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PERSONAL

BUREAU POWELL STREET  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE No. 9230

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: KITAMURA, Mari (Mrs. Kichinosuke)  
HOME ADDRESS: 2141 Columbia St., Vancouver, B.C.  
REGISTRATION NUMBER 01257 SEX: Female AGE: 25  
OCCUPATION: Housewife, Formerly Confectioner.

(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? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Kichinosuke

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Manning Pool, Hastings Park, Van. B.C.

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: None

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

None

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

None

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable)

None

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

None

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

None



7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: None

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

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN: None

**STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED**

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 2141 Columbia St., Vancouver, B.C.

2 storey wooden house.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Unknown

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

None. Living with parents.

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: None

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

None

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:

None

**STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:**

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

None

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: None

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF  
OTHERS: None

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom)  
None

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)  
None

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None

9. LIFE INSURANCE: \$500 Prudential Life Insurance Co.  
Pol. no. unknown, Policy in owner's possession.

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS.  
None

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

**LIABILITIES:**

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None

2. 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 15th day of May 1942.

A. McArthur  
Witness

(Signature)

Mrs. Mari Kitamura

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Dec. 15/42

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Full Name KITAMURA, Mari (Mrs. Kichinosuke)  
(Surname in Block Letters)  
nee KOSAKA

Registration No. 01257 Male - Female  
(Check) Age Sept. 4, 1916

Former Address 97 Powell St., City  
Box 996, Pt. Alberni, B. C. 2141 Columbia St., Vancouver

Date Evacuated 5/6/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(Check)

Present Address Kaslo, B. C.  
c/o George Haggie, Belgium Orchard, Vernon, B.C.  
Sept/41.

Married - Single  
(Check)

Name of Wife \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Husband Kichinosuke #12686

nee  
Name of Mother (TSUGE) Hisa #07181 Name of Father KOSAKA, Yotaro #07180

Names of Children under 16 (1 child: still born at Kaslo)

Requested by AM Registered with Custodian yes  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Confectioner (owner) Married Oct. 18/41







PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 9230

September 17, 1947.

Re: Mari (Mrs. Kichinosuke) KITAMURA, Reg. No. 01257

This woman signed a declaration to the Custodian on May 15, 1942. She was evacuated on June 5, 1942.

CHATELS

Mrs. KITAMURA reported no personal property on her JP Form, but on August 24, 1943, she requested shipment of her household goods and personal belongings which had been left in her home at Port Alberni. These goods were declared on the file of her husband, Kichinosuke KITAMURA, File 10871. Evidence on her husband's file shows that all goods removed from the house in Port Alberni were shipped to Mr. and Mrs. KITAMURA in October, 1943. In November, 1943, Mrs. KITAMURA wrote stating that she had received her household goods and had found that a number of valuable items were missing, including carpenters' tools. We wrote to her on December 2, 1943, advising her that no articles could have been stolen while the goods were in the attic of her house as no one knew of their existence and the door was boarded up until the Agents investigating her affairs had entered the house and broken open the door. The articles were then removed directly to safe storage, so any loss suffered must have occurred in the course of shipment, and for this reason we could not be responsible. A letter from Turner Brothers, Real Estate, Port Alberni, dated December 20, 1943, states that Mr. Burnip, who removed the goods to storage, did not remember seeing any tools but there were quite a large number of boxes which had been packed by the Japanese and these had not been disturbed. The Shoyu Sauce which Mrs. KITAMURA had stated was missing had not been shipped because of the danger of breakage in transit. A copy of this letter was sent to Mrs. KITAMURA and she was advised that this office could do no more. She was advised to write to the Security Commission for the shipment of the Sauce.

A letter from Mr. Iotaro KOSAKA, dated September 9, 1947, stated that the two lamp shades sold for fifty-six cents under his name were the property of his daughter, Mari. This amount was transferred to Mrs. KITAMURA's account and remitted to her on September 17, 1947.

BANK ACCOUNT

Form Letter 137 regarding accounts in the Japan and Canada Trust Savings Company was sent to Mrs. KITAMURA on March 17, 1944. She replied that she did not have an account in that Bank and did not know of any savings in her name.

LIFE INSURANCE

Mrs. KITAMURA reported a \$500.00 policy with the Prudential Life. This policy did not come into the possession of the Custodian.

A letter from the Whalen Insurance Brokers, dated November 9, 1942, revealed that Mrs. KITAMURA, formerly Marika KOSAKA, held a \$450.00 policy with the New Hampshire Fire Insurance Company, covering Trade and Office furniture and fixtures. This policy was allowed to expire on December 27, 1942, as this coverage was no longer needed. Mrs. KITAMURA was advised of this on January 13, 1943. As we did not hear from her to the contrary, the policy was not renewed.

This file reveals no other property of any kind.

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

*Frances May*

September 17, 1947.







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CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

April 5th, 1944.

(Mrs. Kichinosuke) Mari KITAMURA - Reg. No. 01257

CREDITORS:

NO CLAIMS ON FILE

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December, 18, 1948

To: File 9230

From: F. Matheson

Re: Mari KITAHARA, Reg. No. 01297

Sept. 9, 1947, Mr. Yotaro Kozuka, File 7598, wrote that 2 lamp shades removed from 2141 Columbia Street were the property of his daughter Mari Kitamura. The proceeds of the sale of these shades were sent to Mrs. Kitamura. She returned the funds stating that her goods were not lamp shades. The funds are therefore being placed in Chattel Suspense.

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To: Accounting Department

From: F. Matheson

Please charge File 9230 and credit File G/181 as follows:

Auction Vancouver 523 - Amt. realized - \$6.75 Expenses - \$.19 Net Cr. \$6.56

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NAME KITAHARA, Mari (Mrs. Kichinosuke)

REGISTRATION NO. 01257

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The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at 1047 Seymour Street, Vancouver, B.C. on January 11, 1944

~~2 Lamp Shades~~

~~\$ 0.75~~

*Transferred from file 7598*

*15/9/47*

*CB*

*Transferred  
to 9/15/47  
Dec 18/47  
Jm*

Total

\$ 0.75

Less Expenses:

( Auctioneer's Fee: \$0.07  
Advertising: \$0.03  
Being: \$0.09

\$ 0.19

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 0.56

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Smith

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Vancouver 523.

Remarks.



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September 2nd, 1937.

Mr. Yotaro KOSAKA,  
Registration No. 07180,  
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We have for acknowledgement your letter of August 25th relative to chattels left at 2141 Columbia Street by Mr. Hikosaburo Nagatakiya and your son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. K. Kitamura.

As more than one stove was sold at public auction in your name we are enclosing herewith copies of the auction sheets covering the goods sold under your name and would ask you to kindly indicate which stove belonged to Mr. Nagatakiya in order that the funds derived from its sale may be transferred to his account.

Respecting goods belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Kitamura, according to our records it would appear that working shoes, rubber shoes, socks, shirts, pants and leather coat were released to K. Kitamura in August 1942. Please let us know if the above clothing is that referred to in your letter of August 25th. You will note from the auction sheets that 2 lamp shades, coal lamp and lamp were sold at auction in your name. If these belonged to Mrs. Kitamura kindly so advise and we will transfer the funds accordingly.

As soon as we receive the above information we shall make the necessary transfers and remit to you the balance of funds standing to your credit with this office. Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

E. Robertson,  
Office of the Custodian.

/ER  
Enc. - Auction Sheets Vancouver 523.



COPY for files 15045  
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(Aug on 7298)

New Denver, B. C.  
September 9, 1947

Mr. E. Robertson,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir: Ref. File 7598, 15045, 9230, 10871

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 2nd together with auction list of chattels sold by you which were left at my home, 2141 Columbia Street.

Pertaining to the stove left at my home by Mr. Hikosaburo NAGA-TAKIYA, the one listed on the last sheet as "Shanrock" stove-poor condition sold at \$5.40 belonged to him.

In respect to the clothing left by my son-in-law, Mr. Kitamura, I believe he did get them in 1942.

9230 { As to the 2 lamp shades sold at \$.75, I presume these shades as belonging to the Trilite and Table lamps left by my daughter, but no mention of the two stands are made. Both these lamps were new so the above price must cover the shades alone. The coal lamp and lamp are mine.

Your letter states that on completion of the inquiries, you would forward me the credit balance, but I have no desire to accept the full amount at this time. On September 6th, I forwarded you a letter asking you to pay out my insurance premium. I have also, through the Dept. of Labour, asked to have \$50.00 forwarded to me, but the balance, I request you to hold until such time as the review of the Japanese Property Sales are completed.

Trusting the above information is satisfactory to you.

Yours truly,

"Yotaro KOSAKA"



C/o Belgian Orchard,  
Vernon, B.C.,  
August 24, 1943.

Office of the Custodian,

Dear Sir,

Please would you kindly send us our household goods and our personal belongings, that we left at Pt. Alberni home during the evacuation. We never had a chance to take any belongings with us where some places were given a time to take everything they wanted. I am having a terrible time getting along so would like to have my things shipped. I will list all my things.

You have mentioned sometime ago in your letter that some of the most valuable fixtures were missing but I have stored them in the attic, and rest are in the storage. I would appreciate very much if you could send it to me at above address.

6pc. bedroom suite - bed, spring, spring mattress, dresser, bureau with attached mirror, bench.  
Stove with white enamel finish, with pipes, air tight stove with pipes.

Singer machine (with the blanket cover), electrolux machine with cord, electric iron with cord, a dresser, desk, round kitchen table (drop leaf) with four chairs. Floor lamp with shade, electric clock, oil stove, electric stove, set of clothes wire, 2 small rug.

64 pc. dinner set (floral pattern) maroon.

6 cups, 8 saucers, 8 bread and butter plates, 8 breakfast plates, 8 berry dishes, 8 soup bowls, 8 dinner plates, gravy dish with plate, vegetable bowl, covered bowl, large and med. platter, sugar bowl.

20pc. breakfast set (cream coloured)

4 cups, 4 saucers, 4 bread and butter plates, 4 breakfast plates, 4 berry dishes.

2 odd dinner plates, 2 large platters, pyrex tea pot, 2 sets pyrex (2 bowls with cover with 12 custard cups) glass bowl with 6 dessert dishes, glass jug with 5 glasses, 2 glass bowl, 2 silver pickle plates, set of flatware in box (6 persons), 3pc. Japanese bowl, 2 set Japanese tea pot with 10 cups, mixing bowl, 45 odd saucers, 2 odd Japanese pickle bowl, 3 odd glass dishes, 2 odd glasses, 1 dog. rice bowl, 1 dog. large Jap. dishes, 1 dog. small Jap. dishes, 10 lacquer soup bowl, 2 set Japanese bridal china, square lacquer set, round tray, 2 odd sashimi dishes, ohashi, kana, suribachi, 4 kitchen knives, 2 butcher knives, 6 asst. frying pan, 2 aluminium kettle, 3 round aluminium pans with lids, 2 enamel pans (small and large) steel, bread box (cream) 4 piece round tin (cream), pyrex double boiler, all kitchen utensils, 3 sets salt and pepper,

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ash trays, egg beater with glass bowl, glass bowl with glass tray (rose), wash tub, wash board, bucket, pail, cake tins, cookie tray, 2 curtain rods, mop.

All Japanese groceries in glass jars and in tins, 2 cushions, 6 silk cover chair cushion, comforter, 2 large linen table cloths, 4 lunch cloths, 20 or more glass towels (new), 4 odd glass towels, 4 hand towels, 4 towels, 4pr. hemstitched sheets, 4 hemstitched pillow cases, 3 sets of towels (new -coloured) rose satin bed-spread, 2 silk and cotton bed spread (rose and blue), 4 runners 4 dollies, comforter cover, wedding dress, veil, full length white satin slip, 2pr. white gloves, wedding cake top, 2pr. monk drapes, 3pr. curtains, bath robe, blue tafetta evening dress, apron, 3yd. cotton material, 3 yd. silk polka dot material, 1 1/2 yd. spun rayon, 3 yd. stripe spun rayon, set of powder jar with cover, table mirror, dressmaker square, 60 in square, curve, drafting portfolio, dressmaker's notions (in sewing machine), light globes. Send me everything that is in the attic and rest at the storage the one I have mentioned.

All my dry goods and linens are in the dressers drawers and rest in the cardboard boxes.

would like to have all my china repacked.

Yours truly,

M. Kitamura.

Serial no. K.Kitamura -12666  
M. Kitamura- 01257



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*H. F. Green*

September 27th, 1943

Mr. & Mrs. Kichinosuke KITAHARA,  
Reg. Nos. 12666 & 01257,  
c/o Belgian Orchard,  
Vernon, B. C.

Dear Sir and Madam:-

Further to our letter of August 31st to the Security Commission, a copy of which was sent to you, we have today received a call from Mr. William Burnip who will be looking after crating and shipment to you of your goods. Mr. Burnip estimates that this will cost in the neighbourhood of \$100.00 and before incurring this large sum on your behalf, we think we should have your confirmation that you wish us to do this. Crating alone will cost in the neighbourhood of \$30.00 and shipping charges will account for the rest.

We are, of course, quite ready to go ahead and do this if you feel you can afford it, but if not, we suggest that you request us to arrange for the auctioning of some items. You can either ask that we auction some and ship you everything else or ship some and auction everything else.

As you are aware, there are a great many boxes and a great many sundry items stored in these boxes and while we will do our best to find and account for all your belongings, we cannot, of course, guarantee that everything is as claimed by you.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

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October 19th, 1943

Mr. William Burnip,  
Port Alberni, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Mr. & Mrs. Kichinosuke KITAMURA

Further to ours of October 4th, copy of which the B. C. Security Commission may have sent to you we now understand that shipment of all or nearly all these Japanese' belongings has been made. This is quite in order.

There is now very little left at your end and this only of small value, but we would prefer to delay auction until one of our staff can visit you at your end and make arrangements in conformity with our practice at other places. Would you, therefore, please continue rendering your accounts for storage though in this connection, perhaps you will now be able to reduce these in view of recent or forthcoming shipments.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

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P.S. Since writing the above we have received your account via the B. C. Security Commission and will be giving this our attention in the very near future.



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c/o Belgion Orchard  
Vernon, B. C.  
November, 1943.

Office of the Custodian,

Dear Sir,

I have received my household goods sometime ago and found that number of valuable goods have been missing and lots of dishes and plates are broken. I have here some several boxes of useless junks and most part of the dinner sets and flatware are missing and some more items that I mentioned are not here. Two bedspread are missing; they were in the drawers packed and roped. Looks like someone have been gone through it.

Valuable carpenter tools are not here such as 12 pieces Auger bits (set), 1 pc. drill, 3 hammers, 10 pcs. easy cutting, 1 braces, 1 metre square, 1 tee level, 2 hand saws, 2 plane, 2 oil stove, 1 buck saw, 6 carpenter chisels, 1 hacksaw, 1 saw set, 3 screw driver, 1 plum and level, 1 hand drill, dressmaker ruler, bottles of shoyu, jars of miso, canvas tent, set of clothes lines.

I would like you to do something about it or find out what has been done to it.

Yours truly,

"Mari Kitamura"



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December 2nd, 1943

Mrs. Mari KITAHARA,  
Registration No. 01257,  
c/o Belgian Orchard,  
Vernon, B. C.

Dear Madam:-

Thank you for your letter received here on December 1st from which we were sorry to see that many items are missing. We draw your attention, however, to the fact that these items were not declared by you and only partly declared by your husband. In this connection, we quote from letter received from Messrs. Turner Brothers on July 17th.

"Yesterday we went along with Mr. Wm. Burnip and broke open the door to the attic and we found a considerable amount of personal effects for which we herewith enclose a list covering same. These articles mentioned are in excellent condition and most of the articles are new. There are 16 cardboard boxes that are unsealed and these contain many new articles. Mr. Burnip and the writer had a truck call and remove these articles to Mr. Burnip's warehouse for storage. About one year ago we had considerable correspondence regarding an electro-lux which was missing. No doubt the one among these articles is the one you were looking for. We think that there is some reason that the Japanese did not declare these articles as they were way up in the attic and the attic was nailed up. We were under the impression that there was just lumber in the attic to complete the house."

It appears from this that there could not have been any house-breaking while the articles were in the attic as no one knew of their existence. None would have been stolen subsequently as they were moved directly from the attic to safe storage with Mr. Burnip. Under these circumstances, we fear that any losses suffered must have occurred in the course of shipment and for this, of course, we cannot be responsible.



Mrs. Earl KILMURRA

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December 2nd, 1943

We are sending a copy of this letter and of yours referred to above, to Messrs. Turner Brothers and asking them for their comments.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

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c/c sent to Turner Bros.



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January 6th, 1944

Mrs. Kichinosuke KITAMURA,  
Registration No. 01257,  
c/o Belgion Orchard,  
Vernon, B. C.

Dear Madam:-

Further to ours of December 2nd, we have now heard from our agents at Port Alberni as follows.

"We got in touch with Mr. Burnip and he does not remember seeing any of the carpenter's tools etc. There are quite a number of boxes which had been packed by the Japanese so naturally these boxes were not disturbed. There were about thirty that were open. Mr. Burnip crated all these open boxes. He remembers seeing the tent wrapped around one of the dressers. Mr. Burnip did not ship the bottles of sauce as he was afraid they might break in transit. They are still in Port Alberni."

We do not see what more this office can do though we are very sorry for the loss you have sustained.

If you wish the sauce sent to you, please follow out the instructions contained in our enclosure.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

Enc.  
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PHONE PACIFIC 5121

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CANADA  
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

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

September 17, 1947.

Mrs. Mari KITAMURA,  
Reg. No. 01257,  
c/o George Heggie,  
Belgium Orchards,  
Vernon, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith is Custodian cheque in the amount of fifty-six cents. This amount represents the proceeds of the sale of two lamp shades identified by your Father as belonging to you.

No funds remain to your credit with this office. No property identified as belonging to you remains under the control of the Custodian. Your account is therefore being closed.

Yours truly,

*F. Matheson*

F. Matheson,  
Office of the Custodian.

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*I'm sorry it is not a lamp shade.  
1 vase table lamp cost \$5.50 new  
2 wall picture around \$1.50 3.00 new  
Returning the cheque*

*Mrs. M. Kitamura*