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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: MORITA, Jisuke

HOME ADDRESS: Box 126, ~~XX~~ Chemainus, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 08616 SEX: Male AGE: 54

OCCUPATION: Machinist

(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: Victory Lumber Co., Chemainus, B.C.

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: ISEMATSU

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Same address

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: GEORGE (M) TOMIKO (F) HARUMI (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Same address

AGE OF CHILDREN: 4, 9, and 13 yrs.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: 4 room, wooden, shingled roof, house.
-- 2 chicken house. Location Chinatown, Chemainus, B.C. To be left in
charge of Custodian

Detached. 23/1/1942. Sec. 23/1/1942. No title A

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) \$6 per yr, paid for 1941, payable to
Victory Lumber Co., Chemainus, B.C.

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

None

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) None Vacant

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: None
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: None
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN None

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Dwelling house, "Chinatown", Chemainus, B.C.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Victory Lumber Co., Chemainus, B.C.

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: 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:

3 beds, and 2 stoves; located at "Chinatown", Chemainus, B.C.,
left in charge of Custodian.

The following items are left at the Jap. Community Hall, which is
under the protection of the Local B.C.F.P.

<u>Box #1. Singer sewing machine #JB-002070</u>	<u>\$100</u>
<u>Box #2 containing kitchenwares</u>	<u>\$15</u>
<u>Box #3 1 box containing kitchenwares</u>	<u>\$10</u>

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 /

REMARKS: None

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 24th day of April 1942.

(Signature) Louise Marita

M. Wright
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

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Date February 3/43

Full Name

G. MORITA
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No.

08616

Male - Female
(check)

Age

June 23, 1887

Former Address

Chamainus, B.C.

Date Evacuated

Sept 12/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address

Vancouver B.C.

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife

TAKAMIDE, Yasmatsu

Name of Husband

Name of Mother

deceased

Name of Father

deceased

Names of Children under 16

Agas (f) 15/8/25 - Marumi (m) 26/9/28

Momido (f) 18/2/32

Seorge (m) 28/5/37

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Registered with Custodian
(yes or no)

Requested By

E. Sutton

Additional Information

Retired - own home

N.B. Has son Hideo - age 21 - # 08795

GENERAL SUMMARY

File No. 5370

June 19, 1946

Re: Jisuke MORITA, Reg. No. 08617

Papers now on this file show that the articles requested by Release of November 17, 1942, were shipped.

The 3 beds and 2 stoves declared have not been accounted for. Chattels left by Japanese in Chemainus were left in their former residences up to the time (November 11, 1943) when all chattels of value were removed to Nanaimo for storage and sale. Exceptions to this were in the case of chattels left in a house that was rented to some other tenant after the departure of the Japanese, and the house formerly occupied by this man does not appear to have been rented.

According to information supplied by Constable Helm of the B. C. Police, Chemainus, and by Mr. Alfred Stubbs of Chemainus, the buildings formerly occupied by the Japanese were broken into frequently during the period between March, 1942 when the Japanese were evacuated from that district and the date of the removal of chattels to Nanaimo. During these break-ins some articles may have been stolen, but the generally very poor quality of the chattels left makes it unlikely that much of value would have been found by the intruders. When the chattels were removed to Nanaimo, such articles as were obviously of no value were discarded and not moved. Many of the articles shipped to Nanaimo were found upon arrival, or when offered for sale, to have no sales value.

A large part of the chattels found in Chemainus was discarded as valueless. Unfortunately no detailed list of discarded goods has been kept.

Jisuke MORITA would seem, from evidence on his file, to have been in somewhat straightened circumstances. It seems likely that any articles of value owned by him were those packed in the 3 boxes which he stored in the Chemainus Japanese Community Hall and which were later shipped to his wife. The 3 beds and 2 stoves were, in all probability, among the many articles of this nature that were discarded at Chemainus. MORITA placed a value of \$25.00 on these five items at the time of his declaration.

W. Maclean
June 19, 1946

File No. 5370

LIABILITY SUMMARY

June 15, 1946.

Re: Jianke MORITA, Registration No. 08616

H. Furuya Co. filed a claim against this man for \$80.80. On January 22, 1945, Mrs. MORITA advised that this amount should be \$78.44, but that she did not have any money, her husband being in prison. Creditor was so advised and we have taken no further action.

Hiroshi Arthur OKADA filed a claim against this man for \$248.88. This debt was apparently 18 years old and therefore outlawed. Creditor so advised and we have taken no further action.

Drs. Bissett, Watson, McHaffie & Beaver-Potts filed a claim against this man for \$130.00. This debt was admitted by his wife but she stated they had no funds. Creditor so advised and we have taken no further action.

Gihei KAWABARA filed a claim for \$31.65 against this man. His wife denied this claim, creditor so advised, no further action by this office.

Tanemake YAMAMOTO filed a claim against this man for \$30.00. His wife denied this claim, creditor so advised, no further action by this office.

This file reveals no other liabilities.

The file of this man's wife, File No. 6572, reveals no liabilities.

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

J. Mackison

June 15, 1946.

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File No. 5370

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

June 15, 1946.

Re: Jisuke MORITA, Registration No. 08616

This man signed a declaration to the Custodian on April 24, 1942. He was evacuated on September 12, 1942.

In his declaration he reported a 4-room wooden house and 2 chicken-houses in "Chinatown", Chemainus. These buildings were built on land owned by the Victoria Lumber Co. and in late 1944 were torn down by that company with the consent of this office, and MORITA was so advised.

He reported 3 beds and 2 stoves left in his former home at Chemainus. Everything that was worth moving to auction was taken to Nanaimo by Mr. James in late 1943 and early 1944. There is no record of these items and it is assumed they were discarded as valueless. On November 17, 1943 he requested shipment of numerous small articles left in his former home but not declared and lacking evidence to the contrary we assume these were shipped. *See Release showing what was actually shipped file 0 28110-11-6*

He reported 3 boxes left at the Japanese Community Hall, Chemainus. These three boxes were shipped to his wife, File No. 6562, on May 23, 1942. *See file 0*

This file reveals no other property of any kind.

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

J. MacKinnon

June 15, 1946.

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January 31st, 1945.

Mr. Gihei KAWAHARA,
Registration No. 08696,
Limon Creek,
Sloan, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Jisuke MORITA #08616

With reference to your claim of \$31.65 against the above named. On writing to him we received a letter from his wife, dated the 22nd of January, 1945, from which the following is an extract:-

"In reference to Gihei KAWAHARA - \$31.65, to my personal knowledge there is no outstanding account with him."

Under the circumstances as neither husband or wife has any funds with the Custodian, we cannot do anything further to assist you in this matter.

Should you wish to contact them direct, their address is:-

Registration Nos. 08616 & 08617,
Tashme, D. C.

Yours truly,


AMC:ND

A. McAlister,
Claims Department.

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January 31st, 1945.

Mr. Tanosuke YAMAMOTO,
Registration No. 03329,
Camp No. 2, Copper Creek,
Princeton, B. C.

Dear Sir: re: Jisuke MORITA #08616

With reference to your claim of \$30.00 against the above named. On writing to him we received a letter from his wife, dated the 22nd of January, 1945, from which the following is an extract:-

"In reference to Tanosuke YAMAMOTO of \$30.00 to my personal knowledge there is no outstanding accounts with them."

Under the circumstances as neither husband or wife has any funds with the Custodian, we cannot do anything further to assist you in this matter.

Should you wish to contact them direct, their address is:-

Registration Nos. 08616 & 08617,
Tashme, B. C.

Yours truly,


AMcA:ND

A. McAlister,
Claims Department.

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January 31st, 1945.

The Duncan District Credit Bureau,
Duncan, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

re: Drs. Bissett, Watson, McHaffie & Beevor-Potts. v.
J. MORITA - - - \$130.00

With reference to the claim of \$130.00 which you lodged against the above named on behalf of your client, Drs. Bissett, Watson, McHaffie & Beevor-Potts. We wrote to Jisuke MORITA in connection with your claim and received a letter from his wife, dated the 22nd of January, 1945, from which the following is an extract:-

"With reference to your letter of January 13th, 1945. I wife of Jisuke MORITA, now serving prison term wish to reply as follows:-

Drs. Bissett, Watson, McHaffie & Beevor-Potts - \$130.00.
The above mentioned claims with the correction of M. Furuya Co. I confirm, however owing to the present circumstances of my family on relief and my husband serving the prison term cannot as much as I wish to fulfil this obligation but when the family evacuates to a more normal community I should endeavour to make settle ent.

I solemnly declare the foregoing to the best of my knowledge true to facts, however, when my husband, Jisuke MORITA, is discharged and once again back at home I am quite willing to confirm my statement."

As they have no assets with the Custodian, we regret we cannot do anything further to assist you.

Should you wish to follow this matter further, the address of his wife is:-

Mrs. Isematsu MORITA, #08617,
Tashme, B. C.

Yours truly,

A. McAllister,
Claims Department.

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January 31st, 1945.

M. Furuya Co.,
c/o Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

re: Jisuke MORITA #08616

With reference to your claim of \$80.80 against the above named. We wrote in connection with your claim and received a letter from his wife, dated the 22nd of January, 1945, from which the following is an extract:-

"With reference to your letter of January 13th, 1945. I wife of Jisuke MORITA, now serving prison term wish to reply as follows:-

(1) M. Furuya Co. of \$80.80 should be \$78.44.

The above mentioned claims with the correction of M. Furuya Co. I confirm, however owing to the present circumstances of my family on relief and my husband serving the prison term cannot as much as I wish to fulfil this obligation but when the family evacuates to a more normal community I should endeavour to make settlement.

I solemnly declare the foregoing to the best of my knowledge true to facts, however, when my husband, Jisuke MORITA, is discharged and once again back at home I am quite willing to confirm my statement."

As they have no assets with the Custodian, we regret we cannot do anything further to assist you.

Should you wish to follow this matter further, the address of his wife is:-

Mrs. Isenatsu MORITA, #08617,
Tashme, B. C.

Yours truly,

A. McAllister,
Claims Department.

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File No. 6572

Tashme, B. C.
January 22nd, 1945.

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

Dear Sirs:-

With reference to your letter of January 13th, 1945 I
wife of Jisuke MORITA, now serving prison term wish to reply as follows:-

- (1) M. Furuya Co. of \$80.80 should be \$78.44.
- (2) Drs. Bissett, Watson, McHaffie & Beevor-Potts - \$130.00.

The above mentioned claims with the correction of M. Furuya Co.
I confirm, however owing to the present circumstances of my family on relief
and my husband serving the prison term cannot as much as I wish to fulfil this
obligation but when the family evacuates to a more normal community I should
endeavour to make settlement.

In reference to No. 3 of Gihei KAWAHARA \$31.65 and No. 4 of Tanosuke
YAMAMOTO of \$30.00 to my personal knowledge there is no outstanding accounts
with them.

I solemnly declare the foregoing to the best of my knowledge true to facts,
however, when my husband, Jisuke MORITA, is discharged and once again back at home
I am quite willing to confirm my statement.

Yours truly,

Isematsu MORITA
Reg. No. 08617

for Jisuke MORITA
Reg. No. 08616

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ORIGINAL IN FILE No. 6572

MEMORANDUM

File No.: 5370
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January 25th, 1945.

To: FILES

From: Mr. Green

Re: Mr. and Mrs. Jisuke MORITA

Mr. Jisuke Morita declared in addition to the buildings at Chemainus in which it now appears he has no equity, three beds and two stoves valued at a total of \$25.00. Everything that was worth moving to auction was taken from Chemainus to Nanaimo by Mr. James in late 1943 and early 1944. There is no record of these items and it is clear that they were discarded as valueless.

He also declared three boxes, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and this was duplicated in his wife's declaration on file 6572. Shipment of these three boxes was made to the wife on May 24th, 1942. A further application was made on November 17th, 1942 for some small sundries which, it may be assumed, were shipped. Chattels on these two files may, therefore, be considered as closed.

W. E. L. G. air

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January 15th, 1945.

Mr. Jisuke MORITA,
Registration No. 08616,
Tashme, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: House at Chemainus.

In a letter dated 20/4/1942 you stated that you owned:

"House itself valued at	\$450.00
2 Chicken houses	\$100.00"

located at so-called "Chinatown", Chemainus. This "Chinatown" is situated on land owned by the Victoria Lumber Company Ltd., who, under date of 23/9/1944, wrote us in part as follows:

"On our land in and adjacent to Chemainus there are a number of structures which were erected by Japanese, as dwelling houses. Each of these was on a lease determinable on thirty days notice, and all of them are now in arrears in their payment of \$6.00 per year. This \$6.00 per year was intended to reimburse us for the improvement taxes which accrued as a result of their erecting the buildings on our land.

"Under the terms of the lease, the tenant was required to remove or destroy the buildings within thirty days of receipt of notice from us requiring such action. We now require the lands occupied by these buildings, and in as much as the buildings are in your charge, we consider this as notice under the terms of the leases to remove the buildings within thirty days. In the event that you cannot remove the buildings, will you authorize us to wreck them, charging the cost to you."

This demand was made under the following clause of the Agreement that applies to all such buildings erected on their land:

"It is mutually agreed that, in the event of our requiring this land, or for any other reason, this agreement may be cancelled without notice, and that you will within thirty days of our notifying you, remove from the said land the building above referred to, and such other structures as may be appurtenant to your occupation of the land, and the cost of such removal shall be borne entirely by you."

Construction and condition of the buildings did not permit of removal, and cost would, in any case, have been prohibitive, so the Company was asked if

Mr. Jisuke MORITA.

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they would pay the equivalent of the salvage value of the buildings, but they were not prepared to consider any such suggestion and to escape the liability for an unknown amount for expenses inherent in Company's decision to stand on their legal rights, it was arranged that they demolish the buildings at their own convenience and expense as part of their current programme of extension.

We might add that a representative from this office has since inspected the situation with a representative of the Company and it was apparent that there was no salvage value in these buildings insofar as the Company is concerned and we are satisfied that the arrangement made with the Company was the best possible under the circumstances and saved you the expense the Company would otherwise have been entitled to collect.

This eliminates or liquidates the buildings declared by you.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

RGB/P.

File No. 5770

January 13th, 1945

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Jisuke MORITA - Reg. No. 08616

CREDITORS:-

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|--|----------|-----------------------------|
| 1. M. Furuya Co. | \$ 80.80 | ad. by 75.44 letter 12.1.45 |
| 2. Drs. Bissett, Watson, McHaffie
& Beaver-Potts..... | 130.00 | admitted |
| (The Duncan District Credit Bureau) | | |
| 3. Gihel KAWAHARA.....F-1745 | 31.65 | } Denied |
| 4. Tanosuke YAMAMOTO.....F-2138 | 30.00 | |

Under advice we cannot do anything more for them

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NO CLAIMS ON WIFE'S FILE No. 6572

No a/c

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Address: Tachme, B. C.Date: November 17, 1942.To: The Secretary of State, acting in his
capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.I, MORITA Jimuke, Police Registration No. 00616

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted property
stored at Home, Chinatown District, Chemainus, B. C.
in possession of Custodian, Constable E. F. McKay
and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to
such property.

Description of Property: 1 tub shoyu sauce (in kitchen, under food shelf)
1 roll clothe line } both are inside the kitchen
1 toy car } drawers

2 irons (under the shelf of brick chimney)
1 wash board (in wash room)
1 dish pan (inside the sink)
1 garden shovel (in front of bathhouse fireplace)

Family portrait (hanging on wall of parlor)

1 hatchet, water hose 50' ft., on the left hand side of brick chimney, built in shelf

N. B. THIS IS HER FIRST SHIPMENT

Original Address: Chemainus, B. C.Date Evacuated to Vancouver: April 21, 1942.Date Evacuated to Present Address: September 12, 1942.Number in Family - 12 years and over 5Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old 2Number in Family - under 5 0Total Number in Family - SevenI agree to pay all charges as required by the British Columbia
Security Commission.APPROVED:
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSIONPer: [Signature]Claimant Signs Here [Signature]

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Justine Agnew
District Vancouver

Ship for collect - shipping charges as
advanced w.b. Send us \$2.00
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September 19, 1942.

Mr. Hiteshi A. Okada,
Registration No. 08553,
Notch Hill, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Jisuke MORITA
Reg. No. 08616

With reference to your claim against the
above for \$248.88.

Morita states that this claim is eighteen
or twenty years old. If this is true, and you cannot
prove his having made any payments towards this claim
in the interval, it is outlawed, and we are unable to
do anything about it.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,
Claims Department.

AMCA:ND

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July 17, 1942

Mr. George B. Spain,
Hastings Park Manning Pool,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Jisuke MORITA
Reg. No. 08616

Would you kindly have Jisuke Morita, Reg.
No. 08616, appear before you and ask him for
payment on an account due Gihei Kawahara, for
the amount of \$31.65, and would you be good
enough to advise us as to what success you
have.

Yours truly,

GDM/GH

F. G. Shears
Assistant Manager

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May 8th, 1942.

Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing
Company,
CHEWAINUS, B.C.

Dear Sirs:-

In making declaration to the Custodian of
Japanese Property the parties below named have stated
they are the owners of houses built on lands owned by
your company.

Will you please inform me upon what terms they
occupy the lands, and in particular, if your company
claims any interest in the houses or other improvements.

Rumichi Fukumoto
Tanazo Kawai
Seitaro Nishimura
Haruyuki Okada
Shimo Ota
✓ Jisuke Morita

Yours truly,

IMCP/EB.

C.L. Dreury
Manager

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Files #6566,
5370, 5495,
11299, 5732.

April 22nd, 1942.

Alfred Stubbs, Esq.,
Chesinus, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed are Registration forms
prepared as a result of letters from the individuals
in question.

The Custodian desires that in these
cases you investigate and take control of the assets for
the persons concerned, and take such other action as you
may deem necessary in order to preserve and protect the
property.

Yours truly,

C. L. Drewry
Manager

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