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**BUREAU HASTINGS PARK
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION**

FILE NO. 11570

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

NAME: OYAMA, ShotaroHOME ADDRESS: Now at Hastings Park, Vancouver, B. C. REGISTRATION No. 04048SEX: male AGE: 48 MARRIED? noOCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: Motion Picture Operator -- selfNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: ---- ADDRESS: ----NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: ---- ADDRESS: ----

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia.

Dated this 20th day of July 1942.

(Signature)

WITNESS: Mita MikiShotaro Oyama

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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date

July 19/43

Our File No. 11570

Full Name

OYAMA, Shataro (Deid)
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 04048

Male - Female
(check)

Age

Jan. 19, 1894

Former Address

396 Powell St, City

Date Evacuated

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address

Deceased
Died on Feb. 3/43 at Grand Forks

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife

Name of Husband

Name of Mother

(nee) Iwata Tsuna

Name of Father

Minosuke (Deid)

Names of Children under 16

04685

Requested by

Pearl

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Motion Picture Operator

GENERAL SUMMARY

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January 23, 1947.

Re: Shotaro OYAMA, Deceased,
Registration No. 04048.

Shotaro OYAMA died at Grand Forks on February 3, 1943. He was single, and according to the information supplied by the B. C. Security Commission at the time of his death, he was survived by his mother, Tsuma, file #7436, and two brothers, Masaharu, file # 2801, and Masamitsu, file #2822.

The deceased declared no assets to the Custodian but in a copy of his will, translated from the Japanese, forwarded to this office by the B. C. Security Commission on March 2, 1943, he bequeathed his motion picture projector, attachments and films, to his brother, Masamitsu. As this projector was taken by Shotaro Oyama outside the Protected Area, this machine was not vested in the Custodian. Therefore, there were no assets belonging to the deceased, of which we have knowledge, which came under the control of the Custodian.

Claims were filed against the deceased as follows:

Prudential Trust Company (back rent).....	\$85.00
Dr. M. Uchida.....	15.00
B. C. Security Commission.....	550.00

The creditors were advised of the state of Oyama's affairs and that this office had suggested to Tsuma OYAMA, mother of the deceased, that she apply for probate of the will. The claim of Dr. Uchida was later withdrawn.

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

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File No. 11570

January 24th, 1944.

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Shoburo OTAMA - Reg. No. 06048

CREDITORS:-

1. Prudential Trust Co. Ltd. \$ 85.00

NO FURTHER ACTION BY "CLAIMS".

/s/

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23rd March, 1943.

H. L. Brown, Esq.,
British Columbia Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs

Re: Shotaro OYAMA, Deceased
Registration No. 04048

Thank you for your letter dated March 18th which I have taken the liberty of discussing with Mr. G. W. McPherson.

As the Bell & Howell projector machine was taken by the late Mr. Shotaro Oyama outside the protected area, said machine has not vested in the Custodian. We have already advised you that we have no assets under our control of the late Mr. Shotaro Oyama although we do have knowledge of claims against the late Mr. Shotaro Oyama, particulars of which have already been sent to you, but for purposes of clarification we may state that they consist of \$85.00 covering rental arrears claimed by the Prudential Trust Company Limited, and \$15.00 for medical services claimed by Dr. K. Uchida.

It is therefore suggested that your supervisor in Greenwood might be well advised to instruct Tama Oyama, Registration No. 04685, to arrange for probate of the will of the late Mr. Shotaro Oyama or that she arrange for Mr. Masabaru Oyama or Mr. Masamitsu Oyama, Registration Nos. 09770 and 11318 respectively, to assist her in obtaining probate.

Yours truly,

H. P. Alexander
Manager

HPA:LF

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5th March, 1943.

M. L. Brown, Esq.,
British Columbia Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Shotaro OYAMA, Deceased
Registration No. 94042

We wish to thank you for letter dated March 2nd from Mr. D. W. Simmons in connection with the late Mr. Oyama mentioned above, and also for forwarding to us copy of translation made into English of what is represented to have been an original will written in Japanese.

As you will have learned from our letter to you dated February 17th, we have on file claims against the late Mr. Oyama totalling exactly \$100.00.

We understand that your supervisor in Greenwood is arranging to take possession of the motion picture machine pending settlement of the estate.

In view of the steps you have already taken we would appreciate your advising us whether it is your intention to arrange to prove the will, arrange for probate, get in touch with the next of kin, determine all other possible beneficiaries and determine legally whether a specific bequest is permitted in British Columbia under such circumstances to take precedence over funeral and testamentary expenses and over other claims against the estate. We would appreciate hearing from you as to the nature of your claims of about \$550.00 against the late Mr. Oyama. If the Security Commission does not intend to take the necessary steps towards winding up the estate, please advise us of the full names, police registration numbers and current addresses of all of the near relatives of Mr. Oyama.

In conclusion we would also appreciate any information which your supervisor in Greenwood is able to obtain for us from Mr. Masamitsu Oyama as to the ownership of the motion picture machine, and if the owner was the late Mr. Oyama, how long had he been in possession of the machine.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:LF

(COPY)

JANUARY 14, 1943.
GREENWOOD, B. C.

UPON MY DEATH, I, SHOTARO OYAMA, DO HEREBY GIVE
AND BEQUEATH TO MY BROTHER MASAMITSU, A MOVING PICTURE
PROJECTOR AND ALL ATTACHMENTS AND FILMS.

I DO HEREBY DECLARE THIS TO BE MY LAST WILL AND
TESTAMENT.

WITNESS;

Hikotaro Shiomi

Shotaro Oyama

SEE MARCO 2, 1943.

REGISTERED
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAMES EDWARDS
RECEIVED
NOV 25 1942

Alexander

Prudential Trust Company
LIMITED

HEAD OFFICE: MONTREAL

210-215 STOCK EXCHANGE BLDG.
475 HOWE STREET

VANCOUVER, B. C.

TELEPHONE
PACIFIC 7448-7449

November 24, 1942.

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

Attention Mr. R.P. Alexander

Dear Sirs:

Re: S. Oyama

We have for acknowledgment your letter of the 10th instant in connection with the above. The claim which we filed with you some time ago, against Mr. Oyama, for \$85.00 was for arrears of rent owing by him while occupying rooms at the Hepworth Block, Steveston, B.C.

Our Company manages this block under an Estate and Mr. Oyama was one of our tenants. At the present time the amount still owing is \$85.00.

After he left the Hepworth Block at Steveston he was staying, until he was evacuated, at the World Hotel, 396 Powell Street. At the time of Mr. Oyama's evacuation we were advised by other Japanese that his address was Box 3, Hope, B. C.

We regret that we do not know Mr. Oyama's first name but we trust the above information will help you in this matter.

Yours very truly,

PRUDENTIAL TRUST COMPANY LIMITED,

J. M. Edwards
Assistant Branch Manager.

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November 10, 1942.

Messrs. Prudential Trust Co., Ltd.,
475 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: S. Oyama

We do not appear to have on file any information as yet regarding the S. Oyama said to be indebted to you to the extent of \$85.00 as set forth in your claim dated April 29, 1942.

Would you please be good enough to confirm the spelling of the name, providing us with the full first name, the address of the above individual at the time of the transaction involved, the date and nature of the transaction, the present status of the claim in question, together with any other particulars of a nature which would be helpful to us identifying Mr. S. Oyama.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

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