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HAMMOND  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. 7359  
EXHIBIT NO. 1050-6  
DATE NOV 9 - 1948  
FILLED BY K. G. K. K. K.

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

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

NAME: SAKAMOTO, Manzo  
HOME ADDRESS: R.R. No. 1, Hammond, BC  
REGISTRATION NUMBER 10341 SEX: Male AGE: 54  
OCCUPATION: Farmer

(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: Myself  
MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Take

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: R.R. No. 1, Hammond, BC

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Katsumi (M) David (M) Toshiyuki (M)  
Ronnie (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: RR. No. 1, Hammond, BC

AGE OF CHILDREN: 14, 11, 6, 11 months

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: By 8.85 acres at R.R. No. 1, Hammond, BC  
Details unknown. Title No. 141556E

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: Four-room dwelling house

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) \$26.02 for 1941, payable at Maple Ridge, BC

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) None

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) Myself

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: Land Registry Office New Westminster

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: None

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN Strawberries, fruit trees, green peas,

**STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED**

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: See page 1

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: ---

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

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: ---

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid) ---

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: See clause 9

**STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:**

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS: ---

Household furniture, kitchen utensils, chinaware, carpenter tools, farm implements,  
in the house at R.R. No. 1, Hammond, BC. Key will be left in care of the  
Custodian if I do not sell the house.

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: None5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF  
OTHERS: None6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) None7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)  
Two \$50 Victory Bonds at the Maple Ridge Copop union and one in my possession8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None9. LIFE INSURANCE: None10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: None11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None**LIABILITIES:**1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None2. 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 1st day of May 1942.

(Signature)

M. L. LynamJ. P. Wilbain  
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Oct. 2/43.

Our File No. 7359

Full Name SAKAMOTO, Kenzo  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 10341

Male - Female  
(check)

Age May 24, 1898

Former Address R.R. #1, Hammond, B.C.

Date Evacuated Sept. 22/42. Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(check)

Present Address Leaside, B.C.

84 Augusta Ave. Toronto.

Married - Single  
(check)

Name of Wife Gojo Take #14179

Name of Husband

Name of Mother Sumatsu Name of Father Yasuhei (deceased)

Names of Children under 16 Miyasaka (F) 15 yrs + 10 yrs Katsumi (M) 13 yrs.

David) Yukio (4) 10 yrs. + Tadizuka (4) (born in Japan) 5 yrs.

Ronnie (4) May 13/41.

Requested by A. B. Registered with Custodian  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Farmer. Owns 10 acres of land and 1 house at above address. 1 car.

EXHIBIT NO. 1230-4  
DATE NOV 9 - 1948  
FILLED BY K. A. Oshiro

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

**JAPANESE NAME:** Manzo SAKAMOTO      Reg. No. 10341      File No. 7359.

**CATALOGUE NO:** Sold by Special Arrangement, The Director, Veterans' Land Act.  
BC/140-P. First Offer.

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** R. R. No. 1, Hammond, B. C.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Part 10 acres more or less of Lot 222, Group 1 as shown coloured Red on Sketch No.963 SAVE AND EXCEPT part 566.28 square feet shown and lettered "A" on Sketch No.3799 and part 1.15 acres shown on Sketch No.8184, Municipality of Maple Ridge, D. N. W.

**TITLE:** Registered in the name of Manzo SAKAMOTO.

**ENCUMBRANCES:** None registered. No indication of any unregistered charges.  
Vested under No. 25065, dated December 10th, 1942.

**ASSESSED VALUE:** Land - \$800.00  
Improvements - \$200.00 - \$1,000.00.      Taxes - \$28.23.

**CLASSIFICATION:** A small fruit farm with dwelling and out-buildings.  
The Custodian's representative reported September 18th, 1942, that this property had an area of 8.85 acres, of which  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres were cleared planted to the following crops:  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres strawberries,  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre peas, 33 small fruit trees (non bearing).  
1 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$  storey 5 room house, 1 garage, 1 storage shed - all buildings in terrible condition. All are on the verge of falling down.

**HISTORY OF ADMINISTRATION:** This property was leased by the Custodian to Arthur William Stevenson on 23rd February, 1943, for the term of one year from 1st February, 1943 to 31st January, 1944. Consideration being \$45.00 payable on 15th July, 1943.  
  
Buildings included, space reserved for storing chattels.  
  
In view of the rent being payable 15th July, 1943, it appears that this must have been paid direct to The Director, The Veterans' Land Act, as there are no entries on our books covering same.  
  
Lease was handed to S.S.B., August 13th, 1943.

**SOLD:** To The Director, The Veterans' Land Act for \$263.00 as at 1st January, 1943.  
Approval of Advisory Committee - 1st June, 1943.  
  
Funds released to the credit of Manzo SAKAMOTO as at May 8th, 1944, against which were charges for Registration Fees - \$3.00, Legal Fees -

Legal Fees -

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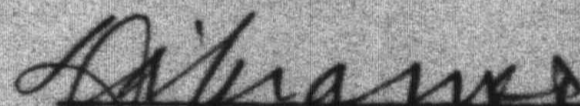
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\$15.00, leaving a net credit of \$245.00 from this transaction.

Certificate of Title No. 169508-E in the name of The Director,  
The Veterans' Land Act.

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

January 17th, 1946.

  
D. A. CRAMER

DAC:JS

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 7359

EXHIBIT No. 1000-11  
DATE NOV 9 - 1945  
FILLED BY K. A. b. Austin  
28th January, 1946

Re: SAKAMOTO, Manzo - Reg. No 10341

CHATELS: The above Japanese declared his chattels in only a general way when registering on May 1st, 1942. On August 29th, 1942 however he declared his chattels listed under an additional registration, an old stove and water pump to be left on the property at Hammond and a chest of drawers with mirror, trunk, 5 beds and springs to be left with Mr. Stevenson, a neighbour.

On September 18th, 1942 our fieldmen took a very complete inventory of everything on the property including things of absolutely no value.

On September 22nd, 1942 Mr. A. W. Stevenson informed us that SAKAMOTO's son had taken the trunk to Hastings Park and that the chest of drawers and beds were on SAKAMOTO's property but altogether were only worth a dollar or so.

On March 24th, 1943 Mr. Stevenson wrote us informing us of thefts from this property and also informing us of his having notified the police.

All saleable articles remaining on the property were removed and sold at auction in April, 1945 and the net proceeds amounting to \$9.86 were credited to SAKAMOTO's account.

SPECIFIED ARTICLES: The only restricted Specified Articles appearing on this file is a car mentioned on the R.C.M.P. report. It was not brought under control of the Custodian and apparently was sold by the owner prior to the date set in the Order-in-Council.

BONDS & INVESTMENTS: The above Japanese declared two \$50.00 Victory Bonds. These however were not brought under the control of the Custodian. Although he did not declare so, according to the records of the Maple Ridge Co-operative Exchange he was the holder of twenty-four \$1.00 shares in it. Seven of these were cancelled to satisfy his debit balance there leaving his equity to be \$17.00. This Co-operative is now being liquidated by P.S. Ross & Sons under instructions from the Custodian and upon completion of this action SAKAMOTO will be entitled to his proportion of the proceeds.

LIFE INSURANCE: A report on this file reveals SAKAMOTO is the holder of a Manufacturers Life Insurance policy #7081117. This however was not brought under control of nor administered by the Custodian.

This file reveals no other Personal Property interest.

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

Jan. 28/46  
WEA:EH

*[Signature]*

FIRE INSURANCE SUMMARY

File No. 7359

28th January, 1946

Re: SAKAMOTO, Manzo - Reg. No. 10341

This file reveals no Fire Insurance.

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

January 28th, 1946  
WEA:EH

*W. E. Channon*  
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LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 7359

28th January, 1946

Re: SAKAMOTO, Manzo - Reg.No.10341

The above Japanese declared no liabilities.

The only claim appearing on this file is the above's debit balance at the Maple Ridge Co-operative for \$6.75. The Co-operative cancelled \$7.00 worth of his shares there in settlement and remitted the 25¢ balance to this office where it was placed to SAKAMOTO's credit.

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

January 28th, 1946  
WEA:EH

*W.E. Landon*  
.....

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6th January, 1947.

Mr. Manzo SAKAMOTO,  
Regn. No. 10341,  
84 Augusta Ave.,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We enclose herewith our cheque for \$21.72 representing redemption of 17 shares of Maple Ridge Co-operative at \$1.27755 each.

Upon receipt of this cheque would you please forward your certificate covering these shares to this office, and if the certificate is not now in your possession, will you please sign the attached copy of this letter and return it to us in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope.

Yours truly,

*R*

K.L. Brown,  
Office of the Custodian.

MJB:R.  
Encls. 2.

Received \$21.72 covering redemption of  
my 17 Maple Ridge Co-op. shares.  
Certificate is not in my possession.

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File No. 7359  
Reg. No. 10341

Manzo SAKAMOTO

<u>Date</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1943 January 1	Credit re sale of property	\$	\$ 260.00	
	Land Registry Office - Certificate of Encumbrance	1.00		
December 4	Sale of mail box		2.00	
December 13	Maple Ridge Co-Op - credit balance		.25	
1945 April 23	Legal fees re sale of property	15.00		
July 6	Proceeds Auction Sale		9.86	
1947 June 24	Cheque to you	256.11		
1948 March 1	Maple Ridge Co-Op shares redeemed •		21.72	
		<hr/>	<hr/>	
		\$ 272.11	\$ 293.83	

CR \$ 21.72

Accounting Department  
July 27th, 1948

PHONE PACIFIC 6131

PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. 7359

CANADA  
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

806 ROYAL BANK BLDG.  
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

6th January, 1949.

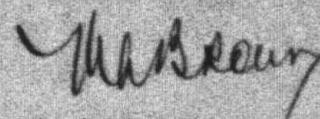
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Yours truly,



M.L. Brown,  
Office of the Custodian.

MLB:HA  
Encls. 2.

Received \$21.72 covering redemption of  
my 17 Maple Ridge Co-op. shares.  
Certificate is not in my possession.

*Manzo Sakamoto*

EVACUATION SECTION	
RECEIVED	JAN 12 1949
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ASS.	
RETURNED	Brown

23rd June, 1947.

REGISTERED

Mr. Manzo SAKAMOTO,  
Registration No. 10341,  
84 Augusta Avenue,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We enclose herewith Custodian cheque in the amount of \$256.11, which sum represents your full remaining credit balance at this office at the present time as mentioned to you in our reporting letter of the 24th January, 1946.

You are still the holder of 10 shares in the Maple Ridge Co-operative Exchange, and upon completion of the liquidation of this Co-operative, your proportion of the distribution will be forwarded to you.

Your acknowledgment of the enclosed cheque would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

W.E. Anderson,  
Office of the Custodian.

HA  
Encl. (cheque)

REGISTERED

24th January, 1946.

Mr. Manzo SAKAMOTO,  
Reg. No. 10341,  
804-8th Avenue,  
Tashme, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We received your letter of the 5th January, enquiring about your property, and we take this opportunity of giving you a brief summary of our administration of your affairs.

You declared real property at Hammond to be registered in your name and upon your registration with this office it became vested in the Custodian. According to our records your property remained vacant until the 23rd February, 1943, and no revenue, therefore, accrued to your benefit at this office, as it was sold as of the 1st January of that year. Your property was sold at that time in accordance with the policy decided upon by the Canadian Government. Full details of this sale were sent to you in our letter of the 2nd May, 1944, although since that time legal fees in the amount of \$15.00, in connection with the conveyance of the land, were charged to you.

According to the records of the Maple Ridge Co-operative Union, you had a debt of \$6.75, and in accordance with the Co-operative's by-laws, they cancelled seven of your \$1.00 shares in settlement, and remitted the balance of 25¢ to this office, where it was placed to the credit of your account.

Although you did not declare so to the Custodian, in the records of the Maple Ridge Co-operative Union, you were the owner of twenty-four \$1.00 shares, seven of which were cancelled as above mentioned, therefore leaving your share interest at \$17.00. This Co-operative is being liquidated under instructions from the Custodian, and upon completion of the liquidation, your account will be credited with your share of the proceeds.

You declared a quantity of chattels as being left on the property. Under the Custodian policy of liquidation, all saleable items found on the property were removed and sold at Public Auction early in 1945, at which time the net proceeds from their sale amounting to \$9.86 were credited to your account.

Your mail box was sold back to the Postmaster at Hammond for \$2.00 and this also was credited to your account and shown on a previous statement sent to you.

Attached hereto is a statement of your account since the date you last received one, and you will note that your credit balance at this office

1. \$256.11.

It would appear that we have accounted for all the 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 are enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for your convenience in replying.

Yours truly,

W.E. Anderson,  
Administration Department.

WEA:HA  
Encls.(2)

804-8th Ave.,

Tashme, B.C.,

January 22, 1946.

Custodian of Alien Property,

360 Homer St.,

Vancouver B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd JAN 23 1946

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Ans.

Referred *Askelson*

*but to open*

Dear Sir;

Re: Property

Having not heard from you from the previous requesting letter, I am again asking you as to what became of my property. (Land of ten acres Lot 222 in the district of Maple Ridge at Port Hammond B.C. Land Title No. 141556E.)

Please let me know at the earliest possible date.

Yours truly,

*M. Sakamoto*  
M. Sakamoto

Jap. Reg. #10341

NAME SAKAMOTO, Manzo

REGISTRATION NO. 10341

FILE NO. 7359

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Haney, B. C. on 7/4/43 and 10/3/43.

- Wheelbarrow	\$ 1.00 M
- Medicine chest	0.35 F
- Wash stand	0.50 F
- Bed and spring	13.00 F
- Bed and spring	3.00 F
- Plant stand	0.75 F
- 7 Odd chairs	0.50 F
- Pump and 15 ft. of pipe	3.00 M

Total		\$	
	(Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 2.21		22.10
Less Expenses:	(Advertising: 0.28	\$	12.24
	(Movings: 9.73		
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$	9.86

Members of Custodian Staff Present. W. E. Anderson

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Haney 15.

Remarks.

File No. 7359

Date May 10/45

SUMMARY

Name: Sakamoto, Mingo # 10341

Address: Cor. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave & Ponce de Leon Rd. Hama

(1) - We have today moved to auction room at Henry effects as per enclosed list at a total cost of \$9.45 as per attached bill.

(2) - We have also moved the personal effects as per attached list to storage at none where they will remain until called for. Cost of moving is included in bill above.

(3) - We have sold to the tenant articles as per attached list at \$ none for which herewith cheque or cash.

(4) - After the above transactions, the following important shortages were noticed between the original inventory as taken by this office, and the effects accounted for as above:

1 Bed & spring crosscut saw, 1 m. guage hammer  
wrenches etc

Quantity of articles left, not worth  
moving. - This was a very poor & junky place.

The tenant gave us the following explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Articles supposedly left with Mrs. Stearns were not left.

804-8th Ave.,  
Tashme B.C.,  
Jan. 5 1946.

Custodian of Alien property,  
Vancouver B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
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Ans.	
Referred	Anderson

Dear Sir;

Re; Property.

I would like to know what became of my property  
(in the Municipality of Maple Ridge) Part of ten  
acres Lot 222 and the Land Title No 141556E.  
Please let me know at an earliest possible date.

Yours truly,

Jap. Reg. #10341

M. Sakamoto

C-256"

(Information supplied by Ins. Co.)

LIFE INSURANCE

Name Manzo Sakamoto

File No. 7359

*Joshua - B.C.*

Reg. No.

*10341*

Company Manufacturers Life Ins. Co.

Agency Vancouver

Policy No. 708,147

Premium - \$47.80

Payable: Annually, Semi-annually or monthly

Month November

Day 1st

REMARKS:

*Letter sent 7/19/43*

Canada

# DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

## OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

### JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

506 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

File No. 7359

Reg. No. 10341

MAY 22 1944

Mr. Manzo SAKAMOTO,  
Tashiro, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: 1st Avenue & Powerline Rd, Hammond, B. C.  
Part 10 acres more or less of lot 222, Group 1 as shown coloured  
red on sketch No. 963, save and except part 566.28 square ft.  
shown and lettered "A" on sketch No. 2799 and part 1.15 acres shown  
on sketch No. 8184, Dis. of New Westminster, C. of B. 90679.

You have previously been advised that a sale of lands in rural districts was entered into between this Department and The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

Due to the size of this transaction, the arrangements for same and the completion of the transfer have taken a considerable time. Negotiations were started in the early part of 1943 and were based upon valuations made by qualified appraisers and on the basis of a sale effective as at January 1st of that year. This means that the 1943 revenues from the property were for the benefit of the purchasers, but that taxes, fire insurance and other operating charges were assumed by them.

The following is a statement showing the sale price and adjustments:

Sale price of above described property - - - - - \$ 263.00

Add:

Unexpired insurance premium as at January 1st, 1943 - - - - -

\$ 263.00

Less:

Tax arrears to December 31st, 1942 - - - - -

\$

Registration fee - - - - -

3.00

Encumbrance—Principal - - - - -

—Interest - - - - -

3.00

Net proceeds of sale - - - - -

\$ 260.00

This amount has been placed to your credit and a statement of your account is endorsed hereon showing the present balance on our books. A small amount for legal fees in connection with the conveyance to the Veterans' land will be charged later.

Yours truly,

F. G. SHEARS,  
Director.

<u>1943</u>		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Jan. 1	Credit re Sale of Property	\$	\$ 260.00	\$
	Land Registry Office C. of E.	1.00		
Dec. 4	Sale of Mail Box		2.00	
13	Maple Ridge Co-Op. cr. balance		.25	
		<u>\$1.00</u>	<u>\$ 262.25</u>	

CR \$262.25

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**Farm Appraisal Report**

U.S. Form No. 40  
 (Sheet 1)

File No. JL 89

Land Description Pt. 10 acs. of lot 222, Sp. 1, Maple Ridge Munic. Plan 963.  
 Containing 8.85 Acres

Owner's Name SAKAMOTO, Manse Post Office Address Hammond, B.C.

Nearest Rail Point Hammond, C.P.R. Distance 1 mile

Market Town New Westminster, B.C. Distance 16 miles

Church (give denomination) All denominations Hammond Distance 1 mile

Nearest School Public School, Hammond, 1 mile Distance             
High School, Haney, 3 miles by bus.

State how property was identified: Two corner posts, roads and map check.

Roads: State whether property has access to main road, the kind of road and its condition.  
Fronts on 1st Avenue and old Dewdney Trunk Roads.

Is this district a good one? Yes. DATE Nov. 9/49

Employment opportunity Limited to mills and brick yard FILED BY L. H. 6 Hunter

Predominating Nationality and religion: Immediate locality, Japs.

Describe Fencing and its condition: Nil Value \$           

Water supply: Dug well 20', good supply, incl uded in Value \$             
land value.

**BUILDINGS ON FARM**

BUILDINGS	DIMENSIONS	MATERIAL	HEIGHT	ROOF	AGE	Foundation	REPAIR	VALUATION
HOUSE 1 1/2 st.	22 x 16 x 14	lumber	14'	shgl	40	rock	poor	(salvage value
add'n	12 x 14	"	7'	"	"	"	"	\$50.00
BARN	x							
BARN	x							
BARN	x							
GRANARY	x							
Woodshed	12 x 14	Falling down, nil value.						
	x							
	x							
	x							

Electric light available.

Total present day value \$ 50.00

Total Value Buildings add to farm House \$ 50.00

Is dwelling habitable without repairs? House beyond repair, ready to fall down.  
 If not what is your approximate estimate of cost to make it habitable? \$           

Describe the basement and chimneys: 1 brick on bracket.

No. rooms downstairs? 3 Upstairs? 2 How finished V-joint.

Are buildings painted? No Condition of paint -

Distance from nearest bush 100' from nearest bush.

Note: Particular care must be taken when examining and reporting on foundations, sills and roofs.

## Cultivated Land

ACRES	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP	VALUE PER ACRE	TOTAL
2.00	undulating with underdrains	2' to 3' sandy loam	clay	strawberries and peas	75.00	\$150.00
Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking.						
	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL		VALUE PER ACRE	
Area which can be cultivated after a reasonable amount of clearing timber, stones, drainage, etc.						
	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	NATURE OF RECLAMATION NECESSARY	RECLAMATION COST PER ACRE	VALUE PER ACRE
6.85	pt.level, pt. undulating. drainage pos- sibility questionable	pt.peaty muck, pt. sdy.loam	clay	2nd growth mostly cedar and alder	100.00 to 200.00 per ac.	10.00
Area Unsuitable for Cultivation.						
	CHARACTER OF LAND E. G. HILLY, SWAMPY, ROCKY.			NATURE OF TIMBER IF ANY AND WHETHER MARKETABLE	VALUE OF LAND PER ACRE	

Total value of Land \$218.50

Total added by buildings to value of farm \$ 50.00

Total fruit trees add to value of farm (for use in orchard districts only) \$ -

Total value of farm \$268.50

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied:  
M. Sakamoto still in occupation, was tenant for 17 years and purchased in  
February, 1941. Cleared land appears in good tilth.

State most suitable type of agriculture for farm bearing in mind the district's limitations, if any.  
Land cleared only suitable for small fruits. Low land when cleared suitable  
for truck farming.

Noxious weeds:

None on cleared land.

Give approximate detail and  
amount of all annual taxes and  
names of Taxing Authorities:

1942 assessed value, land, \$800.00; Improvements \$200.00.  
1942 taxes \$28.23.  
Maple Ridge Municipality, Haney, B.C.

Date: 6th May, 1942.

Place: New Westminster, B.C.

I certify that the above report is based on a personal examination  
of the whole farm made on the 5th day of May, 1942

Inspector's Signature

"L.B. PLUMBLY"

Note: (Use Form 43 (Sheet 2) in connection with this form.)

## Farm Appraisal Report

Remarks: Jap in occupation has been in B.C. 35 years and was a tenant for 17 years, paying \$75.00 a year on the holding, and purchased for \$725.00 cash on 11th Feb., 1941, and has title deeds registered at L.R.O. Title Deed No. 141556E, purchased through Stuart Hugh Gilmore, executor of Estate of George Woods, deceased. Man has worked out in the woods and saw mills and latterly at Hammond Sawmill. Man has volunteered to go to Manitoba for work in beet growing industry. No arrangement made for sale of 1942 crop at time of visit. This property only has two acres cleared and balance in bush, and house is about ready to fall down and have only placed a value for salvage purposes, limitations of this property are along the same lines as Jap followed.

**(FOR ORCHARD LANDS ONLY)**

REMARKS: re general use of land, fertility of soil, irrigation, drainage or dyking and reclamation.

### ANNUAL COST OF IRRIGATION, DYKING AND DRAINAGE.

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### **ORCHARDS, SMALL FRUITS, ETC.**

(Give number, age, variety and condition of all tree fruits, condition and area of each kind of small fruits.)

	<u>Present Value</u>
36 apple trees, 1 year old	\$
8 cherry trees, 1 year old	\$
1 plum tree, 1 year old	Included in land value.
1 acre 1 year old strawberries	\$
½ acre new planting "	\$
¼ acre peas	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total \$	

Amount fruit trees add to value of farm \$.

Diagram of Property

MANZO SAKAMOTO.

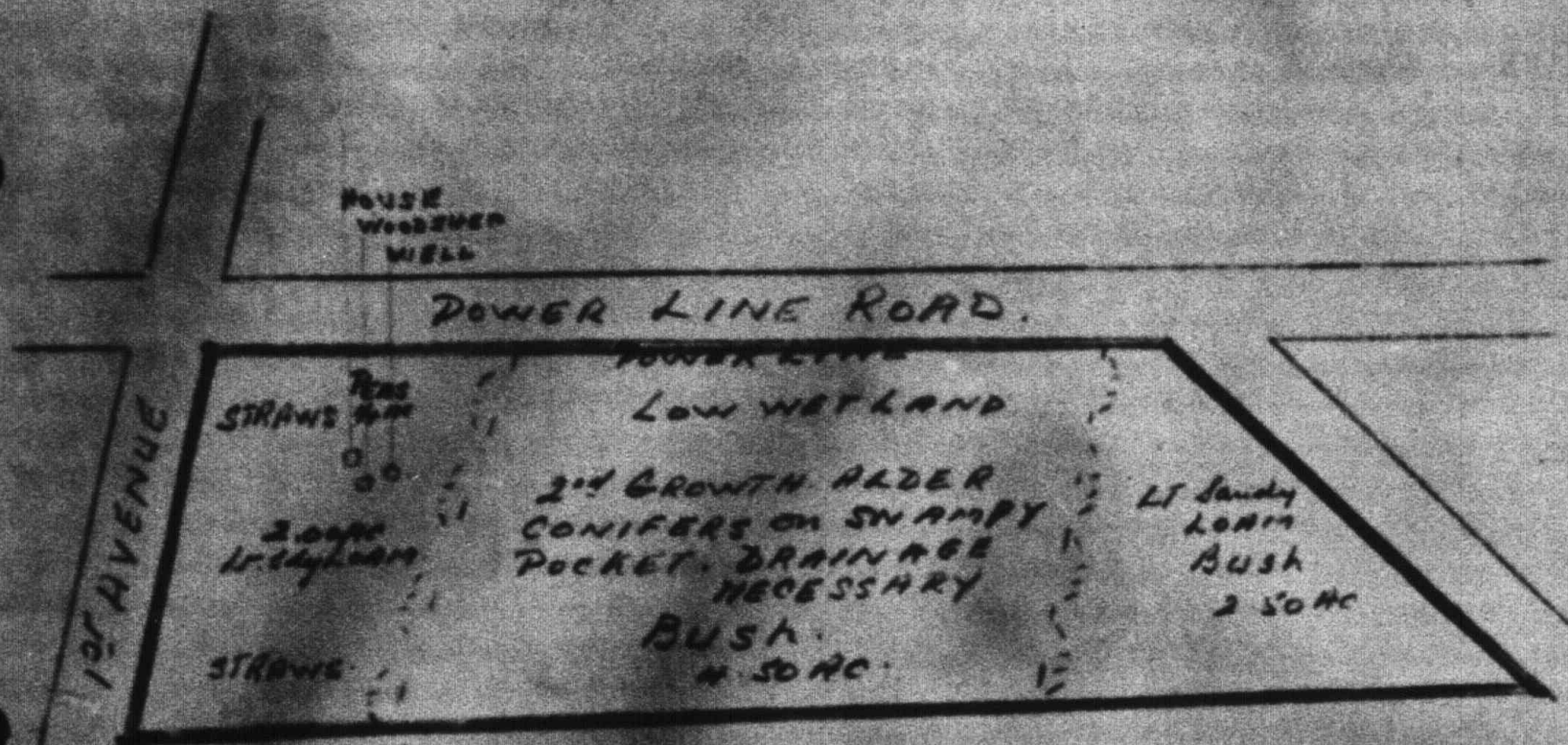
MAINE RIDGE DIST.

Pt 10.00 acres of Lot 222 Sp. Sketch 963  
 Except 566.28 sq ft N on Sketch 3799 + Pt 1.15 acres on  
 Sketch 8184 N.W.D

N



Scale 3 Chs = 1. INCH



Following careful review of this appraisal report, it is my opinion that the present

value is \$ 400.00

Date 18th May 1942.

"I.T. BARNET"

District Superintendent.

7359

July 15, 1943.

Mr. Manzo SAKAMOTO,  
Registration No. 10341,  
Tasimo, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Fire Insurance

You are the registered owner of property described as being located on Lot 222, Gp. 1, at Hammond in the Municipality of Maple Ridge, at present under lease to A. F. Stevenson. As you have not previously carried Fire Insurance to protect the buildings on this property, and as the apparent value of those buildings is so low, the assessed value being shown as \$200.00, we do not feel it is advisable to place Fire Insurance at your expense unless you particularly desire same to be placed.

Nothing further will be done in this respect unless you request insurance coverage.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,  
Insurance Department

SAG:JS

7359

4th June, 1943.

Mr. A. W. Stevenson,  
R.R. #1,  
Hammond, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: Manzo SAKAMOTO.

In reply to your letter of May 29th we have to advise that we are unable to grant you permission to cut timber on subject Japanese property for use other than your own as fire wood, and even then we ask you not to cut any graded timber.

Mr. McKay will be contacting you at the earliest opportunity with regard to extension of your lease, but in view of the fact that there are so many leases to be dealt with, we ask you to carry on as heretofore for the time being.

We trust you will find this satisfactory.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,  
Farm Department.

WEA:GF

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May 24th 1944

RECEIVED  
JUN 1 1944  
7357  
[Signature]

RE: [Illegible]  
[Illegible]

The above property is under lease to [illegible]  
[illegible] and I have spent the necessary  
[illegible] to put it in proper shape. I understand  
that there are some [illegible] [illegible]  
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and I will like to  
have the [illegible] [illegible] over with the [illegible]  
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I would like to arrange to [illegible] [illegible]  
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at the  
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]  
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Very truly,  
[Signature]

7359

March 30th, 1943

Mr. A. W. Stevenson,  
2471 Power Line Rd.,  
R. R. No. 1,  
Hammond, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Manzo SAKAMOTO

Many thanks for your letter of March 24th from which we are sorry to hear of the breaking and entering of this man's property. We are having continual trouble with this and there is little more we can do than to report to the police which we see you have done and for which we thank you.

We note that if the pensioner does not occupy this house you will be so good as to remove the remaining bedstead to your own house for safekeeping. We would, of course, have no objection to this and thank you for your good offices.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

HFG:IF

UNITED DISTRIBUTING  
COMPANY

EXHIBIT

DATE NOV 9 - 1943

FILLED BY

*R. A. Christie*

TELEPHONE  
SEYMOUR 9317-Y

A. W. STEVENSON

1070-BEACH AVENUE

VANCOUVER, B. C.

CANADA

A. W. STEVENSON

2471 POWER LINE RD.

R.R. 1, HAMMOND, B. C.

March 24th 1943.

Department of the Secretary  
of State.  
Office of the Custodian,  
Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver.

RECEIVED SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 25 1943
File No.	7495
Ans.	30/36
Referred	Anderson

Dear Sirs,

re Sakamoto property.

It was reported to me and subsequently confirmed that one of two good bedsteads has been recently taken from the house on the above property which is under lease to me for the cultivation and picking of the strawberries - the front door of the house having been found forced open. The matter has been reported to the Provincial Police, as was a previous case where a boy was caught removing a suit case from this house.

I shall know definitely in a few days whether the pensioner mentioned in a previous letter is going to repair the roof and occupy this house, or not. If not, I will move the other bedstead to this house for safe keeping subject to your approval. There is nothing else of value in the house except the kitchen range which is a difficult object to remove.

Yours very truly,

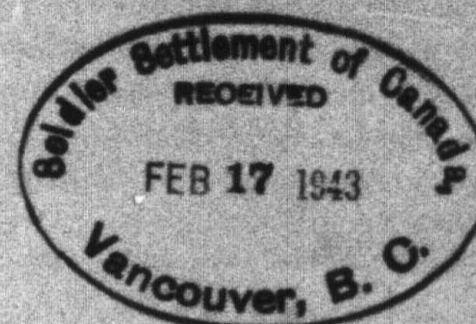
*Anderson*

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COMPANY

TELEPHONE  
SEYMOUR 9317-Y

A. W. STEVENSON  
2471 POWER LINE RD.  
R.R. 1, HAMMOND, B. C.

A. W. STEVENSON  
4372 BEACH AVENUE  
VANCOUVER, B. C.  
CANADA



February 15th 1943

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The Soldiers Settlement Board,  
Rogers Building,  
Vancouver.

Attention Mr Godfrey.

Dear Sirs,

*Manito*  
re the Sakamoto property.

*12 Ave & Borden, Trunk Rd.*

Referring to the above property which I have leased from February 1st for one year, an old pensioner who worked for us in Vancouver has suggested coming up to live at Hammond, and we think that the old house on this place might suit him. He would fix the place up - mend the windows and roof and generally put the place in better shape than it is now.

Would you mail me the key to the house, if you have one, so that the old man can look it over.

Any extra labour that is not usefully employed in Vancouver that can help to grow food in the country is all to the common good.

Yours very truly,

*A. W. Stevenson*

*Delivered Key. 21/2/43/66*

File No: 7359

Name: Manzo SAKAMOTO, #10341

Address: Cor. 1st. Ave., and Powerline Rd., Hammond, B. C.

EXHIBIT

DATE Nov 9 - 1942

FILLED BY

R. A. B. Mistle

Oct. 3, 1942

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAN

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS LEFT ON PROPERTY

In house (downstairs)

bookcase (cont. Jap. books and English school books)  
pr. hair clippers  
bookshelf (cont. Jap. books and English books)  
table, with oilcloth (hm)  
2 ash trays  
2 glass inkwells  
1 blackboard  
First Aid medicine cabinet  
shoe shelf (hm)  
school suitcase (cont. paper, scribblers)  
dining table (round, hm)  
6 dining chairs  
2 kitchen chairs  
1 arm chair (hm)  
1 settee  
1 heater  
2 kettles  
linoleum rug (poor)  
3 hats (straw)  
wooden fern stand (misc. books)  
bed and spring (good)  
dresser (cont. 2 boy's shirts, dress)  
2 packets incense  
sml. ctn. (candles)  
sml. cabinet with 2 drawers (hm)  
sml. ctn. (cont. 6# lead paper)  
sml. ctn. (cont. Xmas decorations)  
2 lge. books (Japanese)  
sml. oil funnel  
sml. quantity clothing  
kitchen range (Fawcett)  
2 gal. glass jar  
17 berry trays  
1 broom  
1 wire stove toaster  
1 cross cut saw  
1 wheelbarrow  
3 wooden trays  
1 coal oil lamp and hanging stand

In house (cont'd)

2 wicker baskets  
sml. table and oil cloth (hm)  
sml. quantity misc. bottles  
2 lunch kits  
1 gl. vinegar jug  
1 umbrella  
alum. pot with lid  
box (cont. sml. assorted tools monkey wrench, spanners etc.)  
16' 1 1/2" pipe and hand pump  
4 prs. gum boots  
sml. quantity kitchen utensils  
1/2 doz. cups (broken handles)  
cooky baking tin  
lge. lid (tin)  
3 1 pt. sealers  
2 2 qt. sealers  
sml. wall basket  
sml. ironing board (hm)

In house (upstairs)

4 beds, springs, 2 mattresses  
high chair (hm)  
sml. table (hm)  
wardrobe (cardboard)  
box (cont. books)  
sml. quantity loose books  
suitcase (old)  
2 shallow boxes (empty)  
lge. box (cont. few clothes)

Outside (at side of house)

single bed and spring (poor)

In lean-to packing shed

table (hm)

On Back Porch

cooler (hm)

umbrella

Storage Shed

13 berry trays

2 Jap. tubs.

This represents all my chattels remaining in any protected area of British Columbia.

Confirmed:

DATE: Nov 9, 1942 SIGNED: Manzo Sakamoto

Please sign and return one copy to the Custodian.

7359

24th September, 1942.

Mr. Manzo Sakamoto, #10341,  
Tashme, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We have written Mr. A. W. Stevenson of Hammond, B.C., regarding a trunk, a chest-of-drawers with mirror and five beds and springs belonging to you, which you informed our representative at Hastings Park on the 29th August had been left in the care of Mr. Stevenson.

According to Mr. Stevenson one of your sons, who had been evacuated into Hastings Park, returned to your property at R.R. #1, Hammond, and took with him the trunk, while the chest-of-drawers and beds are still in your dwelling house.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,  
Farm Department.

HRC:OF

UNITED DISTRIBUTING COMPANY  
JAPANESE SECTION

RECEIVED  
SEP 23 1942

ENTERED MAIL 10-5

DATE NOV 2 - 1942

FILLED BY

*RA B. Smith*

A. W. STEVENSON

1272 BEACH AVENUE

VANCOUVER, B. C.

CANADA

*Richardson*

TELEPHONE  
SEYMOUR 9317-Y

A. W. STEVENSON  
2471 POWER LINE RD.  
R.R. 1. HAMMOND, B. C.

Your ref. 7359.  
Attention Mr Richardson.

September 22nd 1942

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

Dear Sirs,

re: Manzo Sakamoto.

Replying to your letter of Sept. 19th re the above, there was a verbal arrangement between Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Sakamoto regarding the storage of 1 trunk and 1 bed at this address for Mrs Sakamoto, but this was never carried out.

We received a letter from Mr Sakamoto from Hastings Park asking us to send his trunk to Vancouver, and we were arranging through your field man to do this when Sakamoto Junior arrived here and took the trunk into Hastings Park. We have in our possession no effects belonging to Sakamoto - the trunk is at Hastings Park, and the beds and chest-of-drawers are in the Sakamoto house here.

The whole of this Sakamoto affair is a storm in a tea cup as I would say that the total value of the effects above mentioned amount to a dollar or so.

Yours very truly,

*Alfred Stevenson*

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19th September, 1942.

Mr. A. W. Stevenson,  
Power Line Rd.,  
Hammond, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: Manzo SAKAMOTO.

We have been informed by the above that prior to his departure from Hammond, B.C., he left in your care one chest-of-drawers with mirror, one trunk containing personal photographs and five beds and springs. In due course our field men will be checking these items and, as stated by Sakamoto, these articles will be removed to Central Storage. However, in the meantime we would appreciate your acknowledging these articles as being in your possession.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson,  
Farm Department.

HRC:GF

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

RECEIVED  
SEP 19 1942

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Address: HASTINGS PARK CLEARING STATION Date: SEPTEMBER 9th, 1942.

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

I, SAKAMOTO, M, Police Registration No. 10341

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted property  
stored at Mr. Stephenson's House B. R. Nol 1 Hammond, B. C.  
in possession of Mr. Stephenson

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

Description of Property:

- 1 Trunk
- 1 Mirror

Total 2 pieces.

Original Address: Hammond, B. C.  
Date Evacuated to Vancouver: August 28, 1942.  
Date Evacuated to Present Address: August 28, 1942.  
Number in Family - 12 years and over (7) seven  
Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old (2) two  
Number in Family - under 5 (1) one  
Total Number in Family - (10) ten

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

APPROVED:  
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: James Rose Claimant Signs Here

X  
REPORT  
ON EVACUATED JAPANESE PROPERTY

EXHIBIT NO. 1210 - E  
DATE NOV 9 - 1942  
FILLED BY R. A. B. White

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

MUNICIPALITY: MAPLE RIDGE.

Date: Sept. 18, 1942.

NAME: SAKAMOTO, Manzo

REGISTRATION NO. 10341.

ADDRESS: Corner of 1st. Ave., and Powerline Road, Hammond, B.C.

PROPERTY:

ACREAGE: 8.85      3½ acres cleared, rest bush.

KIND OF CROPS:

Straws. Peas. Fruit Trees.

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF EACH:

1½. (poor) ¼. 33 sml. (non bearing)

HOUSE: 1½ Storeys. VACANT: Yes.

OCCUPIED:

DESCRIPTION: Frame.

ROOF: Shingle. (very poor)

SIZE: 24 x 30.

NO. OF ROOMS: 5.

CONDITION: Very poor.

OTHER BUILDINGS: Garage 14' x 20' (poor) Storage shed 5' x 6' (poor)

NAME OF LESSEE OR RENTOR: None.

TERMS:

WATER: Well.

ON:

OFF:

LIGHT: None.

ON:

OFF:

REMARKS: House & buildings in terrible condition, all are on the verge of falling down. House is propped up by large pole. ✓

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS LEFT ON PROPERTY:

See attached lists.

Signed:

J. Morrison  
W. A. Stinson

Sept. 18, 1942.

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS LEFT ON PROPERTY  
OF  
SAKAMOTO, Manzo #10341.  
Cor. 1st. Ave., & Powerline Rd., Hammond, B.C.

In house. (downstairs)  
Bookcase. (cont. Jap. books & English school books)  
Pr. Hair clippers.  
Bookshelf. (cont. Jap. books & English books)  
Table, with oilcloth. (HM)  
2 Ash trays.  
2 Glass inkwells.  
1 Blackboard.  
~~First Aid medicine cabinet.~~ 3  
Shoe shelf. (HM)  
School suitcase. (cont. papers & scribblers)  
Dining table. (round, HM)  
~~6 chairs.~~ 3  
~~2 Kitchen chairs.~~ 3  
1 Arm chair. (HM)  
1 Settee.  
1 Heater.  
2 Kettles.  
Linoleum rug. (poor)  
3 Hats. (straw)  
Wooden fern stand. (cont. misc. books)  
Clothes dryer. (HM)  
~~Bed & spring. (good)~~ 3  
Dresser. (cont. 2 boy's shirts & dress)  
2 packets of incense.  
Sml. ctn. (cont. candles)  
Sml. cabinet with 2 drawers. (HM)  
Sml. ctn. (cont. 6# lead paper)  
Sml. ctn. (cont. Xmas decorations)  
2 Lge. books. (Japanese)  
Sml. oil funnel.  
Sml. quantity of clothing.  
Kitchen range. (Fawcett)  
2gal. Glass jar.  
17 Berry trays.  
1 Broom.  
1 Wire stove toaster.  
1 Cross cut saw.  
~~1 Wheelbarrow.~~ 3  
3 Wooden trays.  
1 Coal oil lamp & hanging stand.  
2 Wicker baskets.  
Sml. table & oil cloth. (HM)  
Sml. quantity of misc. bottles.  
2 Lunch kits.  
1gal. vinegar jug.  
1 Umbrella.  
Alum pot with lid.  
Box. (cont. sml. assorted tools, monkey wrench, spanners etc.)  
~~16 1 1/2" pipe & hand pump.~~ 3  
4 prs. Gum boots.  
Sml. quantity kitchen utensils.  
1 doz. cups. (broken handles).  
Cooky baking tin.  
Lge. lid. (tin)  
3-lpt. sealers.  
2-8qt. "  
Sml. wall basket.  
Sml. ironing board. (HM)

1/2 In house. (upstairs)  
~~4 Beds, springs & 2 mattresses.~~ 3  
High chair. (HM)  
Sml. table. (HM)  
Wardrobe. (cardboard)  
Box. (cont. books)  
Sml. quantity of loose books.  
Suitcase. (old)  
2 Shallow boxes. (empty)  
Lge. box. (cont. few clothes)

Outside. (at side of house)  
Single bed & spring. (poor)

In leanto packing shed.  
Table. (HM)

On back porch.  
Cooler. (HM)  
Umbrella.

In storage shed.  
13 Berry trays.  
2 Jap. tubs.

*8 sold by auction 7/4/45 and 10/5/45 -  
Dancy 15*

Signed

*Maryson*  
*W. G. Simon*

EXHIBIT No. 1250-7

DATE NOV 9 - 1946

FILLED BY K. G. Christie

Hastings Park,  
Aug. 29, 1942.

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION

SAKAMOTO, Manzo  
# 10341

1st Ave. & Powerline Rd.,  
Hammond, B. C.

Property now vacant. No lease with anybody,  
but desires his property to be leased.

Chattels left in house:

1 kitchen stove, very old.

Water pump and pipe

Chattels to be left c/o Mr. Stevenson

Powerline Rd., Hammond, B. C.

1 chest of drawers with mirror

1 trunk (full of personal Photographs etc.)

5 beds and springs.

SIGNATURE.....

WITNESS.....

P.S. One key of declarant's house now in  
c/o Custodian, but desires that Mr. Stevenson  
be allowed to take the chattels away at the  
Custodian's earliest convenience.

V.L.A.

NOV 22 1947

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## 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.

BC 140 P

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

(1) NAME SAKAMOTO MANZO (RCMP) Reg. No. 10341  
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address HAMMOND B.C.

(3) Present Address 84 AUGUSTA AVE. TORONTO ONT.

(4) REAL ESTATE  
(a) Street Address (if any) MAPLE RIDGE B.C.  
City or Municipality Province

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.)  
PART (10 ACRES MORE OR LESS) OF LOT (222) GROUP 1.  
LAND TITLE NO. 141556 E. as per sketch 963.

(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 FARMING

(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 - - - - - \$ 1600.00

(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 receivable) - - - - - \$

(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - - - - - \$ 1600.00

(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - - - - \$ 261.25

(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - - - \$ 1338.75  
1337.00

## (5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation  
House at Maple Ridge B.C.

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

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation Left loose in house.

(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")

NO ONE

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

- |                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. See attached list         | Estimated Value \$ |
| 2. Sold by custodian for 986 | Estimated Value \$ |
| 3.                           | Estimated Value \$ |
| 4.                           | Estimated Value \$ |
| 5.                           | Estimated Value \$ |
| 6.                           | Estimated Value \$ |
| 7.                           | Estimated Value \$ |
| 8.                           | Estimated Value \$ |
| 9.                           | Estimated Value \$ |
| 10.                          | Estimated Value \$ |

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS \$ 270.09

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)) - - - - - \$1678.84

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

TORONTO

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

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,  
of  
TO WIT;

I, Manzo Sakamoto  
of Toronto

of the City  
in the Province 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 City  
of Toronto  
in the County of York  
this 24th day of November  
A.D. 1947. Ra. Best

M. Sakamoto  
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.

November 24, 1947.

Manso Sakamoto

10	truck loads manure	\$ 50.00
400	fence posts	60.00

FARM TOOLS

1	culvinator <i>cultivator?</i>	12.00
2	shovels	3.60
1	square shovel	1.85
4	hoes	6.00
2	axes	7.00

FURNITURE AND TOOLS

5	beds and mattresses	77.00
1	kitchen stove	30.00
1	dresser	8.00
1	water pump	5.50
20	feet two inch pipe	3.00
1	ten gallon jar	5.00

CARPENTER TOOLS

Planner, chisel, saw set, shoe repairing, etc.	12.00
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\$ 280.95 ✓

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IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"  
AND THE UNITED STATUES OF CANADA 1937, CHAPTER 22.

EXAMINER PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

REPORT

MRS. HENRY, JUDGE H.A. MILLER, SUB-COMMISSIONER.

Toronto, Ontario,

November 1, 1943.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

WILLIAM BARNETT

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

APPEARANCES:

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

appearing for the  
Dominion Government,

R.A. BENT, ESQ.,

appearing for the  
Claimant.

A. SMITH, ESQ.,

Secretary,

G.R.A. UPTON, ESQ.,

Official Interpreter,

A.G. VICTOR, ESQ.,

Official Reporter.

M. S. S. S. S.  
Dir. S.

THE CLAIMANT, she claimed herein, being  
first duly sworn, testified  
through the interpreter as  
follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. HUNT:

Q. Is that your signature [indicating]?

A. Yes.

Q. Was that form prepared upon your instructions?  
That is the one which was prepared upon your instructions?  
A. Yes.

Q. The contents of it are true?

A. Yes.

MR. HUNT: I am filing as Exhibit 1, the Real  
Estate Farm Land Claim.

(PARTICULARS OF REAL ESTATE FARM LAND,  
MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. CHRISTIE: I tender as Exhibit 2 the Farm  
Appraisal Report.

(FARM APPRAISAL REPORT, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

MR. HUNT: Q. I understand you had a little bit  
less than a 10-acre farm near Hammond, British Columbia?  
Is that correct?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Which you apparently used as a small fruit  
farm?

A. Yes, sir; just starting.

Q. You bought it in February 1941?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. From Mr. Gilmore? A. Yes.

Q. And you had cleared about three acres - I am  
sorry, about three-quarters of an acre, yourself,  
between the time you bought it and when you were

1 evacuated? A. Yes.

2 Q. With respect to this 300 feet of drain,  
3 is that an open drain or a covered drain?

4 A. Covered.

5 Q. With wood? A. Yes.

6 Q. And then apparently you were cutting some  
7 fence posts from your property?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. There were about two acres actually cleared  
10 altogether? A. More than two acres; about

11 two and one-quarter acres cleared.

12 Q. And about one and one-half acres of that  
13 was in strawberries?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And you had about one-third acre in peaches?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And the rest you had in fruit trees; is  
18 that correct? A. Oh, well, fruit trees only  
19 about three dozen I planted and the rest of the land  
20 was ready for planting.

21 Q. Now, you had rented this place for a long  
22 time before you bought?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. How long? A. Oh, about 15 years;  
25 in 1925.

26 Q. You lived alone when you first came in  
27 1925? A. No. I rent that place.

28 Q. This place? A. Yes, that place.  
29 I bought that place in 1941.

30 Q. Yes; so I understand. On the Farm Appraisal

1 Report, Exhibit 2, there are some general remarks  
2 concerning, or referring to yourself. They say:

3 "Man has worked out in the woods and swamps  
4 and lately at Hammond sawmill."

5 Were you working for the Hammond sawmill just before  
6 evacuation?

7 A. After I bought the farm land I never went  
8 to be working at all. I stayed in the house and  
9 cleared the land.

10 Q. So, you devoted your whole time to this  
11 place after you bought it?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. It says:

14 "Man has volunteered to go to Manitoba for  
15 work in the bush-growing industry."

16 A. I never did.

17 Q. You never did? A. No. I just stayed in  
18 the house until I evacuated.

19 Q. It says:

20 "No arrangement made for sale of the 1943  
21 crop at the date of the visit"

22 and that was in May 1943. I suppose strawberries  
23 and peas would be your 1943 crop?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And, do you know what did happen to them?  
26 Did the person who took over sell that crop?

27 A. Oh, yes. I sold them. I sold the 1943.

28 Q. When did you actually leave this place;  
29 what month in 1943 did you leave this place?

W. Sukumoto,  
Dir. ex.

1 A. 1942, August 25, I left home.

2 Q. And between May and August you had sold the  
3 strawberries for that year?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And you had also sold the pears?

6 A. Yes, I did.

7 Q. You have set out here on your claim that  
8 you had 22 apple trees. This appraisal says

9 "56 apple trees one-year-old."

10 What do you say about that?

11 A. Just at that time I started planting.  
12 Last year I tried to plant. I just start because I  
13 know I be evicted. I just start to plant.

14 Q. How many apple trees did you have? Did  
15 you have 36 or 56 apple trees?

16 A. I had 56 apple trees.

17 Q. So that you say that this remark on the  
18 appraisal that you had 36 apple trees is wrong?

19 A. Yes. That is right.

20 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Q. You had 56 planted?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And where were the other 44?

23 A. Lined up ready for planting.

24 Q. Were they heeled in, the roots in the  
25 ground and earth thrown over them?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. And, how long had they been that way?

28 A. I buy that year.

29 Q. How long before you left in August did  
30 you get them? A. In March.

M. Salomito,  
MR. SA.

1 Q. Why did you not plant them? A. I just  
2 fear once I plant them pull up again. I don't like  
3 to make it hard. Once I plant them pull up again, ready  
4 for raspberries next year, so I just plant two rows of  
5 raspberry canes between the apple trees. I was going  
6 to do it gradually ready for next year's plants.

7 Q. How long would the apple trees stay good  
8 just heeled-in that way? Heeled-in is just where they  
9 dig out a sort of ditch and stick the roots in and  
10 throw soil over it. A. I had planted 56 trees  
11 and the others I had just put in the ground for  
12 preparation for planting. I was told that I had to  
13 transplant in April.

14 Q. And you left them from April until August?

15 A. Yes. I left them in the ground.

16 Q. All right, Mr. Dent.

17 MR. DENT: Q. With respect to this offer which  
18 Dr. Brock of Hammond made to send somebody out to  
19 purchase your property for \$1,500., I understand the  
20 doctor was not going to buy the place, himself, but  
21 he apparently knew somebody he told you would pay  
22 \$1,500., for it. Is that the situation?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Did that man ever come out to you and make  
25 an offer to you? A. No. The doctor ask me  
26 if he was sure somebody would buy, would \$1,500.,  
27 be all right, to sell. I don't sell because if I  
28 sell maybe I spend all my money but if I leave property  
29 here I can come back any time. That is why I don't  
30

M. Sublette,  
Mr. ex.

1 like to sell. That is what I say.

2 Q. You told the doctor you were not interested  
3 in selling it even at \$1,000. Is that what happened?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Is that your signature (indicating)?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And was that form prepared upon your instruc-  
8 tion? That is the chattels, your furniture?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And is the information contained in it  
11 correct? A. Yes.

12 MR. BENT: I am submitting as Exhibit 3 the  
13 Personal Chattels Claim Form.

14 (PERSONAL CHATTELS CLAIM FORM, MARKED EXHIBIT  
15 NO. 3)

16 MR. CHRISTEN: I submit as Exhibit 4 the Analysis  
17 of Personal Property Claim.

18 (ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM,  
19 MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4)

20 MR. BENT: Q. Apparently you left some furniture  
21 in your house?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Is that right? A. Yes.

24 Q. Is that your signature (indicating)?

25 A. Yes.

26 Q. And that is an inventory of the chattels  
27 which you left in your house?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Is that correct?

30 A. This is only a few things. The rest

1 I don't touch any. I just left in my house. Only a  
2 few things here, that is all.

3 Q. I see. A. Only a few things there,  
4 that is all.

5 Q. You are claiming \$50. for 10 truck-loads of  
6 manure which was apparently left on your place. Is  
7 that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And, was that cow or horse manure?

10 A. All a mixture.

11 Q. Had you bought it?

12 A. Yes. I bought it.

13 Q. And you intended to use it on your place?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Was it in one heap or spread around the  
16 place?

17 A. Oh, I do not know. 10 truck-loads I buy,  
18 that is all. I do not know whether in a heap or not.  
19 I buy \$5. per truckload.

20 Q. You paid \$5. per truckload?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. And it was there when you left?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. In respect of these 400 fence posts,  
25 there are the posts which you cut from the place, your-  
26 self? A. Yes, sir. Just piled up beside the  
27 bush.

28 Q. Just piled up beside the bush?

29 A. Yes.  
30

M. Sakamoto,  
Mr. M.

Q. I understand that after you left there was apparently some trouble about some of your chattels being and your house had been broken into. Is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know anything about that?

A. Yes. It was a very poor house.

Q. Do you understand?

A. Yes.

MR. NEST: Does he understand?

THE OFFICIAL INTERPRETER: He says he understands.

MR. NEST: There are a couple of letters here from A.W. Stevenson, one dated September 22, 1943, addressed to the Custodian and the other one dated March 24, 1943, also addressed to the Custodian about this matter of Sakamoto's house having been broken into.

The second letter —

THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: Are you putting them in, Mr. Christie?

MR. NEST: I am going to ask my friend to put them in as an exhibit.

MR. CHRISTIE: I am quite willing they should go in, your honour.

(TWO LETTERS, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3)

MR. NEST: The second letter relates to this matter of the property having been broken into.

\* It was reported to me and subsequently confirmed that one of two good bedsteads has been recently taken from the house on the

"above property which is under lease to me for the cultivation and picking of the straw-berries - the front door of the house having been found forced open. The matter has been reported to the Provincial Police, as was a previous case where a boy was caught removing a suit case from this house."

Apparently your son picked up a truck of your goods when he was at Hastings Park?

A. Yes.

Q. Is that right? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You did get that truck all right?

A. Yes. I got it all right.

Q. Yes. Well, now, with respect to this stove for which you are claiming \$30., you say you bought it in 1942; in what month did you buy it?

A. Just February month.

Q. It was a second stove and you paid \$30. for

it? A. Secondhand.

Q. Yes; secondhand? A. Yes.

Q. Was this a hand-cultivator or a horse-drawn cultivator for which you are claiming \$12.?

A. It was a hand-cultivator.

Q. I do not think there is anything else that I can ask you.

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CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. CHRISTIE;

Q. I show you a J.P. Form, dated May 1, 1942.

Is that your signature (indicating)?

A. I guess so.

1 Q. Do you not know your own writing?

2 A. It is very funny writing.

3 Q. Is it or not?

4 A. It looks like mine, anyway.

5 Q. It looks like yours?

6 A. Yes.

7 MR. CHRISTIE: I am filing as Exhibit 6 the  
8 J.P. Form.

9 (J.P. FORM, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6)

10 Q. I am showing you an inventory of chattels  
11 and an additional registration. Is that your sign-  
12 ture in each case?

13 A. Yes.

14 MR. CHRISTIE: I tender this as Exhibit 7. It  
15 is an inventory of chattels dated October 3, 1940,  
16 and an additional registration dated August 29, 1940,  
17 both signed by the claimant.

18 [INVENTORY OF CHATTELS, ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION,  
19 MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 7]

20 Q. Did you earn your entire living from your  
21 farm in 1941?

22 A. Yes. In 1941 I did nothing but my farm  
23 work.

24 Q. And, what was your gross income in that year  
25 and your net income?

26 A. About \$300., gross.

27 Q. What did you make net?

28 A. If I had taken away anything for labour I  
29 would not have made anything, myself. I would have  
30 made nothing at all.

Q. Did you have no expenses in that year?

1 A. No. I was not using powder for clearing or  
2 anything like that and there was nothing else except  
3 labour.

4 Q. In what condition was the house when you  
5 left it?

6 A. When was evacuated it was in good condition.

7 Q. Well, then, you would disagree with the state-  
8 ment that the buildings were all on the verge of falling  
9 down?

10 A. At the time I left there was nothing of  
11 that sort. Was it afterwards when I made that report?

12 MR. CHRISTIE: I will file as Exhibit 3 a report  
13 of two officials, officers of the office of the Custo-  
14 dian, dated September 13, 1942.

15 (REPORT, SEPTEMBER 13, 1942, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3)

16 Q. This is dated September 13, 1942, which was  
17 four days prior to your evacuation?

18 A. I do not think that there was anything of  
19 that sort.

20 Q. The statement here is that:

21 "The house was propped up by a large pole."

22 Is that right? A. That is correct. That was there  
23 before.

24 Q. All right. Well, now, when did you buy this  
25 house?

26 A. In 1941; I think about September.

27 Q. Of what year? A. September, 1941.

28 Q. September 1941? A. Yes.

29 Q. Had none of this been spread on the ground  
30

1 between the fruit trees between September 1941 and your  
2 evacuation in September 1942?

3 A. Yes. I had used it along the raspberry  
4 canes.

5 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: It is part of his real  
6 property claim, an improvement to the real property.

7 MR. CHRISTIE: The peculiar part is that it is  
8 suggested here that these 10 truckloads of manure were  
9 sholen,

10 THE WITNESS: Yes. I had used it.

11 MR. BENT: It is your idea, not ours.

12 MR. CHRISTIE: Q. You had used it? A. Yes.  
13 I had used the manure.

14 Q. Were any of the 400 fence posts in the  
15 ground?

16 A. They were all piled beside of the  
17 bush.

18 Q. When did you buy these fence posts?

19 A. I cut them.

20 Q. You cut them?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. How old were these beds? A. In 1935 I  
23 bought two and they were secondhand.

24 Q. They were secondhand at that time?

25 A. Yes.

26 Q. When were the other three bought?

27 A. In 1930 I bought a new one. The other two  
28 were bought in 1940, and they were new.

29 Q. That is all, thank you.

30 MR. BENT: That is all, thank you, Mr. Sakamoto.

1 MR. CHRISTIE: I tender as Exhibit 9 the Notice  
2 of Assessment for the year 1943, value of improvements  
3 \$200., value of the land \$500.

4 (NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT, 1943, MARKED EXHIBIT  
5 NO.9)

6 As Exhibit 10 I tender the Certificate of  
7 Encumbrance.

8 (CERTIFICATE OF ENCUMBRANCE, MARKED EXHIBIT  
9 NO.10)

10 As Exhibit 11 I tender the real property and  
11 the personal property summaries.

12 (REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY, PERSONAL PROPERTY  
13 SUMMARY, MARKED EXHIBIT NO.11)

14 That concludes the exhibits, your honour.

15 It is submitted, your honour that the articles  
16 of personal property which were sold at auction were  
17 sold at their fair market value.

18 It is submitted that the manure became part  
19 of the realty.

20 It is submitted that the valuation placed on the  
21 other articles of personal property is excessive.

22 THE SUB-COMMISSIONER: That disposes of this  
23 claim.

24 (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINCE DIX)

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

28 *A.G. Vitch*

29 A.G. Vitch,  
30 Official Reporter.



DEFENCE BRIEF

Manzo SAKAMOTO

File No. 7359

Case No. 1230

Toronto, Ontario.  
November 9, 1948.

V.L.A. Sheet All, Line 8.

REAL PROPERTY CLAIM

1. Part 10 acres m/1 of Lot 222 Group 1 as shown coloured Red on Sk. No. 963 save and except part 566.28 square feet shown and lettered "A" on Sketch No. 3799 and part 1.15 acres shown on Sk. No. 8184, Municipality of Maple Ridge, District of New Westminster.

<u>Claim</u>	<u>Appraised at</u>	<u>Sold for</u>
\$1600.00	\$268.50	\$236.00

Witness: L.B. Plumbly, Appraiser.

Farm Appraisal Report states this farm, fronting on 1st Ave. and Old Dewdney Trunk Roads, is in a good district.

The 2 acres cleared are only suitable for small fruits and the 6.85 uncleared acres would only be suitable for truck farming when cleared.

Appraiser states house beyond repair and ready to fall down; the woodshed is falling down.

About 40 trees and crop plants included in land value.

Mr. Sakamoto worked in sawmills and woods until he purchased the property in 1941 for \$725.00.

The Agent of the Custodian confirmed the condition of the buildings on this property in his Report dated Sept. 18, 1942, when he stated as follows:

"House and buildings in terrible condition; all are on the verge of falling down. House is propped up by large pole."

Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge Assessment Notice shows following values:

(1943) Land:	\$800.00
Improvements:	200.00
	<u>\$1000.00</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

2. Furniture and Farm Equipment.

Claim

\$280.95

Extract from Personal Property Memorandum stated Jan. 28/46:-

"Chattels: The above Japanese declared his chattels in only a general way when registering on May 1st, 1942. On August 29th, 1942 however he declared his chattels listed under an additional registration, an old stove and water pump to be left on the property at Hammond and a chest of drawers with mirror, trunk, 5 beds and springs to be left with Mr. Stevenson, a neighbour.

On September 18th, 1942 our fieldmen took a very complete inventory of everything on the property including things of absolutely no value.

On September 22nd, 1942 Mr. A.E. Stevenson informed us that

"SAKAMOTO's son had taken the trunk to Hastings Park and that the chest of drawers and beds were on SAKAMOTO's property but altogether were only worth a dollar or so.

On March 24th, 1943 Mr. Stevenson wrote us informing us of thefts from this property and also informing us of his having notified the police.

All saleable articles remaining on the property were removed and sold at auction in April 1945 and the net proceeds amounting to \$9.86 were credited to SAKAMOTO's account."

Goods valued by Claimant at \$39.30	were sold for \$19.00
" " " " " 60.00	" " with real property
" " " " " 60.80	" abandoned
" " " " " 120.85	" not accounted for theft, etc.
<u>\$280.95</u>	

Some goods not claimed for were sold at Auction for \$3.10.

Custodian Representative reported that a quantity of articles were left on the property as they were not worth removing. He stated:

"This was a very poor and junky place."

Many of the articles were home made as shown marked "HM" on Inventory dated Sept. 18/42.

Submissions:

It is submitted that the Real Property was sold for its fair market value.

It is submitted that the articles of personal property which were sold at Auction were sold at their fair market value.

It is submitted that the manure became part of the realty.

It is submitted that the valuation placed on the other articles of personal property is excessive.

Witnesses

L. B. Plumbly  
J. Moryson

W.E. Anderson

C.S. Pallot  
J. Moryson  
A.W. Stevenson

Where Required

1. Appraiser V.L.A.
1. (Condition of buildings as stated in Report of Sept. 18/42. Exhibit 8.
2. (Personal Property Memo. Jan. 28/46. (Abandoned and missing articles. (Attended Auction
2. Auctioneer
2. Inventory dated Sept. 18/42.
2. Letters Sept. 22/42 and March 24/43 and Feb. 15/43.

WJJ:HA

Name of Claimant

SAKAMOTO Rense

Case 1230

Custodian File

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REAL PROPERTY										Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village		Total	
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		
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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										
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	Applica- tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
39.30	19.00	5.70	48.34%	241.65	116.81					
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										698.74

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May 22, 1951.

Mr. Manzo SAKAMOTO,  
89 Pendrith St.,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 1230

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 ... \$698.74

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$658.43  
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee ... \$ 40.31  
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears  
Director