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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE No. 5376  
EXHIBIT No. 1508-2  
DATE NOV 29 1948  
FILLED BY A. B. B. B.

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having property in any protected area. Administration of this property requires such persons to give full particulars as requested in this form.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: SAITO, Shunko

HOME ADDRESS: 306 E. Cordova St., Vancouver, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 06165 SEX: Female AGE: 23

OCCUPATION: Dressmaker

(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? No

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: None

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: None

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: None

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: None

AGE OF CHILDREN: None

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) None

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) None

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

None

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



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: 306 E. Cordova St. Vancouver, B.C.  
Dwelling house - lives there with parents. / 6118 Fraser Ave. Cleaning & Dressmaking Est.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: None (home)  
Mr. John Malin (owner of shop) 6116 Fraser Ave. (business address)
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: \$25.00 per month to parents for room and board.  
Monthly rental for shop \$20.00 paid up to end of April, 1942.
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:  
Hoffman steam Pressing Machine; with boiler and sawdust burner;  
Glass wall case; counter.- located at shop at 6118 Fraser Ave., Vancouver B.C.  
Handwritten note: [illegible]
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 24th day of April 1942

(Signature)

Shunko Saito

J. Ramsay  
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE



MARINE BLDG.  
BUREAU HASTINGS PARK  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

FILE NO.

## JAPANESE SECTION

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having no property in any protected area.

NAME: **SAITO, Shunko**

HOME ADDRESS: **306 E. Cordova St., Vancouver, B. C.** REGISTRATION No. **06165**

SEX: **F** AGE: **22** MARRIED: **No**

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: **Dressmaker, 6118 Fraser St., Vancouver, B.C.**

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: **None** ADDRESS: **None**

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: **None** ADDRESS: **None**

ADDRESS:

ADDRESS:

I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia.

Dated this **18th** day of **April** 1942.

WITNESS

*E. Woodward*

(Signature)

*Shunko Saito*



LIST OF LIABILITIES: None

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO PAY THESE OFF?

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Aug 6/43

ur File No. 5371

Full Name SAITO Shunko  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 06165 Male - Female ☒  
(check)

Age Aug 15, 1918

Former Address 306 E. Cadogan St., City

Date Evacuated Apr. 26/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National ☒  
(check)

Present Address 40 Massachusetts St.,  
Ethel more family  
King, Lethbridge, Alta.

Married - Single ☒  
(check)

Name of Wife                     

Name of Husband                     

Name of Mother nee (SHIRAKAMA) Name of Father Yusuke #09280

Names of Children under 16 Kuni #01509

Requested by CCP Registered with Custodian                       
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Dressmaker



File 5371

EXHIBIT NO. 1005-4  
DATE NOV 22 1948  
FILED BY 1948

September 22nd, 1947

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: SAITO, Shunko (Miss) -- Registration No. 06165

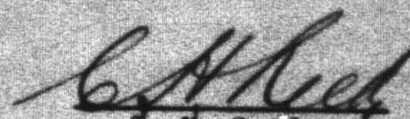
Declaration signed 24th April, 1942. Evacuated April 24th, 1942.

Chattels: Declared Hoffman steam press with boiler and sawdust burner. Glass wall case and counter. These articles together with 2 rolls of linoleum and 2 planks were sold by auction on July 25th, 1944.

Claims: Nil.

This file reveals no real or other property of any kind.

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

  
C. H. Reed.

CHR:RK



MEMORANDUM

File No.: 1028  
5371  
8185

April 6th, 1945.

To: Miss C. Girard

From: Mr. Green

Re: Tahichi SEKIYA  
Miss Shunko SAITO  
Takeo HANBA

Will you please make the following transfers?

To Tahichi Sekiya, file 1028, 25¢, from Takeo Hanba, file 8185, covering one roll of linoleum, being part of two rolls of linoleum sold for 50¢ sold on July 25th, less share of expenses.

To Tahichi Sekiya, file 1028, \$1.00, from Shunko Saito, file 5371, being approximate gross proceeds of one roll linoleum less expenses, part of three rolls of linoleum sold on July 25, 1944.

Transferred 11/14/45.

C.G.

HFG:IF



MEMORANDUM

File Nos.: 1028  
8185  
9371

March 23rd, 1945.

To: Mr. Wills

From: Mr. Green

Re: Tahichi SEKIYA  
Takeo WANBA  
Nies Shunko SAITO

Here is another of the cases I mentioned to you the other day where we have one or two articles unaccounted for. I realize that this was in the very early days when we were working under great pressure and in fact before you joined the staff. This particular case refers to goods brought down from Woodfibre and probably not clearly identified.

On reference to Lot No. 124 (Crone's list) May 21st, 1942, I see that two rolls of linoleum are unaccounted for besides, of course, the mattress which we always have to destroy as unfit for sale without fumigation. This matter has now come up because the Japanese has asked for shipment and he has stated the color of the linoleum to be pink, so it is evidently not too old to be recognized.

The remaining items on this inventory were sold at Vancouver Auction 28, at which auction I note that the following sales were also made.

(1) Two rolls linoleum for 50¢. Account of Takeo Wanba, file 8185, also a Woodfibre man. His list (Lot 105, May 25th, 1942) shows only one roll of linoleum and it seems that there might have been some confusion here. Incidentally, the sanitary couch (whatever that may be) shown on this list is also unaccounted for.

(2) Three rolls linoleum were sold at the same auction for \$2.75 in the name of Shunko Saito,



MEMORANDUM

File No.: 3526  
5371

January 17th, 1945.

To: *Q. G. G. G.*  
~~Accounts Dept.~~  
From: Protection Dept.

Re: Miss Shunko SAITO  
Mr. Hiromi SAITO

We find that proceeds of Auction No. 28  
(Hoffman Steam Press etc.) amounting to \$169.56 net,  
have been erroneously credited to file 3526, Hiromi  
Saito.

This should have been placed to the credit  
of Miss Shunko Saito, file 5371.

Will you please make the correction in the  
ledger?

Geo. B. Spain

GBC:IF

*transferred. 18/1/45. C.G.*



CANADA  
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

GOODS ON HAND AT WAREHOUSE AT 992 POWELL STREET, VANCOUVER, B. C.

Name <u>H. SAITO</u>	Lot No. <u>107</u>
No. _____	Section <u>4</u>
Origination <u>6118 Fraser Ave., Vancouver, B. C.</u>	Rate <u>\$3.00</u>
Date <u>May 25th, 1942.</u>	Cartage <u>\$13.10</u>
	Freight <u>Holly 3.00</u>

1. ~~Press~~ <sup>S</sup>
2. ~~Wardrobe (glass broken)~~ <sup>S (doors sold separately?)</sup>
3. ~~Table~~
4. ~~Sheet Tin~~ <sup>sold with press.</sup>
5. ~~Office Cupboard~~ <sup>S</sup>
6. ~~Ten pcs. pipe~~ <sup>sold with press</sup>
7. ~~Carton Pipes~~
8. ~~Sleeve Board~~
9. ~~Ironing Board~~ <sup>2 abandoned as n.v. as per undated statement</sup>
10. ~~Table~~
11. ~~5 Tiles~~ <sup>?</sup>
12. ~~Sawdust Burner~~ <sup>sold with press</sup>
13. ~~Drain Board~~ <sup>?</sup>
14. ~~Small Cabinet~~ <sup>S</sup>
15. ~~Waste Basket & Contents~~ <sup>! : water basket abandoned</sup>
16. ~~Hot Water Tank~~ <sup>S</sup>
17. ~~9 Lengths Stove Pipes~~ <sup>S</sup>
18. ~~Small Carton~~ <sup>?</sup>
19. ~~4 Rules~~ <sup>?</sup>
20. ~~Stool~~ <sup>?</sup>
21. ~~Bdle Fixtures~~ <sup>?</sup>

*S: sold by Auction - 25/7/44 - Vancouver 28.*



May 15, 1942

The Crone Storage Co., Ltd.,  
760 Beatty Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

Further to our letter of May 12th,  
we are beginning to need effects moved. Our  
procedure will be as follows:

We shall send you, as we are in  
this case, a duplicate memorandum of effects and  
instructions where to obtain the key. In this  
case we are sending you the key herewith; when you  
have taken out the effects, please hand this key  
to Mr. and Mrs. Malin, 6116 Fraser Avenue, and obtain  
receipt.

We also enclose a letter addressed  
to Mr. Furuya & Co. Ltd., 318 Powell Street and  
request you to arrange for your driver to pick up  
the key of 992 Powell Street -- our new storage  
premises -- and retain this key on our behalf.

Storage premises at 992 Powell St.  
will be used for all storage of this nature and  
as arranged, Mr. Crone will please make sure that  
all effects we ask you to store are properly  
labelled and arranged. If necessary, employ a  
warehouseman by the hour for this.

Kindly return one copy of our en-  
closed memorandum, stating that the effects have  
been stored at 992 Powell and mentioning any  
shortages or surpluses.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander  
Assistant Manager

Enc.

HFG:IF

R.P. for advising S.S.



EXHIBIT NO. 1805-4  
 NAME SAITO, Shunke DATE NOV 20 1944  
 FILLED BY A. B. Hinkle  
 REGISTRATION NO. 06165 FILE NO. 571

The following chattels were sold by public  
 auction at 992 Powell St., Vancouver, B.C. on July 25, 1944

- Large cabinet (no doors)	\$ 0.50
- Wooden cabinet	1.00
- Wooden cabinet	4.00
- 2 Glass doors & 2 planks	1.00
- 2 Rolls linoleum	1.75
- Steam press, boiler & etc.	191.00

Total	(Auctioneer's Fee: \$19.93	\$ 199.25
Less Expenses:	(Advertising: 5.52	\$ 30.54
	(Moving: 5.09	
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$ 168.71

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills  
 Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 28.  
 Remarks.



NOV 27 1947

IN THE MATTER OF a Commission to Investigate Claims of Japanese Canadians for Property Losses.

TO: The Commissioner,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

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Pursuant to the notice issued on the 26th day of September, 1947, I submit the following claim:

(1) NAME SAITO SHUNKO (<sup>Name</sup> changed to HIGUCHI by Marriage) (RCMP) Reg. No. 06165  
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address 306 E. CORDOVA ST., VANCOUVER, B.C.

(3) Present Address CHAPLEAU, ONTARIO

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

City or Municipality, \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):

(i) ~~Farm~~

(ii) ~~Residence~~

✓ (iii) Business

(iv) Any other type of property (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of business CLEANING & DRESSMAKING

(d) What was your interest in the property (e.g., sole owner, life tenant, joint tenant, owner of one half or one third interest, leasehold, etc.) SOLE OWNER

(e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):

(i) Land - - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Buildings - - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern  
(including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels,  
fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts re-  
ceivable) - - - - - \$ 1050.00

(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just  
fill in total value) - - - - - \$ 1050.00

(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - - \$ 168.71

(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - \$ 881.29

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation \_\_\_\_\_

(over)



(d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to the terms of reference which exclude claims where the property was lost, destroyed or stolen while under the custody, control or management of any person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner of the property. It involves some definite arrangement whereby you appointed someone to take care of the property and such person accepted the responsibility of so doing. Unless such an arrangement was made the question should be answered "in no one's care")

(e) Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim:

1.	Estimated Value \$
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5.	Estimated Value \$
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7.	Estimated Value \$
8.	Estimated Value \$
9.	Estimated Value \$
10.	Estimated Value \$

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS \$

N.B.—If you cannot list all the items here prepare a separate list with values set out opposite each item and attach it to the form. The item "personal property" includes shares, bonds, mortgages, loans, notes and all other forms of property not included in real estate.

(f) Total claim including real and personal property (this figure can be arrived at by adding items 4(f) and 5(e)) - - - - - \$ 881.29

(6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard.  
(Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge,  
Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.)

(b) Do you require the services of an interpreter  
at the hearing? Yes or no no

TORONTO

N.B.—This Declaration must be sworn before a Commissioner, Notary Public or other person entitled to take declarations. All lawyers are qualified to do so.

DOMINION OF CANADA

*Province of Ontario*

TO WIT:

I, *Santo Skunko*  
of *Chapman*

of the *Village*  
in the *District of Sudbury, Prov. of Ontario*

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

The information set out in the form above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED before me at the *Village*

of *Chapman*

in the *District of Sudbury*

this *15th* day of *November*

A.D. 1947.

*Skunko Santo*

A Commissioner &c.

N.B.—THIS FORM FULLY COMPLETED AND SWORN BEFORE A COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE COMMISSIONER, c/o THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN, ROYAL BANK BLDG., VANCOUVER, B.C., BEFORE NOVEMBER 30th, 1947. IF YOU CANNOT MAIL IT BEFORE THIS DATE SET OUT BELOW REASONS FOR THE DELAY.



### ANALYSIS OF CLAIM

Name: SAITO, Shunko  
Reg. No. 06165  
File: 5371

Details of Claim: Cleaning & Dressmaking Business valued as going concern at \$1,050.00

JP Declaration, Apr. 23/42: Hoffman Steam Pressing Machine; with boiler & sawdust burner.  
Glass Wall Case  
Counter  
located at 6118 Fraser Avenue, Vancouver.

Auction, July 25/44:

3 Cabinets .....	5.50
2 Glass Doors & 2 Planks .....	1.00
2 Rolls Linoleum .....	1.75
Steam Press, Bailer, Etc.	<u>191.00</u>
	<u>\$199.25</u>

Abandoned as valueless: 2 Ironing Boards  
2 Wicker Baskets  
2 Home-made Tables

Remarks: This business was not reported to Custodian as going concern. Equipment & fixtures listed above only property of claimant to come under the control of Custodian.

*J. MacLellan*  
*Aug 17/48*



Name of Claimant SAITO, Shunke

Case 1305

Custodian File 3371

REAL PROPERTY											Total	
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village					
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total				
PERSONAL PROPERTY												
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear										
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column					
NETS												
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing			Percentage Total Award to Total Claim		Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim		Deduct Custodian Sale Price	
MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS											SPECIAL	25.00
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price					
400.00	192.00	57.30	47.75	25.00	11.94						69.24	
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION												94.24



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October 24th, 1950.

Mrs. Shunko HIGUCHI,  
Box 8,  
Chapleau, Ontario.

Dear Sir: ~~xxx Madam:~~

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 1305

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee  
on Japanese Canadians, our form of Release which has been  
executed by yourself covering the award recommended under  
the above Claims Commission for the sum of ... \$94.24.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$90.63  
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. \$ 3.61  
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

FCS/ja  
1 encl.

F.G. Shears  
Director



File No.  
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DEFENSE BRIEF

Toronto, Ont.  
Nov. 20, 1948  
Case #1305

Shunko SAITO  
now  
Mrs. HIGUCHI  
Reg. No. 06165

File No. 5371

Case #1305

*Case 1305  
File 5371*

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM - GROSS -

<u>Gross Claim</u>	<u>Appraisal</u>	<u>Sold for</u>
\$425.00 Total Revised Claim p.3, lines 6-19 inc. of Transcript and Exhibit #1	Nil Original Claim \$1050.00 Nov. 15/47.	\$191.00 at Auction

Witnesses: 1. W.G.B. Thompson,  
Auctioneer  
Chattels  
2. Wm. Wills  
Staff

Submissions:-

The total revised claim is \$425.00 as shown with above results. It is noted on Exhibit #1 under "additional comments; if any", a reference to \$400.00 for goodwill (not included in the \$425.00). The item of "Good will" would not be considered in the Analysis in any case.

"The business was not reported to Custodian as a going concern".

BRD/DD

February 15, 1949.



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Shunko SAITO,  
Reg. No. 06165

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Case #1305

Summary of  
Defense  
Witnesses

Where  
required

Summary of  
Documents  
to be filed

Witness  
Proving  
same

W.G.B. Thompson

Auctioneer  
Chattels

Wm. Wills

Staff  
Chattels

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BRD/DD

February 15, 1949.





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IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"

PART I. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927. CHAPTER 93.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

BEFORE

HIS HONOUR, JUDGE J.A. HOGG, SUB-COMMISSIONER.

Toronto, Ontario,

November 19, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

SHUNJI SAKO

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

APPEARANCES:

K.A. CHRISTIE, ESQ., K.C.,

appearing for the  
Dominion Government,

F.A. BROWN, ESQ.,

appearing for the  
Claimant.

A. SMITH, ESQ.,

Secretary,

G.H.R. UPTON, ESQ.,

Official Interpreter,

A.C. VANCE, ESQ.,

Official Reporter.



3.  
Wm. S. Higuchi,  
Dir. ex.

1 MR. BROWN: This claim is under the name of  
2 Saito, but Miss Saito has now become Mrs. Higuchi, and  
3 I presume we keep the claim under her former name.  
4

5 MRS. SHUNKO HIGUCHI, the claimant herein, being  
6 first duly sworn, testified as follows:  
7

8 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BROWN:

9 Q. Mrs. Higuchi, before your marriage what was  
10 your name? A. "Saito."

11 Q. "Saito"? A. Yes.

12 Q. And your first name is "Shunko"?  
13

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. When you were in Vancouver you had a cleaning  
16 and dressmaking business at 308 East Cordova Street?  
17

18 A. The address is - that is my home address.

19 Q. What is the right address?  
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21 A. The business was at 6118 Fraser Avenue.  
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23 Q. I notice that in your original claim you are  
24 claiming the value of the business as \$1,000.,  
25 and a certain credit, making a total claim of \$201.49.  
26 Have you now reduced that claim?  
27

28 A. Well, it is not that I have reduced it, it  
29 is that when we counted and when the shop was left  
30 in the hands of the Custodian the Custodian could not  
carry on the business and it was just abandoned, I  
guess.

Q. And the various things you had there were  
sold as either individually or piece-meal?

A. Yes; and I was interested in the goodwill



more than the equipment in the shop.

Q. Not very long before the sale I suppose the business had wanted to be operated as a business. Is that right?

A. Well, with the exception.

Q. Yes. In view of those circumstances I ask you if your claim, your present claim is as set out in this document entitled Personal Chattels. Does that correctly set out your claim?

A. Yes.

Q. And are the facts shown there correct?

A. Yes.

MR. HURVIN: I will ask that that be filed as Exhibit 1.

This shows the claim now that the admitted value of the items claimed is \$425., sold by Custodian \$191., for a total of \$616.

(PARTICULARS OF PERSONAL CHATTELS, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

Q. I see the major items in your claim are for a steam pressing machine and a seedling burner. Had you bought these things just shortly before the evacuation?

A. No. It was purchased not quite a year before, but about 10 months before.

Q. And, was the pressing machine in good working order?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And it was being used in connection with your business?

A. Yes, sir.



Wm. G. Higgins,  
Exhib.

Q. From where did you buy it?

A. The name of the person?

Q. Well, if you remember it.

A. From Mr. Harrison.

Q. What business did he carry on? Was he in the cleaning and pressing business, too?

A. No, I think he was in the hardware.

Q. Did have not any record of actually paying \$975. for it?

A. It is not just money; it is a fact.

Q. We are not disputing that what you remember would be the fact but I am just wondering if you had any actual documents or invoices.

A. Yes. I have it.

Q. But you did not bring it with you?

A. No. I showed it to Mr. Gilbert when he was up there.

Q. It is too bad he did not tell you to bring it. That had been used?

A. Yes. It was used.

Q. Do you know for how long it had been used or when it was first new?

A. Well, I cannot say just how old it was, but it was not very new. That is why it is not -- I mean --

Q. What would a new steam pressing machine cost?

A. I think it would be over \$1,000.

Q. And the boiler and steam burner was new when you bought it?

A. Yes. That was all new.



Mr. J. E. Hagan,  
Mr. C.

Q. Now when did you buy that?

A. The same man, Mr. Harrison.

Q. And that was new, and was \$151. the regular price for that?

A. Everything and the labor included.

Q. I see. And the glass wall case and the counter, were they things for which you paid \$80.?

It says here you paid \$80. for fixtures and equipment?

A. Well, that was what we purchased the shop.

Q. When did you purchase it - say in May 1941?

A. Yes.

Q. And you paid \$80. for fixtures and equipment, at least it says here you did. I wondered whether that included the other things besides the glass wall case and the counter? A. I think things like tables,

and that. It was included in the sale of the shop.

Q. Yes. You paid \$800., altogether?

A. Yes. And, it was mostly good will, I think, because we gave the feeding machine and the burner in.

Q. And, what was the date of your acquisition?

A. April.

Q. April, 1941? A. Yes.

Q. You are not making any claim, or, are you, for additional items, such as ironing boards, wicker baskets and tables?

A. I think they are really of little value.

Q. They really are of little value. I see.

Have you any other information you can give us as to the value of these items which you are claiming, or really are you basing it on what you paid, less some



1 depreciation? A. That is about all. As I say,  
2 I was more interested in the goodwill, you see. The value  
3 of the fixtures does not amount to very much.

4 Q. Apparently these items were not sold until  
5 July 1944. Had you in the meantime told the Custodian  
6 it was a going business or asked him to see if he could  
7 sell it as a going concern?

8 A. Well, when we were evacuating I left the  
9 goods in the hands of the Custodian and they told me  
10 that they will try and make it a going concern but I  
11 never heard from the Custodian until they sent me a  
12 cheque for what they sold.

13 Q. Thank you.

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15 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. CHRISTIE:

16 Q. I am showing you a J.P. Form dated April 24,  
17 1944. Is that your signature? (Indicating)?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 MR. CHRISTIE: I will file this as Exhibit 2, the  
20 J.P. Form.

21 (J.P. FORM, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

22 Q. Now, when you were evacuated was this  
23 pressing machine operating satisfactorily?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And, had you made any repairs to it since  
26 you purchased it?

27 A. Well, we put a new cover on the machine,  
28 I mean --

29 Q. That would be the cloth cover, part, the  
30



Unless they are experienced in this line.

Q. Supposing you had been going to sell this machine, yourself, you had to get out of business, would you have sold it by auction or would you have looked around for somebody in the business who would be interested in it?

A. I guess I would have looked for somebody. We really did not have time, because we had to evacuate.



Mr. S. Higuchi,  
Re: 22.

And, as Exhibit 4 I tender the Personal Property  
Summary.

(PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4)

MR. HIGUCHI: Sold on July 22, 1944, by Mr.  
Thompson.

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

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINCE DIN)

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

*A. S. Veitch*  
A. S. Veitch,  
Official Reporter.

I, John A. McElbhan, Deputy Commissioner,  
appointed to head a Commission to investigate  
claims of Japanese Canadians for property loss,  
do certify the foregoing is a true copy of the  
evidence heard on the within claim.

*John A. McElbhan*  
John A. McElbhan,  
Deputy Commissioner.