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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. 10408

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

NAME: UJIHARA, Mrs. Suyeno

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SEX: Female

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION No. #05109

MARRIED? Yes.

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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 2nd

day of

JUNE

1942.

WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Reported by  
Mrs. C. Booth,  
(Signature) Custodian's Office,  
Powell St., Vancouver.

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE June 30/43

Our File No. 10408

Full Name WITARA, Suveno (Mrs. Madajiro)  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 05109

Male - Female  
(Check)

Age 46

Former Address 251 Powell St., City

Date Evacuated 28/5/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(Check)

Present Address Bridge River, B. C.

Married - Single  
(Check)

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

Name of Husband Sadajiro (Japan)

nee  
Name of Mother (SHIHO) Hana (Japan) Name of Father YOSUJI, Isozaki (Dec'd)

Names of Children under 16 Haruye Mar. 16/27 #16047

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Registered with Custodian  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Japanese Restaurant Prop. *T. J. K. Cafe*

*Common Law wife of Bungo THAIRA, 04587.*

*information given by the R.C.M.P. 11/8/47*

August 20, 1947.

CHATTAL SUMMARYRe: CANADA NIO COMPANY - 245 Powell Street.

All files of persons connected with the Canada Nio Co. due to the fact that they resided in the building or stored chattels there have been examined. It is quite possible, however that many other persons left goods in the building and that we are unaware of it.

From the file of the Canada Nio Co., File 9571 it is noted that the secretary of the Company was Mr. Seikichi NISHIHARA, File 10030 and his son Joe, File 3549 seemed to do a large part of the business of the company. In June 1942 Joe NISHIHARA advised us of the rental position of the building which housed a real estate and insurance business, 2 cafes, 1 taxi office, a rooming house, a drug store and another store.

H. B. Campbell report on File 9571, June 6, 1942 that the building was a three story frame construction divided for rental purposes under the following civic numbers 241, 243, 243½, 245, 249, 251 and 251½. This explains why the chattels of the different tenants should have been mixed. It appears that many of these were stored in the basement of the building.

In October 1942 H. B. Campbell was chosen by Joe NISHIHARA, for the Canada Nio Co. as agent. On October 30, 1942 the company entered into a lease agreement with Peter Han in which they agreed among other things, that certain chattels, furniture, goods, etc., situated in the basement of these premises were to be left in a partitioned off section of the basement and the key turned over to the Custodian. The tenant took no responsibility for the security etc. of the chattels. The chattels belonging to the Canada Nio Co. were to be left in the office of the Company.

The following is a brief summary of the files connected with the Canada Nio:

- 241 Powell St. Cannot locate the Japanese who lived there. Joe NISHIHARA states the store was vacant. The Directory gives "occupied".
- 243 Powell St. INAHOTO, Yone, File 6516 - declared chattels left with C. TERASHITA, operator of a rooming house in the building. She later confirmed that she had disposed of them. She gives the address at 234 Powell Street but evidently meant 243 Powell as the directory lists her as living there.
- 243 Powell St. NISHIHARA, Seikichi, File 10030. Carried on a Real Estate and Insurance business on the premises and was also secretary of the Canada Nio. Most of the goods declared by him have been accounted for except for 5 boxes of personal effects, and a small coal stove.

On May 15, 1942 he declared that the chattels of the Canada Nio consisted of a desk, safe and chair. According to the lease agreement this was to be left in the building. Later, in September 1943 he and his wife declared additional office equipment as follows:

1 Filing cabinet

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- 1 stand with small book case
- 1 typewriter desk
- 1 plate glass top for desk
- (-) 2 wastepaper baskets
- (x) 2 desk lamps

At that time Mr. MIYAHARA stated that the items (x) could be taken by the tenant. It is presumed that the tenant did so. H. D. Campbell in letter of October 28, 1943, on file 10010 states that these items cannot be sold as they belong to the Canada Hic Co. It would seem that the items declared by MIYAHARA in September 1943 are in excess of those declared on May 15, 1942. The desk declared above is a typewriter desk. The other desk is not specifically described but there must have been more than one desk. An inlaid desk and desk chair are listed in Auction 65, Chattel Suspense, but there is no proof of identity.

On August 23, 1946, Mr. Wills writes that the safe was moved to 771 East Hastings, Ross Auction Rooms, for sale. This was done at the request of P. S. Ross & Sons. On August 15th., P. S. Ross & (1947) Sons advised us by telephone that the safe had been sold on September 10, 1946 for the net sum of \$153.33 and they had received the funds. They made no mention of the other office equipment but it may be that it is still in the building. They are controllers of the company since November 21, 1944.

243 Powell St. - KARIYA, Tsune (Mrs. Gorokichi) - File 6657. She operated the Nishimashi Cafe at that address. On April 26, 1942 she declared a long list of chattels located at that address; later her daughter advised us that some of the goods had been sold. She owed a large sum to the Canada Hic and there was some tentative agreement that she would leave her chattels in settlement. Evidently she did not do so. On December 18, 1942 H. D. Campbell reported that there was very little of value left on the premises. Mrs. KARIYA was asked to relinquish any interest she might have in any of the remaining goods in order to further settle the claim. She did not reply to our letters. Nothing was moved to auction in her name. What probably happened is that she packed her equipment in boxes and stored it in the basement. A large quantity of dishes etc was sold in Auction Vancouver 65 and is in Chattel Suspense Account. However, as we have no list of what she sold after the sale reported by her daughter, it is impossible to ascertain what might belong to her.

245 Powell St. - TERASHITA, Chiyomatsu - File 13132. This man was the operator of a rooming house at that address. He left all the equipment on the premises. According to P. S. Ross & Sons' report of February 17, 1942, on file 13132, the chattels belonging to TERASHITA were appraised and sold with the building. The proceeds

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derived Chevrolet were used to settle partially the company's claim for rent. Harold B. Campbell's report of December 31, 1942 states that the storeroom in the basement of the building was used for storage by previous tenants of the building. The file of TERASHIMA does not reveal what became of the chattels belonging to his former tenants. TERASHIMA has returned to Japan.

245 Powell St. - MURAI, Nobutaro - File 824. This was declared an electric stove and an electric iron as well as a box. O. TERASHIMA, above, admitted holding one box, contents unknown. The box was shipped to MURAI. No information can be found of what became of the iron and stove. MURAI returned to Japan in May 1946. There are no known relatives in Canada.

249 Powell St. - IZUMI, Saburo, File 10367. This was owned the Seishindo Drug Co. He didn't live at that address. The stock and fixtures were sold on September 22, 1942.

251 Powell St. - SHIMIZU, Kenjiro - File 1494. Mikado Taxi - He declared goods in the basement of 245-249 Powell Street. There was a quantity of items credited to his account. He has received the money and appears satisfied. The chattels do not appear to agree very well with his declaration. There are no chattels on his wife's file.

251 Powell St. - UYEHARA, Sayano - File 10408 - This woman operated the Igaku Cafe. She did not declare anything to the Custodian and her file gives no information as to what happened to her restaurant equipment. The R.C.M.P. advise that Sayano is the common-law wife of Bunzo TAIRA, File 1410 in whose name many items were sold.

251 Powell St. TAIRA, Bunzo - File 1410. He did not declare that he lived there, nor did he declare any chattels in Vancouver. However, the R.C.M.P. gives one of his addresses as 251 Powell Street and his file reveals that he stored goods at Bunman's Storage, giving 251 Powell as his address. A quantity of dishes was sold in his name in Auction Vancouver 63 for \$19.96. No doubt they belong to his common-law wife Sayano UYEHARA above.

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In summarizing it is noted that of the goods moved from 245 Powell Street and sold by auction some were credited to Bunzo TAIRA, others to M. SHIMIZU. Of the items placed in Chattel Suspense, the bulk is unidentified, \$180.19. A few items were marked MOCHIMUKI, SUSHIMOTO and Y. TABATA.

It is not possible to determine whether anything at all was stolen or damaged while at 245 Powell. A few shipments must have

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been made from there though there is no record except on 10451.

Evidently quite a number of roomers from TERASHITA's rooming house must have left goods there; except for one or two who are listed in this summary the others are not known. It does not seem possible therefore to send the list of what was sold in the hope that the owners might identify their belongings since half of them perhaps are not known to us. Undoubtedly a lot of the items in Criminal Suspense belong to either of the two restaurant owners Mrs. UYINARI, File 10408 and Mrs. KARIYA, File 6677.

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

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August 20, 1947.

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VANCOUVER, B. C.

June 2nd, 1948.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUN 3 1948
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	

The Office of the Custodian,  
Insurance Division,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Gentlemen:- Re: Sadajiro Ujihara - deceased. *Japan*

Please find enclosed herewith our  
cheque value \$2,500.00 in favour of Mrs. Sueno Ujihara,  
wife and beneficiary of the above named deceased.

The deceased died on March 17th,  
1942 according to documents filed with this office but  
we were only notified of same in March of this year.

The lawyer attending to this  
matter is Mr. G. W. Elack - 304 Victoria Street,  
Kamloops, B.C. and we would be obliged if you would  
kindly attend to the matter in the usual way.

Thanking you, we are,

Yours faithfully,  
B. C. MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

Secretary.

GJV/LH  
Encl.

*George W. Black*  
*Barrister and Solicitor*  
*Notary Public*

*304 Victoria Street*  
*Kamloops, B.C., Canada*

4th June 1948

Custodian of Enemy Alien Property,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUN 8 1948
File No.	1048
Ans.	
Referred	

Re Sadajiro Ujihara, deceased.

The above named was a naturalized Canadian citizen, the date of his Certificate of Naturalization being 13th June 1908. He died in Japan on 12th March 1942 where he was on a visit and was prevented from returning by the outbreak of hostilities with Japan. The deceased was a member of British Columbia Mutual Benefit Association and I understand that a cheque for \$2500 payable to Mrs. Sueno Ujihara the widow of the deceased and the beneficiary under the Certificate of Membership has been forwarded to you. I applied for a Dominion Succession duty release in respect of the certificate and forwarded this to B.C. Mutual Benefit Association along with the membership certificate and they have now issued their cheque in pursuance thereof. As the matter of payment by the B.C. Mutual Benefit Association has been delayed for some considerable time I would be glad to hear from you as soon as possible regarding the disposition of the cheque which I am told is now in your possession. The proceeds of the insurance was the only asset left by the deceased and his widow Sueno Ujihara is in urgent need of the same.

Yours truly

*G. W. Black*

GWB/J

Memorandum

April 11, 1949

File: 10408 Suyeno Ujihara #05109

This woman operated a restaurant at 251 Powell. She declared no property. A large quantity of dishes found in the building where the restaurant had been was sold at auction under the name of Bunzo Taira, common-law husband of Mrs. Ujihara. The funds have been remitted to Bunzo Taira. See File 1410.

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