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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: KUSUMOTO, (Michiye) Mrs. Kusutaro

HOME ADDRESS: 1322 Denman St., Victoria, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 10050

SEX: Female

AGE: 42

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: Kusutaro

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Same address

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Tetsuhide (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Same address

AGE OF CHILDREN: 5.

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. 1322 Denman St., Victoria, B. C:-
Stuccoed wooden frame, 5 roomed bungalow.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS. Husband, Mr. Kusutaro Kusumoto
Same address
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.
At 1322 Denman St., Victoria, B. C:-

- 1 bbl. Chinaware, etc.
- 1 trunk clothing
- 1 box books, etc.
- 2 Double beds & mattresses
- 1 electric Singer machine
- 1 Kitchen stove
- * 1 bbl. Kitchen utensils
- * 1 box Kitchen utensils
- 1 treadle Singer machine

* A portion might be removed as the need arises.

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: \$515.00 Bank of Montreal, 1225 Douglas St., Victoria, B. C. Passbook No. 12364 in owner's possession.
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 27 day of April 1942.

(Signature)

Melie Kusumoto

Geo. H. H. H.
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Nov. 20/42.

Full Name KUSUMOTO, Michiko (Mrs. Kusutaro)
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 10050

Male - Female ☒
(check)

Age Nov. 6, 1899

Former Address 1322 Denman St., Vancouver, B.C.

Date Evacuated 8/9/42.

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National ☒
(check)

Present Address New Denver, B.C.

223 Lansdowne St Kamloops, B.C.

Married - Single ☒
(check)

Name of Wife _____

Name of Husband Kusutaro - Reg 10043

Name of Mother ^{nee} SHIOTA Matsuo

Name of Father OSIMA Torakichi

Names of Children under 16 _____

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Registered with Custodian Yes
(yes or no)

Requested By J. Furukawa

Additional Information _____

CLAIMS SUMMARY

File 3361

Kusutaro KUSUMOTO

Reg. No. 10043

- (1) \$297.28 - Wilson & Cabalda Ltd. Declared 24/4/42 on "JP" form. Paid by E.C. Dye Works, who took over the car in liquidation of (2).
- (2) \$1000.00 - E. C. Dye Works. Declared 24/4/42 on "JP" form. By mutual arrangement, made prior to evacuation, Creditor took over car (above) in liquidation of outstanding debt (which, according to affidavit dated 30/4/42, totalled \$3,843.80).

No other claims are recorded on this file.

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

20th June, 1946.

[Signature]

RHB/AC

CHATELAIN SCHEDULE

File No. 5361

Kusutaro KUSUMOTO

Reg. No. 10043

("JP" Form: April 24/42)

(Inventoried: May 23/42)

(Evacuated: April 29/42)

<u>Declared</u>	<u>Shipped</u>	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Stored</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(1) Singer Sewing Machine (Tailors)		18/12/44	with Singer Co.	Confirmed in Agent's Inventory 23/5/42
(2) Singer Sewing Machine (Family)	6/1/43			
(3) Bed Springs (2)			with Lewis Cartage Co.	
(4) China & Silverware (barrel)	22/5/42			
(5) China & Silverware (box)	22/5/42			
(6) Beds with mattresses (2)	17/8/42(1)	18/12/44		
(7) Japanese clothes(trunk)	(E)			
(8) Large Box (contents unknown)		(D)		
(9) Chinaware (barrel)	(E)			
(10) Garden Tools (2 bundles)		18/12/44		
(11) Table (old)				
(12) Fish Baskets		18/12/44		
(13) Wheelbarrow				
(14) Tricycle	(E)			
(15) Express Wagon (child's)	(E)			
(16) Kitchen Range & Oil Burner		19/6/45 (A)		
(17) Records				
(18) Trays (1 doz.)				
(19) Fishing Rods (1 bag)		18/12/44		

Agent's Inventory (May 23/42)

(20) Long Box (contents unknown)		(D)	
(21) Tin Box (contents unknown)	(E)	(D)	
(22) Toy Trucks (2)		18/12/44	
(23) Hatchell			
(24) Chinaware (2 cartons)	(E)		
(25) Lawn Mower & Catcher		18/12/44	
(26) Box (contents unknown)		(D)	
(27) Toys (1 box)		19/6/45	
(28) Hand Saw		19/6/45	
(29) Small Brown Box (contents unknown)		(D)	
(30) Pots and Pans (1 box)			
(31) Outtain Rods (1 bale)			
(32) Letter Files (5)			
(33) Dishes (2 boxes)	(E)		
(34) Cushions (2)			
(35) Boxes (2) & Bundle (contents unknown)		(D)	
(36) Electrical Instrument			
(37) Drapes (1 pr.) with rods		19/6/45	

VANCOUVER, B.C.,
20th June, 1946.

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NOTES: (A) Comments by KUSUMOTO (23/2/43) on H. G. Hinton's letter of June 26, 1942:

- (1) Kitchen range with oil burner and one pair drapes left for use of tenant;
- (2) of three boxes tools, one belongs to Mrs. Y. Hirahara;
- (3) two sewing machines left in storage with Singer Sewing Machine Co.;
- (4) two bed springs left with Lewis Cartage Co.

(B) The question of another three sewing machines, mentioned in H. G. Hinton's memorandum of March 15, 1943, was disposed of in H. G. Hinton's letter of September 25, 1944.

(C) Under date of January 4, 1945, Books (2 cartons), Books (1 can) and Pictures (2), were received at 992 Powell Street, Vancouver, for storage.

(D) Some, at least, of the "Contents Unknown" boxes are probably covered by such items as "Tool Kit and Saw, etc.", "Electric Iron", "Books, Pictures, etc.", "Lot Fishing Tackle", "Electric Plate", Contents of box, lumber, etc.", in Auction Sheets dated 18/12/44, on File 6574.

(E) Shipment applied for (See 14/6/43 on File 5361)

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5th April, 1949.

Mrs. Michiye KUSUMOTO,
Regn. No. 10050,
223 Lansdowne Street,
Kamloops, B.C.

Dear Madam:

We are in receipt of your letter dated 31st March, 1949, and also the two pictures referred to therein.

If you will forward a description of your son's picture, stating his age, his position when picture was taken and clothing if any worn at the time, we will make an effort to find same.

Yours truly,

W.J. Johnston,
Office of the Custodian.

WJJ:HA

EVACUATION SECTION

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File No.

Age

March 31st 1949
Mrs. Kusumoto
223 Lansdowne Ct.
Hambridge B.C.

Dear Sis:-

Received three large framed pictures but two of them are not be-
long to us. So I will return to
you. There should be a my
son's large framed picture so if
you find please send to me. Many
thanks for your kindness.

Yours truly
Mr. M. Kusumoto.

2 pictures received and
returned to storage

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2nd April, 1949.

Mrs. Michiye KUSUMOTO,
Regn. No 10050,
223 Lansdowne Street,
Kamloops B.C.

Dear Madam:

We duly received your letter dated 10th February, and in reply wish to advise you that one parcel containing 3 framed pictures listed in your name, was forwarded to you prepaid on the 24th March, 1949, via Canadian Pacific Express.

When said parcel is received by you, please acknowledge receipt of same for our records.

Yours truly,

W.J. Johnston,
Office of the Custodian.

WJJ:HA

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November 24, 1948.

Mr. Michiye KUSUMOTO,
Registration No. 10050,
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Personal goods now in Custodian storage include:-

3 Large Framed Pictures

listed in the name of Michiye KUSUMOTO.

If these items belong to you and you wish to receive them, please inform the Custodian on or before the 31st day of January, 1949, giving your full name and address for shipment.

Failing to hear from you by the above date, the Custodian will assume that you have no interest in these goods and will dispose of them at his discretion.

In addition to the goods listed as belonging to yourself and others, there are various unidentified shrines, kotos, trophies, photographs and papers, which will be abandoned as of no value unless evidence of ownership is submitted to the Custodian on or before the 30th of June 1949.

We enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for your reply.

Yours truly,

W. J. JOHNSTON
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN.

WJJ/CH

Enc. 1.

5361 & 6574

June 24, 1946.

Department of Labour,
Japanese Division,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Kusumoto KUSUMOTO—Reg.No. 10043

We are in receipt of your letter of the 17th instant on the subject of the above evacuee's chattels.

Apart from two large pictures and books (cartons and 1 can) removed from Victoria to Vancouver for convenience of storage, we now hold no personal property belonging to Mr. Kusumoto or his wife.

We enclose copy of our letter of to-day's date to the Singer Sewing Machine Company, regarding the sewing machines (2) left with them, and we will advise you in due course of their reply.

Yours very truly,

RGE/AC
Enc.

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

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June 24, 1946.

Singer Sewing Machine Company,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Kusutaro KUSUMOTO
Reg. No. 10043

In April, 1942, the above Evacuee declared that he had left his two sewing machines (a family model and a tailors, electric model) in storage with you.

We understand these two machines are in your care but, for purpose of record desire to have your confirmation of the fact and would be obliged if you would so confirm or advise any change that may have taken place.

Yours very truly,

RGP/AC

R. G. Ball,
Administration Department.

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June 6, 1945.

MEMORANDUM

To: FILES

From: Mr. Green.

Re: KUSUMOTO, Kusutaro
KUSUMOTO, Michiya (Mrs. Kusutaro)

Apart from effects at 1322 Denman Street now in course of disposal - see letter of May 30, 1945 on file 5361 - the only points requiring comment are as follows:

(1) - Effects at the Willows as per list dated May 18, 1942 on File 5361.

These have been sold at auction but there are some discrepancies. Some of the items apparently missing were perhaps differently described in auction list dated December 18, 1944, on File 6574, and some perhaps sent to 992 Powell St., as purely personal effects--see list No. 661 of Jan 4, 1945 also on file 6574.

(2) - Sewing Machines - The position is not clear (see 15/3/43, last paragraph, on file 5361); perhaps this should be confirmed when we next write Kusumoto.

CG.

MEMORANDUM TO FILE

File No: 6574.

June 18th, 1943.

Re: KUSUMOTO, (Michiye) Mrs.
Kusutaro.

The position of chattels on this file is covered by our memo of March 15th on File 5361 which reads as follows:

"From Kusutaro Kusumoto's comments on the back of ours of October 26th received here on February 26th, it appears that everything is in order as follows:

"1. He has signed and returned (Jan. 11, 1943) the inventory of effects transferred to the "Willows" and sent to him on August 6th. He has asked for the shipment of some of these items and the B. C. Security Commission have probably arranged this since their letter of January 20th. The two bed springs added to the list are evidently those left at the Lewis Cartage Company as per item No. 5 on this Japanese' memo referred to above. Finally there are three tool boxes one of which is the property of Y. Hirahara.

"2. He has nothing left at 738 Yates Street, Victoria.

"3. At 1322 Denman Street he has a kitchen range with oil burner and one pair of living room drapes in use by the tenant and for which Mr. Hinton holds a receipt (see page 2 of his report of May 23rd).

"4. There seem to be five sewing machines left with the Singer Sewing Machine Company two of which (one a family machine and one a tailor motor machine) are claimed as his property. An additional three machines are being cared for by the Singer Sewing Machine Company on his behalf."

HFG:MAI.

5361 and 6574

June 18th, 1943.

TRANSMITTAL.

Esqrs. B. C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. H. L. Brown.

Dear Sirs:

Re: KUSUMOTO, Kusutaro and
KUSUMOTO, (Michiko) Mrs.
Kusutaro.

Please refer to our letter of January 12th and yours of
January 20th advising that you are holding up this document because
of the high cost involved.

We have now heard from this Japanese as follows:

"About six months ago I wrote you to send my things but you
said wait until road came so I waiting but hasn't come yet so please
send soon as possible as I need them very badly."

Yours truly,

H. F. Green,
Protection Department.

PPG:MAI.

c/c to Mr. Kusutaro KUSUMOTO.

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November 24th, 1942

Mr. & Mrs. Kusutaro KUSUMOTO,
Registration Nos. 10043, 10050,
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Sir & Madam:-

We cannot trace any answer to our letter of October 26th to Mr. Kusutaro Kusumoto at Grantbrook and in case you have not received this, we are sending you a copy herewith. We wrote to you previously on August 6th and September 17th, so request you to be sure to give us an answer. If you did not receive our letter of August 6th and the inventory enclosed, please let us know and we will send you a fresh copy.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

Enc.
HFG:IP

15.12

See M.S. note on copy of
this on file 5361 and
regard closed

also memo 15-3-43 on file 5361

C
O
P
Y

October 26th, 1942

Mr. Kusutaro (Tom) KUSUMOTO,
Registration No. 10043,
Grant Brook, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

We cannot trace having received any answer to our letters of August 6th and September 17th. Please be sure to attend to this matter.

Our letter of August 6th asked you to sign and return an inventory of your belongings left at 738 Yates Street, Victoria. This list, however, omitted a kitchen range with oil burner and one pair of living room drapes left at 1322 Denman Street for the use of the tenants.

We are now advised by Mrs. Yonejiro HIRAHARA that she left a hand saw and a box of carpenter tools with you at this address. We notice a hand saw included in our inventory sent with our letter of August 6th and probably one of the boxes contains the tools.

In our letter of September 17th we referred to your wife's registration form from which we understand that two sewing machines have been left with the Singer Sewing Machine Co. Are these your property and are they being cared for by the Singer Sewing Machine Company?

Finally, your wife declared some other things which we believe have been either taken away or are included in the list enclosed with our letter of August 6th. The exception to this are the goods left with the Lewis Cartage Co., some of which we believe you have received leaving only two bed springs.

Please read this letter carefully and answer each point clearly so that we may care for your interests.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

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September 17, 1942

Mr. Kunikida KUSHIMOTO, #10043
c/o J. R. Mitchell
Pittsfield 24, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We wrote you on August 6th enclosing list of your chattels stored in this area to which we have had no reply.

We have subsequently found by looking up your wife's Registration that she has registered similar items, and we presume, therefore, the list which we sent to you comprises everything.

We also observe that the Singer Sewing Machine Company are holding the following equipment in your name:

- 1 31-15 Tailor Machine #783497
- 1 Motor #469139
- 1 15-26-6 Family Machine #JB000639

Will you kindly advise why these machines are being held by the Singer Sewing Machine Company.

In addition to the above the Lewis Cartage Co. advise that they have in storage for you the following:

2 bed springs

If this comprises your entire chattels in this area, you may add the above items to the list we sent you, which kindly sign and return to us without further delay.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

WHD:MD
c/c to File 6574

See ours of 26-10 to husband
on file 5361 *[initials]*

File this

To the Secretary of State acting
in his capacity as Custodian.

I KUSUMOTO M., Police
registration No. 10050, hereby request you to
release to me the under-noted property stored at Custodian Storage
- Former Address 1322 Denman St., Victoria, B.C. -
and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to
such property.

Description of Property:

1 Complete Double Bed.

Dated this 17th. day of August 1942.

M. Kusumoto
(Japanese sign here)

Approved

A. Mead Rose
B.C. SECURITY COMMISSION

NOTE:

The Custodian is advised that the B.C. Security Commission will pay transportation charges up to 1,000 pounds (which amount includes the free baggage allowed by railroad company on tickets), and any charges over this amount will have to be for the account of the individual Japanese evacuee.

To the Secretary of State acting
in his capacity as Custodian.

I KUSUMOTO, Michiye Mrs., Police
registration No. 10050, hereby request you to
release to me the under-noted property stored at Lewis Cartage Co., 1527 Blanchard St., Victoria, B. C.
and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to
such property.

Description of Property:

1 box kitchenware
1 barrel Kitchenware.

Dated this 22nd day of May 1942.

Michiye Kusumoto
(Japanese sign here)

Approved

J. A. Rose

B. C. SECURITY COMMISSION

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