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PERSONAL

BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE No. 8602

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

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: OKA (Tsuruya) Mrs.

HOME ADDRESS: R.R. No. 1, Abbotsford, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 12867 SEX: Female AGE: 76

OCCUPATION: Housewife

(If any business or businesses carried on, state where, under what name and whether carried on by yourself or in partnership with anyone; if partnership, give partner's name.)

EMPLOYER: none

MARRIED? no

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: none

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: none

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: none

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: none

AGE OF CHILDREN: none

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable)

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS:
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST:
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Dwelling house, R.R. No. 1, Abbottsford, B.C.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mrs. U. Oka, P.O. Box 148, Port Hammond, B.C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: none

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:

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS: Furniture, household effects etc. as per list attached left at R.R. No. 1, Abbottsford, B.C. Left in care of Henry D. Doerken, who is now living in the house.
2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY:

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

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

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

8. BANK ACCOUNTS:

9. LIFE INSURANCE:

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS:

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX:

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS:

2. TRADE DEBTS:

REMARKS:

I, 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 11th day of May 1942.

(Signature)

Samuel X Oka
(her)
(mark)

M. Field
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

Abbotsford, B. C.

T. OKA, (Mrs.)

Registration No. 12867

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| 6. Tables (2 large, 4 small) <i>Abandoned</i> | 2. Forks |
| 1. Cupboard \$ | 4. Wedges |
| 1. Buffet \$ | 2. Hoes |
| 6. Dinning room chairs \$ | 2. rakes \$ |
| 4. Piece living room suite <i>Sold separately</i> | 3. Sickles |
| 1. Lawn chair \$ | 1. Shovel |
| 1. Stretcher \$ | 1. Spade |
| 3. Beds \$ | 1. Pair pruning shears |
| 2. Mattresses <i>Abandoned</i> | 1. " hedge shears |
| 2. Trunks <i>Sold - Credit to T. Oka 7-236</i> | 1. Wedge hammer |
| 1. Chest <i>(wardrobe)</i> | 3. Cross-cut saws \$ |
| 1. Kitchen range <i>Gurney Oxford</i> <i>unsaleable</i> | 1. Buck saw \$ |
| 1. Heater <i>Tage National</i> <i>abandoned</i> | 2. Axe \$ |
| 1. Book case <i>(bamboo)</i> \$ | 3. Peavy \$ |
| 1. Aladdin lamp \$ | 7. Potted plants \$ |
| 1. Table lamp \$ | 1. Wheelbarrow |
| 4. Kerosene lamps \$ | 1. (5 gal. coal-oil can) a |
| 5. Vases \$ | 1. Large lard ca n. a |
| 16. Frames \$ | |
| 2. Pairs crutches \$ | |
| 15. Flower pots \$ | |
| 1. Jardiner \$ | |
| 2. Beer horns <i>Left on property cannot be sold</i> | |
| 10. Electric light globes <i>used</i> | |
| 4. Electric light shades \$ | |
| 2. Boxes sealers <i>S. & Sunbeam</i> | |
| 1. Water pump \$ | |
| 1. Bureau \$ | |
| 1. Boiler \$ | |
| 6. Irons \$ | |
| 5. Willow baskets \$ | |
| 1. Wash tub \$ | |
| 1. Wash board \$ | |
| 1. Sink <i>fixture</i> | |
| 9. Window blinds <i>fixtures</i> | |
| 1. Well rope <i>26' x 1" fixture</i> | |
| 3. Galvanized pails | |
| 2. Dish pans | |
| 3. Basins | |
| 7. Curtain rods | |
| 2. Table oilcloths | |
| 2. Window screens | |
| 4. Boxes kitchen utensils \$ | |
| 3. Cream cans | |
| 4. Boxes dished and silver \$ | |
| 2. Large mixing bowls \$ | |
| 2. Cast iron pots \$ | |
| 4. Kitchen knives \$ | |
| 5. 1 gal. bottles | |
| 1. Watering can | |
| 1. plier | |
| 1. Hatchet | |
| 1. Hammer (nail) | |
| 2. Clay picks | |
| 1. Hand saw | |
| 2. Mattock | |

anything of value perhaps sold as junk

*S. sold by auction 28/6/44
Abbotsford 8.*

A = Abandoned

saleable things sold as junk

anything of value recovered sold as junk

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Nov. 19/43.

File No. 8602

Name OKA, (Tsuruya) Mrs. Tsurukichi
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 12867

Male - Female ☒
(check)

Age Nov. 1, 1865

Residence Address RR #1, Abbotsford, B.C.

Evacuated 11/9/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National ☒
(check)

Birth Address Lemon Creek, Sloan B.C.
225 King St. Hamilton - Ont. - March 14/45 25/11/40

Widow
d - Single
(check)

Name of Wife -

Name of Husband Tsurukichi (De'd)

Mother De'd Name of Father De'd

Number of Children under 16

Registered by EDP Registered with Custodian
(Yes or No)

Additional Information See daughter-in-law's file No 4226.

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File 8602

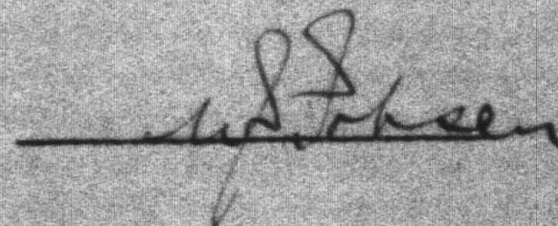
Re: Tsuruyo (Mrs. Tsurukichi) OKA. - 12867

November 25, 1946.

This file reveals no real property interest
and no record of fire insurance carried on any property
belonging to this person.

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

WJI:ML



PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File 8602

Re: Tsuruyo Mrs. Tsurukichi/ OKA - 12867

November 25, 1946.

CHATELS:

All saleable effects identified as belonging to Mrs. OKA were removed from her former residence on Topham Road, N. Milner, and sold at Custodian auction of 28/6/44, realizing the net sum of \$57.49, which was credited to her account. Further particulars are shown on chattel summary and schedule.

Mrs. OKA'S trunk which she asked for on March 8th, 1944 was sold on June 28th, 1944, and credited to Mrs. Y. KAWANO, File 5983, and the latter was asked to pay the proceeds to Mrs. OKA.

SPECIFIED
ARTICLES:

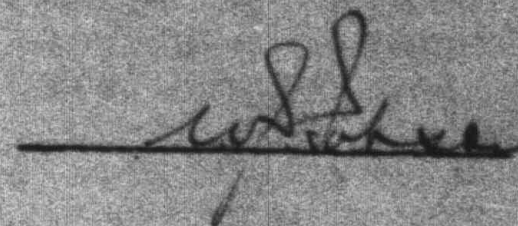
This file reveals no specified articles.

STOCKS:

Two \$10.00 unredeemable share in the Pacific Co-operative Union on which .04% interest has been allotted to the above Japanese.

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

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



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CHATTEL SUMMARY

File No. 8602

December 21st, 1945.

Re: Tsuruyo (Mrs. Tsurukichi) OKA, Reg. 12867

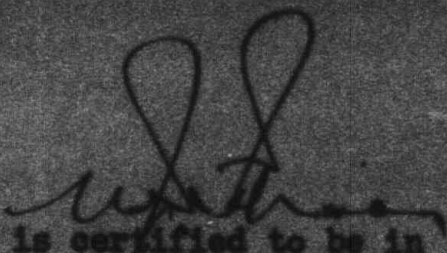
Mrs. Oka was evacuated on September 16th, 1942, her J. P. declaration was signed on May 11th, 1942 and contains a typed list of effects left in the care of Henry D. Doerken, who is now living in the house."

The dwelling referred to was owned by Mrs. Umeko OKA, a daughter in law, File No. 4226.

Mrs. Kawano, File No. 5983, on March 8th, 1944 requested that Mrs. OKA'S trunk (which we assume is the one shown on her list of effects) and which was stored in Mrs. Kawano's former home, be shipped to her. A memo on file No. 5983, July 22nd, 1944 states that this trunk was sold with Mrs. Kawano's effects.

On May 10th, 1945 Mrs. T. Oka was asked if she had received any of her personal effects, particularly a living room suite and kitchen range. She replied in the negative. On inquiries of Gowing Frost, Auctioneer of Langley it was found that the living room suite had been sold separately and the range abandoned as unsaleable. The saleable effects were removed to our auction rooms and sold at Langley Auction Sale #8 of June 28th, 1944. The net proceeds \$57.49 were credited ~~on this file~~ to her account.

A sink and wash board, window blinds and well rope were fixtures and 2 stoves were rusty and burnt out. All of these were left on the property, in addition to odds and ends of tools and utensils which would not repay the cost of liquidation.


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

WJ:DP

CHattel SCHEDULE

File No. 8602

December 21st, 1945.

Re: Tsuruyo (Mrs. Tsurukichi) OKA. Reg. 12867

The above Japanese made her declaration to the Custodian on May 11th, 1942 and was evacuated on September 16th, 1942.

<u>DECLARED</u>	<u>INVENTORIED</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>OTHER DISPOSTION</u>
6 tables 4 large & 2 small	6 tables 4 large & 2 small		Homemade and obsolete <i>Abandoned</i>
cupboard piece living room suite (4) 6 dining room chairs buffet lawn chair stretcher 3 beds 2 mattresses	cupboard 4 piece living room suite 6 dining room chairs buffet lawn chair stretcher 3 beds mattresses	28/6/44 separately 28/6/44 " " " " "	
2 trunks	2 trunks	① Sold & credited to U. Oka-F.4226	abandoned <i>Missing</i>
Closet	Wardrobe	28/6/44	
Kitchen range heater	kitchen range heater		Unsaleable <i>Abandoned</i>
Book case (bamboo) Aladdin lamp table lamp 4 kerosene lamps 5 vases 16 frames 2 pairs crutches 15 flower pots 1 jardineer	Book case (bamboo) Aladdin lamp table lamp 4 kerosene lamps 5 vases 16 frames 2 pairs crutches 15 flower pots 1 jardineer	28/6/44 28/6/44 " " " " " " "	
2 deer horns	2 deer horns		left on property could not be sold
10 electric light bulbs	10 electric light bulbs		Used
electric light shades (4)	electric light shades (4)	28/6/44	
2 boxes sealers	2 boxes sealers	"	
water pump	water pump	28/6/44	

CHattel Schedule


<u>DECLARED</u>	<u>INVENTORIED</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>OTHER DISPOSITION</u>
Bureau	Bureau	28/6/44	
Boiler	Boiler	"	
Irons (6)	Irons	"	
Willow baskets (5)	Willow baskets	"	
Wash tub	Wash tub	"	
Wash board	Wash board		Fixture
Sink	Sink		Fixture
wall rope 26' 11"			"
window blinds (9)	Window blinds		"
Galvanized pails (3)	Galvanized pails (3)		Saleable things sold
dish pans (2)	dish pans (2)		as junk
basins (3)	basins (3)		
curtain rods (7)	curtain rods (7)		
table oilcloths (2)	table oilcloths (2)		
window screens (2)	window screens (2)		
Boxes kitchen utensils (4)	Boxes kitchen utensils (4)	28/6/44	
3 cream cans	3 cream cans	"	
4 boxes dishes and silver	4 boxes dishes and silver	28/6/44	
2 large mixing bowls	2 large mixing bowls	"	
2 cast-iron pots	2 cast-iron pots	"	
4 kitchen knives	4 kitchen knives	"	
5 1 gallon bottles	5 1 gallon bottles		Anything of value was
1 watering can	1 watering can		recovered and sold as junk
1 plier	1 plier		
1 hatchet	1 hatchet		
1 hammer (nail)	1 hammer (nail)		
2 clay picks	2 clay picks		
1 hand saw	1 hand saw		
1 mattock	1 mattock		
2 forks	2 forks		
4 wedges	4 wedges		
2 hoes	2 hoes		
3 sickles	3 sickles		
1 shovel	1 shovel		
1 spade	1 spade		
1 pair pruning shears	1 pair pruning shears		
1 pair hedge shears	1 pair hedge shears		
1 wedge hammer	1 wedge hammer		
2 rakes		28/6/44	

CHattel Schedule

<u>DECLARED</u>	<u>INVENTORIED</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>OTHER DISPOSTION</u>
3 cross-cut saws	3 cross-cut saws	28/6/44	
1 buck saw	1 buck saw	"	
2 axes	2 axes	"	
3 peavies	3 peavies	"	
7 potted plants	7 potted plants		Abandoned
1 wheelbarrow	1 wheelbarrow		"
1, 5 gallon coal oil can	1, 5 gallon coal oil can		"
1 large lard can	1 large lard can		"

This schedule is certified to be in accordance with the information on file.

WJ:DP



April 14, 1942

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Hunter

For Personal Property
Mrs. Ueno Oka, Registration No. 14110

This case is somewhat confused.

Mrs. Oka owned a farm near Abbotsford, B. C., in the Municipality of Matsqui.

There were 2 houses on the farm, one of which was occupied by her mother-in-law. Both were Widows.

The mother-in-law, Mrs. Tsuruye Oka, File No. 8602, operated the farm and declared the chattels. List attached to "JP" Form herewith.

Mrs. Ueno Oka was a Teacher for the Japanese School Maintainers Association, she owned Real Property, including a School house and Teacher's house at the corner of Powerline Road and 2nd Avenue, Richmond, B. C.

Mrs. Ueno Oka, in her JP Form dated April 9, 1942, declared household effects, kitchenware and carpenter's tools, "to be left in building at 2nd Ave. Richmond, in event of evacuation." She did not state she was leaving anything at her farm in Matsqui (Abbotsford).

However, in her Claim Form she states goods were left at "Richmond, B. C. and Abbotsford, B. C."

Her mother-in-law, above-mentioned, has not filed a Claim and neither has the Japanese School Maintainers Association.

It was not the Policy of the Custodian to sell goods belonging to Associations but in this case some chattels were sold in error. The Auction sheets are, therefore, being attached hereto for your personal information. Also the JP Form of the Association dated May 21, 1942, is being attached.

We have provisionally transferred the following items from the School Account to Mrs. Ueno Oka's personal account and will make this permanent providing she swears these items belong to her:

Backsets.....	\$8.00
Kitchen Chairs...	3.75
Kitchen Pangs....	7.00 = \$18.75 (Total).

There is no record, apart from theft, of the balance of chattels claimed, as far as the property at Richmond is concerned.

The following information, however, has been taken from the mother-in-law's file which may pertain to Mrs. Ueno Oka's effects, as she claims that some of her goods were left on her farm:

1. Vanity (bureau) sold at Auction in Abbotsford for	\$ 2.00
2. Beds (3) were sold at Auction in Abbotsford for	1.25
3. Extension Table was sold at Auction in Abbotsford	3.00
4. Several lots of dishes etc. sold at Auc. in " " for	25.25
5. Some tools were sold at Auction in Abbotsford for	2.25
TOTAL.....	\$33.75

Mrs. Ueno Oka might be able to advise which of the chattels declared by her mother-in-law and sold at Auction at Abbotsford, belonged to her personally. She did not declare leaving any Personal Property at her farm. It is noted Mrs. Tsuruye Oka could not sign her "JP" Form, only making "her mark".

W. J. Hunter
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April 17, 1948.

REGISTERED-AIR MAIL

Mrs. Hans Oka,
Registration No. 14110,
c/o R. Borschke,
R. R. No. 2,
Leamington, ONTARIO.

Dear Madam: Re: The East Half of the South East quarter
of the North East quarter of Section 14,
Township 13, Municipality of Hataqui, in the
District of New Westminster.

We have received your letter of April 1, 1948, and in accordance with your request we are enclosing herewith copy of Soldier Settlement Board appraisal of above real property which was sold by the Custodian in regard to which you have filed a claim with the Commissioner.

With reference to your chattels, we wish to state that in your JP Declaration Form dated April 9, 1942, you stated as follows in connection with your personal property, "above to be left in building at 2nd Ave. Hammond, in event of evacuation", but in your claim you stated that place or places at which property was left by claimant at date of Evacuation... "Hammond, B. C. & Abbotsford, B. C."

Until we received your claim we were under the impression that your goods were all left at the house in Hammond, B. C. Will you please advise us by return mail exactly what chattels were left at each place, belonging to you.

The chattels declared by your mother-in-law at Abbotsford were sold and credited to her account. Chattels at the Hammond property were removed and sold and it will, therefore, be necessary for us to receive lists from you, as stated above, in order that we may forward you further information.

We are attaching hereto a stamped, addressed envelope to facilitate your early reply.

Yours truly,

W. J. JOHNSTON
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

WJ/MS
Enc. (2)

File No. 4226
8602
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April 13, 1946

MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Mr. W. J. Johnston

Re: Estate (Mrs. Shigeta) OIA
Registration No. 14110

The following goods, namely, book case, kitchen chairs and kitchen range were sold at auction on November 25, 1943, at Hasty, D. C., for \$6.00, \$4.00 and \$7.00, respectively, but their ultimate ownership was uncertain.

It now appears from Mrs. Oka's present claim that they belong to her and accordingly the funds are provisionally transferred to her credit, subject to her formally verifying her claim to them.


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WJ/MS

November 25th, 1946.

REGISTERED MAIL

Mrs. Tsuruyo OKA,
Reg. No. 12867,
225 King St.,
Hamilton, Ont.

Dear Madam:

Herewith we enclose the Custodian cheque in the amount of \$57.53, which is your credit balance. Your account is now closed.

The sum remitted represents the net proceeds realised from effects identified as yours, and in addition an amount of .04% interest on your unredeemable shares in the Pacific Co-operative Union. If and when these shares are redeemed, you will be duly advised.

We note that a trunk left in the house of Mrs. Yoshi KAWANO could not be identified, and it was sold with her effects. As we understand that you had a trunk stored, will you please discuss the ownership of the one sold with her.

In order that you may acknowledge the cheque enclosed, we attach a stamped addressed envelope.

Yours truly,

W.J. Iverson,
Office of the Custodian.

WJI:ML
Encl. (cheque)
(envelope)

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Gowing Frost & Son,
Langley Prairie, B. C.
November 21st, 1945.

Custodian of Enemy Property,
Vancouver, B. C.

Enclosed please find \$1.75 for some old mattresses, (which I claimed as unsaleable when I removed the other Jap's goods) which I have sold today, belonging to the Eto place on Topham Road, North, Milner district.

Will you also please inform Mr. Iverson, who was inquiring about a Living Room Suite, a Range, a Heater for a Jap named Oka.

I have looked these up and the Heater and Range were left there as unsaleable, and the suite was sold separately as Ex. Table, a sideboard and seven chairs.

Please also tell him, I did phone him at his office the following morning but they said he was up the Valley somewhere.

Yours truly,

Gowing Frost,
Auctioneer,
Langley & Abbotsford.

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MEMORANDUM

File No. 8602

May 29th, 1945.

TO: Mr. R. M. Anderson

FROM: Mr. W. J. Iversen

RE: Tsuruyo (Mrs. Tsurakichi) OKA
Abbotsford

We recently asked Mrs. OKA whether she had received the shipment of her belongings from Mr. Doerken of Abbotsford. Her reply has just come to hand and she denies having received anything. She also states that her living room suite and kitchen range were not disposed of before she left the Coast. On our trip up country on Monday we could call in at this place and investigate.

WJI:LEW

Dec 20/45
Mrs Doerken did
not ship anything.
LR suite was sold
pieces of range
were abandoned. See
Gawing for letter
not in file
WJI

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May 10th, 1945.

Mrs. Tsuruyo Oka,
Registration No. 12867,
Lemon Creek,
SLOCAN, B.C.

Dear Madam:

Our files show that Mr. H. D. Doerken of
Abbotsford, B.C., shipped to you a considerable quantity
of your belongings, but we have no definite list of what
this shipment consisted of.

Would you be so kind as to let us know what
you received from Mr. Doerken. We should also like to know
whether your living room suite and kitchen range were disposed
of before you left the Coast.

Yours truly,

W. J. Iverson
Protection Department

WJI:LEW

157/45
Wrong! Doerken did
not ship anything, nor
does file indicate

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March 12th, 1945.

Mr. Henry D. Doerken,
R. R. #1,
ABBOTSFORD, B.C.

RE: Tsuruyo (Mrs. Tsurukichi) OKA
#12867

Dear Sir:

Our files indicate that Mrs. OKA left some of her belongings in your care at the time she was evacuated. Would you be good enough to advise if you shipped any effects to her since that time, or whether you still have some of the furniture in your care.

Yours truly,

W. J. Iverson
Protection Department.

WJI:LEW

MEMORANDUM

File 8602

March 8th, 1945.

TO: R. M. Anderson

FROM: W. J. Iverson

RE: Tsuruyo (Mrs. Tsurukichi) OKA, widow
H. R. L. Abbotsford

The chattels involved on this file were left in the care of Mr. H. D. Doerken, Abbotsford, and you will remember we were looking over Mr. Green's memo of December 9, 1943, in this connection. It would appear according to the sales sheets that only a partial liquidation was made.

The sales sheets included principally small items such as dishes, cutlery and kitchen utensils. Unless Mr. Doerken has shipped anything to Mrs. OKA there would still be such things as a Guernsey Oxford range, a heater, a living room suite, and so forth. Would you therefore please check at this place. For your guidance we attach a copy of the inventory with items sold deleted.

WJI:LEH

14/12/45
See Gervin's memo letter
Nov 2/45 in which he
states that range & heater
were left on property as
unsaleable. The L Room
suite was sold as
separate items
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FILE NO. 5983

March 15, 1944.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. S. C. Carlsen, 303 Hoderick Ave. New Westminster.

FROM: W. E. Anderson.

Mrs. T. Oka, File No. 8602, of Lemon Creek, Slooan, B. C. has requested arrangements be made for shipment of her trunk to her, according to a letter dated March 8, 1944, received from Mrs. Yoshi KAWANO, File No. 5983, in whose former home on Mt. Lehman Road, Abbotsford, the trunk is stored. It may be located in the attic and is the only trunk in this house which is now under lease to Mrs. W. J. Elias.

WEA/EG

*Trunk in attic
with Kawano's effects
see file 5983*

W.E.A.