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FRASER VALLEY

SUICIDE CREEK

FILE NO. 10149

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

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

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: SATO Ikutaro  
HOME ADDRESS: Dewdney, B.C. (Stave Lake Cedar Co., Suicide Creek)  
REGISTRATION NUMBER 07594 SEX: male AGE: 53  
OCCUPATION: logger

(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: Stave Lake Cedar Co., Suicide Creek, B.C.)

MARRIED? yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Yesuno

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: same

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: over 16

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: ---

AGE OF CHILDREN: ---

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: Bunkhouse--in camp

5 wooden frame bunkhouses in camp.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Stave Lake Cedar Co., Suicide Creek

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

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:

AT STAVE LAKE CEDAR CO. Suicide Creek, B.C.: logging equipment,  
kitchen utensils,  
mattresses, stoves,  
6000 ft. chute.

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)  
\$300.00 Victory Bond (1942 and 1941) in owner's possession.

15--\$5.00 War Savings Certificates " " "

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: Royal Bank of Canada, Hastings & Main, Vancouver  
Can. Bank of Commerce, Mission, B. C.

9. LIFE INSURANCE: none

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 27th day of May 1942.

(Signature)

J. H. Sato

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Aug. 10/43

Our File No. 10149

Full Name SATO, Ikutaro  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 07594

Male - Female  
(Check)

Age June 10, 1888

Former Address Dandney, B. C.

Date Evacuated 13/6/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(Check)

Present Address Sandon, B. C.

Arrested at Herman Feb 18/47

Married - Single  
(Check)

Name of Wife Yasuno #07595

Name of Husband

Name of Mother Dec'd

Name of Father Heyi (Japan)

Names of Children under 16

Requested by G. Girard

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information Logger

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File No. 10242

April 16th, 1945

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Deutscher SATO - Reg. No. 07594

DEBITORS

1. Sabai KATO.....File 11960.....\$34.85



C L A I M

File No. 10149

DATE

October 14, 1942.

CREDITOR

Sahei KATO

DEBTOR

Ikutaro SATO  
Stave Falls, BC

AMOUNT OWING

\$34.85

AGENT

ORIGINAL FILE

11960

January 5, 1943

M. A.

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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.

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Pursuant to the notice issued on the 26th day of September, 1947, I submit the following claim:  
(administrator for Mr. Ikutaro Sato)

(1) NAME Sato Ken (RCMP) Reg. No. 07944  
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address In care of Stave Lake Cedar Ltd., Dewdney, B.C.

(3) Present Address B.C. District, Vernon, B.C.

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) Vernon B.C.  
City or Municipality Province

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.)

(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) Shingle-Boat Contractor  
Logging Camp  
(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.) owner of logging camp

(e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):  
(i) Land - - - - -  
(ii) Buildings - - - - - \$ 1500.00  
(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable) - - - logging-equipment - - - \$ 700.00  
(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - - - - - \$ 2200.00  
(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - - \$ 2200.00  
(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv)) - - - \$ 2200.00

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation  
Suicide Creek, Dewdney, B.C.  
(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)  
Logging Camp  
(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation

(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")

In care of Steve Lake Cedar Ltd.

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

1.	_____	Estimated Value \$	_____
2.	_____	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 \$

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) - - - - -) \$ 2,200.00

- (6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard. (b) Do you require the services of an interpreter at the hearing? Yes or no No  
(Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.)  
Vernon, B.C.

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,  
Province of British  
Columbia TO WIT;

I, Ken Sato, B.X. District,  
of Vernon

of the City  
in the Province of British Columbia

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 Vernon  
in the Province of British Columbia  
this 17th day of November  
A.D. 1947.

*Ken Sato*

*Evelyn Jones*  
A Notary Public for  
the Province of British Columbia

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.



*C. W. Morrow, LL.B.*

*Assistant to Law, Solicitor*

*Nat'l. Public*

SOLICITOR FOR THE CITY OF VERNON

*N. A. Davidson, LL.B.*

PHONE 422 P.O. BOX 222

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 14 1947
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Referred	<i>[Signature]</i>

*Vernon,*

BRITISH COLUMBIA

March 11, 1947.

Department of Secretary of State,  
Office of The Custodian,  
Japanese Section,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Isutara Sato.

This office is acting for the Administrator, Ken Sato, of the estate of the above-named Deceased. The Deceased had three bank accounts, one at Vernon, one at Enderby and one at Mission City. Please advise if there is any bar to the Administrator withdrawing on these accounts.

Yours faithfully,

C.W. MORROW,

Per: *[Signature]*

NAD:G



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March 15, 1947.

Mr. C. W. Morrow,  
Barrister-at-law, Solicitor, etc.,  
Vernon, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Isutaro SATO, #07594, Deceased.

Replying to your letter of March 11th, the  
Custodian will have no objection to the Administrator of the  
Estate of the above receiving the funds at credit in the Banks  
mentioned.

We would however request that this office be advised  
of the amount taken under control as well as other assets of the  
deceased, and that the Administrator will send us a list of the  
heirs and the shares of the estate payable to each.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM:AM



File No. 10150  
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April 3, 1947.

MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Mr. W. J. Johnston

Re: Mr. Ikuaro SATO, Registration  
No. 07594. Deceased.

Mr. R. F. Macnaghten, Barrister and Solicitor,  
525 Seymour Street, Vancouver, telephoned today and stated that  
the above-mentioned had a policy in Union Home Security Association,  
for which Association he is the Solicitor.

He further stated that Mr. Sato died of cancer  
approximately three weeks after said policy had been written on  
his life. Also, the deceased made no mention of this condition in  
his application for insurance coverage.

Mr. Macnaghten wished to know whether or not it would  
be in order for him to deal direct with the beneficiary, Mr. Ken  
Sato, File No. 10150, regarding this matter and we replied that we  
had no objection to him doing so, but copies of correspondence should  
be forwarded to this Office in order that our file would be complete.  
He agreed to keep us informed.

*[Signature]*  
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT.

WJN/HMS

*[Signature]*



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July 24, 1947.

Mr. Ken Sato,  
Registration No. 07944,  
c/o Spruce Falls Power & Paper Company,  
Kapuskwasing, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Isutaro Sato, Deceased.

We do not appear to have received a reply to our letter of March 15, 1947, addressed to your Solicitor, Mr. G. W. Morrow, Vernon, B. C., requesting a report on the estate of your father which, we understand, you have taken under control as Administrator.

The file of your father indicates a claim against him in the sum of \$34.85, lodged by Sabei Kato who, before his evacuation, operated a shoe store at 338 Powell Street, Vancouver. This claim was not submitted to your father for confirmation but you may wish to give the matter consideration when administering the estate. Mr. Kato returned to Japan in August, 1946.

Yours truly,

AGM/AC

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.



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September 2, 1947.

Mr. Ken Sato,  
Registration No. 07944,  
c/o Spruce Falls Power & Paper Company,  
Kapuskasing, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Ikutaro Sato, Deceased.

In order that our file record may be complete, we would appreciate receiving a report on your administration of the estate of your late father, Ikutaro Sato, deceased, as requested in our letter of July 24, 1947.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

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P.O. Box 1669  
Vernon, B.C.

January 22<sup>nd</sup> / 48

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Ans.	W. H. H.
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Mr. A. Watson  
Secy to the Commission  
Vancouver, B.C.

RE. Estate of Ikutaro Sato.

Dear Sir:

I wish to get a valuation statement  
of Ikutaro Sato's property left in care  
of the Custodian.

Yours truly,  
Ken Sato

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The reply to me is will be Mr. Hunter's  
outline of defence.



MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. MONTAG

File No. 10149

February 2, 1948.

Re: Imitaro SATO, #07594, Deceased.

The manager of the Stave Lake Cedar Company Limited states that the Company had no Japanese shareholders and that any buildings which might have belonged to the Japanese were shacks which had been built several years before the evacuation. These had been constructed by the Japanese, being without foundations and constructed of one ply of boards and shake roofs. There was no ground rent charged even where a number of shacks were built by a Japanese contractor for his gang. He said that these houses were very flimsy and were considered by him to be of little value.

With reference to the logging equipment which he stated consisted of hand tools only with no large machinery, these, together with all personal possessions were shipped out with the Japanese to projects outside the Protected Area at the time the Japanese were evacuated.

*This is confirmed by letters referred to in the analysis.*

AGM/AG

*[Signature]*



BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

MARINE BUILDING  
VANCOUVER  
B.C.

SANDON

July 8, 1942

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

RECEIVED  
JUL 13 1942

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

Dear Sirs:

Re: Ikutaro SATO, # 07594

In reference to your letter dated June 26th.,  
addressed to the abovementioned Japanese, the writer has  
interviewed him and the logging equipment and personal  
property about which you are enquiring have all been brought  
to Sandon and are now in use on our logging project.

Owing to Mr. Sato's lack of English he has re-  
quested the writer to pass this information to you.

Yours faithfully,

K. H. H. H.  
Asst. Supervisor

DC:J



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

PHONE PACIFIC 5121  
PLEASE REFER TO  
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808 ROYAL BANK BLDG.,  
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

June 26th, 1942

Mr. Isutaro SATO, Reg. No. 07594,  
SANDON, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Logging Equipment & Personal Property

The Custodian has been unable to trace the following effects declared by you to him, as being stored at

The Stave Lake Cedar Ltd. report that the above effects were taken with you upon evacuation.

The Custodian assumes that you disposed of these articles before evacuation, but omitted to advise him of this.

~~Your other effects as declared to the Custodian have been placed in safe storage.~~

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,  
Assistant Manager.

HFG:LF



DOCUMENTS REMOVED TO CLAIM FILE 10149  
IKUTARO SATO, Deceased,

1. Original "J.P."
2. Form letter #37 - Re: Logging Equipment & Personal Property advising Sato "The Stave Lake Cedar Ltd. report that the above effects were taken with you upon evacuation". (June 26, 1942)
3. Letter from B. C. Security Commission, July 8, 1942, in which the B. C. Security Commission Asst. Supervisor at Sandon states that the logging equipment and personal property belonging to Sato about which we enquire in our letter June 26, 1942, had all been taken to Sandon and were in use on the B. C. Security Commission Logging project at Sandon. Mr. Sato had requested that this information be passed on to the Custodian.



Discussion.

MR. McMASTER: Speaking to the list, my lord, I would ask leave to withdraw the case of Ken Sato, No. 34 on the list.

THE COMMISSIONER: Ken Sato, yes. That claim is to be withdrawn entirely?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord.

(Concluded)

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

*J. P. Horrabin*  
J. P. HORRABIN  
Official Reporter.