

6671

FILE NO. _____

**BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
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 INFORMATIONNAME: OTA ShimoHOME ADDRESS: Chemainus, B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 08518SEX: FemaleAGE: 44OCCUPATION: 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: NoneMARRIED? YesNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: SuketaroADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Chemainus, B.C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Isamo (M), Nobuko (F), Takeshi (M),
Hiroshi (M), Teruko (F), Mashi (M).

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Chemainus, B.C.AGE OF CHILDREN: 15, 12, 10, 8, 5, 2.**STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY** (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: 5 Roomed wooden frame house
located on land owned by the Victoria Lumber & Mfg., Co., Ltd.
Chemainus, B.C. in the so called China Town section, Chemainus, B. C.
Valued at \$150.00. (incl.) Leanto Bathroom, woodshed, chicken house,
(cap. 20).

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) None4. 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:

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: 1 1/2 storey, 5 room, wooden frame house,

owned by declarant and located at so called China Town, Chemainus, B. C.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Built on land owned by:-

Chemainus, B. C. Victoria Lumber and Mfg. Co. Ltd.,

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:

Ground rent of \$6.00 per annum paid up to May 31st, 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:

Stored at declarant's house located at so called "Chinatown", Chemainus, B. C.

Cupboard-----\$3.00

Trunk of clothes-----\$10.00

Hammer-----.25

Planes-----

Christmas Decorations-- 5.00

Kitchen utensils-----10.00

1. Box Cushions-----10.00

1. Singer Sewing Machine, No. I-7600512

Value \$140.00

Box #1, China ware, \$27.00

Box #2, Kitchen utensils, 10.00

Box #3, China ware, \$27.00

Box #4, Kitchen utensils, 10.00

Box #5, China ware, \$27.00

Box #6, Kitchen utensils, 10.00

Box #7, China ware, \$27.00

Box #8, Kitchen utensils, 10.00

Box #9, China ware, \$27.00

Box #10, Kitchen utensils, 10.00

Box #11, China ware, \$27.00

Box #12, Kitchen utensils, 10.00

Box #13, China ware, \$27.00

Box #14, Kitchen utensils, 10.00

Box #15, China ware, \$27.00

Box #16, Kitchen utensils, 10.00

Box #17, China ware, \$27.00

Box #18, Kitchen utensils, 10.00

Box #19, China ware, \$27.00

Box #20, Kitchen utensils, 10.00

Box #21, China ware, \$27.00

Box #22, Kitchen utensils, 10.00

Box #23, China ware, \$27.00

Box #24, Kitchen utensils, 10.00

Box #25, China ware, \$27.00

Box #26, Kitchen utensils, 10.00

Box #27, China ware, \$27.00

Box #28, Kitchen utensils, 10.00

Box #29, China ware, \$27.00

Box #30, Kitchen utensils, 10.00

Box #31, China ware, \$27.00

Box #32, Kitchen utensils, 10.00

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: _____

None

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF
OTHERS: _____

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) _____

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts) _____

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: _____

9. LIFE INSURANCE: _____

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: _____

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: _____

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: _____

2. TRADE DEBTS: _____

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 27th day of April 1942.

(Signature)

L. O. Ota

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE _____

RETURNED TO JAPAN
S.S. MARINE ANGEL
31st MAY, 1946

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date

Aug 30/43

File No.

6671

Full Name

OTA (SHIMOTO) MRS. SUKETARO

(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No.

08518

Male - Female
(check)

☒

Age

Jan 17, 1898

Former Address

Chernius, B.C.

Date Evacuated

Sept 12/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

☒

Present Address

Tashuel, B.C.

Married - Single
(check)

☒

Name of Wife

Name of Husband

Suketaro #08517

Name of Father

TAKAHASHI, Yui #08081

Name of Mother

TAKAHASHI, Fukane #08182

Names of Children under 16

See husband sheet

Requested by

J.M.

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Housewife

PMB

711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,
475 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B.C.
October 10th, 1946.

Custodian of Enemy Property,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ 200.00

Dear Sir:

Re: OTA, Shimo. No. 08518
6671

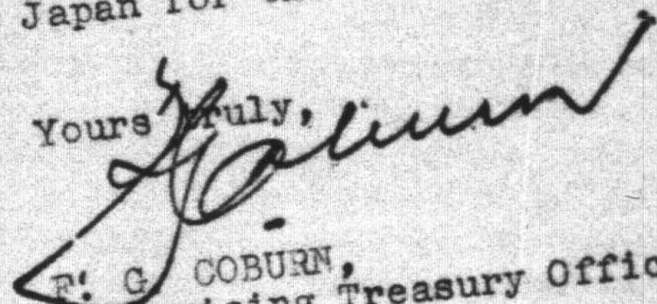
Please note that the above has been
repatriated to Japan. At the time of repatriation, the
following transactions took place:

Cash turned in - - - - - \$ Nil

Draft Issued - - - - - \$ 200.00

It will be seen that this Japanese is
indebted to the Department on account of repatriation in
the amount of \$200.00. Therefore should you receive
further funds on this account such funds should be turned
into this office. It will be applied first to recoup the
expenditure made and, second, if there is any surplus such
surplus will be remitted to Japan for the account of the
Japanese in question.

Yours truly,


F. G. COBURN,
Supervising Treasury Officer.

FGC/EJ.

GENERAL SUMMARY

File 6671.

Shimo (Mrs. Saketaro) OTA.

Reg. No. 08518.

This 44-year old Housewife from Chemainus, B. C., a Japanese National, signed a "JP" form on the 27th April, 1942.

She was evacuated on the 12th September, 1942.

She stated that she was living with her husband (who signed a "No Property" card) and 6 children.

The following is a summary of the contents of this file as disclosed by a review made today.

Real Property: None.

Personal Property: This family lived in a 5-room house erected on land owned by The Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co. Ltd. to whom they paid \$6.00 per annum as Ground Rent. The Company does not recognize any Japanese equity in this house.

Chattels: See Chattels Schedule attached.

Accounts Receivable: None.

Bonds, Shares, etc.: None.

Bank Accounts: None.

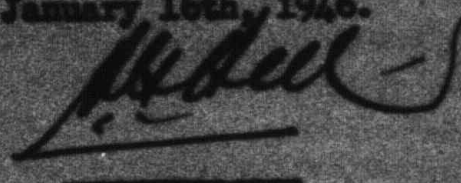
Life Insurance: None.

Liabilities: There are no claims recorded in this file, but that of her husband (Saketaro OTA, File 10362) shows 3 claims registered against him (see Liabilities Summary).

Funds: A balance of \$1.57 stands at the credit of this account at the present time.

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

January 16th, 1946.



8/1/46: 2/16-66

(Copy for File 6671).

LIABILITIES SUMMARY

File 10362.

Substance 07A.

Reg. No. 08517.

- (1) \$ 29.25 GILBERT KAMAHARA (File 1746) (Mar. 17, 1942). Rejected Aug. 18, 1943, as paid "in 1932 or earlier". Claimant advised and referred to alleged debtor.
- (2) \$222.07 Hitachi Arthur OKADA (File 6674) (Apr. 28, 1942). Rejected Aug. 18, 1943. Claimant advised (24th August 1943) and referred to alleged debtor.
- (3) \$ 25.00 Tamejiro TANAKA (File 5511) (Apr. 24, 1942). Confirmed 18th August 1943, but stated unable to pay. Claimant advised (23rd August 1943) and referred to alleged debtor.

There are no other claims recorded in this file.

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

January 16th, 1946.



HR/P.

CHATEL'S SCHEDULE

File 6671.

Shino (Mrs. Saketare) OTA.

Reg. No. 08518.

Date Evacuated: September 12th, 1942.

Disclosed	Date	Shipped	Sold	Stored	Remarks
			(16)		
(1) Cupboard					
(2) Trunk (clothes)					
(3) Mirror					
(4) Piano					
(5) Room decorations			22/11/43		
(6) Kitchen utensils			(3)		
(7) Bed (4)					
(8) Table and chairs	27/4/42				
(9) Axe, saw, hoe					
(10) Electric iron					
(11) Cushions (1 box)		23/12/42			
(12) Singer sewing machine		24/5/42			
(13) Chinaware (3 boxes)		24/5/42			
(14) Kitchen utensils (1 box)			22/11/43		
(15) Desk					
(16) Chest drawers					
(17) Drawers					
(18) Mirrors					

E. & O. E.
16th January, 1946.

[Signature]

Note: (3), (4), (5) and (9) valued by declarant at a total of \$7.75.

RMB/T.

MEMORANDUM

File No.: 6671
10362

April 2nd, 1945.

To: FILES

From: Mr. Green

Re: Mr. and Mrs. Suketaro OTA

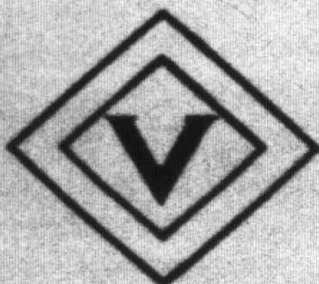
Like some of the other Chemainus files, chattels are not very satisfactorily accounted for in this case. Fortunately, it appears that the real value is not high.

The husband, file 10362, did not declare anything in his registration card of July 21st, 1942, but his wife had previously on April 15th made a declaration totalling \$405.75 of which the house accounted for \$150.00. She made an identical declaration on her own file on April 27th, only omitting the house. Additionally, both declarations referred to four boxes left in the Community Hall which have since been shipped to her on May 24th, 1942.

The house was erected in a part of Chemainus called "Chinatown" being a collection of shanties erected on land belonging to the Victoria Lumber Company. No Japanese equity in these houses has been recognized and they have since been pulled down.

The sewing machine valued at \$140.00, was found to be missing by the Police as per report of December 2nd, 1942 on file 10362 but was later recovered --- December 23rd, 1942. It has since evidently been shipped.

Allowing for the house and sewing machine, the remaining items would be valued at only \$115.75 and it seems likely that this is very much on the high side. A few items were moved by Mr. James, our Nanaimo auctioneer



Victoria Lumber & Mfg. Co. Ltd.
Chemainus, B.C.

May 22, 1942.

OFFICE OF THE MANAGER
JAPANESE EVACUATION
RECEIVED
MAY 23 1942

Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

ALL AGREEMENTS ARE CONTINGENT UPON STRIKES, ACCIDENTS, OR OTHER DELAY UNAVOIDABLE OR BEYOND OUR CONTROL.
QUOTATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

With reference to your letter of May 8th having to do with Japanese who have stated to you that they are the owners of houses built on lands owned by this Company, we are enclosing copy of a letter which has been signed by these different Japanese.

The rentals of these are all in good standing with the exception of Shimo Ota, who is overdue and therefore has no standing. Tanezo Kawai, we understand, has sold his rights to a Chinese here.

We wish to advise that the ground rental which these men have been paying is \$6.00 per year payable in advance, and was set at this very low rate due to the fact that they were employees. We would not care to continue with this low rental providing the occupants were other than our own employees.

We trust that this is the information which you require.

Yours very truly,

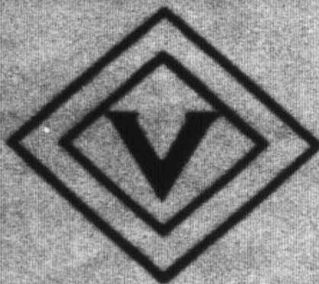
J.A. Humbird
GENERAL MANAGER.

JAH/LH
Enc.

See 2nd file

File 5194 6671

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Victoria Lumber & Mfg. Co. Ltd.
Cheminus, B. C.

MANAGER:
J. A. HUMBIRD

CABLE ADDRESS:
"PALMER"

April 5, 1938.

Dear Sir:

ALL AGREEMENTS ARE CONTINGENT UPON STRIKES, ACCIDENTS, OR OTHER DELAY UNAVOIDABLE OR BEYOND OUR CONTROL.
QUOTATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

In consideration of the sum of
Dollars per annum, payable by you in advance on or before the 30th day
of April each year hereafter as long as this agreement remains in force,
we will grant to you the use of that piece of land lying in Section
Range Cheminus District, which is at present occupied by the
designated on the Plan in our office
by the letters " ".

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.

It is also agreed that rental shall be subject to a proportionate
increase in the event of any upward revision of taxes on the land or
buildings referred to.

Yours very truly,

The Victoria Lbr. & Mfg. Co. Ltd.
per

Agreed:

HEH:ADP

EXTRACT FOR FILE

P. O. Box 103
Chemsinus, B. C.
24th May 1942

The Custodian's Office,
Dept. of the Secretary of State of Canada,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Attention Mr. James A. Rose, B. C. Security Commission

Yesterday there was turned over to the C.P.R.
loaded in a box car for Hastings Park, 136 various
articles of Japanese property through the B. C. Police
Representative here, and I visited the Community Hall
during the collection. The following are the pieces
&c Loaded:

S. Ota 08518 Parcels 1, 2, 3, 4. Total 4

ORIGINAL IN FILE #6579

5194, Tanezo KAWAI
6671, Shimo OTA ✓

June 2nd, 1942.

Mr. Alfred Stubbs,
Chemainus, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We have been advised by the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Chemainus, B. C. that Shimo Ota is behind on his rent and that he, therefore, has no standing with them due to this fact.

Respecting Tanezo Kawai, the Victoria Lumber understand that he has sold his rights to a Chinese.

As we have little information on our files regarding these two cases, any information you can give us in connection with same will be appreciated.

It would doubtless be of interest to you to know that the Victoria Lumber advise that the ground rent which the owners of houses built on their lots have been paying, is Six Dollars per year, payable in advance - this low rate was made due to the fact that they were employees. They advise that they would not agree to continue with this low rental if the occupants were other than their own employees.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Assistant Manager.

PD:MMc.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

November 13, 1942.

Address: Tashme, Hope, B. C.

Date:

To: The Secretary of State, acting in his capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.

I, OTA Suketaro, Police Registration No. 08517

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted property stored at Home, Chinatown district.

in possession of Custodian

and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to such property.

Description of Property:

1 electric sewing machine (to be crated) in upstairs room.

Custodian Agent

Custodian Vancouver

The ship for charges collect - Shipping charges advanced on way bill - Send us B.C. Comman CW Tashme

B.C. with expenses

Nov 20/42

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 4

Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old 3

Number in Family - under 5 1

Total Number in Family 8

I agree to pay all charges as required by the British Columbia Security Commission.

APPROVED:
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: *[Signature]*

S. Ota
Claimant Signs Here

G-165-A

This was among the papers received from Mr. Suketaro, June, 1946

6871 & 10362.

February 8th, 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. Suketaro OTA,
Registration Nos. 08517 & 08518,
Tashme, B. C.

Dear Sir and Madam:

Your files have been reviewed today and for your information we give below a brief resume of contents.

Mr. Ota signed a Custodian card on the 21st July, 1942, declaring that he owned no property of any kind in any protected area in British Columbia. Mrs. Ota signed the Custodian's regular declaration form on the 27th April, 1942, listing your personal property.

The house erected by you on land owned by the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co. Ltd. was claimed and taken over by the Company, who, under the terms on which they permitted such buildings to be erected, recognized no outside equity therein.

The evidence on these files indicates that the most valuable chattels declared by Mrs. Ota were shipped to you, including a Sewing Machine, and that of the remainder everything having a saleable value was sold by auction at Chemainus, as per attached Auction Sheets, unsaleable items being discarded.

Three claims were registered against Mr. Ota and have been dealt with as follows: (1) Mr. Gihei KAWAHARA was advised that his claim of \$29.25 was rejected by you and he was requested to contact you direct for any further action he may desire to take; (2) H. A. OKADA was similarly advised with regard to his claim of \$128.87; (3) Tamejiro TAMURA was advised that you confirmed the correctness of his claim of \$25.00 but were unable, at time of writing, to pay this debt. We now desire to know if it has since been paid or, if not, whether you have made any arrangement with your Creditor for postponement. In either case we need to have this information on record.

Net proceeds from auctions have been credited to the account of Mrs. Ota, whose account shows a balance of \$16.66 standing at her credit at the present time. We hold no funds in Mr. Ota's name.

This would appear to account for all property of every kind left by you in the Protected Area which vested in the Custodian and in order that you may confirm this we enclose a stamped addressed envelope for your convenience.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

RGB/P.
Encl.

See 13/9/47

5211, 10362 & 6871.

July 4th, 1946.

Mr. Tamejiro TAKURA,
Registration No. 00943,
Hime Building,
Sleam City, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Suketaro Ota debt.

We are in receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo asking us to apply the balance in Mrs. Ota's account (\$16.66) against Mr. Ota's debt of \$25.00, as the latter has no funds at the present time with which to meet this obligation.

A question having arisen with regard to the identity of some of the chattels auctioned as Mrs. Ota's, the funds in her account will not be disturbed until this question has been settled. As Mr. Ota is available for direct negotiation (his address is Tachue, D. C.) we would suggest that you effect a direct settlement with him. This office is not a collection agency and we prefer to see such direct settlements where possible.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

RG/P.

c.c. to Mr. Suketaro Ota.