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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: MURAO Hatsu (Mrs. Yasukichi).

HOME ADDRESS: P.O. Box 102, Steveston, B.C. (Phoenix Cannery House No. 5).

REGISTRATION NUMBER 04501. SEX: Female. AGE: 31.

OCCUPATION: Housewife.

(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: Yasukichi.

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: as above.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Shoko (F) Nobuko (F) Mitsuyo (F)  
Akihiro (M).

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: as above.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 7, 5, 4, 3.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: None.

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable)

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

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)



7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: \_\_\_\_\_
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED**

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Phoenix Cannery House No. 5, Steveston, B.C.  
House of 4 Rooms. With husband. (P.O. Box 102).
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Phoenix Cannery. Steveston.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Husband has arrangement with Cannery.
4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: \_\_\_\_\_
5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:**

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS: \_\_\_\_\_

At Phoenix Cannery House No. 5, Steveston, B.C.

1 Singer Sewing Machine.

Will hand over key of the house to Cannery.

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. None.
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 23rd day of April, 1942.

W. McArthur

Witness

(Signature)

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FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date

June 11/42

Our File No.

5246

Full Name

MURAO

(Hatsu)

Mrs. Yasukichi

(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No.

04501

Male - Female  
(check)

Age

Mar. 25, 1911

Former Address

P.O. Box 102, Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated

Apr. 29/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(check)

Present Address

Greenwood, B.C.

Married - Single  
(check)

Name of Wife

Name of Husband

Yasukichi #03870

Name of Mother

NARIWA, Naka

Name of Father

NARIWA, Matsumoto

Names of Children under 16

(None)

(Japan)

See husband's sheet.

Requested by

CCP

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information



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October 28th, 1950.

Mr. & Mrs. Yasukichi MURAO,  
Box 420,  
Greenwood, B. C.

& Madam:

285

\$555.18.

\$523.07

\$ 32.11

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LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 5246

July 31, 1946.

RE: Hatsu (Mrs. Yasukichi) MURAO  
Reg. No. Q4501

This file reveals no claims against the above person.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with the  
information on file.  
July 31/46  
LHM:

*R.B. Macdonald*  
*per L.M. Brown*  
R.B. Macdonald



PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

1433  
File No. 5246

July 31, 1946.

RE: Hatsu (Mrs. Yasukichi) MURAO  
Reg. No. 04501

CHATELS:

The above, who made her declaration to the Custodian on April 23/42 and was evacuated on April 29/42, declared one Singer sewing machine at House #5, Phoenix Cannery, Steveston. The goods at this house were inventoried by Custodian agent, Mr. C. C. Robinson, on June 26/42 in the name of Yasuichi NARIWA, Int. File 1031, as per list #57 on that file. Yasuichi NARIWA is a brother of the above and he had been living at her home prior to his being interned. The sewing machine which was among the goods on this list was sold at auction for the net sum of \$25.75 on Dec. 10/44, and this sum credited to the account of Yasuichi NARIWA, Int. File 1031. On Feb. 12/46 we received a letter from the Camp Commandant at Angler advising that Yasuichi NARIWA stated that the sewing machine belonged to his sister, Mrs. Hatsu MURAO, and that he wished the proceeds from sale of the machine transferred to her account. This was done on March 22/46.

The file reveals the above owned no specified articles.

No property interests other than those mentioned above are found on this file.

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

July 31/46

LBM:

*R.B. Mackenzie*  
*per R. Mackenzie*  
R.B. Mackenzie



December 9, 1946.

CHattel Summary

Re: Yasuichi NARIWA *(Brother of Hatsu)*  
Registration No. 14962

In his declaration of April 21, 1942, Yasuichi NARIWA declared no chattels whatsoever left in the protected area. He was interned on June 19, 1942.

The file reveals that on June 26, 1942, the Custodian's agent removed from the Phoenix Cannery House No. 5 to the Custodian's Warehouse No. 3, chattels in the name of Y. NARIWA. There is no such name and it appears that the Custodian's office tried to identify this as the name Yasuichi NARIWA, and this list was placed on his file.

The sewing machine was auctioned by the Custodian on December 10, 1943. This was called to Yasuichi's attention and a reply was received from him on February 8, 1946, in which he states the sewing machine auctioned belonged to his sister Mrs. Hatsu MURAO who he lived with before evacuation. On her own file #5246, Mrs. Hatsu MURAO declared a sewing machine in No. 5 Phoenix Cannery, therefore, the credit derived was transferred to her account.

On checking her husband's file #1433, we find in his original declaration Yasukichi MURAO stated he left his chattels at the Imperial Cannery but in a letter received from him on November 30, 1944, he states this was a mistake that he actually left his effects at the Phoenix Cannery, Steveston, B.C. We are of the opinion, therefore, that the chattels removed under the name of Y. NARIWA were the effects of MURAO. Therefore, we have transferred the inventory list to MURAO's file #1433, also \$2.64 credit which was derived from the sale of two (2) table lamps.

Yasuichi NARIWA wrote to this office from the Internment Camp on September 29, 1942, submitting a list of nets and twine which he claimed he left in the storage rooms of the Phoenix Cannery. Nets were found in his name and sold by the Custodian. Our Net Statement of February 8, 1944, shows their disposal, the total amount being \$244.98.

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

  
George Peters,  
Office of the Custodian.

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NAME MURAO, Hatsu (Mrs. Yasukichi)

REGISTRATION NO. 04501

FILE NO. 5246

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Steveston, B.C. on December 10, 1943.

Old fashioned sewing machine

\$35.00

Total

(Auctioneer's Fee: \$3.50  
Less Expenses: {Advertising: 1.80  
{Moving: 3.95

\$ 35.00

\$ 9.25

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 25.75

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

C.G. Robinson

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Steveston No.2.

Remarks.



Granwood, B.C. Nov. 30th, 1944

Mr. R. B. Mackenzie,  
The Custodian's Office  
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
REF. NO.	1-1011
FILE NO.	5246
DATE	11/2/44 R.B.M.
RECEIVED	M. K. L.

Dear sir:

Re: File No. <sup>5246</sup>5426.

In reply to your inquiry dated 22nd inst., I beg to inform you that I made mistakes upon the location where I left my Singer sewing machines for which I declared April 23rd 1942, on this "IP" form.

The machines, actually, has been left at No. 2 house Phoenix Cannery (A. B. C. Packard) at Steveston, instead, I stated No. 5 house by mistake, so, I would like you kindly have your attention into this direction, in checking up. Please note that the machines was old-fashioned ones.

Thanking you for your kind attention to this matter.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. Hatsuo Murao,  
Reg. No. 04501



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December 12th, 1944

Mr. & Mrs. Yasukichi KURAO,  
Reg. Nos. 03870 & 04501,  
Greenwood, B.C.

Dear Sir & Madam:

We acknowledge receipt of your letters of November 30th in which you both declare having given the wrong address of your chattels when filling out your "JP" Registration Forms - and now state they were left at house #2, Phoenix Cannery.

At this date, we may be unable to trace your goods as we removed nothing from house #2, in your name. All the goods from this house were taken to our storage warehouse in the name of Mrs. Kazuo KAHANO.

We enclose a list of these effects and if you can positively identify any of the items as being yours, kindly let us know as until we hear from you all the proceeds from the sale of these goods at our auctions will be frozen, until the rightful owners can be determined.

Trusting to hear from you promptly,

we are,

Yours truly,

R.B. Mackenzie  
Protection Department

REB:LM  
Encl.



July 31, 1946.

REGISTERED

Mrs. Hatsu MURAO,  
Reg. No. 04501,  
GREENWOOD, B.C.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your enquiry about the sewing machine, we would advise that this was sold at auction on December 10th, 1944, for the net sum of \$25.75. This sum was originally credited to the account of your brother, Mr. Yasuichi NARIWA, but on instructions received from him on March 22nd, 1946, the money was transferred from his account to yours, and we now enclose Custodian cheque for \$25.75. This is your entire credit balance with this office and we are therefore closing your account. Kindly acknowledge receipt of cheque.

Yours truly,

R. B. MacKedie  
Protection Department

LSM:

Encl. (1)