

10438

PERSONAL

BUREAU POWELL STREET

FILE No. _____

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: SHIGEMATSU, Isemu

HOME ADDRESS: 268 Powell St., Vancouver B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 00743 SEX: Male AGE: 40

OCCUPATION: Formerly Logger --- Painter. (To report to Mr W.A. Macbryne At Greenwood as painter.)

(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: Self

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Taki

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: 228 Powell St., At Greenwood B.C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Yoshiko (F) Toshiko (F)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: At Greenwood B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 5, 2 1/2

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

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Renting Store and living quarters.
2 Rooms at back of store.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mr. O. Hort, 600 Block Powell St., Vancouver.

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

\$150.00 owing on the store for rent. (\$150.00 for 6 months rent)

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.
Located at 268 Powell St., Vancouver B.C.
1 Desk, 1 Counter, 4 Small tables, 14 Chairs.

To be stored at the address above 268 Powell St., Vancouver B.C.

May send for the above articles to be sent to Greenwood.

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: none

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: none

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: none

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: \$150.00 to Mr. Ohori. 6 Months rent, for Transfer Business 268 Powell St., Vancouver B. C.

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 5th day of June 1942.

[Signature]

Witness

(Signature) [Signature]

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.O.M.P.

DATE 21-4-43

Our File No. 10438

Full Name SHIGEMATSU, Isamu
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 00743

Male - Female
(Check)

Age Sept. 10, 1901

Former Address 268 Powell St., City

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

Present Address Greenwood, B. C. (Checked 2/12/47)

Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife ^{nee}
(SHIGEMATSU) Taki #05871

Name of Husband _____

Name of Father Tsunozo - Dec'd

Name of Mother Chiyo #05665

Names of Children under 16 Yoshiko 3 Toshiko 1

Requested by _____ Registered with Custodian (Yes or No)

Additional Information x(Family intermarried)

MEMORANDUM

File Nos.: 10438
 6689

May 15th, 1945.

To: FILES

From: Mr. Green

Re: Effects left at 260-270 Powell St.

These have all been credited to the account of Mrs. Yayeno Takemoto, file 6689, but it would appear that some possibly belonged to Isamu Shigematsu, file 10438. Auction lists are being sent to the former with a copy to the latter and the suggestion that they discuss how the proceeds should be divided.

HFG:IF

MEMORANDUM

File No.: 10438

May 4th, 1945.

To: FILE

From: Mr. Green

Re: Isamu SHIGEMATSU

The position is not altogether satisfactory as regards chattels on this file. This Japanese ran the Shigematsu Transfer at 268 Powell Street on rented premises and declared the following.

(a) A number of stoves and other articles belonging to different Japanese and stored with him. These are covered on the respective owners' files and have, in nearly all cases, been shipped to them.

(b) His own effects were said to consist of a desk, a counter, four small tables and fourteen chairs, but on January 29th, 1943, we received from the Greenwood Supervisor a long list totalling \$268.00 in value. On March 24th, 1943, we advised that we were unable to trace any of his belongings at this address. The Japanese was not satisfied with this (see his of March 30th, 1943) and it now appears that anything moved from that address may have been sold under the names of some of the other families that lived there -- see letter of April 22nd, 1943. Further investigations are being made but it will now be very difficult to trace this man's belongings.

HFG:IF

CHATTEL SUMMARY

File No. 10438

March 28/47

RE: Issan SHIGEMATSU, Reg.No.00743

Mr. SHIGEMATSU made his declaration to the Custodian on June 5/42 and was evacuated on June 5/42. He declared the following goods left at 268 Powell St., but added that he might have these shipped to him at Greenwood.

1 desk	4 small tables
1 counter	14 chairs

On Jan. 29/43 he sent us, through the B.C.S.C. the following list of chattels left at 268 Powell St.:

1 gas stove (large)	\$45.00
1 kitchen cabinet	27.00
1 dining table with 5 chairs	20.00
2 bureaus	40.00
1 kitchen table	5.00
1 round table	7.50
1 office desk	35.00
stove with boiler	12.50
gas tank for gas boat	18.00
assorted tools	30.00
cabinet	7.50
2 picture frames	7.00
2 ceiling lamps	15.00
sundry other small items	
	<u>\$269.50</u>

Mr. Spain wrote to Mr. SHIGEMATSU on March 24/43 advising that we had found no chattels at 268 Powell St. belonging to him, and told him we assumed he had disposed of these prior to his evacuation. He replied that he had left the goods there and asked us to investigate further. It was found that all the chattels from 260-270 Powell St. were sold in the name of Mrs. Yayeno TAKEMOTO, File 6689. We wrote to Mrs. TAKEMOTO sending her copies of the auction sheets, and asked her to let us know what articles credited to her belonged to SHIGEMATSU, as we believed his chattels had been sold along with hers. She wrote a very indignant letter in reply copy of which is on file, stating that all these goods belonged to her. The net proceeds from sale of all these chattels was therefore sent to her a short time after receipt of this letter.

In letter of April 5/45 Mr. Spain advised SHIGEMATSU that he had been informed by the Traders' Service Ltd. that they had in storage household goods and trunks removed from the SHIGEMATSU Transfer, 268 Powell St., in the name of "YAMA Tami". We wrote to SHIGEMATSU regarding these goods and he replied on April 12/45 stating that the trunks and household goods removed from SHIGEMATSU Transfer to the Traders' Service Ltd. belonged to Mr. S. MORII and Mr. S. YAMASHITA. He told us in a later letter that he did not know the full names of these two people. In letter of Feb. 18/47 SHIGEMATSU asks permission to have his goods which were left at the Traders' Service Ltd. shipped to him. We wrote the Traders' Service Ltd. asking them

what goods they had in storage belonging to Japanese, giving us names and all the information they could regarding same. In their reply dated March 26/47 they state they have six boxes numbered 5-6-7-8-9-10 which they believe could belong to SHIGEMATSU. They advise they wrote SHIGEMATSU on Jan. 10/46 asking for more information regarding his goods as they had no record of having anything in his name, but received no reply to this letter. They further state that these six boxes weighing 499 lbs. will clean out everything in storage for the Japanese. We are advising them today that as far as the Custodian is concerned these goods may be shipped but that he will have to look to SHIGEMATSU for freight charges as he has no funds with the Custodian.

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

March 28/47

LHM:


L. McKinnon

MEMORANDUM

File No. 10438

Feb. 21/47

TO: The File

FROM: L. McInnon

RE: Yasuo SHIGEMATSU, Reg. No. 00743

On His J.P. form SHIGEMATSU declared the following left at 268 Powell St.

1 desk	4 tables (small)
1 counter	14 chairs

SHIGEMATSU formerly operated a transfer business at this address. On Jan. 29/43 SHIGEMATSU, through the B.C.S.C., sent us the following list of chattels he had left at this address:

1 gas stove	1 office desk
1 kitchen cabinet	stove with boiler
1 dining table & 5 chairs	gas tank for gas boat
2 bureaus	assorted tools
1 kitchen table	cabinet
1 round table	2 picture frames
3 ceiling lamps	sundry small items

In a memo to file dated May 15/45 Mr. Green states that all the chattels removed from 260-270 Powell St. were sold and credited to the account of Mrs. Yayeno TAKEMOTO, File 6689, but that it would appear that some of these really belonged to SHIGEMATSU. We wrote to Mrs. TAKEMOTO on May 18/45 enclosing copies of auction sheets, requesting that she and Mr. SHIGEMATSU get together and decide what items belonged to each of them. She wrote a very indignant letter in reply dated Sept. 5/46, copy of which is on file, stating that all the goods belonged to her and none to Mr. SHIGEMATSU. The net proceeds of sale of all these goods was sent to Mrs. TAKEMOTO a short time after the receipt of this letter.

In a letter of April 5/45, Mr. Spain advised Mr. SHIGEMATSU that he had been informed by the Trader's Service Ltd. that they had in storage the household goods and trunks removed from the SHIGEMATSU Transfer, 268 Powell St., in the name of the "YAMA" Taxi. Mr. SHIGEMATSU replied on April 12/45 stating the trunks and household goods removed from the SHIGEMATSU Transfer to the Trader's Service Ltd. belonged to Mr. E. NORII and Mr. S. YAMASHITA. Now we have received a letter from Mr. SHIGEMATSU asking if he may have his goods in storage at the Trader's Service Ltd. shipped to him.

L. McInnon

LEM:

March 29, 1947

Traders Service Ltd.,
343 Railway Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Isamu SHIGEMATSU, Reg. No. 00743

Your letter of March 26th has been received. We thank you for the information supplied.

In reply, we wish to inform you that, if you are satisfied that the six boxes referred to in your letter are the property of Mr. Isamu SHIGEMATSU, this office has no objection to your arranging with him for the shipment of these goods.

In regard to goods removed from 268 Powell Street to your storage, we might point out that Mr. Isamu SHIGEMATSU reported to the Custodian that his chattels were left at 268 Powell Street. He also reported chattels belonging to other evacuated persons as being at 268 Powell Street. From our records it would seem that goods of a number of persons were reported to be at 268 Powell Street, but these goods were not found at that address by Custodian representatives when they investigated following the evacuation of the tenants.

Sometime in the Spring of 1945 we were informed that goods from 268 Powell Street were in your storage. At that time we wrote Mr. SHIGEMATSU and he replied that the goods removed from 268 Powell Street to your storage were the property of Mr. E. MORII and Mr. S. YAMASHITA. It would appear from your letter that in January 10, 1946, you informed Mr. SHIGEMATSU that no goods were stored in his name in your storage. Now there are these six boxes.

As you will see, the information supplied to us in regard to goods removed to your storage from 268 Powell Street has been incomplete and contradictory. We do not know what was removed from those premises to your storage. We do not know who authorized the removal of these goods. We do not know what has happened to these goods except for the six boxes which you state are all that remain in storage. In the circumstances, we must assume that any goods reported to have been left at 268 Powell Street, which were not found in those premises by Custodian agents, must have been removed to your storage prior to our investigation of the property.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Office of the Custodian.

10438

March 28, 1947.

Mr. Isamu SHIGEMATSU,
Reg. No. 00743,
GREENWOOD, B.C.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 18, 1947. We have been advised by the Traders' Service Ltd. that they have a number of boxes in storage which they believe belong to you, but are waiting for you to reply to their letter asking for details of what goods you have there. We have today advised them that the Custodian has no objection to this shipment going forward. There should therefore be no delay in shipping providing you answer their letter promptly.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson
Office of the Custodian

LSM:



EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd MAR 28 1941

File No. 10438

Ans.

Referred *Maclachlan*343 RAILWAY STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C.

March 26, 1947.

Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Building.Dear Sirs: Re: Isama Shigematsu File #10438

In answer to your letter of March 19th we have six boxes which we believe could belong to Shigematsu. These boxes are numbered 5-6-7-8-9-10 with a total weight of 499 lbs.

In replying to a letter of Shigematsu, dated January 10th, 1946, we asked for more information regarding his goods, as we had no record of having anything in his name. However we have had no reply from him.

These six pieces in question clean out everything we have in storage for the Japanese.

Nothing has been paid on these goods since we received them in May, 1942, so you can readily see the position Shigematsu has been placed in having to store his goods through the Custodian. If we charged the going storage rates, the charges would be two dollars (\$2.00) per month which would amount to one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00). However we will certainly see that Shigematsu is not unduly penalized for this account as we are entirely sympathetic to the position these people are placed in.

Upon receipt of your approval and advice from Shigematsu, we will ship promptly. Thanking you, we remain

Yours very truly,

TRADERS' SERVICE LIMITED

A.B. Maclachlan
Sales Manager

ABM/ms



10438 - 6537

February 13, 1947.

Mr. Isamu SHIGEMATSU,
Registration No. 00743,
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Stoves left in your care at 268
Powell Street, Vancouver, B. C.

With reference to the stove left in your care at the above address by Mrs. T. YAMASHITA, we shall be glad if you will provide us with the full name of Mrs. Yamashita and also that of her husband, in order that the proceeds from the sale of the above article may be credited to the proper person. We have many "T. Yamashitas" on our records and correct identification is difficult when the initial only is given.

It would also be very helpful if you could let us have the full names and addresses, if possible, of all the other persons shown on the list provided by you who stored stoves at 268 Powell Street, Vancouver, B. C.

Your early reply will be appreciated and a stamped and addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Yours truly,

E. Robertson,
Office of the Custodian.

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May 18th, 1945.

Mrs. Yayeno TAKEMOTO,
Reg. No. 03354,
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Madam:-

When the premises at 260-270 Powell St. where you left your belongings were sold, we removed the contents to sale by auction where they were disposed of for a net total of \$325.56 as per our enclosures. This money has been provisionally credited to your account.

It seems probable that part of it covers the effects of Mr. Isamu Shigematsu who is also at Greenwood and we therefore request that you discuss this matter with him and arrange between yourselves as to how the proceeds should be distributed. When you have come to a decision, please write us a letter advising us what you wish done and have it signed by yourselves and Isamu Shigematsu.

Yours truly,

E. F. Green
Protection Department

Enc.
EFG:IF
c/s to Isamu Shigematsu

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P. O. Box 581,
Greenwood, B.C.
Sept. 5, 1946.

File Nos. 6689, 4009, 10438

Mr. H. P. Green,
Protection Dept.,
Dept. of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 19, 1945, in which you state that our belongings were sold, for the net total of three hundred and twenty five dollars. The chattels of the premises do not belong to Mr. I. SHIGEMATSU but only to ourselves.

I did not answer until now because your letter just made me mad enough not answer. Why did you sell without even consulting us. Isn't the method you're using like the Nazis? Do you think it is democratic? No! I certainly think you're just like the Fascists confiscating people's property, chasing them out of their homes, sending them out to a kind of a concentration camp, special registration cards, permits for travelling. Don't you think this is the method used in dictatorship countries. Democracy means no racial discrimination, or is it the very opposite. It certainly seems that way to me.

You did not even send us a letter asking us if wanted to sell or not did you? The total amount you sold our goods for is three hundred and sixty four dollars and twenty five cents. And the expenses. Auctioneers fee; advertising; moving; Who ordered you to do this? I know I didn't! Even though the government has power, has it the power to sell Canadian citizens' goods. I don't think there is any law to do that.

All the goods you sold, we would have gladly paid the freight if you sent it to us. These things are very valuable to us. The Japanese dishes, trays, etc., are not what you think they are. The total cost of the property we had in the premises is about \$3500.00. What do you think about that! Will you please tell me about how much is credited to my account?

This letter states that I did not wish you to sell my property at this terrible low rate. Please answer as soon as possible to my inquiry.

Thank you very much for your immediate attention.

Yours very truly,

"Mrs. Tsurukiehi TAKEMOTO"
Reg. No. 03354
per S. TAKEMOTO.

(COPY)

LOCATED AT 268 Powell St., Vancouver, B. C.

- 1 Stove
- 1 Stove, & pipe
- x 1 Stove
- x 1 Stove
- 1 Stove
- 1 Stove
- 1 Stove & pipe
- 1 Stove
- x 1 Stove & pipe
- 1 Stove
- 1 Stove & pipe
- 1 Stove
- 1 Stove
- 1 Stove
- 1 Stove
- 1 Stove
- 2 Bed & 2 springs
- 1 Gramophone

See
24-3-43

assume
all shipped

- Mrs. I. Tanaka # 7154 ✓
- Mrs. T. Yamashita # 6897 ✓
- Mrs. Y. Yamashita # 7157 ✓
- Mrs. T. Matsumura # 11269 ✓
- Mrs. K. Morita # 6823 ✓
- Mrs. Mori # 6824 ✓
- Mrs. M. Hayashi # 6891 ✓
- Mrs. K. Kuwaori # 6885 ✓
- Mrs. A. Hisaoka # 6640 ✓
- Mrs. M. Nakano # 7437 ✓
- Mrs. N. Okukawa # 6822 ✓
- Mrs. C. Sano # 7153 ✓
- Mrs. H. Inouye # 7432 ✓
- Mrs. M. Hashimoto # 6709 ✓
- Mrs. S. Nakagawa # 6605 ✓
- Mrs. F. Chaki # 7800 ✓
- Mrs. M. Hashimoto # 6709 ✓
- Mrs. M. Shimizu # 6893 ✓

All the above articles are to be shipped to Greenwood, B.C. upon being informed.

Left in care of Isamu Shigematsu #00743 leaving for Greenwood B. C. June 5/42.

268 Powell is a transfer business- "Shigematsu Transfer"- operated by uncle Morikichi Shigematsu. and goods will be left temporarily in his care, Key will eventually be given to Custodian.

(signed)- I. Shigematsu

Located at 268 Powell St., Vancouver, B. C.

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to be done
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- 1 suit Case of Clothing H. Kayahara (Deceased) *see file 287.*
 - 1 Canvas Bag and Bamboo Wicker Basket H. Kayahara (Deceased)
 - 1 Trunk Mr. Kawabaya - in Camp
 - 1 Barking Saw, Sack of Wedges, Bundle of Tools -T. Ikeda -in Camp
 - 2 Boxes of China and Kitchenware Mr. A. Endo - in Camp *file 1937*
- The above articles are to be stored at 268 Powell St., Vancouver.

(Signed)- I. Shigematsu

All the above
items entered in
the various files 207