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BUSINESS

BUREAU POWELL STREET

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE SECTION

FILE No. 11257
REPORT No. 1184-9
DATE OCT 1 5 1949
FILLED BY

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

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: SUMI Oiso (Mrs. Toshiaki)

HOME ADDRESS: 1642 W. 2nd Ave., Vancouver, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 07926 SEX: Female AGE: 42

OCCUPATION: Housewife. Store Keeper, Grocery Store, no special name.

(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: Toshiaki

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: same as above

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Mutsuko (F) 2. Satoko (F) 3. Kikuo (M) 4. Shuzo (M) 5. Hideo (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: 1 - 4 same as above. 5. Three Valley, B. C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 18, 16, 15, 10, 21 yrs.

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: 1642 W. 2nd Ave., Vancouver, B. C.
Rooming house, with store on main floor.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS:
Rooming house owned by declarant's husband.

Sept 4/42
This is being
attended to. AJM

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

none

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:
1642 W. 2nd Ave., Vancouver, B. C.

1 Box Christmas decorations, 6 Japanese trays, 1 ash tray with lighter, 2 ash trays with stand, 5 handkerchief boxes, 40 ash trays, 6 teasets, 8 pkgs. Japanese teacups, chopsticks, 4 cream & sugar sets, 8 glass fruit bowls, 19 china fruit bowls, 9 large plates, 3 very large plates, 1 large vase, 50 "Sakazuki"
The above merchandise has been left in the store at the above address

6 show cases, 1 scale, 1 ice box, 1 ice machine, 1 set cookie jarks (12) 1 set cookie jars (2 jars) 3 jars (4 gal., 5 gal., 6 gal.) 1 large clock 1 large picture frame, 1 brass basket, 5 one-gallon jars. The above store fixtures have been left in the store at the above address. Key (will be brought to (Custodian

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

FORM "JP" FILE No.

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: Canadian Bank of Commerce, Fairview Branch. $1000.00 Account # unknown. In Owner's possession.

9. LIFE INSURANCE: Yorkshire Savings, Yorkshire Bldg., Seymour St., Van. ~~$5000.00~~ $5000.00. Policy number unknown. In declarant'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 9th day of July 1942.

(Signature) O W Sun

D. M. Chope.
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Feb. 15/43.

Our File No. 11267 ✓

Full Name SUMI, Oiso (Mrs. Toshiaki)
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 07926 Male - Female ✓ (check) Age Sept. 23, 1899.

Former Address 1642 W. 2nd Ave, Vancr, B.C.

Date Evacuated Sept. 10/42. Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National ✓ (check)

Present Address ~~Sackme. B.C.~~ 329 Clinton St. Toronto, Ont. May 21/47.

Married ✓ - Single (check)

Name of Wife nee SUMI, Toshiaki - 07918.

Name of Husband

Name of Mother Aki (Japan) Name of Father ADACHI, Zo (dec'd)

Names of Children under 16 (see husband's sheet) Satoko (F) 31/10/25; Tikuo (m) 8/2/27; Shuzo (m) 24/7/31.

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

Additional Information

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MATERIAL REMOVED FROM MASTER FILE TO
Husband's Claim File 12818

~~JP Registration Form~~
July 15/42 - H.D.Campbell's report
July 20/42 - Custodian to H.D.Campbell
Auction Sheet - Vancouver 41 - Feb.28/45

Sept. 4, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

File #11257, SUMI, Ciso (Mrs. Toshiaki) #07926.
and #3041, WATANABE, Toshihiro, #05459.

The declaration of Aki OKOTANI (Mrs. Tomotaro) #06696, of 1642 W. 2nd Ave., states that T. SUMI of the same address is her landlord and that she occupies 1 room at this address.

File #11257.

Ciso SUMI (Mrs. Toshiaki) #07926, declares that her husband Toshiaki SUMI, owns 1642 W. 2nd Ave.,.

File #3041.

However, Toshihiro WATANABE, #05459, declares that his brother S. WATANABE Owns 1642 W. 2nd Ave., Vancouver.

The assessment office states that the property at 1642 W. 2nd Ave., (Lot 12, Block 229, D.L. 526) is assessed to T. SUMI and S. WATANABE, both at 1642 W. 2nd Ave., Vancouver. Neither of these men have declared property to the Custodian.

The Police report that S. Watanabe, #07138 was removed to Princeton Work Camp, Aug. 6th 1942. Toshiaki Sumi, according to the Police, is still at 1642 W. 2nd Ave, - evidently only the Watanabe interest may be vested at present.

A search and vesting is in order and a new file opened on the basis of this interest.

A. G. MacArthur.

AGM:AS

HAROLD D. CAMPBELL

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

806-812 STANDARD BANK BUILDING

VANCOUVER, B. C.

LICENSED TRUSTEE IN BANKRUPTCY

TELEPHONE PACIFIC 1357

OCT 14 1942

October 13, 1942.

Your File No. 11257.

Office of the Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. G. D. Milsom:

Dear Sirs: Re- SUMI, Oiso (Mrs. Toshiaki)

The property owned by this declarent consisted of certain fixtures of a small store, premises of which were on the ground floor of a three storey rooming house owned by her husband, your File No. 12818.

If you will refer to the husband's file it will be seen that the situation is now under consideration with regard to its opening up and up to the present time it has not been practical to take an inventory. When the matter generally has been decided on, I will forward a report to complete this file.

Yours very truly,

H. D. CAMPBELL.

Per. R. C. Messenger

RCM:JM

MEMORANDUM

File No.: 12818)
11257)

January 15th, 1943

TO: Mr. Spain

FROM: Mr. Green

Re: Mr. & Mrs. Toshiaki SUMI

Please refer to H. D. Campbell's letter of December 22nd on file 12818 herewith, penultimate paragraph. While I believe something has been done about chattels left at 1618 West 2nd Avenue, nothing appears on either this man's file or his wife's. From the last paragraph of H. D. Campbell's letter of November 15th, it appears that there is not very much to move, though from the original report of October 5th, it would seem as if more than one person had things stored here.

HFG:IF

MEMORANDUM

File No.: 12818
11257

February 17th, 1943

To: Mr. Green

From: Mr. Spain

Re: Mr. & Mrs. Toshiaki SUMI

All chattels were removed from 1642 W. 2nd Avenue to 604 Cordova Street as per list on file.

Reference to 1618 W. 2nd Avenue would appear to be a mistake on the part of Mr. Messenger as this man and his wife did not declare any property at such address.

Geo. B. Spain

GBS:IF

Inventory No. 188

Name: SUMI, Toshiaki

File: 12818 & 11257

Reg. No.: 07918

CHATTELS MOVED FROM 1642 W. 2nd AVE.
TO 604 CORDOVA STREET

1 Table
2 Wood counters
3 Glass show cases
~~2 Cabinets~~ S
2 Boxes
1 Carton
2 Bundles (Misc.)
6 Large dishes
1 Biscuit display Case
1 Mill
1 Pr. Scales
1 Bottle Rack
14 Bottles
1 Crock Xmas Decorations
2 Framed ships
Number pictures

2 Boxes Books
1 Box Dishes
1 Tool box
1 Can dishes
1 Trunk
1 4-Gal. crock

S - Sold by auction 28/2/45 Vancouver H

File # 7824
12818

March 11th, 1943

MEMORANDUM

Re: Saitoku WATANABE, # 07138
Toshiaki SUMI, Reg # 07918.

TO: MRS. MacARTHUR

FROM: The Accounting Department

Re: Lot 12, Blk. 229, D.L. 526.

We refer you to your memorandum of March 4th and wish to advise that our account is carried in the names of the following Japanese Evacuees:

Saitoku WATANABE, File 7824, Reg. 07138
Mrs. Olga SUMI, File 11259, Reg. 07926
Toshiaki SUMI, File 12818, Reg. 07918

If Mrs. Olga SUMI, File No. 11259, Reg. No. 07926 has no interest in the above property please instruct us to change our records.

CHR:GR

Mr. Davidson: Would you please check on this and advise the accounting Dept?

MEMORANDUM

TO: Accounting Department.

FROM: D. A. Davidson. March 22, 1943.

Files 11257, 12818, 7824.

Re: SUMI, Oiso (Mrs. Toshiaki) - Reg. #07926
SUMI, Toshiaki - Reg. No. 07918
WATANABE, Saitoku - Reg. No. 07138.

Re: Lot 12, Block 229, District Lot 526.

Mrs. Oiso SUMI has no interest in the above mentioned lot and the papers showing ownership in the other two above mentioned, and showing vesting have been removed from her file.

Would you please, therefore, carry the account only in the names of Toshiaki SUMI and Saitoku WATANABE who hold one half interest each.

DAD/P.

MEMORANDUM

File No.: 12818
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7824

Oct. 28th, 1944

To: Mr. Donat

From: Mr. Green

Re: Catalogue Number 306
1642 W. 2nd Ave.

The effects declared by the Sumi family are reasonably well covered by H.D. Campbell's report on file 11257 and subsequent correspondence. Everything that could be found at this address was moved to storage at 604 E. Cordova Street with the exception of a kitchen range and bed signed for by Mr. Baron and subsequently by Mr. McNeil on February 9th, 1943, on file 12818. I believe that Mr. McNeil has since left for part unknown but I am asking Mr. Spain to see if he can pick up a bed and range from these premises.

The other evacuee with an interest in this Catalogue Number, Saitoku Watanabe, file 7824, shows no effects on his file.

EFG:IF

To: Mr. Green

From: The Protection Dept.

Mr. & Mrs. Donnally the tenants since July 1st/43 stated they had never seen the range or bed. Evidently they were sold by Mr. Baron or Mr. McNeill and as there has been a constant succession of tenants and roomers, in this building it would be quite impossible to trace these articles now.

no. H. Green

Files: 11323
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August 29, 1945.

MEMORANDUM

To: Files

From: Mr. Spain

Re: 3642 East 2nd. Ave. - Tenement House.

The undermentioned Japanese declared chattels at the above address:

File 11323 - Mrs. Teruko MURA
" 12818 - Mr. Toshiaki SUMI
" 11257 - Mrs. Oiso SUMI.

Without identification, the chattels were received at the Custodian Warehouse where they were sold in Vancouver Auctions Nos. 41, 46 and 48 on Files 12818 and 11257.

This property received considerable attention from the Custodian field staff and at the time of removal it was quite impossible to reconcile the chattels declared, with the articles sold at auction, for the following reasons.

1. The chattels received were in a mixed condition without any identification marks.

2. In November 1942 the building was burglarised and chattels removed.

3. The property was leased to Mr. Elliot J. Baron, and on his departure, by him, to Mr. Walter D. McNeill. Both of these men decamped for regions unknown, and from what I could gather on the spot, interrogating the tenants then in occupation, there were sold to the tenants anything that could produce cash.

4. Mention might be made that the chattels were of very poor quality, in keeping with the neighbourhood.

5. Many articles were received in excess of those declared in the registration forms.

GHS:CG.

Geo. H. Spain

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September 6, 1947.

REGISTERED MAIL

Mrs. Okio TESHIMA,
Reg. No. 06706,
Ashcroft, B. C.

Dear Madam:

We find on reviewing your file that you declared a few household effects at 1642 West 2nd Avenue, Vancouver, when registering your assets with the Custodian in July 1942. You stated, however, that you were endeavoring to sell these goods before leaving Vancouver and as no goods were found marked with your name when the chattels were removed from 1642 West 2nd Avenue to public auction we shall be glad if you will confirm if such was the case.

In any case, unless we hear from you to the contrary by September 20th, 1947 we shall assume that you disposed of your chattels prior to your evacuation from Vancouver.

A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

Yours truly,

E. Robertson,
Office of the Custodian.

/ER
Enc. - Return envelope

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September 6th, 1947.

Mrs. Aki OKUTABI,
Reg. No. 06694,
c/o Trinity College School,
Port Hope, Ontario.

Dear Madam:

Referring to chattels declared by you to have been left in the care of Tomiaki Sumi at 1642 West 2nd Avenue, as previously advised you all goods were removed from the above address and sold at public auction in Mr. Sumi's name, due to the absence of any identification marks on chattels left at that address.

As we are endeavoring to clear up the matter of chattels left at 1642 West 2nd Avenue, Vancouver, kindly let us know by return if any of the goods declared by you, namely:

2 dressers	Single Bed
Dining Room table	Double Bed
Coleman Gas Stove	2 Kitchen Cabinets

were disposed of by you before you left Vancouver, or if all the above-mentioned articles were left in Mr. Sumi's care at the above premises.

Yours truly,

E. Robertson,
Office of the Custodian.

/ER

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September 8th, 1947.

Mrs. Hisako HATASADE,
Reg. No. 05706,
7850 Durocher Avenue,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Madam:

On reviewing your file we note that you declared the following chattels as being left at 1642 West 2nd Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.:

1 cupboard	1 lamp stand
1 coat closet	2 steel beds
1 clock	1 oil cloth 9x9'
2 alarm clocks	1 bureau
1 kitchen stove	1 portable gramophone

Due to the absence of any identification marks on the chattels left at the above address, all goods were removed and sold at public auction under the name of Toshiaki Sumi. As we are endeavoring to clear up the chattel situation in connection with goods left at 1642 West 2nd Avenue, Vancouver, please let us know by return if any of the above goods were disposed of by you prior to evacuation or if all the articles listed above were left at 1672 West 2nd Avenue.

A stamped and addressed envelope is enclosed to facilitate your prompt reply.

Yours truly,

E. Robertson,
Office of the Custodian.

/EE

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September 6, 1947.

Mrs. Teruko NURA,
Reg. No. 07193,
c/o Moose Jaw Hostel,
Moose Jaw, Sask.

Dear Madam:

On looking through your file we note that you declared the following chattels as being left in care of Mr. T. Sumi at 1642 West 2nd Avenue, Vancouver:

2 beds	2 chests of drawers
1 kitchen stove	1 kitchen cupboard
1 kitchen table	
5 chairs	

As no goods were found marked with your name when the chattels were removed from the above address to public auction, all goods were sold under Mr. Sumi's name.

Kindly let us know by return if you disposed of any or all of the above-mentioned goods prior to your evacuation from Vancouver. A stamped and addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Yours truly,

E. Robertson,
Office of the Custodian.

/MR
Enc. - Return envelope

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September 25, 1947

REGISTERED MAIL

Mrs. Teruko MURA,
Reg. No. 07193,
c/o Moose Jaw Hostel,
Moose Jaw, Sask.

Dear Madam:

At the time of writing no reply has been received to our letter to you of September 8th, 1947, in which we requested you to let us know if you disposed of any or all of the goods listed therein prior to your evacuation from Vancouver.

We are assuming therefore that you disposed of the above-mentioned goods prior to your evacuation and unless we hear from you to the contrary on or before October 20th, 1947, your file in connection with chattels will be closed.

Yours truly,

E. Robertson,
Office of the Custodian.

/ER

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REGISTERED MAIL.

September 29th, 1947

Mrs. Hisako WATANABE,
Reg. No. 09708,
7960 Durocher Avenue,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Madam:

On September 8, 1947 we wrote to you requesting you to let us know if you disposed of any of the goods, declared by you on April 13th, 1942, prior to your evacuation from Vancouver but up to the time of writing no reply has been received.

In the absence of a reply from you to the contrary on or before October 20th, 1947, we shall assume that you took with you or otherwise disposed of the goods you declared as being left at 1642 West 2nd Avenue, Vancouver, B. C., and your file will accordingly be closed with regard to chattels.

Yours truly,

E. Robertson,
Office of the Custodian.

/MR

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REGISTERED MAIL

September 25th, 1947

Mrs. Aki OMOTANI,
Reg. No. 06694,
c/o Trinity College School,
Port Hope, Ontario.

Dear Madam:

At the time of writing no reply has been received from you to our letter of September 6th, 1947, in which we requested you to let us know if, prior to evacuation, you disposed of any of the goods declared by you to the Custodian on July 9, 1942, as being left at 1642 West 2nd Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.

In the absence of a reply from you to the contrary on or before October 20th, 1947, it is therefore being assumed that the above-mentioned goods were either taken with you or disposed of by you prior to your leaving Vancouver, and your file in this connection will accordingly be considered closed.

Yours truly,

E. Robertson,
Office of the Custodian.

/ER

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October 11th, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. Toshiaki SUMI,
Reg. Nos. 07918 and 07926,
329 Clinton Street,
Toronto 4, Ontario.

Dear Sir and Madam:

With reference to Mr. Sumi's letter of May 25th, 1947 we have now made a further review of your files relative to chattels. As previously advised you, due to the fact that none of the goods removed by the Custodian from 1642 West 2nd Avenue, Vancouver, to public auction were marked with the name of the owner, everything was sold in the name of the real property owner, Toshiaki Sumi. It is noted that the following articles, which do not appear on the declaration made to the Custodian by each of you, have been sold and credited to Mr. Sumi's account with this office:

Basket Clothes	3 cartons Lawnmower sharpeners	Oil Burners
Festival Toys		4 pictures
Counter Scales	Kitchenware	Pots & Pans
2 pictures (boats)	Dish Pan	Iron Pot
Curtains & Linens	Sad Iron, etc.	Tub & Washboard
Cushions	Saucepans	Camp Stove

In order that the net proceeds from sale of the above-listed chattels may be credited to the correct account, kindly let us know if all, or any, of these goods belonged to you.

As chattels were declared by both of you and the proceeds from their sale have been credited to Mr. Sumi's account only, kindly confirm by signing the attached copy of this letter in the spaces indicated that it is agreeable to you both that the chattel funds be forwarded to Toshiaki Sumi. If, however, it is your wish that the cheque be made payable to you jointly, kindly so advise when replying to that portion of our letter dealing with the ownership of the above chattels. A stamped and addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

Yours truly,

/MR
Enc. - copy of this letter
- return envelope

R. Robertson,
Office of the Custodian

AGREED: _____
Toshiaki SUMI, #07918

AGREED: _____
Oiso SUMI, #07926

CHATTELS SUMMARY

File No. 12818	Toshiaki SUMI (Mr.)	Reg. No. 07918
File No. 11257	Gino SUMI (Mrs.Toshiaki)	Reg. No. 07926

In his JP form dated September 6, 1942, Toshiaki SUMI declared only a dining room table and a bookcase which he said would be left in one room of 1642 West 2nd Ave., Vancouver, and the key brought to the Custodian. His wife, Gino Sumi, however, declared in her JP form of July 9, 1942 a list of merchandise and fixtures which she stated would be left in the store (confectionery & grocery) which formed the front part of the above property. These files reveal that everything was sold under the husband's name (except 1 cabinet) and the proceeds have been credited to his account. (1 cabinet sold in name of wife - file 11257)

Under date of July 15, 1942 on Mrs. Sumi's file, H. D. Campbell, agent, reported that the disposal arrangements of the fixtures of the store were to lock them up on the premises and leave them there for the duration of the war, and that any stock on hand at the time of closing up would be taken with Mrs. Sumi to Hope, B. C. Mrs. Sumi was evacuated on September 10, 1942 and in a report dated October 5, 1942 (filed at back of real property section of file 12818), H. D. Campbell advised that all the stock in the store operated by Mrs. Sumi had been disposed of and the fixtures were left on the premises for the duration of the war. Mr. Campbell also reported that chattels belonging to various tenants were left in different suites, of which there were no lists or records. According to the auctions held of goods removed from 1642 W. 2nd Avenue, it would appear that some of the merchandise was not taken by Mrs. Sumi. The store fixtures were removed and sold at auction in the husband's name and the proceeds credited to his account with this office.

A memo on file dated December 5th, 1942 states these premises were burglarized and the police notified to give special protection to the properties in the 1600 Block West 2nd Avenue, Vancouver.

On December 11, 1942 the Custodian removed the chattels as per Inventory No. 186 from 1642 W. 2nd Avenue to 604 Cordova Street. A footnote to this inventory states "that other goods were left to be listed and signed for" and "this place has been broken into and we believe a great deal of the personal property stolen". The only record of "other goods left to be listed and signed for" appears under date of January 12, 1943 when R.J.Baron, who leased the premises from the Custodian, signed for a kitchen range, 1 bed and spring. The lease on 1642 W. 2nd Avenue was taken over from Mr. Baron by Mr. W. D. McNeil, who in turn signed for the range, bed and spring on February 9, 1943. The kitchen range and bed & spring, however, are missing. A footnote to Mr. Green's memo of October 26, 1944 (file 12818) advises that the range and bed could not be found by the Custodian at 1642 W. 2nd Avenue and the tenants, Mr. and Mrs. Burnelly (who had been there since July 1/43) said they had never seen a range or bed. It was therefore assumed that Mr. Baron or Mr. McNeill, who absconded to regions unknown, had disposed of them. (This stove and bed would appear to have belonged to some of the Japanese tenants in 1642 W. 2nd Avenue, as neither Mr. nor Mrs. Sumi declared such items).

A number of other Japanese left goods at 1642 W. 2nd Avenue, according to their declarations, but in a memo dated August 29, 1945 Mr. Spain said it was quite impossible to reconcile the chattels declared with those sold at auction as the chattels received from the above premises were in a mixed condition and had no identification marks, the buildings had been burglarized in November 1942 and from information obtained from the tenants then in occupation it appeared that Messrs. Baron and McNeill had sold to the tenants anything that would produce cash. He also stated that many articles were received in excess of those declared in the registration forms. All goods removed from 1642 W. 2nd Avenue Vancouver (with the exception of the cabinet mentioned in the first paragraph) were sold at auction in Toshiaki Sumi's name and the proceeds credited to his account. Auctions were as follows:

June 6, 1945 -	Vancouver Auction 46:	$ 9.47 net		
July 6 "	" " 48:	16.27 "		
Sept.5 "	" " 51:	34.25 "		
Dec. 7/45	" " 56:	3.36		
Mar.29, 1946	" " 59:	.65 "	(Trans'd to I.Kawashiri)	
Feb. 28, 1945:	Vancouver Auction 43:	1.13 "	(credited to wife's account)	

Tsuichi KAWASHIRI, File 11677, declared in a letter dated June 1, 1943 that prior to evacuation they removed their property from 1642 W. 4th Avenue to the home of Mr. Tomichi Sumi, 1642 W. 2nd Avenue, namely 2 boxes (boxes) and 1 trunk with their name labelled thereon. (In his SF form these goods were declared to be at 1758 W. 7th Avenue, Vancouver and the trunk and boxes were stated to be full of books). We received a letter from T. Sumi dated June 1, 1946 advising that among the chattels at 1642 W. 2nd were a black trunk and two boxes containing books, and that these were the property of I. Kawashiri. He requested that the proceeds be sent to Mr. Kawashiri if these articles were sold. A transfer was accordingly put through on September 16, 1946, crediting Kawashiri's account with the proceeds from the sale of books and a trunk (boxes are missing), and debiting Sumi's account accordingly.

On May 16, 1947 we wrote to T. Sumi advising that although other Japanese persons had declared goods left at 1642 W. 2nd Avenue, Vancouver, everything was removed and sold at public auction in his name, due to the fact that none of the chattels were marked with the name of the respective owner. We suggested to him that if agreeable to the persons concerned and on receipt of a signed letter from each of them authorizing us to do so, we would forward to him a cheque for the total net proceeds derived from sale of chattels removed from the above address for him to distribute proportionately to the persons concerned. He replied on May 25, 1947, however, that he had no knowledge of the goods left stored by these other persons and that he would like us to distribute the net proceeds as we thought fit. Accordingly letters were written to these persons declaring goods left at these premises (with the exception of certain repatriates mentioned later in this memo), with the following results:

(a) Kazuko HURA (file 11323): Two letters, one Sept.8/47 and one Sept.23/47, were written to Mrs. Hura in an effort to ascertain if any or all of her goods declared in the registration form had been disposed of prior to evacuation. No reply was received to the first and the second was returned marked "not here". However, a wooden stand and a wooden cabinet sold at auction in T. Sumi's name but not declared by either Mr. or Mrs. Sumi are now being transferred to Mrs. Hura's account as a kitchen cupboard and 2 chests of drawers are shown on her declaration. Mrs. Hura's other effects would appear to be missing.

(b) Aki OMOTANI (file 11234): On writing to Mrs. Omotani stating that no goods were found at 1642 W. 2nd Avenue marked with her name and requesting her to let us know if she disposed of all her goods before leaving Vancouver, she replied on September 23, 1947 stating that she had disposed of everything except an Oak Dining Room Table before leaving Vancouver. Only one table was found and sold at auction by the Custodian and as the owner of the premises, T. Sumi, declared a dining room table this was credited to him and Mrs. Omotani is being advised that her table was not found by the Custodian at the time the goods were removed to auction.

(c) Chio TERUTUNA (file 11231): No chattels were found marked with this Japanese person's name and we wrote to her on September 6, 1947 advising her so and stating that un-

less we heard from her to the contrary by Sept. 20, 1947 we would assume she had disposed of her chattels prior to evacuation. No reply has been received and chattels on her file now regarded as closed.

(d) Mr. and Mrs. Toshihiro WATANABE (files 3041 and 11262):
Mr. Watanabe in his declaration of Apr.13/42 stated he was leaving household and personal effects in custody of his wife at 1642 W. 2nd Ave and that these would be packed and stored if his wife were ordered away. On July 9/42 Mrs. Watanabe declared goods left at the above address and as none of these could be identified on the auction sheets as belonging to her she was written on September 8th, 1947 and again on September 25/47 to let us know if she disposed of any or all of her goods prior to evacuation. She advised in a letter of Oct.3/47 that all goods declared by her to have been left at the above premises had been disposed of.

The following Japanese repatriates also declared in their registration forms chattels as having been left at 1642 W. 2nd Avenue, Vancouver. As there is no record of any goods having been found at this address and sold at auction in their names and no inquiry regarding goods left at this address was made by them prior to sailing for Japan, it is being assumed that they disposed of or took with them their goods at the time of evacuation from Vancouver:

Fusano SUMI, File 11229
Hirochika SUMI - File 2498
Yasuyo TERSHIMA, File 11232
Masaku IDA, File 11286

As will be seen from the Chattels Schedule a number of articles were sold at public auction in Mr. Sumi's name which cannot be identified on the declarations made by Mr. and Mrs. Sumi. These goods are such as might be found in any household with store attached and a letter is now being written to the Sumis requesting them to let us know if these additional goods were their property, before releasing the proceeds from the sale of all chattels.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file at this date:

G. E. Robertson

G. E. Robertson,
October 11th, 1947.

CHATTELS SCHEDULE

File No. 12818	Toshiaki SUMI (Mr.)	Reg. No. 07918
File No. 11257	Oiso SUMI (Mrs. Toshiaki)	Reg. No. 07926

Declared by T. Sumi in JP form Sept.8/42 as being left at 1642 W.2nd Ave., Vancouver	Custodian Inv. FIRS of gds. removed from 1642 W. 2nd to 604 E.Cordova, Dec.11/42 (No Inv. by agent)	AUCTIONED	OTHER DISPOSITION
1 dining room table	1 table	5/9/45	
1 bookcase	1 cabinet		
Declared by wife, Oiso SUMI (File 11257) to be left in store at 1642 W.2nd Ave. -JP form July 9/42)			
MERCHANDISE:			
1 box Xmas Decorations	(1 crock) Xmas Decor.	6/7/45	
6 Japanese trays	Presumably disposed of by Mrs. Sumi - see H. D. Campbell report of October 5, 1942 (filed at back of real property section file 12818).		
1 ash tray with lighter			
2 ash trays with stand			
5 handkerchief boxes			
40 ash trays		6/7/45 (6 ash trays)	
6 tensets			
8 packages Japanese tescups	2 boxes	6/7/45: 2 boxes crockery	
Chopsticks	1 carton	Carton dishes	
4 cream & sugar sets	1 box dishes	5 ctns.crockery	
8 glass fruit bowls	6 large dishes	6 glass bowls	
19 china fruit bowls	1 can dishes	19 bowls	
9 large plates		5 ctns.rice bowls	
3 very large plates		3 plates	
1 large vase		4 vases	
50 "Sakasuki"		Glassware	
		Kitchenware	
FIXTURES:			
6 showcases	3 glass showcases	2 - 5/9/45 (1 damaged)	
		1 -28/2/45 (cabinet - sold in name of wife and credited to her a/c - 11257)	
	2 wood counters	5/9/45	
	1 biscuit display case	5/9/45 (damaged)	
1 ice box			Not found
1 ice machine		5/9/45 (ice slicer)	
1 set cookie jars (12)			
1 set cookie jars (2)	14 bottles	5/9/45 (15 candy jars)	
3 jars (4,5,6-gal)	4-gal.crock	6/7/45 (2 crocks)	
	Crock		
1 large clock			Not found
1 large picture frame	Number pictures	6/7/45	
1 brass basket	1 bottle rack		Missing
5 1-gal. jars		6/7/45 (6 glass jugs)	
	ALSO INVENTORIED & REMOVED:	**ALSO AUCTIONED:**	
	1 cabinet	5/9/45 (wooden cabinet)	
NOT DECLARED:	2 bundles (misc.)	7/12/45: Basket Clothes Festival toys	
	1 pr. scales	5/9/45 (counter scales)	
	2 framed ships	5/9/45 (2 pictures -boats)	

Some possibly disposed of by Mrs. Sumi - see per H. D. Campbell report Oct. 5/42

CONTINUED -

NOT DECLARED BUT:	Inventoried & Removed	Auctioned
	2 boxes books	Mar.29/46) Transferred to I.
	1 trunk	Sept.5/45) Kawashiri Sept.16/46.
	1 Mill	6/7/45 (kitchenware?)
	1 tool box -	- - Missing

June 6/45:Auction #46
- Curtains & Linens
- Cushions
- 3 ctns. Lawnmower sharpeners

July 6/45:Auction #48
- Kitchenware, etc.
- Dish pan
- Sad Iron, etc.
- Saucepans
- Oil Burners
- 4 pictures

Sept.5/45:Auction #51
- Pots & pans
- Iron pot
- Tub & washboard
- Camp stove
- Wooden stand

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December 22nd, 1948.

Mrs. Oiso SUMI,
Reg. No. 07926,
327 Clinton St.,
Toronto 4, Ontario.

Dear Madam:

We are presently making final distribution of all funds in this office which were derived from the sale of real and personal properties and we are, accordingly, enclosing herewith Custodian cheque in your favour for the sum of $1.13.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the enclosed cheque.

Yours truly,

J. Spratt

J. Spratt,
Office of the Custodian.

/JS
1 encl. - cheque $1.13.

379 Clinton St
Toronto 4, Ont.
January 10, 1949

The Custodian's Office
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306 Royal Bank Bldg.
Yonge & Granville
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JAN 12 1949
File No. 11257
Attn.
Referred

Gentlemen: Re: File #11257

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your cheque for $1.13.

Yours very truly,

Oiso Sumi

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