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FORM
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: NISHIKAWA Seitaro
HOME ADDRESS: 2 7 East 6th Ave., Vancouver, B. C.
former address: 35 W 5th Ave., Vancouver.
REGISTRATION NUMBER 07210 / SEX: Male AGE: 50
OCCUPATION: Mill-worker

(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: B. C. Fir & Cedar Co., Corner Laurel & 6th Ave., Vancouver.

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Roma ✓ yellow card

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: same as above

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: 1. Ayako (F)

2. Ryoichi (M)

3. Miyoko (F) 4. Minoru (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: 1 - 3 same as above 4. Three Valley Camp

AGE OF CHILDREN: 17, 13, 11 yrs. 18 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

none

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR

none

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS

of NISHIKAWA, Tomihiro, who owns the house.

These things have been left at the above address in the care

2 pictures with frames.

7 boxes containing household effects (goods & tools).

833 West 7th Ave., Vancouver, B. C.

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS.

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

none

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:

none

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid)

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: none

Entered June 7th, 1942. Rent not yet paid.

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: \$10.00 per month.

Vancouver, now at Hope.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mr. Y. NISHIHARA, No. 7th Ave., East,

7 room, 2 storey wooden house. Occupies 3 rooms.

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 7 East 6th Ave., Vancouver, B. C.

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

none

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: none

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: 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)
One \$50.00 Victory Bond #H, 433512
Two \$ 5.00 War Savings Certificates. #'s A, 283191 and A, 1514172
In owner's possession

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: _____
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 11th day of April 1942.

(Signature) *Seitar Nishikawa*

D.M. Chope
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE _____

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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date June 15/43

Our File No. 11324

Full Name NISHIKAWA Seitaro
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 07210 Male - Female (check)

Age Dec. 28, 1891

Former Address 35 24.5th Ave., City

Date Evacuated Aug. 18/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National (check)

Present Address Tashme, B.C.
Comp. Trans. 5/46 c/o Mr. John Wall R.R.#1, Beausville, Ont.
Call at Beausville, Ont. June 16/47

Married - Single (check) Name of Wife nee (IKEBAYASHI) Koma

Name of Mother Deed Name of Father In Japan

Names of Children under 16 Ryūichi (M) 23/6/28
Miyoko (F) 19/7/30

Requested by C. Girard Registered with Custodian yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Mill 2 Karker

Children: Hidekazu - B.P.
Mitsuo - 2455
Akiko - 4301

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June 1, 1949.

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Mr. R. Y. Nishikawa,
728 - 16th St. N.,
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 30th and have read with sympathy the situation in regard to the two elderly Japanese evacuees in whom you are interested.

There was an order-in-council under which advances were made to Japanese who had no funds returning to Japan, but this order was recently revoked and I am not aware that any further Government assistance is now available.

You will appreciate that this office has only administrative powers, and the question you raise would be a matter of policy, to be decided by Custodian and other Government Departments at Ottawa.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/GN

728 - 16th St. N.,
Lethbridge, Alta.,
May 30th, 1949.

The Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Rec'd
File No. 4449 45716
Exp. Date
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Dear Sirs:-

I have been asked by two elderly Japanese evacuees:-

Riyo Ishihara, Kipp, Alta. (Widow)
Ichijiro Watanabe, Kipp, Alta. (Bachelor)

if your Department can give some financial assistance for their return to Japan.

Both of the above parties were evacuated from Abbotsford, B.C. in 1942 and have since been on the farm of Mr. Hans Ellingson, Kipp, Alta.

Mrs. Riyo Ishihara whose husband passed away last fall is crippled in the left leg and right hand and has no relatives in this country to depend upon for subsistence. She is presently living on a farm and is living on a meager relief she obtains from the Welfare Department. She fears that unless she returns to Japan to her relatives, she may become totally disabled and become a patient in a Government institution. Friends and neighbours have helped but she cannot always depend upon their assistance.

Mr. Watanabe lives next door to Mrs. Ishihara and he was in partnership on beet labour contract with Mr. Ishihara until his sudden death last fall. He does some beet labour and odd farm jobs in the summer, other than this he has no income. From his meager income he has been helping Mrs. Ishihara. He wishes to return to Japan to his relatives because at his age of 68 he cannot make a living, and also to accompany Mrs. Ishihara as she cannot travel alone in her semi-invalid condition. He too has no relatives in this country.

I sincerely hope that your Department can give these elderly persons some kind of help - say a fare back to Japan. If they must pay their own fare they will have to spend most, if not all of their some assets for fare alone. If they stay in Canada they will become permanent burden to the Canadian Government, and this would mean far greater expense to the Government.

I would appreciate your reply as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

"R.Y. NISHIKAWA"

R. Y. Nishikawa

original on file 4449

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November 13th, 1946.

Mr. Seitaro NISHIKAWA,
Registration No. 07210,
c/o Mr. John Wall,
R. R. No. 1,
Bramsville, Ontario.

Dear Sirs

Relative to our letter to you dated February 12, 1946, we would advise that our Mr. Spain was unaware of the death of Mr. Tomijiro NISHIKAWA at the time of writing.

We would point out that Tomijiro NISHIKAWA owned the premises at 833 W. 7th Avenue, Vancouver and due to the fact that the name NISHIKAWA is common to all those having goods stored at 833 W. 7th Avenue, Vancouver, the proceeds were credited to Tomijiro NISHIKAWA and most of the money sent to him during his lifetime at his request.

At no time did those who left their goods at 833 W. 7th Avenue give the Custodian particulars of the specific items now claimed.

A balance of \$26.21 from the sale of chattels remains to the credit of Tomijiro NISHIKAWA'S account but before disbursing this money we ask you to try to reach an agreement as to how this money should be divided. For your information, the total net proceeds derived from sale of the goods removed from these premises amounts to \$388.87, which includes the balance of \$26.21. In the absence of specific information these proceeds could not be apportioned but we now ask you to get in touch with one another and agree to the proportion which each should have received and send a letter signed by all of you, including Mrs. Tomijiro NISHIKAWA, in order that the matter may be referred to Mr. Samuel A. Moore, Official Administrator, Court-house, Vancouver, who is administering the Estate. When this letter is received the \$26.21 balance will be divided in accordance with the proportions agreed upon, and it will be in order for each of you to write to the Official Administrator regarding the balance of the agreed amount.

We are advising Mr. Moore that you state that some of the funds remitted to Mr. Tomijiro NISHIKAWA in his lifetime were actually derived from sale of goods stored in his house, but as far as the Custodian is concerned the matter of administration of the Estate is now out of the control of this office, and whatever is done will depend upon the decision of the Administrator.

File
MEMORANDUM

Files: 1774 and 11324

November 4, 1946

TO: Mr. Wills
FROM: E. Robertson

Re: Toshio NISHIKAWA, Reg. 04008 - File 1774
Seitaro NISHIKAWA, Reg. 07210 - File 11324

According to Mr. Green's memo of May 23, 1945 a number of articles were moved from 533 W. 7th Avenue to storage under Custodian Inventory No. 564 and marked "T. and S. Nishikawa". He mentions shipment of some goods to Seitaro Nishikawa but states "the balance of 4 boxes, 1 shrine and 1 tool box are being left for fuller description of exactly what was wanted by him."

As his file does not indicate as of this date that a further shipment was made to him will you kindly check to see if there is anything being held in storage under this person's name; also, if there is anything of a personal nature being held under Toshio Nishikawa's name.

E. Robertson

Nov. 12/46

ONE Photo only in 604 Cordoba

Block # 9.

Wm Wills

MEMORANDUM

To: Files 10807 (Tomajiro NISHIKAWA)
1180 (Tomi NISHIKAWA - son)
10971 (Haruyo NISHIKAWA)
11324 (Saitaro NISHIKAWA)
1774 (Toshio NISHIKAWA)

November 2, 1946

Re: Chattels left at premises known as
533 E. 7th Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.

The above real property was formerly owned and occupied by Tomajiro NISHIKAWA and in his declaration form dated May 27, 1942 he declared the following household effects as being left at 533 West 7th Avenue, stating the key to the premises would be left in the hands of H. Hargreaves, agent:

HOUSE:

Wood Stove
Gas Range
Gas Heater
Linoleum
Carpets
Blinds
China & glassware

Furniture & Decorational
equipment
Flower arrangement & equip-
ment
Clothing
Household goods
Recreational equipments
Automobile equipment

BACK HOUSE:

Flower Pots and garden tools
Tool Box
Furniture and clothing
Stove
Bamboo Baskets

No chattels were declared by Tomajiro's wife and her file has been closed.

Besides the above goods, Tomajiro Nishikawa declared a list of articles as being stored at Campbell's Storage, Vancouver. According to a letter on file 1180 dated October 28, 1943 a trunk was shipped by Campbell Storage to Tomie Nishikawa (son), thus leaving five pieces belonging to this family. The following goods are those declared by Tomajiro as being at Campbell's Storage:

Cut glass	Chinaware	Clothing & Curtains
Silverware	Books	Bear Skin
Household goods	Binoculars	Writings

Information on file and our letter of authority to Campbell Storage dated June 18, 1945 would indicate that all the above goods stored at Campbell's were shipped to Tomajiro Nishikawa at Kinta Mine, B. C.

In a letter dated June 10, 1942, Mr. Hargreaves informed the Custodian that he understood from Tomajiro Nishikawa there was a considerable amount of chattels stored in the attic of 533 E. 7th Avenue and suggested that an inventory be taken before renting the premises. The Custodian therefore advised Hargreaves on June 13, 1942 to obtain some acknowledgment of the goods from the tenant if same were left on the premises when the son, Tomie, vacated. On July 6, 1942 we wrote to Hargreaves giving him authority to enter the upstairs room in which the personal effects were stored to obtain the blinds for the windows of the house and asked him to check at the same time the articles in the room against the list supplied by us (presumably this refers to the list in the JP form) and report any discrepancies, then lock the room and keep the key. There does not appear to be any report on file but on March 26, 1943 Mr. Spain stated in a memo that he was advised by Mr. Hargreaves that the personal property was packed in boxes and stored in a locked attic.

November 2nd, 1946

Re: File 10107, 1180, 10571,
11324 and 1774

On November 2, 1943 under Custodian Release form, Tomijiro asked that we ship to him at Ninto Mine an auto spotlight and hot water heater. We have B.C.S.C. receipt dated January 1, 1944 on file covering these goods. Two shipments of clothing were made to Tomijiro at Ninto Mine under dates of March 21, and April 25, 1945 and covered by C. N. R. and Pacific Great Eastern Express bills respectively.

Tomijiro NISHIKAWA in a letter dated March 14, 1944 stated there were articles belonging to different parties stored with his chattels and he wished to know what would become of these goods after the sale of the real property (it is not indicated on file whether or not the declaration made by Tomijiro included other Japanese chattels besides his own). He was informed by Mr. Spain on March 20, 1944 that the furniture would be taken to our warehouse and there sold at auction and that purely personal items such as clothing, shrines, etc. would be stored in the warehouse for the time being. He advised Nishikawa that friends who left goods on the premises known as 833 W. 7th Avenue should advise us promptly.

All chattels were removed from the above address and sold at Vancouver auctions as follows:

July 12, 1944 -	Vancouver auction No. 27
July 25, 1944 -	" " No. 28
Dec. 21, 1945 -	" " No. 58
Mar. 29, 1946 -	" " No. 99

The following goods are shown as having been abandoned (no value):

July 12, 1944:	3 baskets	1 roll canvas
	1 table	4 white iron beds
	5 H.M. Stools	2 wire springs
July 25, 1944:	1 ironing board (H.M.)	

Ms Haruyo NISHIKAWA (File 10571):

The following articles were declared by Haruyo in her JP form dated June 11, 1942 as being stored on the third floor at 833 W. 7th Avenue:

Kitchenware	Pictures
China	3 sets Japanese dresses

A number of other articles are shown on the declaration form but a subsequent declaration made by Haruyo stated she had sold these additional articles, thus leaving only the above listed goods to be accounted for.

On May 8, 1944 we received a request to ship the following goods to Haruyo Nishikawa:

2 Japanese dresses kept in Japanese basket
 Apple box full of dishes, pictures, Japanese dishes, trays and some glass plates
 Few carpenter tools, machine hammer, wrench, Japanese plane, etc.
 Big aluminum pot with Jujitsu cloth and Japanese books in it
 Big round Japanese grating bowl - brown

November 2, 1945

Files : 11327, 1130, 10971
11324 and 1774

Haruyo Nishikawa - continued

Under date of June 25, 1944 we have on file B. G. Security Commission receipt covering 3 apple boxes of dishes and 1 box of effects for Mrs. Haruyo Nishikawa, and a note at the foot of the Custodian Release form dated May 15, 1944 by the B. G. Security Commission would indicate that the tools were not shipped. No further reference is made on either Haruyo Nishikawa's file or that of Yasujiro Nishikawa regarding tools belonging to Haruyo Nishikawa.

Mr. Toshiro NISHIKAWA (File 1774) and Saitaro NISHIKAWA (File 11324)

(a) Toshiro declared the following chattels in his JP form dated April 7, 1942 as being left at 833 W. 7th Avenue:

1 Trunk (good chair)	2 boxes dinner set
1 Trunk 2 clocks	1 " tea set
1 set silverware	1 " breakfast set
1 toaster	1 " silverware
1 iron	1 " glassware
Shirts, bedspreads and other dry goods	2 " kitchen utensils
	2 " Japanese chinaware
3 room carpets	2 cloth closets
1 card table	4 boxes chinaware
1 (Nishikawa)shant; stand	1 box Japanese books
1 basket (Japanese flower vase)	

(b) Saitaro declared in his JP form dated April 11, 1942 as having been left at 833 W. 7th Avenue the following goods:

7 boxes containing household effects (goods & tools)
2 pictures with frames.

On April 18, 1944 Saitaro Nishikawa requested the B. G. Security Commission to ship him his 7 boxes of goods at 833 W. 7th Avenue and wrote again for same on May 15, 1944, at which time he stated there were many important things, such as Record and cash books of the club, souvenirs, picture frames and school books. He stated that his boxes had his name and registration numbers marked thereon.

In Mr. Green's memo of May 23, 1945 he stated that 3 boxes of effects were shipped to Saitaro Nishikawa on May 25, 1944 and 2 crates of books on June 14, 1944. (It is possible that Mr. Green meant 2 crates of pictures instead of books as that is what is listed on B.G.S.C. receipt on file under that date). It is stated on the above-mentioned B.G. Security Commission receipt that the balance of 4 boxes, 1 shrine and 1 tool box were being left for a fuller description of exactly what was wanted by Saitaro. This memo also states that contents of 833 W. 7th Avenue were finally moved to storage and sold at auction as Yasujiro's on July 12 and July 25, 1944, except the following items listed on Custodian inventory No. 561 dated July 12, 1944 and marked "T. & S. Nishikawa":

6 cases, 1 basket, 4 cartons, 1 shrine and photographs.

November 2, 1946

Under date of June 1, 1944 Custodian Release was filed by Saitaro for pictures and frames, photographs, souvenirs, school books and club record books and according to U.S. Security Commission receipt on file dated June 14, 1944 (previously mentioned) 2 crates of pictures were sent to Saitaro and a note on the receipt states that balances of release not shipped until fuller description obtained, and that 4 boxes, 1 shrine and tool box were left.

In an endeavor to clear up the chattel situation and have the chattels belonging to Toshio and Saitaro identified we wrote to Toshio, Saitaro and Tomijiro under date of June 1st, 1945.

To Toshio we pointed out that our records indicated that his wife (now deceased) did not register until August 25, 1942 when she declared 7 boxes of kitchenware left at 833 W. 7th Avenue and as he (Toshio) was evacuated on April 9, 1942 we assumed that the additional articles declared by him had been disposed of or taken with them at the time of evacuation.

To Saitaro we stated that some of his effects left at 833 W. 7th Avenue had been shipped to him in 1944 and the balance left for a fuller description of what was required from him but this does not appear to have been received. We advised that the remaining contents of the house had been sold, except for a few purely personal items, and the proceeds credited to Tomijiro's account. We advised Toshio also that all goods had been sold under Tomijiro's name.

In our letter to Tomijiro of the same date, namely June 1, 1945, we referred him to our letter of November 18, 1944 in which we sent him copies of auction sheets 27 and 28 and now advised that it appears that some of the effects then sold probably were the property of Toshio and Saitaro. We enclosed a copy of our letters to Toshio and Saitaro in which we advised them that we were writing to Tomijiro advising him that some of the articles sold possibly belonged to them and it was quite in order for them to write to Tomijiro regarding same. We asked Tomijiro if he had been able to identify as theirs any of the items appearing on the auction sheets sent to him in November. On June 18, 1945 we again wrote to Tomijiro stating that in reply to a letter dated June 10, 1945 from Saitaro we had sent him a copy of Auction No. 28 and also sent one to Toshio advising that until we heard from both of the them (Saitaro and Toshio) as to items, if any, belonging to them we could not proceed with the matter of chattels. We advised that a copy of our letter to him (Tomijiro) was being sent to Toshio and a copy to Saitaro for their information. In Saitaro's letter of June 10th he requested that the purely personal items belonging to him be sent to him. Our records at this date do not indicate that any shipment was made.

On July 5, 1945 we received a letter, jointly signed by Toshio and Saitaro, acknowledging receipt of copy of our letter to Tomijiro and the auction sheet No. 28, and both stated that on looking through the list they could not tell whether they were their things or not. They stated when they left Vancouver they had put their things in separate boxes which had their names and registration numbers marked thereon. We wrote to Saitaro on July 20th and stated we did not discover names or registration numbers on the boxes and that he should be able to separate his items on the auction sheets sent to him. Saitaro wrote on February 4, 1946 stating that of all his chattels he had only received 2 pictures with frames and on the auction sheets sent to him he could not identify his chattels. He valued his goods at \$500.00. We wrote to him on February 12, 1946 and again advised that all chattels at 833 W. 7th had been sold in Tomijiro's name and there was nothing on the chattels to indicate they belonged to him. We advised same had been shipped to him on May 25 and June 14/44 and if he wished to claim other items he would have to communicate

with Yuzifiro Nishikawa and have him write directly to us and indicate exactly what belonged to him. (When this letter was written apparently Mr. Spain was unaware that Yuzifiro Nishikawa had died as of September 17, 1945). No further comments regarding matters have been received from any of the parties concerned.

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February 12th, 1946.

Mr. Seitaro NISHIKAWA,
Reg. No. 07210,
YASUME, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of the 4th instant and in reply would inform you that all chattels removed from 833 West 7th Ave. were moved and sold in the name of Tomijiro NISHIKAWA. There was nothing marked on the chattels to indicate that they belonged to you.

Some boxes that could be identified at the time were shipped to you by the Department of Labour on May 25th, 1944 and again on June 14th, 1944, they shipped two crates of pictures.

If you wish to claim any other items, it will be necessary for you to communicate with Mr. Tomijiro NISHIKAWA and have him write to us and indicate exactly what belonged to you.

Yours truly,

G. B. Spain
Protection Department.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Address: Vancouver, B.C.

Date: June 1, 1944.

To: The Secretary of State, acting in his capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.

I, NISHIKAWA, Seitaro, Police Registration No. 07210

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted articles stored at 555 West 7th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

in possession of Custodian

and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to such articles, and ship same through the B.C. Security Commission.

Description of articles wanted:

Pictures & Frames

Shipped by B.C.S. Com.

Photographs

Souvenirs of Japan - pictures etc.

not located

School Books

Club Record Books

Original Address: 555 West 7th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

Date Evacuated to Present Address: _____

Total Number in Family: _____

CHARGES:

I agree to pay all charges as required by the British Columbia Security Commission.

Deposit received: \$ 5.00

Approved: BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: W. Kolus

Seitaro Nishikawa
(Claimant Signs Here)

2 crates pictures shipped - balance waiting for fuller description