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PERSONAL

BUREAU POWELL STREET
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. _____

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: KAWASHIRI Iwaichi
HOME ADDRESS: 134 Powell St., Vancouver, B. C.
REGISTRATION NUMBER 02800 SEX: Male AGE: 44
OCCUPATION: Rooming house, "Cascade Rooms," 134 Powell St.
Business is now sold.

(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: Ryu
ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: same as above
NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Toshiko (F) 7758

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: same as above
AGE OF CHILDREN: 16 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: 134 Powell St., Vancouver, B. C.
Rooming house, 60 rooms, brick building, 2 storeys.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Waghorn, Gwynn & Co., 525 Seymour St., Vancouver, B. C.

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: \$140.00 per month. Declarant left for camp on March 11, and has just returned. His business was finished at the end of April and 4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: none (the rent all paid.

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: 1758 W. 7th Ave., Vancouver, B. C.

1 kitchen cupboard, 1 trunk of books, 2 baskets of books.

These things have been left at the above address in the

care of Mr. S. Sasaki. Mr. Sasaki, (owner) has rented the house

and gone to Hope. Declarant does not know whether there is an

agent. The above listed property will be left in the care of the

tenant.

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS: none

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY: none

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

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) _____

Declarant has about \$500.00 owing to him for room rent.

N Declarant states he will send the list in later.

none on file as per 1-5-42

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts) _____

none

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: _____

none

9. LIFE INSURANCE: Confederation Life Insurance Co. \$2500.00. /

Policy number unknown. Beneficiary wife, Ryu. Policy in own 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 23rd day of July 1942.

(Signature)

*Isaichi Kawashiri**D.M. Chope*
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE _____

✓
✓
INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

11677

Date

Apr. 12/43.

Our File No.

11677

Full Name

KAWASHIRE

Iwaichi

(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No.

02800

✓
Male - Female
(check)

Age

Oct. 21, 1897

Former Address

134. Powell St., City

Date Evacuated

Mar. 11/42.

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check) ✓

Present Address

131 Maria St. Jan/49
Toronto

Locan, B.C.

To Mrs. Joseph Tomlinson, Oakville, Ontario
Dec 21/48
26/5/47

✓
Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife

Ryu #02799

Name of Husband

Name of Mother

In Japan

Name of Father

In Japan

Names of Children under 16

Toshiko Oct 21, 1925 #15088

Requested by

ECP

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Rooming House

58-29

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File 11677

May 31, 1947.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

Re: MAEASHIRE, Iwachi - Reg. No. 02800.

This file reveals no liabilities.

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

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C. Guind
May 31, 1947.

CHATELAIN SUMMARY

File No. 12818
File No. 11297

Toshiaki SUMI (Mr.)
Oiso SUMI (Mrs. Toshiaki)

Reg. No. 07918
Reg. No. 07926

In his JP form dated September 8, 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, Oiso 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 11297)

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 these up on the premises and leave them there for the duration of the war, and that any stock on hand at that 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. 188 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 E.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. McNeill, 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 28, 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. Donnelly (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:

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June 6, 1945 - Vancouver Auction 46:	\$ 9.47 net	
July 6 " " " 48:	18.27 "	
Sept. 5 " " " 51:	34.25 "	(12 items from T. Sani & 2 from I. Kawashiri)
Dec. 7/45 " " " 56:	3.36	
Mar. 29, 1946 " " " 59:	.65	(Trans'd to I. Kawashiri)
Feb. 28, 1945: Vancouver Auction 41:		1.13 * (credited to wife's account)

Iwachi KAWASHIRI, File 11677, declared in a letter dated June 1, 1945 that prior to evacuation they removed their property from 1612 W. 4th Avenue to the home of Mr. Toshiaki Sani, 1612 W. 2nd Avenue, namely 2 boxes (horis) and 1 trunk with their name labelled thereon. (In his JP form these goods were declared to be at 1758 W. 7th Avenue, Vancouver and the trunk and horis were stated to be full of books). He received a letter from T. Sani dated June 1, 1946 advising that among the chattels at 1612 W. 2nd were a black trunk and two horis 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 (horis are missing), and debiting Sani's account accordingly.

On May 16, 1947 we wrote to T. Sani advising that although other Japanese persons had declared goods left at 1612 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 those persons declaring goods left at these premises (with the exception of certain repatriates mentioned later in this memo), with the following results:

- (a) Sayaka MURA (File 11323): Two letters, one Sept. 8/47 and one Sept. 25/47, were written to Mrs. Mura 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. Sani's name but not declared by either Mr. or Mrs. Sani are now being transferred to Mrs. Mura's account as a kitchen cupboard and 2 chests of drawers are shown on her declaration. Mrs. Mura's other effects would appear to be missing.
- (b) Mrs. OZUTANI (File 11254): On writing to Mrs. Ozutani stating that no goods were found at 1612 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. Sani, declared a dining room table this was credited to him and Mrs. Ozutani is being advised that her table was not found by the Custodian at the time the goods were removed to auction.
- (c) Onie TOSHIMA (File 11271): 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-

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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 11241 and 11242):

Mr. Watanabe in his declaration of Apr. 11/42 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:

Fumiko SUMI, File 11229
Hirochika SUMI - File 2498

Isayo TESHIMA, File 11232
Masako IMA, 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 stove 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:



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

/m

PHONE PACIFIC 6131

PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. 11677

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

505 ROYAL BANK BLDG.
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE
VANCOUVER, B. C.

May 31, 1947.

REGISTERED

Mr. Iwaichi KAWASHIRI,
Reg. No. 02800,
C/o Mrs. Joseph Tomlinson,
Oakville, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We enclose herewith our cheque in the amount of \$8.28 which represents the total balance standing to the credit of your account. This is derived from the sale of the trunk and books which Toshiaki Sumi and Harry Adachi indicated belonged to you.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this cheque.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson

F. Matheson,
Office of the Custodian.

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Enclosure (1)

Returned through mail

Cl. f. returned for re-deposit

NAME KAWASHIMA, Tetschi

REGISTRATION NO. 02800

FILE NO. 11677

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 721 East Hastings St. E., Vancouver March 20th, 1946
ver, B.C. *filed 16/9/46*

Books	{ Transferred from file 12312, September 16, 1946. <i>C. Girard</i>	\$ 0.40
Books		0.25
Books		0.25

Total		\$ 0.90
Less Expenses:	(Auctioneer's Fee: \$0.11 (Advertising: 0.02 (Movings: 0.12	\$ 0.25
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$ 0.65

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 59.

Remarks.

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NAME KAWASHIRI, Iwaichi

REGISTRATION NO. 02800

FILE NO. 11677

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at 992 Powell St., Vancouver, B.C. September 5, 1945.

Trunk

*Transferred from file 12818
September 16, 1946
C.G.*

Filed 16/9/46
\$ 9.00

Total

(Auctioneer's Fee: \$0.90

\$ 9.00

Less Expenses:

(Advertising: 0.57

\$ 2.92

(Moving: 1.45

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 6.08

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Vancouver 51

Remarks.

✓

NAME KATAMORI, Isaochi

REGISTRATION NO. 02800

FILE NO. 11677

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Vancouver, B. C. on December 14th, 1945.

Ledger
Books

\$ 1.25
.75

Total

\$ 2.00

Less Expenses:

(Auctioneer's Fee \$.20
(Advertising .10
(Moving .15

\$.45

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 1.55

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver 37

Remarks.

✓

NAME KAWAGUCHI, Toshiaki

REGISTRATION NO. 02800

FILE NO. 11677

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 332 Powell, Vancouver, B.C. on April 5, 1944.

1 Saw

Transferred to file 12677

\$ 0.70

May 31, 1947

C.S.

Total:

\$ 0.70

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$0.07

\$ 0.17

(Advertising: 0.01

(Moving: 0.02

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 0.53

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Vancouver 16

Remarks.

NAME KAWASHIRO, Isaoichi

REGISTRATION NO. 02800

FILE NO. 11677

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 992 Powell, Vancouver, B.C. on March 24, 1944.

Table

*Transferred to file
12677- May 31, 1947
P.C.*

\$ 0.50

Total:

\$ 0.50

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$0.05
(Advertising: 0.01
(Moving: 0.03

\$ 0.09

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 0.41

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering list No.

Vancouver 15

Remarks. *no inventory*

TO: Miss C. Girard

August 6, 1946

FROM: E. Robertson

Re: Iwaichi KAWASHIRI, #02800 - File 11677 and
Toshiaki SUMI, #07918, File No. 12818.

In accordance with a letter received from Toshiaki Sumi dated June 1, 1946, will you kindly transfer from the account of Toshiaki Sumi to the account of Iwaichi Kawashiri, the following:

¹¹⁶⁷⁷
Vancouver Auction 51 (Sept. 5/45): Trunk \$9.00 (Gross)

Vancouver Auction 59 (Mar. 29/46): Books .65 (Net)

Accounting Department:

Vancouver 116 Charge to File 12818, SUMI, Toshiaki
Credit to 11677 - KAWASHIRI, Iwaichi - Realized: \$9.00 / Less Ex: \$2.92 - Credited: \$6.08
" " 12818 SUMI, Toshiaki " \$41.70 " " \$13.53 " \$28.17

Vancouver 59: Charge to File 12818, SUMI Toshiaki:
Credit to 11677 - KAWASHIRI, Iwaichi - Realized: \$0.90 -- Less Ex: \$0.25 - " \$0.65

Transferred, September 16, 1946.

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August 6, 1946.

Mr. Harry ADACHI,
Reg. No. 10299,
STRATTON, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the chattels left by your father-in-law, Mr. Iwaichi Kawashiri, at 1642 West Second Avenue, we wish to advise that we have received from Mr. Kawashiri a list of the contents of the trunk and 2 kosis, which reads as follows:

- (a) As enumerated by Mrs. Adachi enclosed herewith
- (b) High School text books of Toshie Kawajiri
- (c) English-Japanese Dictionary
- (d) Japanese text books and dictionaries
- (e) "Capital" by Karl Marx, other novels and photographs

We do not appear to have received the enclosure referred to in section (a). Possibly Mrs. Adachi could supply this information.

A quantity of books have been sold, and having been found in the house of Mr. Toshiaki SUMI have been treated as his property. We have had a letter from Mr. SUMI reporting that the trunk and 2 kosis are the property of Mr. Kawashiri. It will take a little time to straighten out this matter, but as soon as it has been cleared up, we will forward to Mr. Kawashiri the proceeds of the sale of his goods.

Photographs would, of course, not be sold. Every effort will be made to locate these.

You will understand that goods that carried no identification presented quite a problem for us.

Any further assistance you can give us; such as the missing list (a) mentioned in Mr. Kawashiri's letter, and any description that might help us locate the photographs, will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Protection Department.

/FM

May 7, 1946.

MEMORANDUM To Files 11677
& 12818

From F. Matheson

Re: Chattels left at 1642 W 2nd Ave. Vancouver - File 12818

With reference to letter of June 1, 1943, from Iwachi KAWASHIRI, File 11677, concerning a trunk and two kosis left at 1642 W 2nd Ave., we have recently received a letter from Harry ADACHI, File 2985, son-in-law of Iwachi KAWASHIRI, which gives the following information:

"There is one trunk and two "kosis" (straw-boxes) full of books left in your care under my father-in-law's name, I. Kawashiri. At the time of his departure to road camp in the very beginning of evacuation there was no time to place it in your care so he left it with Toshiaki SUMI, 1642 W. 2nd Ave. Vancouver, B.C., who in turn reported to the Custodian with other articles left in his home. We request that these (1 trunk and two kosis of books) be returned to us or to my father, I. Kawashiri."

Toshiaki SUMI declared a dining-room table and a bookcase, but Inventory No. 188 shows that quite a quantity of chattels were removed from these premises to 604 Cordova, among these were two boxes of books and one trunk. These items were sold, apparently, as there is one trunk on Auction #31, September 5, /45 and books on Auction #79, March 29, /46. It is not quite clear that the trunk as well as the kosis contained books and it is possible that some of the other items sold for the account of Toshiaki SUMI were the property of ADACHI or KAWASHIRI.

Probably other chattels credited to the account of Toshiaki SUMI may not be his property but those of persons who stored stuff in his house.

F. Matheson