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BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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

NAME: **KONISHI (Satoko) Mrs. Seiji** REGISTRATION No. **08879**

HOME ADDRESS: **Porpoise Bay, Sechelt, B. C.**
Now Hastings Park, Vancouver, B. C. MARRIED? **Yes**

SEX: **Female** AGE: **22**

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: **Housewife** ADDRESS: **Same Address**

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: **Seiji** ADDRESS: **None**

NAMES OF LIVING-CHILDREN: **None** 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 **10th** day of **June** 1942.

WITNESS: *[Signature]*

(Signature) *[Signature]*

P.D. 2/12/42

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Sept 9/43

Our File No. 10872

Full Name KONISHI (Satoke) Mrs. Saiji
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 08879 Male - Female (check) Age March 4-20

Former Address Panpau Bay, Sechart B.C.

Date Evacuated Sept 22/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National (check)

Present Address Lyjac, B.C. Upper Fraser, B.C.

Married - Single (check) Name of Wife —

Name of Husband Saiji #08878

Name of Mother FURUMOTO, Inay Name of Father FURUMOTO, Kanichi

Names of Children under 16 #04251 #03945

Requested by A.B. Registered with Custodian yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information _____

Files Nos. 377, 10872, 10873,
10874 and 10875.

June 27, 1942

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Edgar T. Read

From: Mr. Alexander

Re: The Konishi of Sechart

Attached you will find files Nos. 377, 10872, 10873, 10874 and 10875.

Your particular attention is directed to file No. 10874. You will note the tentative agreement signed by Sanji Konishi and the Oblate Fathers covering the operation of the Konishi farm at Porpoise Bay, Sechart.

In anticipation of your going to Sechart this weekend or in the near future, we would very much appreciate your being good enough to examine these files on your way to Sechart and thereafter to discuss with Father McGrath the arrangements contemplated.

There are two matters not dealt with in connection with the Konishi property, the first has to do with the 156 acres of timber land mentioned in the declaration form and the second has to do with the property sold to Mr. A.H. Howell.

Frankly these files are a mess and they have not received proper attention. After you have returned from Sechart they will be dealt with properly.

Any assistance you can give us in connection with these affairs while in Sechart will be very greatly appreciated. However, should you decide to postpone your trip for any length of time would you please be good enough to return these files for our attention.

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April 3rd, 1945.

Mrs. Satoko HOSIYI,
Registration No. 00079,
Lafco, B. C.

Dear Madam

Re: Satoko HOSIYI - 00079 (Deceased).

We regret to learn of the passing of your husband, at Lafco, B. C., on the 2nd March, 1945.

An next-of-kin application for administration of your husband's estate should be made by you, and as funds from his account with this office cannot be distributed until this is done we list below the information that should be included in your application to the Official Administrator (Mr. Samuel A. Moore, Official Administrator, County of Vancouver, Court House, Vancouver, B. C.) to enable you to make direct application to him to act as Administrator.

- (1) Full name of deceased;
- (2) Date of death;
- (3) Cause of death;
- (4) Place of death;
- (5) Age and Nationality;
- (6) Did he leave a Will (if so attach copy);
- (7) Name and address of employer, if employed at the time of death;
- (8) Name of undertaker and his charge for services;
- (9) Name of person who ordered the services of the undertaker;
- (10) List of assets (those with Custodian will be reported direct to Official Administrator);
- (11) List of liabilities (those with Custodian will be reported direct to Official Administrator);
- (12) Full names of living next-of-kin, namely, the widow and children, together with the names of living children of deceased children.

The nearest representative of the British Columbia Security Commission will be glad to explain to you any points in this letter which may not be clear to you.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

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c.c. to B. C. Security Commission.

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December 5th, 1946.

Mrs. Hana KONISHI, #08880,
Mr. Sanji KONISHI, #00333,
Mrs. Saiji KONISHI, #08879,
Miss Aki KONISHI, #08881,
Upper Fraser, B. C.

Dear Sir and Madames:

Re: Your Agreement with Oblate Fathers, Sechelt, B. C.

In a letter dated October 23rd, the Rev. H. F. Dunlop, Principal of Sechelt Residential School, expressed the desire of the Oblate Fathers to be relieved of their obligations under the Agreement made with you on the 25th May, 1942.

In replying to this letter we advised the Oblate Fathers that the Dominion Government's policy of liquidation of evacuee assets in the protected areas of British Columbia was being carried out by: (1) shipment of personal property to owners, at such owner's expense, where this was practical and so desired; (2) sale by auction, net proceeds being credited to owner's account; (3) sale on the basis of qualified independent appraisals, net proceeds being credited to owner's account; and he was informed that this office had no objection to the Oblate Fathers following the same procedure, after consulting you.

We are now in receipt of a further letter, dated the 3rd instant, enclosing cheque for \$533.00, made up as follows:

\$400.00	8 cows @ \$50.00 each
\$ 50.00	1 bull
\$ 25.00	1 sow
\$ 30.00	30 chickens @ \$1.00 each
<u>\$ 28.00</u>	7 cords of wood @ \$4.00 per cord

\$533.00

Before accepting this cheque we desire to know: (A) Are the above prices acceptable to you? (B) To whose account you wish these funds credited. It would be appreciated if you would let us have this information in a jointly signed letter.

In addition to the above chattels, which were removed to the School's own farm for better attention, there was a substantial list of chattels, including household effects and farm equipment, left on your farm. The Real Property (land and buildings) was, as you know, purchased by The Director, Soldier Settlement and Veterans' Land Act, who later sold the property to a Mr. Hyde, who has been in possession for some time, and is, we understand, using some of the farm equipment.

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Mrs. Hana KOWISHI, et al.

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Some of the personal property included in above list was of little value to start with, and the normal process of wear and tear will have accounted for much more, but there doubtless remains some articles with a saleable value and the Oblate Fathers should now liquidate these, as outlined above, in order that the net proceeds may be made available to the proper party or parties and these accounts closed. As this liquidation and the termination of your Agreement with the Oblate Fathers is a matter for direct negotiation between you, we are sending a copy of this letter to the Rev. H. F. Dunlop, and desire to be advised of results in due course.

For your convenience in replying to questions (A) and (B) above, we enclose a stamped addressed envelope and would appreciate a prompt reply.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,
Office of the Custodian.

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c.c. to The Rev. H. F. Dunlop.

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July 23, 1947.

Mrs. Saiji Konishi,
Registration No. 08879,
Upper Fraser, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Re: Estate of Saiji Konishi, Deceased.

Upon reviewing the file of your late husband, Saiji Konishi, we find that his credit balance in this office at this time amounts to \$1207.53, being credit derived from the sale of his Selma Park property and the sum of \$75.00 from the sale of his Model "A" Ford car.

In order that these funds may be available to his heirs, it will be necessary for you, as next-of-kin to take certain steps to have his estate administered. We would, therefore, suggest that you either request your solicitor to make application on your behalf for administration of the estate or that you request Mr. Samuel A. Moore, Official Administrator, Court House, Vancouver, B. C., to undertake the administration of the estate. For your convenience, we are enclosing a list of particulars which either your solicitor or Mr. Moore will require before applying for administration. We would suggest that you complete and forward two copies of this form to either your solicitor or Mr. Moore with your request that he apply for administration. The third copy should be completed and returned to this office for our file record, together with information as to whom you have applied for administration. A stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed for this purpose.

It is to your advantage to give prompt attention to this important matter.

Yours truly,

for
A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

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Enc. form & envelope

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October 4, 1947.

Mrs. Satoko Konishi,
Registration No. 08879,
Upper Fraser, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Re: Saiji KONISHI, #08878, Deceased.

On July 23 we wrote to you giving you full details of the assets of your late husband, Saiji Konishi, and suggested two alternative methods by which you might institute proceedings to have his estate administered and his assets made available to his next-of-kin.

A Memorandum of Particulars form setting out the details which will require to be known by either your solicitor or Mr. Moore, the Official Administrator, was enclosed, together with a stamped addressed envelope for your convenience in returning one copy of this form to this office.

Although we wrote to you again on August 27 requesting a reply to our letter, we have not heard from you. It would be to your advantage to give this important matter your early attention.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

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December 15, 1948.

REGISTERED MAIL

Mrs. Satoko Konishi,
Registration No. 08879,
Upper Fraser, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Re: Saiji KONISHI, #08878, Deceased.

We wish to inform you that we are holding, in the credit of the Estate of Saiji Konishi, Deceased, the sum of \$1207.53 which cannot be distributed to his heirs until a personal representative has been appointed to administer his estate.

We have written you on several occasions urging you to apply for administration either through your own solicitor or by requesting Mr. Samuel A. Moore, Official Administrator, Court House, Vancouver, B. C. to act for you. We also enclosed a form for you to fill in, setting out the particulars of your husband's estate, but to date have received no answer from you.

The law firm of Macrae, Montgomery & Macrae, Vancouver, have written repeatedly regarding certain claims against your late husband and we would again urge you to give your attention to this matter.

Unless you already have a lawyer, we suggest that you would be well advised to write to Mr. Moore, who will direct you how to proceed. You must understand that you, as the widow of the deceased, are the proper person to make this application and that unless you do so the estate funds may be held indefinitely.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

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June 29, 1949.

REGISTERED MAIL

Mrs. Satoko Konishi,
Upper Fraser, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Re: Saiji Konishi, #38878, Deceased.

We have written several letters to you informing you that we are holding the sum of \$1207.53 for the Estate of your late husband Saiji Konishi, who is reported to have died on March 2, 1945, at Le Jac, B. C. We have suggested what action you might take to have these funds distributed but you have not replied to our letters although we have been informed by the authorities that you are able to read and write English and that you personally received our letter of December 15, 1948, from the Post Office.

We now ask you to write immediately, stating what you intend to do, or this office will proceed to place these funds in the hands of the proper authorities to be dealt with as they see fit.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

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December 10, 1949.

Mrs. Satoko Konishi,
Upper Fraser, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Re: Saiti Konishi, #08878, Deceased.

We have today received your letter dated December 5, in which you asked that we send you the sum of \$1207.53.

In our letters of December 15, 1948, and June 29, 1949, we made it perfectly clear to you that this money could only be released by this office to someone who has been appointed by the Court as personal representative of your husband's Estate. Unless you comply with the suggestions made in our letters, it is useless for you to expect to receive any part of this money.

In July 1947 we sent you a form in duplicate in order that you might fill in the particulars of your husband's death, details of his Estate, and the names and addresses of the next-of-kin, but you have not seen fit to complete this form and return it to this office, nor have you stated whether you intend to apply for administration yourself or to ask the Official Administrator to administer the Estate for you.

No further action will be taken in this matter by this office until we have a satisfactory reply from you.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

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December 10, 1949.

Miss Lorraine Gale,
Postmistress,
Upper Fraser, B. C.

Dear Madam:

In December 1948 we wrote to you concerning our difficulty in obtaining a reply to our letters addressed to Mrs. Satoko Konishi, Upper Fraser, B. C. You were kind enough at that time to inform us that Mrs. Konishi is able to read and write English and to offer to assist us further if required.

We now have a letter from Mrs. Konishi dated December 5, 1949, which acknowledges our letter of June 29, but apparently she does not yet understand the situation concerned. Our correspondence has had reference to the release of funds belonging to her late husband's estate, now held by the Custodian. We advised her that these monies could only be released for administration to the personal representative appointed by the Court of British Columbia. We also advised her that she might make application herself through her solicitor or she might ask Mr. Samuel A. Moore, Official Administrator, Court House, Vancouver, to apply. We sent forms for her to fill in the necessary information relating to her husband's death, his property, debts and next-of-kin, but instead of doing any of these things she wrote to us in December simply asking us to send her the money which we are holding.

We are again writing to her to impress upon her that someone must be appointed personal representative of the Estate and are enclosing more forms for her to fill in. When Mrs. Konishi receives her letter we would appreciate it very much if you would be good enough to make it clear to her that the Custodian can only release the funds to some person who is properly appointed by the Surrogate Court of British Columbia whose duty it will be to pay the debts of the Estate and divide the residue among the heirs.

We can assure you that we will be particularly appreciative of your assistance as we realize that such service is not within the usual scope of your duties as Postmistress.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
May 18, 1950

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Re: Claims of Mrs. Hana Konishi
and Mrs. Satoko Konishi

Dear Mr. Shears:

I enclose copy of letter received from Mr. C. G. Robson concerning claims of the above named. Mr. Robson indicates that his clients were unaware of the hearings and apparently they failed to record their claims.

You will observe that Mr. Robson wishes to know if an adjustment may now be made. As Mr. Robson is in Vancouver, I feel it would be more satisfactory from his standpoint if you would call upon him or arrange a visit to your office in order that he may peruse advertisements calling for claims.

The enquiry is closed and I doubt very much if the Government would consider reopening in order to hear those who failed to comply with the Commissioner's requirements.

A letter will be sent to Mr. Robson indicating that he will hear from you in the course of the next few days. Please let me hear from you following the interview.

It would be appreciated if you will give this your usual prompt attention.

Yours very truly,

"K.W. WRIGHT"
CHIEF COUNSEL

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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
May 23, 1950.

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K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Claims of Mrs. Hana Konishi
and Mrs. Satoko Konishi

I received your letter of the 19th in which you enclosed a copy of a letter from Mr. C. George Robson. You will be interested to know that Mr. Robson whose firm is Robson and Macdonald, is the partner of the Mr. Macdonald who has been one of the solicitors acting with Mr. Braidwood and appointed by Justice Department.

I have contacted Mr. Robson and indicated to him the extent of the advertising which was covered by 13 newspapers in a display advertisement two columns wide and about 14 inches long, as well as numerous references to the Claims Commission in the New Canadian.

The Notice did provide that "claims filed subsequent to Nov. 30, 1947 will not be considered unless special leave is granted by the Commissioner upon good cause shown". A number of claims filed during the past two years have been considered but the situation is now changed in view of the Commissioner having submitted his final report.

Mr. Robson I think realizes the situation and understands that it is not expected that further claims can now be considered and that in any case it would be a matter for the Commissioner to consider. I informed Mr. Robson that I would advise you of our talk

and indicate to you that I have given him all available information.

Mr. Robson may possibly approach the Commissioner, but he was not definite in this regard.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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February 26, 1951.

Messrs. Robson & Macdonald,
Barristers & Solicitors,
801-802 Vancouver Block,
736 Granville St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention, Mr. G. George Robson

Dear Sir:

Re: Estate of Seiji Konishi, Dec'd.

We have for acknowledgment your letter of the 23rd instant enclosing original Certificate of Discharge in regard to succession duties and notarially certified copy of Letters of Administration. The original document which you also enclosed is returned herein.

We have pleasure in enclosing cheque in your favour- \$1,207.53, in accordance with instructions from Mrs. Konishi, the personal representative of the above deceased, in her letter of July 10, 1950.

We note that you have secured the release of claims of the Canadian Bakeries Ltd. and Clark Fruit & Produce Company.

This will close our files in this matter.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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