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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: **SUGINOMORI Masutaro**  
 HOME ADDRESS: **Cumberland, B.C.**  
 REGISTRATION NUMBER **06117** SEX: **Male** AGE: **68**  
 OCCUPATION: **Retired**

(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: **---**  
 MARRIED? **Yes - ~~YES~~**  
 NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: **Mumee**  
 ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: **Box 606 Cumberland, B. C.**  
 NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: **None**

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: **---**  
 AGE OF CHILDREN: **---**

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: **None**
2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: **Five room Frame House 30' x 35'**  
**Built on land belonging to the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir Ltd)**  
**Cumberland, B. C. This house is known as No. 5. There is also**  
**a bathhouse 15' x 15' and a woodhouse 10' x 10'. House valued at**  
**about \$600. Bathhouse and Woodhouse about \$100. (Coal Donkey valued**  
**at \$35.00 included in above)**
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) **Vacant**

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY **None**

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS **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.  
**As per list attached.**

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN **None**

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid) **None**

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: **No Lease.**

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: **Never had to pay any rent for the land.**

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: **Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir Ltd.)  
Cumberland, B. C.  
owns the land the house is built on.**

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED  
1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: **Frame Dwelling. Cumberland, B. C.**

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN **None**

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: **Not in the buildings**

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: **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:**

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 28th day of April 1942.

[Signature]  
Witness

(Signature) [Signature]

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

[Handwritten mark]

SUGINOMORI, Masutaro, Reg. No. 06127.

Gumberland, B.C.

Kitchen ware. -----	\$55.35
Trunk full Miscellaneous,	20.00
Kitchen Glass ware	18.85
Wooden tubs.	4.75
Ladders & Lumber	6.50
Furniture	82.00
Trunk Miscellaneous	15.00

The above contained in House No. 117.

✓ Kitchen ware,	\$ 8.15
✓ Trunk full of clothing etc.,	131.15
✓ Cloth bag (Quilts, cushions etc.)	24.50

The last 3 items contained in No. 5. Storage .

*J. P. Brander*  
*M. Brander*

MUGINOMORI

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Aug. 3/43.

Our File No. 6656

Full Name SUGINOMORI Masutaro  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 06117       Male - Female  
(check)

Age Oct. 8, 1873

Former Address Box 606, Cumberland, B.C.

Date Evacuated 17/9/42      Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(check)

Present Address New Denver, B.C.  
RR #1, Forest Hill, Ont. June 12/47

Married - Single  
(check)

Name of Wife (SAHEKI) <sup>nee</sup> Uneya #06116

Name of Husband -

Name of Mother SUGINOMORI,      Name of Father Masukichi (Dead)

Names of Children under 16 Tomo (Dead)  
SAKAGUCHI, Etanaka Catherine (F) Mar. 27/29  
(Adapted)

Requested by [Signature]      Registered with Custodian Yes  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Owner of House.

P.O. Box 431,  
Cumberland B.C.  
Jan 7/43.

Mr. H.F. Green,  
Protection Dept.,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Japanese Evacuation Section,  
Vancouver B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 9 1943
File No.	6656
Ans.	
Referred	<i>J. Brown</i>

Dear Sir:-

Report on SUGINOMORI Masutaro Reg. # 06117.

1 & 2 Location and Nature of Property. Five (5) room dwelling and outsheds known as House # 117, # 5 Japanese Town Cumberland B.C. Built on the property of the Canadian Colliers "D" Ltd. Ground rent \$1.00 per month, no rent has been paid since July of 1928. House vacant and boarded up.

3 Personal effects shipped out c/o B.C. Security Commission Vancouver B.C. are:-  
May 24/42. 1 trunk, 1 box effects and 1 bag comforter etc. 3 pcs. Left in the home are as per list attached to J P Form. Those being left in bulk are scattered about the home.  
The value placed on these articles are out of all reason, as to actual value as we find same with the articles in the home.

4 Insurances. None.

5 Liabilities and personal debts. None to date.

6 Recommendations. Effects are as listed above those shipped out c/o B.C. Security Commission Vancouver B.C. and balance left in the house.  
The Donkey stove as listed on J P Form in out shed has been taken away by persons unknown. The house has been broken into by the back door several times and the built in kitchen cabinet etc. has been badly broken up. Provincial Police have checked the house etc. without results to date.

This will clean up this party's report to date.

Yours truly

*Matt Brown.*

Matt Brown.  
Custodian Agent.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 6656

June 12, 1947.

RE: Masutaro SUGINOMORI, Reg. No. 06117

A claim in the sum of \$ .95 was filed against M. SUGINOMORI by KIMURA BROS. on June 1/42. However as the amount involved is so small this claim was never brought to the attention of Mr. SUGINOMORI. We are therefore taking no action to collect this small claim.

There are no other claims on his file and no claims on the file of his wife, File 7193.

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

June 12/47  
LHM:

  
L. McKinnon



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June 12, 1947.

REGISTERED

Mr. Masutaro SUGINOMORI,  
Reg. No. 06117,  
R. R. #1,  
LOCUST HILL, Ont.

Dear Sir:

We enclose herewith Custodian cheque in the sum of \$53.46.  
This amount is made up as follows:

Rent for House #117, #5 Town, Cumberland, for Feb./43	\$7.00
" " " " " " for Mar./43	7.00
" " " " " " for April and May/43, less \$4.54 paid for wiring repairs on house.	9.46

Received from Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd. on  
your behalf, for House #117, #5 Town. You were  
advised of this payment and the reason for same in our  
letter of Aug. 27/43.

	<u>30.00</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$53.46</u>

As no property of any kind belonging to you now remains under  
the control of the Custodian, we are closing your account. Kindly acknow-  
ledge receipt of the enclosed cheque.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson  
Office of the Custodian

LBM:

Encl. (1)

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January 11, 1943

Mr. Matt Brown,  
P. O. Box 431  
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: SUGINOMORI, Masutaro

Please accept our thanks for your report of January 7th in connection with the above party's affairs.

We note that the house is built on land belonging to the Canadian Collieries "D" Ltd., also that it is vacant and boarded up.

We understand that certain articles have been shipped out c/o B. C. Security Commission and that the balance of the goods has been left in the house. We also note that the Donkey stove has been removed by persons unknown.

Yours truly,

G. D. Milson  
Administration Department

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August 27th, 1943

Mr. Masutaro EUGINOMORI,  
Registration No. 06117,  
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

The Custodian is pleased to inform you that arrangements have now been completed whereby Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Limited, have taken over numerous houses on their properties that were at one time occupied by persons of the Japanese race.

As the Company owned the land, the right to use and occupy such buildings was contingent upon payment of a nominal rent. We are informed that the right of occupation and use of any structure on the land was to terminate if the occupier ceased to be an employee of the Company. The Corporation, however, agreed to pay an estimated salvage value for the buildings, and pursuant to the agreement, the Company's Inspection Engineer, along with our agent, appraised each building on the basis of its value to the Company, in connection with their building plan.

You occupied the building known as House #117, No. 5 Japanese Town, and the award fixed as aforesaid amounted to \$30.00. Your account has, therefore, been credited with this sum.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell  
Administration Department

RGB:IF

*5-room House, Bath house + wood shed. No  
ground rent paid since July 1928.*

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August 28th, 1942.

Mr. Masutaro SUGINOMORI, #06117,  
Hastings Park,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In making declaration of your property to the Custodian, you claimed to be the owner of a house built by you on land owned by the Canadian Collieries Limited at Cumberland, B. C. We have been informed by the Canadian Collieries that you were permitted to build upon this land and occupy the premises only while you remained an employee of the Company, and that the building is now the property of the Company.

While we desire to protect your ownership of the house, we shall have to accept the statement of the Company unless you can submit some evidence of your right to retain ownership of the house. I suggest that, to this end, you give me information on the following questions:

1. When you built this house did you get a lease of the land from the Company; or did you belong to an association which was granted a lease of a larger area of land of which the land on which your house is situated is a part, and, if so, can you give me the name and address of the party holding this lease? Any lease of the land occupied should be sent to me for inspection.
2. Have you any letter or other document from the Company giving you the right to occupy the land, and if so, please send such letter or document to me.
3. Did you occupy this land only by verbal permission of the Company?
4. Are you supposed to pay rent to the Company, and do you propose to continue paying it?
5. Was there any understanding between you and the Company that the house should become the property of the Company if and when you quit working for the Company?

If you still consider yourself owner of this house it is

IM:EB

Jan Macpherson  
Little Examiner.

Yours truly,

Important that you should write me at once giving such information  
as you may be able in substantiation of your claim.

Mr. Masutaro SUGIMONOHU

August 28th, 1942.

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

I SUGIMORI, Masutaro, Police  
registration No. 06117, hereby request you to  
release to me the under-noted property stored at \_\_\_\_\_

Tommy's Hardware Store M. Brown, Cumberland, B. C.  
and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to  
such property.

Description of Property:

- 1 Trunk
- 1 Comforter in sask
- 1 Wooden Box

*Shipped by Matt. Brown  
supplies via  
trans. via  
Vancouver Barge  
Agreed with B.C.  
Security Com.*

Dated this 18th day of May 1942.

M. Sugimori  
(Japanese sign here)

Approved

J. A. 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.