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BUREAU HASTINGS PARK  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO.

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

ME: **SAMESHIMA, Naemon**

HOME ADDRESS: **253 E. Hastings St., Vancouver, B. C.** REGISTRATION No. **02040**

SEX: **Male**

AGE: **60**

MARRIED? **Yes**

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: **Cleaner & Presser (Self)**

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: **Haruye**

ADDRESS: **In Japan**

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: **None**

ADDRESS: **None**

ADDRESS:

ADDRESS:

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

Dated this **5th**

day of

**May**

1942.

WITNESS:

(Signature)

*Naemon Sameshima*



FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO PAY THESE OFF?

None

LIST OF LIABILITIES:

None

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THANK A  
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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date July 17, 1943

Our File No. 7796

Full Name SAM ESHIMA, Naoremou  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 02040

Male - Female  
(check)

Age Nov. 3, 1881

Former Address

253 C. Hastings St., Vancouver

Date Evacuated

1/9/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(check)

Present Address

Slocan, B.C.

Checked Oct 21/46

Married - Single  
(check)

Name of Wife (nee) NAKAMURA (Hague Japan)

Name of Husband

Name of Mother (nee) YAMAMOTO (Kuni)

Name of Father Naajiro (decd)

Names of Children under 16

Sakuro - 14 - Japan

(see over)

Requested by

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Registered with Custodian (Yes or No)

Additional Information

Cleaning & pressing

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No 1/6

13-11-43

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NAME SANESHINA, Naomun

REGISTRATION NO. 02040

FILE NO. 7796

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at 771 E. Hastings St. Vancouver, B.C. on May 3rd, 1946.

Bed

\$ 2.25

EXHIBIT NO. 6-4  
DATE 10 Feb 1948  
FILED BY J. M. S. Hunter

Total		\$ 2.25
Less Expenses:	(Auctioneer's fee \$ .28	
	(Advertising .15	\$ .73
	(Moving .30	
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$ 1.52

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 64

Remarks. Auctioneer: Ross Auctioneers  
Advertised: Vancouver Sun and News Herald, May 2, 1946.



NAME BARBARA. Macdon

REGISTRATION NO. 02040

FILE NO. 7796

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at 771 E. Hastings St. Vancouver, B.C. on April 23rd, 1946.

2 chairs	\$ .55
2 chairs	.60

Total		\$ 1.15
Less Expenses:	(Auctioneer's fee \$ .14	
	(Advertising .10	\$ .33
	(Moving .02	
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$ .82

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 61

Remarks. Auctioneer: Ross Auctioneers  
Advertised: Vancouver Province, Sun and News-Herald, April 22, 1946.



NAME SANTOSIMA, EUGENIE

REGISTRATION NO. 23040

FILE NO. 7796

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at 771 E. Hastings St. Vancouver B.C. on April 12th, 1946.

Hat blocks

\$ 2.40

Total

\$ 2.40

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's fee \$ .30  
(Advertising .15  
(Moving .29

\$ .74

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 1.66

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 60

Remarks. Auctioneers: Ross Auctioneers  
Advertised: Vancouver Province, Sun & News-Herald, April 11, 1946.



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...in the way he would... The  
...the property... on 1/1/42, on 1/1/42 he would  
...the property... and then left in care of

...in care of... for over three years, until 11/1/42  
...the property...

...the property... saying that they should be returned,  
...the property... as would still be

...the property... saying that they would still be  
...the property... but would that the property should be  
...the property... and the property were

...the property... to suggest a possible answer  
...the property... and the best way to  
...the property... (perhaps further  
...the property... better answer)

...the property... in care of a girl.







PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 7796

Oct. 21/46

RE: Nacemon SAMESHIMA, Reg. No. 02040

The file reveals that the above owned no real property in any protected area of B.C. and did not carry any Fire Insurance.

CHATELS:

The above, who registered with the Custodian on May 5/42 signed a yellow "No property" card stating that he owned no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area of B.C. However on Sept. 1/43 he declared one sewing machine and hat blocking equipment at 253 E. Hastings St. These chattels were recovered by the Custodian. The sewing machine was shipped to SAMESHIMA on April 8/46. The balance of the chattels were sold at auction for the net sum of \$4.00 and this sum credited to his account with the Custodian.

The file reveals the above owned no specified articles.

ACCOUNTS

RECEIVABLE:

SAMESHIMA sold a press to Wong Fook Soon for the sum of \$65.00. His sum was collected by the Custodian on his behalf and this sum less \$2.40 paid to the City Scavenging Dept., was remitted to him on Dec. 7/43.

No property interests other than those mentioned above are found on this file.

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

Oct. 21/46

GBS:LBM

*G.B. Spain*  
G.B. Spain







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September 14th, 1943.

Mr. Naomori SAKESHIMA,  
Registration No. 02040,  
Slocan, B.C.

Dear Sir:

The City of Vancouver Scavenging Department has lodged a claim against you for \$2.40. If this claim is in order please send us remittance at your earliest convenience. Cheques should be made out to the "Custodian of Enemy Property."

On September 1st, 1942 you reported that Mr. Wong Fook Soon owed you \$65.00. Please inform us in your reply whether this money has yet been paid to you. If not please advise us where we can contact Mr. Wong on your behalf.

Yours truly,

  
AMCA:DE

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.



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October 9th, 1943.

Mr. Naomemon SAMESHIMA,  
Registration No. 02040,  
Slocan, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: \$2.40 - City of Vancouver Scavenging Dept.

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., unsigned, re the above claim, asking for particulars.

According to the City's statement on file the services rendered were between June 1st and October 31st, 1942, for scavenging. If you find this now correct please forward remittance in settlement.

re: Wong Fook Soon - \$65.00

This party has not paid any money to this office on your behalf. We are writing to him to-day and shall let you know what result we have.

Yours truly,

~~BRIDE~~

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.



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October 9th, 1943.

Mr. Wong Fook Soon,  
253 Hastings St. E.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: \$65.00 - Naosemon SAMESHIMA

We have been advised by SAMESHIMA that you have not yet paid the sum of \$65.00 owing to him by you for pressing machine that he claims he sold to you.

He states that you were to pay \$20.00 per month from October 1942. If this is correct please forward this amount of \$65.00 to this office for the account of SAMESHIMA.

Your immediate attention is requested.

Yours truly,

A. McAllister,  
Claims Department.

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EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	OCT 14 1943
File No.	
Ans.	DPD
Referred	Dusenbury

253 East Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.,  
October 13th, 1943.

*Out to Green*

Claims Department,  
Office of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

ATTN: Mr. B. R. Dusenbury

Dear Sirs: Re: File No. 7796 - SAMESHIMA

In reply to your letter of October 9th regarding \$65.00 which you state is owing to Mr. Sameshima by me I wish to inform you that when he left Vancouver he told me not to pay the balance of the money until he specifically requested me to do so.

So far I have had no word from him about this matter and before forwarding this money to your office, I would appreciate it if you would give me his address so that I may write to him personally and have him notify me direct as to what I am to do with this money.

Yours very truly,

*Wong Pook Soon*

WONG POOK SOON.



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October 19th, 1943.

Mr. Wong Fook Soon,  
253 East Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: \$65.00 - Naomon SAMESHIMA

We are in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. in reply to ours of the 9th inst. regarding the above claim.

We quote from SAMESHIMA's letter of the 4th inst. as follows:

"In answer to your memo of September 14th Mr. Wong Fook Soon was to pay Sixty-five Dollars (\$65.00) to your office. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) in October, November and December and the balance in January. I had no idea that he had not paid this amount, and I have not received any money directly from him."

We, therefore, request that you forward this amount to this office by return mail so that we may credit his account with same on our books and report it to him.

We shall look for your immediate attention.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.

BRN:DE



# CARRALL CLEANERS

253 HASTINGS ST. EAST  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

253 East Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.,  
October 20th, 1943.

Claims Department,  
Office of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

ATTN: Mr. B. R. Dusenbury

Dear Sirs: Re: File No. 7796 - SAMESHIMA

In reply to your letter of the 19th I again repeat, as I stated in my letter of the 13th, that I must have direct confirmation from Mr. Sameshima himself about the payment of the \$65.00. Either have Mr. Sameshima write to me himself, or give me his address so that I may notify him direct that I require his personal confirmation for the payment of the \$65.00.

Yours very truly,

*Wong Fook Soon*

WONG FOOK SOON.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	OCT 21 1943
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Dusenbury</i>



EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd NOV 13 1943

File No. 7796

Ans.

Referred *Dusenbury*

SLOCAN CITY, B. C.,  
November 9, 1943.

Claims Department,  
Office of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

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Attention of Mr. B.R. Dusenbury

Dear Sir:

Re: File No. 7796  
Wong Fook Soon  
Claim - \$65.00

Received your letter dated 21st October, 1943  
also copy of letter from Mr. Wong Fook Soon. I am  
enclosing a copy of the letter sent to him.

As soon as his remittance is received please  
pay the Vancouver Scavenging Dept. their claim of  
\$2.40, this was incurred by the family who was in the  
same building as I was - after I had left.

Please send me the balance as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

*N. Sameshima*  
Naomon SAMESHIMA,

Reg. No. 02040

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forwarded  
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SLOAN CITY, B. C.,  
November 9, 1943.

Mr. Wang Fook Sam,  
225 East Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a copy of your letter  
from the Claims Department, Office of the Custodian,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Before I left I declared to the Custodian  
the amount of \$65.00 owing by you to me. Since then  
all monies were to be sent to the Custodian and I  
had thought they had taken action to this regard.  
However, on September 14th I received an inquiry from  
the Custodian as to if I had received the money.

I am sorry to learn that you were waiting for  
words from me and that I had not written sooner.  
Please remit to the Custodian the sum of Sixty-  
Five Dollars (\$65.00).

Yours truly,

Hacomon SAMSHIMA,

Reg. No. 08040.

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*[Handwritten signature]*



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December 15th, 1943.

Mr. Haccenon SAMUELSMA,  
Registration No. 62040,  
Slocan, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to your letter of the 9th of November last. We have delayed replying to same until such time as the matters mentioned therein had been attended to.

We are now in a position to advise that we received from Mr. Wong Pook Soon the sum of \$65.00, which was placed to the credit of your account on our books. We then paid the City of Vancouver, Scavenging Dept., \$2.40 as requested by you, charging same to your account.

For the balance, namely \$62.60, we are enclosing herewith our cheque No. 6814 as also requested.

Please acknowledge receipt of cheque.

Yours truly,

B. R. Dusenbury,  
Claims Department.

B.R.D.  
Encl.



Reg. No. 02040

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	DEC 27 1945
File No.	7796
Ans	<i>[Signature]</i>
Referred	<i>[Signature]</i>

Slocan City, B. C.  
December 24, 1945

Custodian's Office,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to ask you about the chattel goods and sewing machine that are left in my shop at Vancouver. I would like to know what you have done with the goods or maybe perhaps you have sold them.

I would appreciate very much if you will please give me an immediate reply as to what you have done with the goods.

Yours very truly,

*N. Samshina*



File No. 7796

Slocan City, B. C.

February 4, 1946

EVACUATION SECTION

Re: FEB 7 1946

File: 7796

Ans.

Ref: Spain

Mr. G. B. Spain,  
Protection Department,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of the 30th of January, regarding the articles that I left in care of Mr. Wong Pook Soon.

You may sell these articles at your disposal but there is one article that I do not want to sell and that is the Singer Sewing machine. I don't mind the other articles being sold but I do not wish to sell the machine. I need this machine very much and if it is at all possible to have it sent to me, I would really be much appreciated. I would like you to send same at as early a date as possible. I will pay the freight charge.

Thanking you, I remain,

Yours truly

*N. Sameshima*

N. Sameshima

Reg. No. 02040



SLOCAN

EVACUATION SECTION	
No. 1	MAR 20 1946
File No.	2796
Ass.	
Refused	<i>Spain</i>

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.  
CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Address Bay Farm  
SLOCAN CITY, B. C.

Date February 15, 1946

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

I, SAMUELSHIMA, Neosmon, Police Registration No. 02040  
hereby request you to release to me the under-noted property  
stored at The Custodian  
in possession of The Custodian  
and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to  
such property.

Description of Property:

1 crto. Sewing Machine

Original Address 253 E. Hastings St. VANCOUVER, B. C.

Date Evacuated to Vancouver \_\_\_\_\_

Date Evacuated to Present Address Sept. 3, 1942

Number in Family - 12 years and over One

Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old Nil

Number in Family - under 5 Nil

TOTAL NUMBER IN FAMILY ONE

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

APPROVED:  
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: Ch. Adams

Samuehsima Neosmon  
Claimant Signs Here

Office of the Custodian, ATTENTION MR. SPAIN

March 19, 1946

Two copies of release to you: We have a \$5.00 deposit  
to cover crating, cartage and freight. Please advise where  
located, and when may be picked up for shipment.

C. W. Fisher  
C. W. Fisher,  
Purchasing Agent.



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February 9th, 1946.

Mr. Naomasa SAMESHIMA,  
Reg. No. 02040,  
SLOCAN CITY, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of the 4th instant with reference to your chattels left in care of Mr. Wong 'ook Soon.

Have you heard from him, and has he made you an offer? We gave him your address and he said he would communicate an offer to you at once, but if he fails to act with promptitude, we will arrange removal of your articles to auction.

As far as the sewing machine is concerned, please arrange with the Supervisor of the Department of Labour at Slocan to issue a Custodian Release for shipment of this article.

Yours truly,

G. B. Spain  
Protection Department

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October 21st, 1946.

REGISTERED

Mr. Naomori SAMESHIMA,  
Reg. No. 02040,  
SLOCAN, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We enclose herewith Custodian cheque in the sum of \$4.00, being net proceeds from sale of goods removed from 253 East Hastings Street in your name. As this is your total credit with the Custodian we are now closing your file. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this cheque.

Yours truly,

G. B. Spain  
Office of the Custodian

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ANALYSIS OF CLAIM - SAMUEL H. HANCOCK, JR. 102042, File: 7796

<u>Personal Property Listed In Claim</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>
43 Hat Blocks and 20 Fringes	\$400.00
Hat Machine	100.00
2 Beds	24.00
Miscellaneous Articles	50.00
	<u>\$574.00</u>
Custodian Credit	<u>4.00</u>
<b>Total Claim</b>	<b><u>\$570.00</u></b>

Disposition of Goods Declared

<u>Reported Sept. 1/42 as being left at 253 E. Hastings St.</u>	<u>Found at 253 E. Hastings St.</u>	<u>Auctioned</u>	<u>Sale Price</u>	<u>Auction No.</u>
43 Hat Blocks (wooden)	43 Wooden Hat Blocks	Hat Blocks	2.40	#60
20 Hat Edge Blocks (wooden)	18 " Rim Blocks			
1 Bed & Spring	1 Bed & Spring	Bed	2.25	#61
3 Chairs	3 Chairs (very poor)			
1 Baby High Chair	1 Baby High Chair	4 Chairs	1.15	#61

1 Singer Sewing Machine      1 Singer Sewing Machine - Shipped April 8, 1946

✓ 1 Straw Hat Machine      -      Not found

Listed in Claim, Not Reported  
to Custodian

1 Bed }      Not found - out.  
 Miscellaneous Articles }

Amount realized from auctions:

<u>Auction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Net Credit</u>
Van. #60	Apr. 12/46	2.40	.74	1.66
" #61	Apr. 23/46	1.15	.33	.82
" #64	May 3/46	2.25	.73	1.52
		<u>\$ 5.80</u>	<u>\$ 1.80</u>	<u>\$ 4.00</u>



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October 4th, 1950.

Mr. Naomasa SAMESHIMA,  
Box 154,  
Hope, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission  
Case No. 62

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, Release executed by yourself covering the award recommended under the above Commission, for the sum of \$184.00.

Cheque for \$179.06 is enclosed herein, and the sum of \$4.94 has been paid to the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians for legal fees as authorized.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,  
Director.

FGS/js  
1 encl.



Name of Claimant **SAMSONINA, Successor**  
 Custodian File **7796**

Case **62**

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>										Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village			
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Amount Total		
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>										
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			
<u>NETS</u>										
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
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATELS</u>										
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			
			General 46%	400.00	184.00			184.00		
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										184.00



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Notes in Defence

Kamloops, B. C.  
February 10, 1948.

Nacemon SAMESHTMA

File No. 7796

Case No. 62

Claim 1.	Chattels	\$489.00	Sold for:	
		414.00	Auction	\$5.80 1.4%
		75.00	Left with Agent	(Straw Hat Machine)

*Ross auctioneer  
with added 1.4%*

Transcript - Page 2: Amended claim filed as above.

Transcript - Page 3-4: Wong Foon Soon will be called by McMaster  
to see what became of the Straw Hat Machine.

Re Exhibit #2: All the articles handed over to Custodian by  
Soon were sold, see yellow sheet #820 in back  
of file. The typist should have bracketed  
the 43 and 18 Blocks on Exhibit #2, also the  
3 and 1 chairs.

There is no mention in our file of the Straw  
Hat Machine being handed over to Custodian  
by Soon.

Submission: Tentative. Those articles which were sold, were  
sold for fair market value.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"  
PART 1. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 92.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION.

BEFORE  
(THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE H.I. BIRD, COMMISSIONER)

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Kamloops, B. C.,  
February 10th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF  
NAOMICH SANESHIWA.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

20 APPEARANCES:

J.W.G. HUNTER, Esq.,                      appearing for the  
Dominion Government.

R.J. McMASTER, Esq.,                      appearing for the  
Claimant.

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A. WATSON, Esq.,                      Secretary.  
G.H.R. UPTON, Esq.,                      Official Interpreter.  
T.P. HORROBIN, Esq.,                      Official Reporter.

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H. SAMESHINA,  
In Chief.

MR. McMASTER: My lord, in this case I am instructed to apply to amend the claim by striking out two beds which were not declared -- one bed, I am sorry, -- not worth pursuing, and also certain minor changes in the number of hat blocks and fringes. I suppose the simplest manner of dealing with it is to file an amended claim. All the miscellaneous articles are out as well.

THE COMMISSIONER: Very well.

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HARVEY SAMESHINA, the claimant herein,  
being first duly sworn, testified  
through the Interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. McMASTER:

Q Witness, is this your signature on this amended claim form, and did you swear that declaration?

A Yes.

Q Did you request Mr. Leslie to prepare this form with regard to your claim, and give him the information contained in it? At: Yes.

20 Q Is this your signature on the form?

A Yes.

Q And do you state that the contents are true, to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I file that as Exhibit 1, my lord.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

MR. HUNTER: My lord, in case it might be helpful, I would like to file the chattels analysis as Exhibit 2 if it is convenient.

30 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.



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H. Samoshina,  
In Chief.

(CLAIMS ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

MR. McMASTER: My lord, with regard to the statement which has been filed, the claimant shows certain equipment with regard to his business and shows certain values with respect thereto. He states that he left the articles with a Chinaman named Wong Foon Soon, who agreed to take care of them until they were taken over by the Custodian.

10 It would appear from the Custodian's analysis that they got all the goods which appear on this statement with the exception of a straw hat machine. I would take it that the claimant had not dedicated the machine to the Custodian and therefore the claimant is in the position that we will probably have to call this Chinaman, a Wong Foon Soon, and see what became of that machine.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

MR. McMASTER: Q: Witness, what business were you engaged in prior to your evacuation?

20 A The dry cleaning business.

Q And how long had you been engaged in that business?

A About thirty years.

Q And did your dry cleaning business have as part of it the business of blocking hats?

A Yes.

Q And were you, during those years that you carried on business, thoroughly familiar with the cost of your supplies, materials and equipment?

A Do you mean the tools, or what he bought for his  
30 business?



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H. Samachina,  
In Chief.

Q I am referring to such things as blocks and the type of thing with respect to which he is claiming.

A He says the tools he had at first he is not quite certain about, but the tools he bought subsequently he knows the values.

MR. McMASTER: I would ask my learned friend to produce the letter or a memorandum dated at Hastings Park September 1st, 1942, "Additional Registration" received by the Custodian on September 2nd, 1942.

10 Q Witness, is that your signature on that document?

A Yes, my lord.

MR. McMASTER: This, my lord, is apparently a supplementary statement with regard to chattels, and I observe included in it are one bed and one spring, 43 wooden hat blocks, 15 wooden hat edge blocks, 1 Singer sewing machine, and 1 straw hat machine, so it was declared. It is just the question of his having left it in the custody of this Chinese and a question of whether the Custodian received it. I would ask to file that as an exhibit.  
20 Your witness, Mr. Hunter.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3).

MR. HUNTER: Until I know more about certain things, my lord, what I say will have to be tentative, but I will submit that these articles which were sold were sold for their fair market value. It may be that I shall have to take the stand that these items were left in the custody of someone other than the Custodian and that, therefore, when we went  
30 to take over the items that the straw hat machine



was missing, but I can't say as to that. It may still be there for all I know. Aside from that I think the analysis shows that we disposed of the 43 hat blocks and the bed and spring. When I say 43, we did dispose of hat blocks; how many I can't be sure. It is merely shown on the auction sheet as "hat blocks", my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

10 MR. HUNTER: We did dispose of the bed and spring for \$2.25, and the baby's high chair for \$1.15. The other items, the 18 hat edge blocks, and the 3 chairs appear to be missing, but the Sewing machine — you are not claiming for that, Mr. McMaster. That was shipped.

MR. McMASTER: Yes, that is right.

MR. HUNTER: I don't know whether these auction sheets would be of any help to your Lordship.

THE COMMISSIONER: Since you have them it might be well to put them in.

20 (AUCTION SHEETS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4).

THE COMMISSIONER: No cross-examination?

MR. HUNTER: No, my lord.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINCE DIN)

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

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