thereon remain due.
7. That this deponent and both the debtors herein referred to were at all times material to the indebtedness herein referred to of the full age of twenty one years.

Sworn before me at Victoria,
in the Province of British
Columbia, this
day of April, 1942,

Chas. J. Wilson

A Notary Public in and for the Province of British Columbia.

FIRE INSURANCE SUMMARY

File 4980

Re: Fusenagawa CAUBO

Reg. No. 13376.

No record of any property insurance on file.

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



DATED July 7th, 1946.

IM:ML

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

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B. C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 23 1943
File No.	4980
Ans.	
Ref'd	<i>M. A. L. T.</i>

Tashme, Hope, B.C.
January 19, 1943. *on the Anderson*

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

Dear Sirs: Re: Claims File #4980

In reply to your letter of Jan. 11th, we wish to make the following statement.

The accounts of Dr. E. J. Macrett, \$5.00 and M. Nishiguchi Co. Ltd., \$46.36 were paid up before evacuating to Tashme. No receipts available.

Re the accounts of Charles J. Wilson, \$1400.00; Nobuichi Takeyasu, \$2504.43; Ruskin Box Mfg. Co. \$536.00. Under the present circumstances it will be impossible to meet these obligations until after the war.

Would you be kind enough to arrange the matter accordingly.

Yours truly,

B.C. SECURITY COMMISSION
for Fusanosuke Okubo, #13376.

John L. Sanders
.....
John L. Sanders,
Welfare Manager.

*17-2-43
Cancelled -
Improperly
submitted*

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd FEB 25 1943	
File No. 49801-4602	
Ans.	
Referred	Mediator

Mr. John Knott Jr.
Dobbsford, Alta
Feb 23/43

Office of the Custodian;
Vancouver, B.C.
Dear Sir:-

49801-4602 - Richardson

Before we came to Alberta I loaned Mr. Kuonaukei Okubo \$300. with (7% interest) on Feb 16/1942. This is Registered to you and I want this money very much now.

The property you are buying it. Then after it would be very hard to get this money from him so will you now get it for me.

This year but I only earned \$300. And did little bit of threshing and stroking. Will, do you think this is enough for my family? No. So now maybe I have to take a relief and I do not like to because I belong to one of the main Committee (and that won't be right)

Mr. J. Okubo is in Tacoma, B.C.

Thanking you.

Yours truly
M. Knott.

2-24-43
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4980 & 12277

February 25, 1943.

Mr. Fusanosuke OKUBO,
Registration No. 13376,
Tashme, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Ruskin Box Company: A Partnership
-- Our File No. 12277 --

Examining this file, it is observed that there exists a disagreement between the partners, H. FUJITA and F. OKUBO, on the one hand and D. MACHIDA on the other, which has resulted in litigation on which issue has been joined.

The information in the possession of the Custodian is inadequate, inasmuch as he has incomplete knowledge of the assets and liabilities of this partnership, the nature of any agreements between the partners, and the effect of any other relationship which may exist between them.

The parties did not declare to the Custodian these assets and liabilities. This conceivably could have been because of some uncertainty of the outcome of their litigation.

It appears proper that the rights of these parties should be settled so that such protection as may be necessary shall be afforded by the Custodian. To that end, therefore, the Custodian withdraws any objections to the pursuance of that cause entered in the Vancouver Registry of the Supreme Court of British Columbia as Number 1484/1941 between H. FUJITA and F. OKUBO as plaintiffs and D. MACHIDA as defendant, and consents to such pursuance. Such withdrawal and consent are made and given on the express condition that the Custodian be no party to such litigation and in no wise may be affected in costs. An undertaking to that effect from the Solicitors in the cause is asked as a condition precedent to the continuance of the action-at-law.

A letter identical in terms with this is today being sent to each of the parties to the action and to each of the solicitors of record in the action.

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The Custodian requires, however, that information as to the assets and liabilities of the partners and the partnership be given to him, in so far as they are disclosed during the course of the action.

Yours truly,

P. H. Russell,
Administration Department.

PHR:NDK

File 4780

FLEISHMAN & HANFORD

Barristers, Solicitors
Notaries Public

Arthur H. Fleishman Wm. F. Hanford

314 Standard Bank Bldg.,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

May 25, 1913.

Department of Leg. of State,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. R. P. Alexander

Dear Sirs:

Re: H. Fujita and F. Okubo vs. R. Hashida

I have been served by the Defendant's Solicitor, Mr. Adam Smith Johnston, with Notice of intention to proceed with this action after the expiration of 30 days from the service of this notice, being June 22nd, in the above matter. As I previously informed you, I have not been placed in funds to proceed with this action, and if the Custodian is able to furnish the necessary funds for that purpose, I shall be glad to give this matter further attention. I do not, at this date, know the addresses of the two Plaintiffs.

Yours truly,

FLEISHMAN & HANFORD

ANP:MR

refd

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6131
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 4980

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 31 1944
File No.	4980
Ans.	For ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
Referred to	ST. JOHN'S AND CHARLOTTETOWN
VANCOUVER, B.C.	

January 20th, 1944.

Registered A/R

Mr. Fusanosuke OKUBO,
Registration No. 13376,
TASHME, B. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: Lot 3 of Legal Subdivision 8 of
Sec. 5, Tp. 15, Map 3949.

Mrs. E.M. Black, Mrs. Benjamina Gilchrist and Mr. A. Gilchrist, Mortgagees, have filed with us a statement dated 31st October, 1942, showing that you are indebted to them in the sum of \$495.00 and Interest, being balance of Mortgage. Details as follows:

aggt Sale

Balance of Principal \$495.00
Interest 31st Oct.,
1942, @ 4%..... \$

Will you be good enough to confirm this by signing the duplicate of this letter and return the copy you sign at once to this office using the stamped, addressed envelope enclosed herewith.

If any differences exist, please let us have full particulars.

Failing to hear from you by return of mail we will have no alternative but to decide that the claim is correct.

Yours truly,

Ian Macpherson

Ian Macpherson
Title Examiner

IM:ML
Encls.

Approved Correct:

Fusanosuke Okubo
(Japanese Name)

Registered Mail

15th February, 1944.

Mr. Alexander Gilchrist,
c/o A. Foley,
3011 East 4th Ave.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: Two undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ interests in and
to Lot 3 of L.S.D. 8 of Section 5,
Tp. 15, Map 3949, Municipality of
Maple Ridge, N.W.D.

The registered owners of the above described property are yourself, Benjamin Laing Miller Gilchrist and Elizabeth Mildred Black. The Custodian is negotiating a sale of this land and in that connection would like to have from the registered owners, a statement of their interest as it will be on the 29th of this month.

We received from you on the 31st October, 1942, a statement showing what there was owing on the Purchase Price, \$495.00, and as it is not so stated, I assume that this is the amount owing to the three of you on account of the two sales made to Mr. OKUBO. I am enclosing a form in duplicate which will give us the required information when filled in. Please fill in carefully the amount on which interest is computed, the rate of interest, and the date from which interest is owing, as well as the amounts to be added to make the total of the amount owing you at that date. This form should be signed by yourself and Mr. Gilchrist and Mrs. Black, and returned promptly, retaining one copy for your own record.

Yours truly,

Ian Macpherson
Title Examiner

IM:ML
Enc.

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February 23rd, 1944.

Mr. C. Black,
MISSION CITY, B. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: Fusanosuke OKUBO

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th instant in reference to the amount owing you by the above named, and note that you say that the Agreement of Sale of:

"Lot 3, of a subdivision of a portion of
the south-east quarter of Section 5, Town-
ship 15, Map 3249."

is in your possession.

The Agreement was sent us by you on the 24th of May, 1942, and after making a copy of it, we returned the original to you at Mission City on October 9th, 1942. I enclose a copy of our letter of that date which accompanied the Agreement.

However, I am sending you herewith, a copy of the Agreement which I trust will enable you to give us the information as to the amount owing you in connection with this sale. Apparently the duplicate which you held gave a blank date, August, 1941, the day of the month being omitted, but I note from the Land Registry Office record the date of the Agreement is given as the 20th August, 1941, from which date interest would be computed.

The amount stated by us as the balance, \$495.00, was taken from a statement received by us on the 31st October, 1942, signed by Elizabeth Mildred Black, Benjamina Gilchrist and Alexander Gilchrist, as owing in connection with this sale to Mr. OKUBO. So far as we are aware, no other Japanese has any interest in this land, neither Mr. TANAKA nor Mr. YAMADA.

We desire to have a statement from you before the end of the month, and enclose a copy of the form of statement sent Mr. Alexander Gilchrist on the 15th of this month, so that you may forward us this statement with the least possible delay. The date from which interest is due is particularly important.

Yours truly,

Ian Macpherson
Title Examiner

IM:ML
Encls.

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February 28, 1944.

Messrs. Crux & McMaster,
Barristers & Solicitors,
535 West Georgia Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. A. G. Duncan Crux.

Dear Sirs

Re: Fusanosuke OKUBO - ~~An undivided 1/2 int.~~
in Lot 3 of Sub.-div. 8 of Sec. 5, Twp. 15,
Map 3949, Municipality of Maple Ridge.

We enclose herewith Certificate of Encumbrance No. 51909, showing the registered owner as Alexander Gilchrist of Ruskin, B. C., and Certificate of Encumbrance No. 51911, showing the registered owners of an undivided half interest as Benjamina Laing Miller Gilchrist and Elizabeth Mildred Black "In Trust", of Mission, B. C., each covering subject property, with an Agreement for Sale and Purchase to Fusanosuke OKUBO, Evacuee, Registration No. 13376.

The three Vendors have sent us a statement showing the balance owing on the Agreement as at February 29, 1944, as follows:

Unpaid Balance of Purchase Price		\$ 495.00
Interest @ 4% from Aug. to Nov., 1941	\$ 6.75	
" " " Nov./41 to Sept./42	19.47	
" " " Sept./42 to Feb.29/44	28.55	<u>54.77</u>
Total amount owing on Agreement		\$ <u>549.77</u>

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

Enc.2.
RDR/EG

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Tashme, B. C.
March 7, 1944

Mr. G. D. Wilson
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Cor. Hastings & Granville St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

With regards to the legal action taken by us against Mr. Denkichi Machida for an accounting in connection with the partnership business known as the Ruskin Box Mfg. Company; after considerable discussion between Mrs. Machida, (wife of the deceased) and ourselves, we have come to the conclusion that it is to the benefit of both parties to discontinue entirely the above action.

Therefore, in order to dissolve this action, will you please get in touch with our lawyer, A.H. Fleishman, 510 W. Hastings; also Mrs. Machida's lawyer, Mr. Adam Smith Johnson, 675 W. Hastings and inform them that we do not wish to continue the above action. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

"K. FUJITA"

Witness as to Signature

"K. OKUBO"

"Walter Hartley"
Supervisor,
Tashme, B. C.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits
within the Province of British Columbia.

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May 5, 1944.

Mr. Alexander Gilchrist,
c/o A. Foley,
3011 East 4th Avenue,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Fusanosuke OKUBO - Lot 3 of Sub.Div.
8 of Sec. 5, Twp. 15, Map. 3949,
Municipality of Maple Ridge.

According to advice received from you the balance owing under Agreement for Sale of the above property in favor of subject Japanese amounted to \$549.77, as of February 29, 1944.

This property has been sold to the Director, Veterans' Land Act, and conveyance is now required in order to complete the sale.

We are enclosing herewith conveyance for your signature and the signatures of Benjamin Laing Miller Gilchrist and Elizabeth Mildred Black and we would be obliged if you would sign the document and deliver same forthwith to our representative, Mr. W. E. Anderson, whose signature appears in the margin of this letter.

The Custodian hereby undertakes to forward you a cheque for the above mentioned sum together with interest as soon as the sale is completed. We expect that this transaction will be closed in the course of the next two weeks but if for any reason the sale is not completed, the conveyance will not be recorded and will be returned to you.

Your co-operation herein will be very much appreciated.

Mr. Anderson's signature:

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

Enc. (dup.)
RDR/EG

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May 31, 1944.

Messrs. Crux & McMaster,
Barristers & Solicitors,
535 West Georgia Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. A. G. Duncan Crux.

Dear Sir:

Re: Fusanosuke OKUBO - Lot 3 of Sub.Div.
8 of Sec. 5, Twp. 15, Map 3949,
Municipality of Maple Ridge.

We enclose herewith Deed of Land dated May 29, 1944
in favor of subject Japanese duly executed by Benjamina
Laing Gilchrist, Elizabeth Mildred Black and Alexander
Gilchrist, according to the Agreement for Sale against
the above described property in the amount of \$1000.00.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

Enc. (dup.)
RDR/EG

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August 9, 1944.

Mr. Alexander Gilchrist,
c/o A. Foley,
3011 East 4th Avenue,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Fusanosuke OKUBO - Lot 3 of Sub.Div. 8
of Sec. 5, Twp. 15, Map 3949, Municipality
of Maple Ridge.

Pursuant to our letter of May 5, 1944, we enclose
herewith a cheque in the amount of \$558.85 being payment
in full of the balance owing on Agreement for Sale by
subject Japanese against the above described property,
computed as follows:

Balance of Principal owing on Agreement	
for Sale	\$495.00
Int. @ 4% from Aug. 1/41 to Aug. 15/44	<u>63.85</u>
	<u>\$558.85</u>

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

Enc.
RDR/EG

8036 Austin Ave.,
Victoria, April 2nd, 1945.

Dept. of Secretary of State,
Office of Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
206 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Recd	APR 4 1945
File No.	4980
Ans.	<i>I m-a</i>
Referred	<i>Claims</i>

Dear Sirs,

re Masanosuke Okubo & Rikosaku Fujita.
Your File #4980

With reference to your communication of Feb. 19th, 1943 in this matter, I am of the opinion that the statement by the debtors at that time is not sufficient to take the claim out of the Statute of Limitations. The note which I hold against these parties is an old one, but each time when it is about to be outlawed, they make a new promise to pay and thus keep the debt alive. According to my records it will outlaw this year unless they make a new promise in writing. I can scarcely afford to let the claim go by default, and do not want to add the expense of suing to the large amount they already owe. I think they would again make a definite promise to pay if so requested and by the time the debt would again outlaw the Japanese question will no doubt be settled and the property at Maslin sold if the parties in question do not return thereto. They had chattels (machinery in a box factory) at Maslin and it may be that something may be realized therefrom if they had but little equity in the farms occupied by them.

Please advise if I may continue with this claim through your department and if the necessary action will be taken to prevent the claim from being outlawed,

Yours truly,

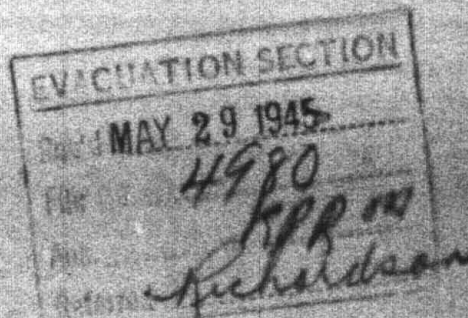
Chas. J. Wilson

*Statute of Limitations may only cover
assets under control of Custodian*

DEPARTMENT OF
LABOUR



CANADA



BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B. C.

28th May 1945.

Attention Mr. R. D. Richardson.

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

Re: Fusanosuke OKUBO
Reg. No. 13376
Your File No. 4980

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant, the above-named man has now been interviewed by our Tashme Welfare Manager but he refuses to give any letter acknowledging the note of Mr. Chas. J. Wilson. He maintains that this matter was brought up before and that he then stated that under the circumstances it would be impossible to meet the obligation until after the war.

Yours truly,

M. L. Brown
M. L. Brown,
Office Manager.

4980 Okubo C. 320.56 Claims
5818 Fujita C. 338.87 Claims

MMS/GM

*We suggest you might consult your
Inspector & be guided by his advice*



DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
JAPANESE DIVISION

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd. AUG. 31 1945	
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Anderson</i>

ack by you
360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.
August 30th, 1945.

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

Dear Sir:

Attention Mr. Anderson

Re: Fusanosuke OKUBO #13376
Hikosaku FUJITA #13466
Your file 4980

This will confirm telephone conversation, in which we advised that a Supreme Court Writ was served on the above at Tashme at 7:00 P.M. August 28th. This Order requires that they appear at Victoria within eight days. It was issued on behalf of Mr. Charles J. Wilson in respect of a 1934 note, in the amount of \$1400.00. Since we understand that the note in question is secured by a Chattel Mortgage on certain machinery in your possession, we presume that you will take the necessary steps to have the Writ cancelled on the grounds that the Japanese cannot be sued under the circumstances, as set out in Order-in-Council P.C. 1665. *should be cancelled on the grounds*

Our Tashme Supervisor is endeavouring to obtain a signed statement from the parties acknowledging the note and also setting out their counterclaim against Mr. Wilson. If obtained, this will be forwarded to you immediately.

Please confirm receipt of this letter by return, and advise as to procedure which will be followed. If the action is not to be defended by you, we would like to be able to advise the Japanese not later than tomorrow in order that they can make preparations for their own defence.

Yours very truly,

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - JAPANESE DIVISION

Mr. Brown
D. W. Simmons
Comptroller &
Administrative Assistant

Tashme, B. C.,

August 29, 1945.

We, FUJITA AND OKUBO, did operate the
Ruskin Box Factory and did purchase from Pacific
Wood Products Limited, veneer and the balance of
account amounted to \$900.00. We had asked for
discounts of the damaged veneer.

Mr. Wilson's son-in-law took charge of
our factory and our books, but after one and half
years, he absconded with the funds and the Ruskin
Box Company became defunct.

We also acknowledge that we had signed the
note in question.

H. Fujita

.....
Hikosaku FUJITA #13466

J. Okubo

.....
Fusanosuke OKUBO #13376

W. H. Hunter

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits
within the Province of British Columbia



2830 Austin Avenue,
Victoria, B. C.
Sept. 6th, 1945.

Office of Secretary of State,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir,

(Attention of Mr. Richardson, File 4980 & 5818)

My claim against the Japanese Evacuees, F. Okubo and H. Fujita, has now been reduced to judgment and today judgment was signed against both debtors in the sum of \$2,540.33 together with costs amounting to \$32.85, making in all the sum of \$2,573.18, which sum now bears interest at the rate of 5% per annum until settled. This judgment is of record in the office of the District Registrar of the Supreme Court at Victoria.

If you require official confirmation of the statements in the above paragraph, I could secure and forward to you a certified copy of the Judgment Roll herein. I presume now that the war has ended, steps will be taken to wind up the affairs of Japanese residents. I would appreciate any information you can give me as to what further steps, if any, I should take in this matter.

Yours truly,

"Chas. J. Wilson"

P.S. Kindly note change of address to 2830 Austin Ave.

COPY - Original on 5818

5815/4983/12277

September 11, 1945.

Mr. Charles J. Wilson,
2830 Austin Avenue,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Fusanosuke OEHNO, Reg. 13376
and Hikosaka FUJITA, Reg. 13466

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, and note that you have secured Judgment in the amount of \$2,540.33, together with costs of \$32.85, bearing interest at 5 per cent per annum, covering your claim previously lodged in this office.

It would now be in order to file with the Custodian a Statutory Declaration giving particulars of the Judgment, stating that this covers the claim previously registered in the sum of \$1,400.00, and that the Judgment has not been satisfied. This will be substituted for the claim held on our file, and will be given consideration with those of other creditors at such time as funds become available.

As far as the possibility of settlement is concerned, we might state that the creditors' claims on file far exceed the assets, and it cannot be anticipated that payment can be made in full upon liquidation of all the assets, known to the Custodian, belonging to these men. You will be advised when the Custodian is in a position to distribute this estate.

Yours truly,

AGM/VM

W. E. Anderson,
Administration Department.

Campbell, Brazier, Fisher & McMaster

Barriers and Solicitors

A. T. R. CAMPBELL
C. W. BRAZIER

A. W. FISHER
R. J. McMASTER

ROYAL BANK BUILDING
675 WEST HASTINGS STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C.

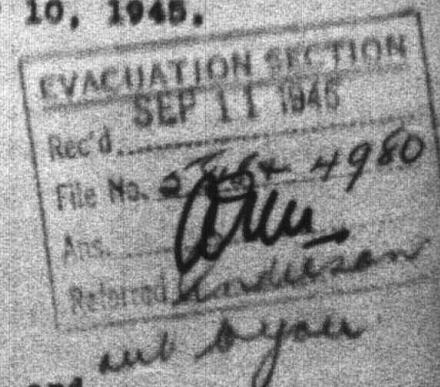
OUR FILE NO.

September 10, 1945.

Custodian of Japanese Property,
675 West Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Hikosaku Fujita #13466 and
Fusanosuke Okubo #13376



Our clients above-named were served with a Supreme Court Writ in an action at the suit of Charles J. Wilson, issued out of the Victoria Registry under # W209/45 sometime in August. They apparently were unaware of the necessity of entering an appearance within 14 days, and we are instructed were advised by the Security Commission that they could not come to the coast to attend thereto. They supplied the Commission with some kind of statement, and the Writ did not come to our attention until Thursday the 6th inst. We instructed our agents in Victoria to enter an appearance, but have been advised by them today that Judgment was entered by default on the 6th inst. We are seeking to communicate with our clients at an early date to advise them to apply to have the judgment opened up, as it appears to us that they have a good defense.

In the meantime, the Plaintiff may seek to realize on the judgment against assets which you may hold on behalf of our clients. This letter is to request that in the event that he seeks so to do you will not pay out any of our clients funds to the Plaintiff or any other person with respect to the judgment until we have had an opportunity upon receiving instructions to apply to have it set aside.

Yours truly,
CAMPBELL, BRAZIER, FISHER & McMASTER

Per

R. J. McMaster

RJM/M

*Ack. by phone &
no memo. advised that
no distribution of
the shares of these
persons is being
made at present.
Sept 20/45
D.M.*

2930 Austin Ave.,
Victoria, Sept. 15th 1945.

Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Dept.,
808 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

SEP 15 1945

at

Re

Mrs.

Referred

Mrs. McArthur

Dear Sirs,

re Masamune Sato (18846) & Mikosaku Sato (18846),
Your Files 4810 - 4880 and 18277.

As suggested by you in your letter of 12th. inst. I
enclose herewith Statutory Declaration giving particulars of my claim
against the above named debtors.

Yours truly,

Chas. J. Hilson

CANADA,
PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA,
TO WIT:

I, Charles James Wilson, of the City of Victoria, in the
Province of British Columbia, retired, do solemnly declare:

1. That on Thursday, the thirteenth day of September, A. D. 1945,
I recovered judgment against Masachika Okubo and Hirotsugu Fujita
in the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred, Seventy Three & 19/100
dollars (\$2,573.19) which sum bears interest at the legal rate
of Five Per Cent per annum (5%) until satisfied.

2. That the said judgment is in substitution of a claim
under a certain promissory note in the sum of \$1400.00 and interest.

3. That nothing has been paid on the said judgment and the
whole amount remains due and unsatisfied.

and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing
it to be true and 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 Victoria,
in the Province of
British Columbia, this
13th day of September,
A. D. 1945

Chas. J. Wilson

A Notary Public in and for the
Province of British Columbia.

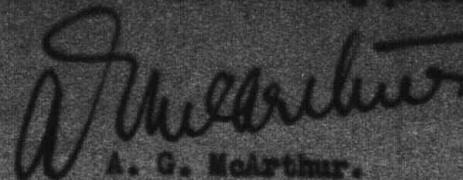
Files 4980 and 5818

September 20, 1945.

MEMORANDUM.

Re: Fusanosuke OKUBO, File 4980 and
Hikosaku FUJITA, File 5818.
Judgment Charles J. Wilson vs.
Okubo and Fujita.

At a conference between Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Shears at which Mrs. McArthur was present, the position of the Custodian with regard to the above action was discussed. Mr. Sheppard advised that no Japanese interest in this action vested in the Custodian and that no consideration should be given to the fact that Plaintiff C.J. Wilson failed to obtain the Custodian's consent before starting proceedings.


A. G. McArthur.

AGM:AS

4980 & 5818

8th October, 1947.

Charles J. Wilson, Esq.,
2830 Austin Avenue,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Fusanosuke OKUBO, Reg. No. 13376
Hikosaku FUJITA, Reg. No. 13466

In reply to your letter of the 17th September, please be assured that your claim is registered against the above Japanese at this office, but as far as the possibility of settlement is concerned, we wish to state that the creditors' claims on file far exceed the assets, and it cannot be anticipated that payment can be made in full upon liquidation of the assets, known to the Custodian, belonging to these men.

Yours truly,

Office of the Custodian.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

File 2936
4980

March 13, 1948.

Messrs. Virtue & Russell,
Barristers and Solicitors,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Dear Sirs:

We have been asked by the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, to give you any information which we have on hand regarding the possibility of realizing on a note signed by Fusanosuke OKUBO in favour of Nobuichi TAKEYASU.

We regret that we have no more recent information than that given to the Department of Labour in our letter of March 26, 1946, which reads in part as follows:

"We acknowledge your letter of the 21st instant, and in regard to the debt of \$2,504.43 owed by fusanosuke OKUBO, File 4980, to Nobuichi TAKEYASU, we may advise that it has been admitted by the former. However, OKUBO has a balance on the Custodian books of \$324.26, and in addition, he is said to have an interest in the Ruskin Box Company whose affairs at the present time are tied up. OKUBO's liabilities including his debt to TAKEYASU are over \$4,300.00."

The only difference, however, is that OKUBO's balance on the Custodian books is now \$408.34. OKUBO had an interest in the Ruskin Box Company, but there would not appear to be any surplus of assets over liabilities of this Company.

Yours very truly,

"C. H. Reed"

Office of the Custodian.

CHR/fm

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WILLIAM STAFFORD RUSSELL, B.A., LL.B.

6th April, 1948.

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 562 T

Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings and Granville,
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.

EVACUATION SECTION	
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Ans.	
Returned	<i>[Signature]</i>

Dear Sir: RE: Fusanosuke Okubo

We notice in your letter of March 13th that you advise in paragraph 3 thereof, "We acknowledge your letter of the 21st instant, and in regard to the debt of \$2,504.43 owed by Fusanosuke Okubo, File 4980, to Nobuichi Takeyasu, we may advise that it has been admitted by the former." We are extremely concerned about this note which is barred by the Statute of Limitations by April 15th, unless a sufficient undertaking or acknowledgement in writing has been made by Mr. Okubo to you to revive the note.

Would you kindly forward us by Air Mail a copy of any writing, which you may have, whereby Okubo acknowledged this debt?

Your early attention would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

VIRTUE & RUSSELL,

Per *[Signature]*

WSR/R

2936
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April 8, 1948.

AIR MAIL

Messrs. Virtue & Russell,
Barristers, Solicitors,
McFarland Building,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Fusenosuke OKUBO, Reg. No. 13376

We have for acknowledgment your letter of the 6th instant, and in reply wish to advise that there is no signed acknowledgment by the above Japanese on our file in regard to the debt of \$2,505.43 to Kobaichi TAKEYASU.

Apparently all communications in this connection were forwarded to us through the British Columbia Security Commission, which commission went out of existence in March, 1943.

The only letter we have on file admitting the debt, is one dated January 19, 1943, signed by the British Columbia Security Commission, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Yours very truly,

C. H. Reed,
Office of the Custodian.

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August 3, 1949.

REGISTERED MAIL

Mr. Fusanosuke Okubo,
1084 1/2 Park Avenue East,
Box 46,
Chatham, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: RUSKIN BOX MANUFACTURERS

With reference to certain box making machinery located in a building on the property of Mr. Robert Lundstrom at Matequi, B. C., we wish to inform you that this machinery has remained undisturbed in that location since found in 1944. Mr. Lundstrom, while holding a Bill of Sale covering these goods, does not claim ownership but states that he is entitled to storage charges.

It is not clear to this office whether the machinery belongs to the Ruskin Box partnership or to certain partners alone. Our file indicates that the affairs of the partnership were subject to a disagreement but no statement has been delivered to the Custodian concerning the respective interests of the partners.

In 1945 the machinery was appraised and offered for sale by public tender but no bids were received. At a later date an offer was submitted to Mrs. Take Mashida as Administratrix of the Estate of Denkichih Mashida, Deceased, but no reply was received from her. Recently Mr. J. B. Gill of Gill Brothers, Box 52, Mission, B. C., has telephoned submitting an offer of \$400.00, where is, as is. This offer would, no doubt, be subject to Mr. Lundstrom's claim for storage. Mr. Gill was told that his offer would be passed on to you and that this office would have no objection to his dealing direct with the owners.

We wish to make it clear to you that since the ownership of the machinery is uncertain as between the three partners of the Ruskin Box Company and since it was given into the custody of Mr. Lundstrom without the knowledge or consent of the Custodian, this office does not wish to assume any responsibility for these goods and will offer no objection to their disposition. Mr. Lundstrom has reported that the

Mr. Fusanogake Okubo.

August 3, 1949.

building in which the machinery was stored was within the flood area and consequently the machinery is deteriorating rapidly.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. Lundstrom.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

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**LIST OF DOCUMENTS REMOVED FROM FILES 12277,
3205, 8861, 8808, 4980, 8818, and 5818
to Claim file 12277 - RUSKIN BOX MANUFACTURERS**

1. R.C.M.P. Report re International Truck
2. Appraisal re same
3. Memorandum re same
4. Copy Declaration, Denkichu Machida, Dated April 9, 1942.
5. Copy Declaration, Take Machida, Dated May 12, 1942.
6. Original Declaration, K. Okubo, May 11, 1942.
7. Signed copy Declaration K. Fujita, May 11, 1942.
8. Copy C. of E. re Real Property
9. Statutory Declaration, J. M. Streight, re real Property
10. Statement re sale real property.
11. Partnership agreement dated Sept. 1935.
12. Articles of Partnership dated March 30, 1938.
13. Order re Accounting Action
14. Affidavit A. H. Fleishman re Accounting Action
15. Letter to Custodian March 7, 1944, signed K. Fujita & K. Okubo
16. Letter, Custodian to Adam Smith Johnston, March 14, 1944, re Action
17. Letter, Custodian to A. H. Fleishman advising discontinuance of the Action.
18. Appointment to Take Accounts Pursuant to Order to Take Partnership Accounts and Notice to Produce, dated October 12, 1943.
19. Order to take Partnership Accounts before District Registrar, June 30/43.
20. Writ Issued the 27th Day of November, A.D. 1941
STATEMENT OF CLAIM
STATEMENT OF DEFENCE
21. Summons To D. Machida to appear before the District Registrar, Vancouver, November 27, 1941.
22. Statements of Account Pioneer Halloch Box Co. with Ruskin Box Co. for the years 1938 to 1941 inclusive.
23. List of Notes, Ruskin Box Manufacturing Co.
24. Custodian to D. C. Gibbens, August 18, 1942, re interest of Machida in Ruskin Box.
25. Copy letter P. C. Gibbens & Co., September 1, 1942, in reply.
26. Memo re Claims against Ruskin Box
27. Custodian to Okubo, February 25, 1943, advising that the Custodian had no objection to the pursuance of the Action entered in the Vancouver Registry of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.
28. Letter Adam Smith Johnston to Custodian, May 19, 1943, enclosing copy of his letter to Fleishman & Hansford.
29. Letter Adam Smith Johnston to Custodian, December 4, 1943, enclosing copy of letter from Denkichu Machida stating he wished the plaintiffs wished the same action dropped.
30. Memorandum, May 11, 1944, Wilson to Anderson stating machinery removed from building prior to evacuation.

31. Copy letter Huzuku Fujita and Okubo to Custodian, March 7, 1944 stating that they wish to discontinue the Action.
32. Copy letter Take Machida to Adam Smith Johnston stating that it had been decided to discontinue the Action.
33. Letter Adam Smith Johnston, May 30, 1944, re discontinuance of Action.
34. Memo May 30, 1944, K. W. Wright to Milson stating that Adam Smith Johnston had suggested sale of machinery.
35. Memo May 31, 1944, Milson to K. W. Wright stating that Adam Smith Johnston had the machinery of Ruskin Box confused with machinery at 662 Alexander St.
36. Bill of Sale covering sale of machinery by Hikosaku Fujita to Robert Lundstrom and George Smith.
37. Letter Custodian to B. C. Security Commission requesting them to ask Fujita by what right he sold chattels of Ruskin Box and what he did with the money.
38. Letter, Sept. 21, 1944, Lundstrom to Custodian stating nothing paid on Bill of Sale and asking that goods be removed.
39. Memo, October 2, 1944, Milson to Iverson re machinery
40. Letter, B. C. Security Commission to Custodian, October 14, 1944, enclosing copy of letter from their Supervisor stating that Fujita and Okubo had a verbal understanding with Machida before his death that they had full right to the machinery.
41. October 20, 1944, Letter, Custodian to B. C. Security Commission re Bill of Sale.
42. Copy of letter dated November 8, 1944, W.E. Roberts, Welfare Manager at Tashme to B. C. Security Commission stating that Fujita says no money paid under Bill of Sale, this being only for protection purposes.
43. Pacific Co-Operative Union to Custodian, November 16, 1944, re two stitching machines.
44. Memorandum, November 28, 1944, Anderson to Wright confirming that machinery still in Lundstrom's shed.
45. Valuation of equipment by National Machinery Co. Ltd., March 19, 1945. \$779.00.
46. Clipping of Newspaper Advt. of Mill Machinery for sale by tender, April 30, 1945.
47. May 21, 1945. Memorandum to File stating no tenders.
48. Undated letter from Lundstrom to Custodian claiming storage charges.
49. Letter, January 2, 1946, Custodian to National Machinery Company asking if they wish to purchase machinery at the appraised price.
50. Letter, November 6, 1946, General Machinery Limited to Custodian offering \$250.00 for the machinery.
51. Letter, June 30, 1947, offering \$500.00 for machinery, signed "B. A. Edlund".
52. Letter, July 3, 1947, Custodian to Take Machida referring the offer above.
53. Letter National Machinery Company, July 4, 1947, advising acceptance of \$500.00 offer.
54. Letter, July 10, 1947, B. A. Edlund to Custodian extending time limit

54. Letter, February 18, 1948, Custodian to Nabata advising him to write to Mrs. Machida direct if he wishes to make an offer on the machinery.
55. Letter August 13, 1947, Custodian to Edlund advising him to contact Mrs. Machida direct re sale of machinery.
56. Letter August 13, 1947, Custodian to Mrs. Machida advising her storage charges accumulating.
57. Letter, April 12, 1948, Custodian to Take Machida asking for details of claim.
58. Statement of Account.