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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: YAMASHITA, Tsunehei

HOME ADDRESS: 3014 Wall St., Vancouver, B. C. Now in care of
Katara Singh, R. R. #3, Kelowna, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 01897 SEX: Male AGE:

OCCUPATION: Farming. Half share at Katara Singh,
R.R. #3, Kelowna, B.C.

(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: Katara Singh

MARRIED? Yes.

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Teka Yamashita

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: % Katara Singh, R.R. #3, Kelowna, B.C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Katter Yamashita (Shigeru)
file 2366

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Chestwood, B.C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 23 years

STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 3014 Wall St., Vancouver, B. C.
known as Lot 37, except C.P.R. Right-of-way, Hastings
Townsite, Group 1, New Westminster District.2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: One 2 storey frame dwelling
House--5 rooms, one woodshed.

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are)

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) Approximate \$29³⁰ per year Payable at
Vanc. City Hall.

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) Occupied by Mrs. Grimes

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS.
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST.
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 3014 Hall St., Jacksonville, Fla. known as

Feb 27, except 2 P.M. Right of way Kootenai-Journalite, Broughton, New Westminster Dist.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: JAMES H. YAMAGUCHI
% AGATOR HING H, RR #3, KELAUNA, HI

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: 3014 Hall St., Vancouver, B.C.
5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid)
- Mrs. Emma 3014 Hall St., Vancouver, B.C. After the allowance of the first five months rent, the rent will be \$10.00 per month
6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN.

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS: —
One bed, two bureaus and a telephone desk
upstairs and two tables downstairs

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY.

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: _____

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF
OTHERS: _____

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) _____

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

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: *At the Royal Bank of Canada, Kelowna Branch.*

9. LIFE INSURANCE: _____

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: _____

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: _____

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: _____

2. TRADE DEBTS: _____

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 *21st* day of *October* 1942.

(Signature) *T. Yamashita*

S. J. J. J.
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE _____

P.D.
INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE July 15, 1943

Our File No. 12677

Full Name YAMASHITA, Tsunehai
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 01897

Male - Female
(Check)

Age Mar. 10, 1889

Former Address 3014 Wall St., Vancouver, B. C.

Date Evacuated 4/3/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address c/o Jacob Schneider, R. R. #1, Kelowna, B. C.

C/o Leuit Stokke, Whistler, B.C. (Apr 9/47)

Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife ^{nee} (KURAMOTO) Take #01896

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother Dec'd

Name of Father Dec'd

Names of Children under 16 _____

Requested by LF

Registered with Custodian yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Boon man, House

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File No. 12677

YAMASHITA, Tsunehei (Mr.)

Reg. No. 01897

Civic Address: 3014 Wall St., Vancouver.

Legal Description: Lot 37, (except right of way)
Town of Hastings, Suburban Lands

Classification: Dwelling

The Custodian has no further interest
in this property as it is Crown Land.

1944

Mar. 14th
Apr. 5th

Chattels removed & sold at auction
Memo re Claims (Paid)

This file requires no further
attention.

[illegible]

NAME YAMASHITA, Tamekichi

REGISTRATION NO. 01897

FILE NO. 12677

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 932 Powell, Vancouver, on March 14, 1944.

Brought Forward

* Smokers Stand	\$0.50
Dresser	3.00
Dresser	5.00
Ironing board & mats	2.35
Card table & ironing board	0.25
Book shelf	0.25
Cross Cut Saw	1.75
3 Fly sheets	2.75
3 Tables	0.50
Wooden cabinet	0.35
Milk can & oil can	0.80

\$8.63 gross
\$6.91 net

Total:

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: *\$4.69 3.71*

(Advertising: *0.69 .56*

(Moving: *2.96 3.23*

Net Proceeds Credited:

46.05 37.20
9.24 7.60
37.51 30.60

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Vancouver 13

Remarks.

Transferred to Chattel Surplus
Jan. 6/49
J. May

NAME YAMASHITA, ToshiakiREGISTRATION NO. 01897FILE NO. 12677

The following chattels were sold by public
 auction at 902 Powell, Vancouver, B.C. on March 14, 1944.

Crockery	\$ 0.50
Wire basket & contents	0.70
* Tray & contents	1.25
* Tray & plate	0.50
2 cartons & contents	1.75
2 Boxes & contents	0.50
3 Bins & wire	0.25
3 Bins of paper	0.75
* Wire basket & pail	0.50
Lunch box & 2 hats	0.50
Screens & baskets	0.25
Jap. Electric machine	5.00
Christmas decorations	0.25
Table lamp	0.25
Table lamp	0.25
Goose neck lamp	1.80
Basket & contents	0.50
Lantern & lamp	0.30
8 Pictures	0.60
3 Trays	1.25
Household scales	1.85
3 Jardinieres	0.85
Jardinere & glass	0.50
Carton of radio parts	1.25
Glassware	1.00
Roaster & miscellaneous	0.50
11 Lacquer bowls	0.55
Smokers stand	1.80
Total: Carried Forward	
Insurance	
Postage	
Commission	
Net Proceeds	
Amount of cash received	
Balance	

* Transferred to chattel suspense
 Jan. 6/49
 J. May

*Original
to
for June 11/47*

NAME YAMASHITA, Tomoharu

REGISTRATION NO. 03897

FILE NO. 12677

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 992 Powell, Vancouver, B.C. on March 14, 1944.

Grocery	\$ 0.50
Wire basket & contents	0.70
1 Tray & contents	1.25
1 Tray & plate	0.30
2 cartons & contents	1.75
2 Boxes & contents	0.50
3 Bins & wire	0.25
3 Bins of paper	0.75
1 Wire basket & plate	0.50
Lunch box & 2 hats	0.50
Screens & baskets	0.25
Jap. Electric machine	5.00
Christmas decorations	0.25
Table lamp	0.25
Table lamp	0.25
Cassock lamp	1.80
Basket & contents	0.50
Lantern & lamp	0.30
8 Pictures	0.60
3 Trays	1.25
Household scales	1.85
5 Jardineros	0.85
Jardinero & glass	0.50
Carton of radio parts	1.25
Glassware	1.00
Roaster & miscellaneous	0.30
11 Lacquer bowls	0.55
Smokers stand	1.80
Total: Carried Forward	
Less expenses:	
Net proceeds credited:	

~~Received by Auctioneer's Clerk Present~~

~~Received from Auctioneer's List No.~~

~~Remarks.~~

*Transferred to Chattel Suspense
Jan. 6/47*

NAME YAMASHITA, Tomoharu

REGISTRATION NO. 01897

FILE NO. 12677

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 992 Powell, Vancouver, on March 11, 1944.

Brought Forward		
* Smokers Stand		\$0.50
* Dresser		2.00
* Dresser		5.00
Ironing board & mats		2.35
Card table & ironing board		0.25
Book shelf		0.25
Cross Cut Saw		1.75
3 Fly sheets		2.75
3 Tables		0.50
Wooden cabinet		0.35
Milk can & oil can		0.80

Total:

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee: \$4.49 3.21
(Advertising: 0.09 .66
(Moving: 3.23 3.23

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$36.00

\$ 7.60

\$28.40

Members of Custodian Staff Present, Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Vancouver 13

Remarks.

** Transferred to chattel suspense
Jan. 6/49
J. May*

CLAIM

File No. 12677

DATE

First List

CREDITOR

Komura Bros. Ltd.

DEBTOR

T. Yamashita
3014 Wall Street

AMOUNT OWING

\$1.98 ✓

AGENT

Nil.

ORIGINAL FILE

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CLAIM

File No. 12677

DATE

First List

CREDITOR

Dr. M. Uchida,
439 Powell St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

DEBTOR

Tsunehei Yamashita
3014 Wall
Vancouver, B. C.

AMOUNT OWING

\$9.00

AGENT

Nil.

ORIGINAL FILE

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(Withdrawn)

E.B.

September 21st 1942.

File Number 12677

Registration Number 01897

YAMASHITA, Tsunehi.

3014 Wall Street, Vancouver, B. C.

LOCATION AND NATURE OF PROPERTY:

3014 Wall Street, Vancouver, B. C.
Lot 37, except C.P.R. Right-of-way, Hastings
Townsite, Group 1, New Westminster District.

OWNERSHIP:

YAMASHITA, Tsunehi.

BUILDING:

This is a two storey brown shingle frame house, situated on the south side of Wall Street between Trinity and Yale Streets, facing the Canadian Pacific Railway Tracks. There is no roadway at the front of this property, neither is there a lane at the back, the only means of access to this property is by a trail from Trinity Street crossing some vacant lots. There is a small verandah across the front of the house; this verandah is in very poor condition. The front door enters into a living-room; to the right of the living-room is a kitchen, off which is a bathroom. To the left of the living-room is a small hallway off which there is one bedroom and stairway going upstairs. At the head of the stairs there is a hall off which are two bedrooms. There is no basement in this house; the only means of heating is by stoves.

The interior of the house is in very poor condition - there is no lock for the front door and it is bolted on the inside. The back door is padlocked and we found a ring of keys on this property but none of the keys fit in any of the locks. Downstairs is plastered and upstairs is beaver board and three ply wood.

At the back of the house there is a metal lean-to in which are situated the aforementioned Japanese bathroom and separate toilet, the only means of access is by entering the door from the back yard. There is a comparatively new woodshed at the back. There is a combination padlock on the door and we were unable to see what was inside. There is also an open woodshed filled with junk.

LAND:

The Lot is 66ft. wide, with a depth of 78.5 ft. on the east side of Trinity and 79.46 ft. on the west side.

ASSESSMENT:

Assessment of Land	\$ 465.00
Assessment of Building	\$ 450.00
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$ 915.00</u>

INSURANCE:

*Oct 12/42
letter from Yamashita advised
they have no fire ins.*

We note from the J.P. Form that you have no information regarding Insurance, and as the owner was not on the property we were unable to obtain this information. We are instructing the Manager of our Insurance Department to hold this property covered in the amount of \$800.00 until such time as we can obtain this information.

FINANCIAL POSITION:

Regarding the financial position of this property, we note on your J.P. Form that the Certificate of Title is in the possession of the owner and as only the 1942 taxes are outstanding we consider the financial position of this property

good.

Regarding the personal financial position of the owner, as Mr. Yamashita has already been evacuated it was impossible for us to check same.

FURNITURE:

We have checked the Inventory of Furniture as mentioned on the J.P. Form and find all these articles on the property. In addition the following articles are also on the premises.

LIVING-ROOM:

- 2 clothes dryers
- 1 small round table
- 1 small square table
- 1 large round table
- 2 smoking stands
- 4 pictures (on wall)
- 1 wooden kitchen chair
- 1 wicker chair
- 2 small glass windows
- 1 canvass deck seat
- 1 front door rug
- 1 wicker basket with miscellaneous dishes

KITCHEN:

- 1 small table
- 1 chair
- 1 meat safe
- 2 mops
- 2 brooms
- 1 garbage can
- 1 hose
- 1 Japanese tub
- 1 towel
- 1 ladies dress

DOWNSTAIRS BEDROOM:

- 1 mattress
- 1 small table

UPSTAIRS:

- 1 workman's helmet
- 1 Badmington Racket in case (broken)
- 1 bookcase
- 1 bedstead
- 1 mattress
- 1 small stool
- 1 arm chair
- 1 mosquito screen
- 1 chair
- 1 picture frame
- 1 small rug

With regard to the articles stored in the woodshed at the rear of the property, we understand that these articles belong to a Japanese who is known as "Mike" and is at present working in Kitchen "A" at Hastings Park. We think these articles could be left in the shed but would suggest that a list of same be procured from "Mike."

REMARKS:

As mentioned before this property is in a very poor location facing the Railway Tracks with no roadway to approach the property, either from the front or the rear. We believe that a rental of \$10.00 per month, as mentioned in our Rental Valuation below, would be the most we could obtain for this property and we believe we could readily obtain a tenant for same at this rental. We note from the J.P. Form that you

state that the property is occupied by Mrs. Uyeda, a relative of the owner. However, there was no evidence that this property is being occupied at the present time.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

We would recommend that this property be rented as soon as possible, and as we have made a report on same it might be advisable to appoint us Agents, as no Agent is shown on your Form. We could then procure a tenant for same, collect the rents and forward same to your Department in the usual manner.

THE RENTAL VALUE:

As stated above, in our opinion the rental value of \$10.00 per month is a fair rental value for this property unfurnished.

THE SALE VALUE:

Due to the very poor location of this property it would be very hard to sell today. However, we would place a value on this property of not more than \$900.00.

This property was inspected on September 21st 1942.

KER & KER LTD.

Per.

Alan M. Ker
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12677

January 23, 1943

Mr. Tsunehel YAMASHITA
Registration No. 01897
c/o Jacob Schneider
R. R. #1
Kelowna, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We have before us your letter of December 8th addressed to Mr. Grimes, and wish to inform you that the B. C. Security Commission, Transportation Department, has been approached re the forwarding of the requested chattels to you.

The following Bonds, etc. were found in your house at 3014 Wall Street, Vancouver, and are now held in our Securities Department, pending the receipt of further information:

- 2 \$100 Japanese Government Bonds (China Emergency Bonds), 1938 issue, Nos. 000007 and 000026.
- 1 \$10 Hypothec Bank of Japan Bond (Earthquake Reconstruction), September 1924 issue, No. 078979.
- 1 Bill of Exchange, Yokohama Specie Bank, No. 44148, \$336.84

Will you kindly inform this office whether the securities are your own or, if not, could you furnish us with such information as would help us to locate the owner of them?

Please give this matter your immediate attention.

Yours truly,

Geo. B. Spain
Protection Department

FTW:NDE

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EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd JAN 30 1943

File No. 12677

Ans.

January 27, 1943

Referred to the Secretary of State

Office of the Custodian

506 Royal Bank Bldg,

Vancouver, B.C.

Re-file # 12677

Dear Sir:

I thank you very much for your letter of January 23rd. Regarding those bonds found in our house at 3014 Hall St. I believe they must belong to the person who were staying at our place before. But he has gone back to Japan a few years ago. I am sure that the above mentioned bonds do not belong to me, because I have not purchased any such bonds.

Yours truly

T. Yamashita

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

Feb. 5/43.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	FEB 8 1943
File No.	12677
Ans.	<i>Bur</i>
Referred	<i>McLennan</i>

Dear Sir:

File No. 12677

Have in receipt your letter of February 2nd. Regarding the information on those Japanese securities, his name is zenzo Yamashita and he left for Japan around August 1940. I'm sorry but that's about the information I know.

Enclosed, please find a tax bill and water bill. Could you please take care of this for me by paying it out of our rent money from our house on 3014 Hall St.?

Thanking you in advance,
I remain,

Yours truly,
T. Yamashita.

File 512677

February 11, 1943

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. B. Good

From: Mr. Wilson

Re: YAMASHITA, Tameho

In connection with the following two bonds and Bill of Exchange found in the house belonging to T. Yamashita at 3014 Hall Street, we have today received word from this Japanese that these are the properties of Zensho Yamashita, who left for Japan around August 1940:

2 \$100 Japanese Government Bonds (China Emergency Bonds), 1938 issue, Nos. 000007 and 000026.

1 \$10 Hypotheek Bank of Japan Bond (Earthquake Reconstruction), September 1924 issue, No. 078979.

1 Bill of Exchange, Yokohama Specie Bank, No. 44148, \$336.84.

GDH/GH

c.c. Mr. E. W. Wright

ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN REFERENCE TO LAND
MATTERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF LANDS



DEPARTMENT OF LANDS
LANDS BRANCH

VICTORIA, B.C.

June 9th 1943

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUN 10 1943
File No.	
Referred	<i>[Signature]</i>

Your File 12677

Ian Macpherson, Esq.,
Title Examiner,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings and Grenville,
Vancouver, B. C.

Sir: Please refer to File 9721/11
Attention "Asst. Superintendent"

I have to acknowledge your letter of the
3rd instant re occupation of Lot 37, except C.P.R.
right-of-way, Town of Hastings Suburban Lands, by one
Tsunehei Yamashita.

For your information I enclose a copy of
our letter of the 8th of June 1931, to this individual,
from which you will note that the property is in the
name of the Crown and was not available for disposition
to him. The occupation by this individual is looked
upon as that of a squatter.

According to correspondence it would appear
that the building which he is occupying was constructed
roughly 50 years ago when there was an old mill operating
in that vicinity, and it is our understanding that the
mill owners rented it to Japanese at that time for a
small sum per month and no doubt the present occupant
has been in occupation possibly by making some contribution
to the former parties holding, leasing or occupying the
said building, but this is not recognized by the Depart-
ment.

Your obedient servant,

W. H. Saylor

Superintendent of Lands.

CEH/IVV
Enc. SEE June 24/43.

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8th June 1931

T. Yamashita, Esq.,
3014 Wall Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Sir;-

Please refer to File 9721/11

Attention "Status"

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. regarding an application for a water connection for Lot 37, Hastings Townsite, and note your claim to ownership of a small house situated on said Lot.

In this connection I have to advise that this property belongs to the Crown, and is not available for disposition at this time. Under the circumstances we cannot see our way clear to authorize the application for water service.

In the meantime, we would be glad to have full particulars as to how you came into possession of the house referred to.

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) Newman Taylor

Superintendent of Lands.

RT/E

See June 9/43.

W. J. Schneider
R.R. No. 1, Kelowna, B.C.
June 21, 1943.

Mr. Ian Macpherson
Office of the Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg
Vancouver, B.C.

Message

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUN 28 1943
File No.	
Ans.	2/14 (271)
Referred	Macpherson

Dear Sir: - FILE NO. 12677 REGISTRATION NO. 01897

In reply to your letter of June 17th, 1943, I wish to inform you that I do not claim ownership of Lot 37 on 3014 Hall Street however I do claim ownership of the house on the above lot.

The house was purchased from N. Sakamoto and I was given permission from the Government to stay on the land until such time the Government found the land necessary for their needs. I was told to pay tax on the land which I have been doing ever since the purchase of the house. As to the amount and period of the tax paid, full record should be obtainable at the City Hall in Vancouver where I made the payments.

The house is at present occupied by a white tenant and with the rent of which I asked you to pay last year's tax. We find that the rent paid by the tenant up to this

date simply covers the amount of the tax. I
would appreciate it very much if you will
let me know when I may expect to receive the
payment due to me.

I hope my explanation of the arrangement
made with the Government regarding the above
mentioned lot has made matters clear to you.
I shall appreciate it very much if you will
let me know as soon as possible regarding the
rent coming in from my home. I remain,

Very Truly Yours,

T. Yomashita

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475 HOWE STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C.

August 6th, 1943.

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COMPANY, LIMITED

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN
ASSURANCE CO., LTD.

THE CASUALTY COMPANY
OF CANADA

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

Dear Sir: Attention Mr. D. A. Cramer.

Re: File #12677 - YAMASHITA, T.
3014 Wall St., Vancouver, B. C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	AUG 7 1943
File No.	12677
Ans.	OK
Referred	Cramer

In response to your request dated August 2nd, 1943, we
beg to report herewith:

The writer visited the above property on August 3rd.
This is a two story brown shingle frame house. The house is
shown on the map as south of Wall Street, between Trinity and
Yale Streets. The C. P. R. Track is really where Wall Street
should be. There is, therefore, no roadway at the front of
this property, and no lane at the back. It is approached by
trail from Trinity Street.

The house is built on wooden 8 x 8 piers, standing on
6 x 6 sills, and is of extremely poor construction throughout.
There is a metal lean-to at the rear which does not stand on
the sills. A Bathroom is located in this lean-to.

Properly braced and with the lean-to detached, this
house could be moved a short distance east or west. To move
this house from the lot to any considerable distance would
be a very difficult matter.

Trusting this is the information you desire.

We enclose, herewith, our bill for these services.

Yours very truly,

KER & KER LIMITED

Jm Anderson
Rental Manager

JMA.BH
Enc.

August 7 1943.

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

12647

Re: Lot 37. Town of Hastings Suburban
Lands.

Dear Sir:

Regarding the documents on the
above property, we have no written documents
given to us, but were visited by three govern-
ment agents who gave us the permission to
stay on Lot 37. as long as we paid our taxes.

Hoping this will answer your
letter. I remain,

Yours truly,

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	AUG 9 1943
File No.	12647
Ans.	h
Referred	Cramer

J. Yamashita

August 17th, 1943.

The Superintendent of Lands,
Department of Lands,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your File No. 9721/11
Attention "Asst. Superintendent"

Since your letter of June 9th, 1943 we have been in communication with Tsunehel YAMASHITA who is occupying Crown Land known as Lot 37, (except Right of Way), Town of Hastings Suburban Lands. I enclose a copy of a letter dated June 21st, 1943 from Mr. YAMASHITA in reply to our request for further information as to his occupation of this land, which reply, also will give you some information requested of him in yours of the 8th of June, also a copy of a letter of Mr. YAMASHITA'S dated August 7th, 1943 in response to a request from us to send any written documents in his possession in connection with this occupation.

We have had this house inspected and the report is that there is no street or lane approach and access only by a trail from Trinity Street. The house itself is built on wooden piers and is of extremely poor construction throughout. There is a metal lean-to at the rear which does not stand on the sills. In the opinion of the inspector, the whole is movable if properly braced and the lean-to detached.

You will note that Mr. YAMASHITA claims to have purchased the house and was given verbal permission by agents of your Department to remain on the land, though, it is unlikely that this permission was to continue as long as ~~he~~ paid the taxes. Mr. YAMASHITA has generally expressed willingness to give us information as we require it of him, and consequently, we are desirous of protecting his investment. The amount of this investment depends upon his actual purchase of the house, of which, we have at present, no satisfactory evidence.

Assuming that he has made an investment in this house, we should be glad if in view of these representations, your Department should see fit to advise us that it has no

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REPORT OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

• **ATTN: 1001**

Now you have received the notice in the light of the information now in hand, we shall be pleased to have your doctor or dentist refer it to the Engineer, C. and G. Station you may choose to visit.

The above is at present valued at a rate of \$70.00 per month and as shown time to time your account to pay this rental into the account of Mr. JENNIFER IN THE CHURCH AND ST. JOHN'S.

objections to the sale of the house being made out of my
 want of the consideration to Mr. [redacted] [redacted] that
 the house is removed from the land or that a title of
 arrangement with you for the terms of the land be entered
 into.



VICTORIA, B.C.

September 22nd, 1943.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS
LANDS BRANCH

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	SEP 23 1943
File No.	12677
Ans.	
Delivered	<i>Wilson</i>

G.D. Milson, Esq.,
Administration Department,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings and Granville,
Vancouver, B. C.

Sir: Please refer to File 9721/11
 Attention "Asst. Superintendent"

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letters of the 17th ultimo and 10th instant, your file 12677, re Lot 37 (except Right of Way) Town of Hastings, Suburban Lands - Tsunehei Yamashita.

For your information would point out that the history of Lot 37 is that in 1912 a sale thereof was made to Frank E. Woodside on terms which were not completed and the Agreement of Sale was ~~was~~ cancelled. This then gave the status of the property as Crown land and any improvements existing thereon became Crown property. The occupation by Mr. Tsunehei Yamashita is therefore classed as a trespasser on Crown lands and any rentals accruing from the buildings thereon are Crown moneys and should be paid in to this Department. In view of this the Department is not in a position to authorize you to pay the rentals as requested.

The building itself is a fixture and we therefore cannot consent to the sale and removal thereof.

Your obedient servant,

Newman Dayles

Superintendent of Lands.

CEH/IVV

TREASURER'S OFFICE

JAS. L. ARMSTRONG
CITY TREASURER AND
COLLECTOR OF TAXES



EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 31 1944
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TELEPHONE: FAIRBANKS 111	

Ref. #46.

VANCOUVER, B. C.

January 28, 1944.

The Custodian of Enemy Property,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention Mr. Milson

Dear Sir:

Re T. Yamashita and taxes on Lot 37 Except
Right of Way, Hastings Townsite, also
known as 3014 Wall Street.

Confirming your recent conversation with Mr. H.G. Christie of my staff, I have to advise that the occupant of the above property is personally liable to taxation pursuant to the provisions of sub-sections 2 and 3 of section 46 of the City Charter which read in part as follows:

Sec.46, sub-sec.(2) - When any property mentioned in the preceding clause (all property vested in or held by His Majesty) is occupied by any person other than in an official capacity, the occupant shall be assessed in respect of his interest therein, and shall be personally liable to taxation in respect thereof.

Sec.46, sub-sec.(3) - When any right or interest, whether legal or equitable, in any property mentioned in sub-section (1) of this section (all property vested in or held by His Majesty) is held, possessed, or enjoyed by any person other than in an official capacity, the owner of any such right or interest therein shall be assessed in respect of such right or interest, and shall be personally liable to taxation in respect thereof.

Tax arrears in the sum of \$74.40, covering the years 1942 and 1943 with interest computed to 31st inst., are at present outstanding as shown on enclosed statement. The City must look to you for payment of these taxes levied against T. Yamashita, a person of the Japanese race, under your jurisdiction, as having occupied the lands and premises in question and having thereby become liable to pay the same under and by virtue of the sections of the City Charter above mentioned.

Hoping to receive a remittance at your earliest convenience,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jas. L. Armstrong".

CITY TREASURER.

HGC/S
Encl.

12677

February 12th, 1944

Mr. William Grimes,
3014 Wall Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: 3014 Wall St.

In connection with the property that you are occupying at the above address, we are advised by the Department of Lands that this is Crown property and the former Japanese who resided thereon occupied same as a trespasser. We are therefore advising Messrs. Ker & Ker Ltd., the agents for the property, that we have no further interest in it and that all future rents will be collected by them for the account of the Department of Lands, Victoria.

Yours truly,

G. D. Milson
Administration Department

GDM/GH

12677

February 12th, 1944

Mr. Tsunehei YAMASHITA,
Registration No. 01897,
c/o Jacob Schneider,
R. R. No. 1,
Kelowna, B. C.

Re: Lot 37 ex. C.P.R. Right of Way
Hastings Townsite, N. W. D.,
known as 301A Wall Street.

Dear Sir:

We have to acknowledge your letter of August 7, 1943 in which you stated that you had no documents relating to your occupation of the above property, but that you were merely permitted to remain on it as long as you paid the taxes.

Since that date we have received a letter from the Superintendent of Lands, Victoria, stating that this land and all buildings on it belong to the Crown. He states that under these circumstances your occupancy is classed as a trespasser and that any rentals should be paid to the Department of Lands.

Since it appears that you have no ownership in this property we propose to close out this account, remove your chattels to the Custodian's warehouse and advise the Department of Lands accordingly. You will then receive no benefits from the property but will not then be liable for the taxes or other rates.

Up to this date the net rents collected have been used to pay 1942 and 1943 taxes, water rates and insurance, leaving a balance of only \$3.70; and we are obtaining a refund of \$1.40 from the cancellation of the fire insurance policy.

On reviewing your file we find claims against

You as follows: - Komura Bros. Ltd., \$1.98 and Dr. W.C. Walsh, \$47.00. Would you please write at once stating whether these claims are correct. If so, perhaps you would wish to apply the small balance toward payment of them. Enclosed find a stamped addressed envelope for your reply.

You will be advised further regarding your checks at a later date.

Yours truly,

G. D. Nilson
Administration Department

GDM/GH

Enc.

G. Faust Schneider
R.R. Kelowna B.C.
February 15, 1944

Office of the Custodian
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver B.C.

attention Mr. G.D.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	FEB 18 1944
File No.	12677
Ans.	<i>[Signature]</i>
Referred	<i>[Signature]</i>

Out to you.

Dear Sir: Re file # 12677

Your letter of February 12th was of great surprise to us stating we don't own the building on the lot. As we have no ^{written} proof of the same, there is nothing we can say to the claim of the Department of the Land.

However when we first entered this house, it had none of the present facilities and during my occupancy, I have connected water, electricity and sanitary plumbing; besides building a new wood shed, repairing of the foundation, roof and sides of the house. I roughly estimate all these improvements around \$300⁰⁰. Since the Government claim this house to be theirs, I believe it is only fair that I should receive the amount put in for the repairs and improvements of the house. I would appreciate it very much if you will negotiate the above for us and let us hear the result.

In regard to the settlement of my account, please pay the ^{total} balance to Dr. W.A. Walsh and I understand the total credit is \$5¹⁰.

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As to my miscellaneous chattels in the house,
please settle them with your best judgement.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest
convenience.

Yours truly.

J. Yamashita.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN REFERENCE TO LAND
MATTERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF LANDS



DEPARTMENT OF LANDS
LANDS BRANCH

VICTORIA, B.C.

February 17th, 1944.

Your File 12677

EVACUATION SECTION	
FEB 19 1944	
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File No.	12677
Ans.	<i>Ans.</i>
Referred	<i>Milson</i>

Out to you.

G.D. Milson, Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings and Granville,
Vancouver, B. C.

Sir: Please refer to File 9721/11
Attention "Asst. Superintendent"

I have to acknowledge your letter of the
12th instant regarding rentals collected on Lot 37,
Hastings Townsite, and note that you have instructed
your agents that your Department has no further
interest or claim on this property, and we are to-day
getting in touch with them direct.

Your obedient servant,

W. H. H. H. H. H.

Superintendent of Lands.

CHE/IVV

12677

February 21st, 1944

The Superintendent of Lands,
Department of Lands,
Lands Branch,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir: Attention Asst. Superintendent

Re: Your File 9721/11,
YAMASHITA, Tsunehei.

Referring to our letter of the 12th instant and your reply of the 17th, we are now in receipt of a letter from T. YAMASHITA asking if any consideration will be given to him for the improvements amounting to about \$300.00, which he has spent on the property. These improvements include installing water, electricity, plumbing, also building a new woodshed, repairing the foundations, roof and sides of the house.

Will you kindly advise us in regard to this.

Yours truly,

G. D. Milson
Administration Department

GDM/GH

ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN REFERENCE TO LAND
MATTERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO
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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS
LANDS BRANCH

VICTORIA, B.C.

February 23rd, 1944.

Your File 12677.

G.D. Milson, Esq.,
Administration Department,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings and Granville,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	FEB 25 1944
File No.	12677
Ans.	<i>[Signature]</i>
Referred	<i>[Signature]</i>

Sir:

Please refer to File 9721/11
Attention "Asst. Superintendent"

I have to acknowledge your letter of
the 21st instant re Tsunehel Yamashita and improve-
ments on Lot 37, Hastings Townsite.

The Department is unable to give favour-
able consideration to any claim for improvements
made on this property. The same is Crown property
and any improvements thereon are made at the risk
of the party doing so.

Your obedient servant,

Wm. Saylor

Superintendent of Lands.

CEH/IVV

12677

February 25th, 1944

Mr. Tsunehel YAMASHITA,
Reg. No. 01877,
c/o Jacob Schneider, R.R. #1,
Kelowna, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 15th, we have taken up with the Department of Lands the matter of your being reimbursed for the improvements on the property at 3014 Wall Street and enclose herewith copy of a letter we have received from this Department.

Yours truly,

G. D. Milson
Administration Department

GDM/GH

Enc.

12677

June 29th, 1944

The City of Vancouver,
Tax Department,
City Hall,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: 1014 Wall Street.

On June 28th we paid in error \$34.78 representing 1944 taxes on Lot 37 except Right of Way, H. T. This property is claimed by the Department of Lands at Victoria on behalf of the Crown and we have recognized their claim and released our Vesting Order.

We would appreciate, therefore, if you would send us a cheque for \$34.78.

Yours truly,

G. D. Milson
Administration Department

GDM/GH

*Toy Receipt handed to
Hon. Mr. 2nd to be
forwarded to Dept of Lands
Received M. M. L.
Sept 1944*

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July 11th, 1944.

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd JUL 12 1944

File No. 12677

Ans.

Referred *Milson*

Re: Lot 37 ex. R. of H.T.,
5014 Wall Street. Attention Mr. Milson

Your file #12677

To the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We herewith acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 4th, for which we thank you.

Regarding this property, we have received instructions from Department of Lands of the Provincial Government of B. C., requesting us to send the rents from this property to them. We also received a letter from the Custodian, under signature of Mr. Milson, stating that you had no further interest in this property. This letter was dated February 25th, 1944.

In your letter of July 4th, you requested us to forward to you \$34.78 which you state was paid by the Custodian to the City of Vancouver for taxes. The point we wish to make is, since the Provincial Government's letter of February 17th, we have sent to your Department the rent for March, April and May, a total of \$27.00. We now have rents for June and July, a total of \$18.00. Before sending you any further monies, and in order to keep our accounts correct, we would appreciate further instructions in the light of the letters we have received from the Provincial Government.

To be correct, we have sent to your Department \$27.00 since the receipt of the letter from the Provincial Government.

Yours truly,

KER & KER LTD.

J. M. Anderson

Rentals Manager.

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VACUATION SECTION	
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Ans.	Spence
Referred	Spence

c/o Jacob Schneider
 R.R. Kelowna, B.C.
 Sept. 9, 1944

Custodian Office
 506 Royal Bank Building
 Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

I have left the ashes of my late daughter
 ASOKO YAMASHITA at the Japanese Buddhist
 Church at the corner of Princess Ave and Carlson St.
 in Vancouver when I evacuated from coast in
 March 1942.

I have been advised recently by Rev.
 Tachibana of Tashme, B.C., that you will send
 me the ashes providing I will pay the expense
 and the cost of the handling charges. As the
 ashes is very sacred and dear to my family,
 I would appreciate it very much if you will
 kindly send it to me. I will remit to you
 if you will inform me the necessary expense.

For your information there are the following
 inscription on the box of the ashes.

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Kindly compare her order from others
carefully before sending it to me so that
there will be no mistake in identity and
please take a great care to protect it from
breakage.

Thanking you very much for your service

Yours truly.

T. Yamashita.

TSUNEHEI YAMASHITA
c/o JACOB SCHNEIDER
R.R. 1. KELOWNA, B.C.

to Jacob Schneider
R. R. #1, Kelowna, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	OCT 6 1944
File No.	12677
Ans.	Spain
Referred	Spain

The Custodians Office,
Vancouver, B.C.

Oct 4, 1944

Dear Sir:- Attention Mr. Geo. D. Spain
File No. 12677.

We have heard no further from you since your last letter of Sept. 13th regarding the shipment of the ashes of my daughter which I requested in my letter of Sept. 9th. and I am very anxious to know whether or not you were able to locate same.

Kindly let me know what arrangements have been made to locate and ship the above to me. As I wrote before, the ashes ~~and~~ of my daughter is very dear to me and I am very anxious to receive same as soon as possible.

Thanking you for your trouble and anxiously awaiting to hear from you,
I am

Very truly yours.

T. Yamashita.

12677

October 16th, 1944

Mr. Tsunehel YAMASHITA,
Reg. No. 01897,
c/o Jacob Schneider,
R.N. #1,
Kalsana, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of the 4th instant
with reference to your request for the Ashes of your Daughter.

We have made a search at the Hampa
Buddhist Temple but regret that we have not succeeded in id-
entifying the ashes. There are the ashes of many other persons
there and until such time as one of the temple priests visits
Vancouver we will have to wait until we are able to make
correct identification.

Yours truly,

Geo. B. Spain,
Protection Department

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Referred	Spain

to Jacob Schneider

R.R. K. Lora, B.C.

December 3rd, 1944

Japanese Evacuation Section,
The Custodian office,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

File # 12677

Dear Sir: Attention Mr. Geo. B. Spain.

In regard to the matter of the ashes of my daughter, I met and talked with Mr. Tachibana, the Buddhist minister on Nov. 18 and found that he does not know when his next visit to Vancouver will be.

However he believes there should be no difficulty in identifying my daughter's ashes from others as the container of the ashes wrapped in a paper with the name written in Japanese as per enclosed sheet and the package is packed again in a box bearing my daughter's name in English.
(A SAKO YAMASHITA).

Also he told me that there are still some Japanese living in Vancouver who can help to identify the Japanese writing on the package.

I shall appreciate it very much if you

make arrangements to have some Japanese
to help you and I will be glad to pay the
extra expense. The Ashes is so sacred
and dear to my family and I wish to have
it with me as soon as possible.

Kindly let me hear at your
earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

T. Yamashita.

TSUNEHEI YAMASHITA

Reg # 01897

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40 Jacob Schneider
RR1 Kelowna B.C.
May 20, 1945

The Office of Custodian,
Royal Bank Building
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAY 23 1945
File No.	12677
Ans.	
Referred	Spain

Sirs:

In accordance with your letter of approximately a month half ago, we wrote to B.C. Security Commission twice already in regard to the delivery of the Ashes of my daughter AKAO YAMASHITA.

However to this date we have not received any reply to our letters and we are finding it very hard to understand the reason why we have not heard or received the above mentioned Ashes. Therefore we are enquiring again to your office and may we ask you to give your immediate attention to the delivery of the Ashes.

As we have already requested to the B.C. Security Commission kindly send the Ashes by Registered Parcel Post and if you will let us know the handling charges of the same we will remit immediately.

We hope to hold the Memorial Service on May 27th for my late daughter and if you can possibly send her ashes in time for service, it will be greatly appreciated.

Earnestly waiting to hear from you, I remain

Very truly yours

J. Yamashita

Shipped by
C.N.R. Express
May 22nd
Fair

12677

April 9, 1947.

Mr. Tsunehel YAMASHITA,
Reg. No. 01897,
c/o Cecil Stobbs,
Wheatley, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Hompa Y.M.B.A. Athletic Club.

An inoperative account in the Main and Hastings Branch of the Bank of Montreal has been reported to our office and the balance of \$11.35 turned over to the credit of this society in our office. Your name was given as President of this club.

We understand also that there is an association known as Hompa Young Buddhists' Association and Yoshikazu Nishimura has advised us that the Young men's club has merged with the Hompa Young Buddhists' Association and that he is the President of the new society. If this is correct will you please confirm this and authorize transfer of the \$11.35 to the credit of the Hompa Young Buddhists' Association.

A movie projector machine has been turned over to our office by the R.C.M.P. and a receipt in the name of Mitsuko Yamashita sent to us by Mr. Nishimura. At the same time he requested us to arrange sale of this machine for \$35.00. This has now been done and the proceeds are available for the authorized representatives of the society owning this machine.

Would you please let us hear from you at an early date in this connection. We enclose a stamped addressed envelope for your convenience in replying.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

AGM:AH
encl. Envelope.

MEMORANDUM

File Nos. 12677
8770

June 10, 1947.

TO: The File

FROM: L. McKinnon

RE: Tsunehai YAMASHITA, Reg. No. 01897
Michio ISHIDA, Reg. No. 11249

Before chattel funds are remitted to Mr. YAMASHITA it should be noted that Michio ISHIDA left the following chattels at 3014 Wall St., the home of Mr. YAMASHITA.

- 1 box of chinaware and glassware
- 1 box of books
- 1 musical instrument
- 1 electric massage machine
- 1 box of hats
- 3 rolls of wrapping paper
- several miscellaneous goods - all in the woodshed.

Several articles, such as Jap. electric machine, sold and credited to YAMASHITA, would really appear to belong to Michio ISHIDA. I think it will be necessary to send the auction sheets to YAMASHITA and ask him to pick out goods belonging to ISHIDA.

L. McKinnon

LEM: