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HASTINGS PARK BUREAU
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. 12896

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

NAME: KUMAGAI, James Akira

HOME ADDRESS: 958 Brunette St., New Westminster, B. C. REGISTRATION No. 04011

SEX: (M) AGE: 31 MARRIED? No

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: News paper clerk (unemployed)

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: None ADDRESS: None

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: None ADDRESS: None

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 8th day of April 1942.

WITNESS: [Signature]

(Signature) [Signature]

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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE May 18/43

Our File No. 12896

Full Name KUMAGAI, James, Akira
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 04011

Male - Female
(Check)

Age Oct. 13, 1910

Former Address 958 Brunette St., New Westminster, B. C.

Date Evacuated Interned May 22/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address Slocan Extension, B. C.

To Lieutenant James,
1st Battalion, Vancouver (RCMP)
V.I. 4/47
Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife _____

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother ^{nee} KOMATSU, Misa

Name of Father Zenjuro (dec'd)

Names of Children under 16 _____

Requested by E.C.T.

Registered with Custodian Yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Clerk Newspaper office

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January 6, 1948.

REGISTERED
Mr. Jinji John KUMAGAI,
Registration No. 09592,
243 King Street,
London, ONTARIO.

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd ultimo enclosing Statutory Declaration advising us that all liabilities in connection with your father's Estate have been paid in full.

Regarding the piano stored at Kelly Piano Company by Mr. James Akira Kumagai, we wish to advise you that we have received the following letter from said firm, dated December 15, 1947:

"As we have had no reply to our letter of October 19th, this is to advise you that we have now repossessed Mr. Kumagai's piano. This will cancel Mr. Kumagai's indebtedness to us."

We are, therefore, in view of the above, enclosing herewith our cheque for the sum of \$804.43, which amount represents all funds on hand in your account in this Office.

Please acknowledge receipt of this cheque on receipt of same.

Yours truly,

W. J. JOHNSTON
OFFICE OF THE CUSTOMER

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LONDON HOSTEL

240 King Street
LONDON - ONTARIO

October 27, 1947.

Mr. W. J. Johnston,
Office of the Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings and Granville,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of Oct. 14th instant
and am grateful for your information contained.

In respect of my brother's piano stored at Kelly's
I have written the former and expect an answer as to his plans
within few days.

I have gone over the liability sheet carefully and
note that the report is not up to date. To best of my knowledge,
all the debts have been paid by my brother or myself. And
hence, I will forward the necessary declaration to your office
as soon as possible.

In addition to above information, I would like you
to know that my late father had a small account left at the
Canadian Bank of Commerce, Columbia St., New Westminster, B.C.
It seems to me, it is only proper that I should receive it to
my credit as I have obligation of paying off his liabilities.

Trusting to hear from you, and thanking you again.

Yours truly,

"JJ KUMAGAI"

J. J. Kumagai.

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October 14, 1947.

AIR MAIL

Mr. Jinji John KUMAGAI,
Registration No. 09592,
120-Cavendish Street,
London, ONTARIO.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith copy of our letter dated October 14, 1947, addressed to Mr. James Akira KUMAGAI, in connection with balance owing on Mason and Risch Piano stored at J. W. Kelly Piano Company, Limited, together with a copy of their letter dated October 10, 1947.

In view of the fact that Mr. James Akira Kumagai transferred his share of your late father's Estate to you, it is necessary for us to have this matter settled before the balance of your funds may be sent to you. If your brother does not wish to retain an interest in this piano and does not intend to pay the amount owing to the above Company, then he should write a letter addressed to J. W. Kelly Piano Company, Limited, and state that he relinquishes all his right, title and interest in said piano, No. 34971.

As stated in the enclosed letter, the present amount owing by Mr. Kumagai is \$234.40 and if your brother wishes the piano shipped to him there would be an additional charge of approximately \$40.00 for packing and freight charges.

When writing, please advise us whether or not you or any other members of your family have any radios or other chattels in the Protected Area in private storage, similar to the above arrangement.

We are also enclosing herewith copy of the statement of Liabilities shown in the affidavits filed with the Assessor and Collector of Probate and Succession Duties Office in Victoria, B. C., in connection with the Estate of Zenjuro KUMAGAI, Deceased.

The two Mortgages held by Mrs. Catherine Kirkconnell and Mrs. A. E. Boulanger were paid by us at the time the Real Property at 958 Brunette Street, New Westminster, B. C., was sold. Further, we have been advised that the accounts of Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Limited and the Columbia Funeral Parlour have been paid in full.

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Mr. Jinji John KUMAGAI.

October 14, 1947.

We have no information regarding the balance of the accounts, however, and before sending you the funds remaining in your account in this Office, we require from you a Statutory Declaration stating these liabilities have been paid in full and that there are no liabilities whatsoever remaining unpaid in connection with said Estate. This Declaration should be sworn to before a Notary Public in order to be of value in the Province of British Columbia.

On completion of the above matters, we see no reason why the balance of funds in your account in our Office should not be forwarded to you.

Yours truly,

W. J. JOHNSTON
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN.

WJJ/HMS
Enc. (3)

File 12896
Original on
file #12900

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

made this day of 1943

BY AND BETWEEN the widow and all the children of the late
Jenjuro Kumagai otherwise known as Zenjuro Kumagai.

THE PARTIES HERETO consisting of Misa Kumagai the widow of the said deceased, Sahae Paul Kumagai, Makio Kumagai, James Akiro Kumagai, Jinju John Kumagai, Soichiro Kumagai agree and declare that they are the sole immediate family of the said Jenjuro Kumagai deceased and that there are no other children of the said deceased and that no children of the said deceased have died leaving issue or other immediate family

THE SAID PARTIES have entered into the agreement hereby expressed for the purpose that Jinju John Kumagai shall be and become the sole beneficiary from the estate of the said Jenjuro Kumagai deceased

WHEREAS the said Jenjuro Kumagai died leaving those lands in the Province of British Columbia particularly described as Lots 1, 2, 3 and 5 to 11 inclusive in Block 2 of Lot 16, Group 1, Map 1531, Municipality of Coquitlam, District of New Westminster

AND WHEREAS Jinju John Kumagai has been granted Letters of Administration to the estate of the said Jenjuro Kumagai and now stands as said Administrator

AND WHEREAS there are certain debts which were owing by the said Jenjuro Kumagai in his lifetime and now stand debts of his estate

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that Misa Kumagai, Sahae Paul Kumagai, Makio Kumagai, James Akiro Kumagai, Jinju John Kumagai, Soichiro Kumagai the parties hereto jointly and severally agree to and with each other that Jinju John Kumagai has been since the death of the said Jenjuro Kumagai and is now and is hereafter to be regarded as the sole beneficiary of the estate of the said Jenjuro Kumagai

AND FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF the natural love and affection subsisting between members of the family and for other valuable considerations receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Misa Kumagai, Sahae Paul Kumagai, Makio Kumagai, James Akiro Kumagai, Soichiro Kumagai assign, set over and transfer unto the said Jinju John Kumagai ALL AND SINGULAR the estate of the said Jenjuro Kumagai and IN PARTICULAR Lots 1, 2, 3 and 5 to 11 inclusive in Block 2 of Lot 16, Group 1, Map 1531, Municipality of Coquitlam, District of New Westminster

AND the said assignors and transferees hereby covenant to and with the said Jinju John Kumagai that they will at any time hereafter execute such further assurance of the said assignment and transfer as may be requested

AND IN CONSIDERATION OF the said transfer and assignment the said Jinju John Kumagai doth covenant to and with the said Misa Kumagai, Sahae Paul Kumagai, Makio Kumagai, James Akiro Kumagai, Soichiro Kumagai jointly and severally that he will hold them jointly and severally indemnified and save them jointly and severally harmless from any claim or demand howsoever arisen or to arise in the estate of the said Jenjuro Kumagai or in any part thereof and IN PARTICULAR will save them harmless from all debts or other claims now existing in respect of such estate

AND THE PARTIES HERETO each for himself agree that the Custodian of Enemy Property in whom any of the estate of the said Jenjuro Kumagai may be vested may administer such property for the sole benefit of Jinju John Kumagai for his personal use without duty to account to any of the other parties to this agreement

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and date first above written

SIGNED SEALED & DELIVERED

By the parties hereto

in the presence of

X Misa Kumagai P.K.
Sahae Paul Kumagai
Jinju John Kumagai
Makio Kumagai
James Akiro Kumagai
Soichiro Kumagai

WITNESSES:

Paul Broughtonas to Misa Kumagai
Frank Broughtonas to Sahae Paul Kumagai
Frank Broughtonas to Makio Kumagai
Frank Broughtonas to James Akiro Kumagai
Frank Broughtonas to Jinju John Kumagai

SIGNED: A. E. ROSLING, SUPR. RCMP. as to Soichiro Kumagai

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CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

12th May, 1943.

Mr. James Akira KUMAGAI - Reg. No. 04011

NO CLAIMS ON FILE, at this date.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
IN PROBATE.

New Westminster
Nov 25 1938
Registry

New Westminster Registry.

BE IT KNOWN that on the 25th. day of November,
1938, Letters of Administration of all the estate which
by law devolves to and vests in the personal representative
of Zenjiuro Kumagai, (sometimes known as Jenjuro Kumagai),
late of New Westminster, British Columbia, deceased,
who died on the 5th. day of August, 1938, at New
Westminster, aforesaid intestate, were granted by the
Supreme Court of British Columbia to Jinju Kumagai the
lawful son of the said intestate.

GIVEN under the Seal of the said Court this
25th. day of November, A. D. 1938.

"L. A. Menendez"

District Registrar.

Estate sworn under \$5025.00

\$2.00

B.C.

L.S.

New Westminster

Nov 25 1938

Registry

Extorted by R. A. Sargent, Esq.,

Solicitor.

SEAL B.C.
B.C. (N.W.R.)

MEMORANDUM

FILES: 12898
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January 25th, 1945.

TO: The file
FROM: W. J. Iverson

RE: Mr. Sakae KUMAGAI
Mr. Jinji KUMAGAI
Mr. James Akira KUMAGAI
Mrs. Misa KUMAGAI
Mr. Seichiro KUMAGAI
Mr. Jinji John KUMAGAI

^{Foot} See memo of March 24th, 1944, on file 12898, Mr. Sakae KUMAGAI, which relates that Dr. Kumagai removed personally all the family effects from 958 Brunette St., New Westminster, and shipped them to New Denver. Dr. Kumagai assumed responsibility for the distribution of any of these effects belonging to other members of the family, and so far as chattels are concerned, this shipment and the subsequent sale of a few items left at the residence, completes chattel liquidation of all the files.

WJI:LHM

File 12895 Hideo SHIMAZU

November 3, 1942

12896 James Hideo SHIMAZU
12897 Hideo SHIMAZU
12898 Paul Hideo SHIMAZU
12899 Seiichiro SHIMAZU
12900 Jinji John SHIMAZU
12901 Jinji John SHIMAZU (in trust)

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

From Mr. Russell

Jinjuro SHIMAZU, deceased, whose widow is Hideo, 12897, and whose children are above named, died leaving lots 1, 2, & 3 and lots 5 to 11, Blk. 1, Lot 14, Group 1, Map 133, Capitola, C. S. C.

Letters of administration to Jinjuro's estate were granted to Jinji John and file 12900 has been created to deal with the estate.

The report of Notarior Trust dated July 23 states that lot 3 is in the name of Hideo but this is an error. They possibly intended to refer to lot 4. That matter can be dealt with as 12899 to which a copy of this memo will be sent.

Paul states the widow and all children would share in the estate.

A family arrangement has been made however, whereunder it has apparently been agreed that the youngest son, John Jinji (to whom letters of administration have been granted) should become the beneficial owner of the land, free from trusts in favor of the rest of the family. See Paul C. Hwang's letter of Aug. 11, 1942 or 12900.

This arrangement has not actually been implemented and the title still stands in the name of Jinji Hwang in trust (C. S. C. 12900). This is no doubt the same person who signs Jinji John as J. J. Hwang on 12900.

Paul C. Hwang states that this arrangement has not been made effective on account of mortgages against the land and further on account of about \$500.00 in miscellaneous claims against Jinjuro's estate. The mortgages need not hold up the arrangement.

A claim by Hideo for amounting to \$175.00 is found on Jinji John's personal file. It is not clear whether this is against him or against the estate. This should be clarified and proved by Notarior Declaration.

No claims (other than some administrative items) are found on the estate file.

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Sept. 5, 1942.

Re: KUMAGAI family.

File	KUMAGAI, Misa - Widow,
	KUMAGAI, Saha Paul - Son.
	KUMAGAI, Makio - Son.
	KUMAGAI, James Akira - Son.
	KUMAGAI, Jinju John - Son.
12573.	KUMAGAI, Seichiro - Son (JP forms sent to him.)

FATHER: Zenjuro - died in 1938 or thereabouts. He owned the following real property.

Lots 1,2,3 and 5-11, Blk.2, Lot 16, Group 1, Map 1531, Coquitlam, D.N.W.

Letters of administration granted Nov. 25, 1938. (According to solicitors office - R.A. Sargent was solicitor of Jinji KUMAGAI.) Further informed by his office that Jinji could not possibly be James and that the name 'Jinju' KUMAGAI on the certificate of encumbrance - as the registered owner - is a mistake. It should be 'Jinji' KUMAGAI. See Paul's letter stating that Sargent had been instructed to "change the name", to John Jinji (Letter Aug. 11, 1942) according to Paul.

Also see letter from Westminster Trust July 20, 1942 that the property should be held by the youngest brother.

John Jinji KUMAGAI is the youngest brother.

John Jinji KUMAGAI:

Chattels:

1 typewriter (valued at \$70.00) skates, books and personal belongings which he intends taking to camp.

Re list of chattels said to belong to John and James, the files do not show or give any indication that he owns any of those listed as belonging to both. Owes Brackman Ker \$189.54.

James KUMAGAI:

Chattels:

There is no J.P. form in his file. *See yellow form*

All files do not show or indicate that he has any share in the chattels listed which are said to belong to John and James.

(See file ~~Misa~~ *JOHN Jinji* KUMAGAI re Miyo Sasaki).

See letter June 30, 1942 in James' file. There is a claim against him for \$112.90 by J. W. Kelly Piano Co. Ltd.,

Paul KUMAGAI:

Business chattels only are listed by him.
There is no indication of other chattels in the files.

Makio KUMAGAI:

He owns Lot 4, Blk. 2, of Lot 16, Group 1, Map 1531, Municipality of Coquitlam, N. W. D. Title 77025E. Address of property. - a "33 foot lot just east of 958 Brunette St."

He lists the following chattels.

1 cook stove.
2 tables.
4 chairs.
1 Singer sewing machine.
2 beds.
1 trunk clothes.
Cooking utensils and dishes.
1 silvertone gramophone.
1 double bit axe.
1 hatchet.
1 long handled shovel.
2 claw hammers.
1 cross cut saw(hand)
1 square.
2-5' cross cut saws.
2-1000 chick brooders.
2-540 incubators.
(See file ~~Makio~~ KUMAGAI)
JOHN JINJI

There may be his own but he says "we sold the entire articles in the house," and, "we settled the matter about the land and the house in which we lived, with the owner." (See letter from Alfred W. McLeod Ltd., June 2, 1942 with enclosure). No indication of more chattels in files. (See letter of Westminster Trust and bill of July 20, 1942 in file of Paul.)

Soichiro KUMAGAI:

At Jasper B. C. File opened for him. JP forms sent for completion.

Miyo Sasake, File 10557.

Had chattels at same address(958 Brunette St.)
File 10557, as follows:

Kitchen utensils and wares.
3 tables.
4 chairs.
1 bureau.

It has been suggested that these be stored at family address.

See Westminster Trust letter of June 25, 1942.

D. Davidson

The claims against the Estate to which Paul S. Emagui refers should be brought into administration as this office is assuming Jiaji John's functions as administrator. We must handle this land just as would Jiaji John as prime family administrator.

There are two considerations to be faced before the family arrangement can be implemented by this office

1. Are there any claims against any of the beneficiaries. If so how far can we go in completing a contemplated arrangement which might result in the defeat of these creditors.
2. It appears from Paul S. Emagui's letter of Oct. 27th that Seichi is now under mortgage.

The first of these questions having been answered, it would not be difficult to meet the second one with an agreement containing suitable indemnifying clauses and also providing for approval by the Executive Committee for Seichi.

Until these two questions are settled, it is thought that the administration of these lands should be carried on solely for the benefit of the Estate of Joojuro, no funds being paid out except on administration account.

Papers relating to these lands are found on several files. They should all be placed on 13008 as it is the file controlling these lands. The other files have no interest in these lands as such but only in the estate of Joojuro.

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