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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Nov. 19/43

Our File No. 12899

Full Name KUMAGAI, Soichiro  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 15101

☒ Male - Female  
(Check)

Age Sept. 2, 1898

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

Date Evacuated Mar. 11/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - ☒ National  
(Check)

Present Address Lempriere, B. C.

Married - Single  
(Check)

Name of Wife \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Husband \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother <sup>nee</sup> KOMATSU, Nao (dec'd) Name of Father Zenjiro (dec'd)

Names of Children under 16 \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by E.C.T.

Registered with Custodian  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Chicken Farmer

Original on  
File #12900.

File 12899

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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 Akio 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 Akio 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 Akio 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.S.H.  
Sahae Paul Kumagai  
Jinju John Kumagai  
James Akiro Kumagai  
Makio Kumagai  
Soichiro Kumagai P.S.H.

WITNESSES:

Gaul Bronghton .....as to Misa Kumagai  
Gaul Bronghton .....as to Sahae Paul Kumagai  
Gaul Bronghton .....as to Makio Kumagai  
Gaul Bronghton .....as to James Akiro Kumagai  
Gaul Bronghton .....as to Jinju John Kumagai

SIGNED: A.E. ROSLING SUPR. R.C.M.P. ....as to Soichiro Kumagai

MEMORANDUM

FILES: 12898  
13008  
12896  
12897  
12899  
12900

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

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:LEW

cc File 12899

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April 13, 1943.

Westminster Trust Company,  
New Westminster, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Shinji John KUMAGAI -  
"In Trust"

Your letter of April 7th is received.

It does not appear that the cost of replacing the fence to which you refer could be undertaken at this time. About 5,000 ft. of lumber will be needed, plus spikes, plus labour. This sounds like a fairly formidable undertaking, in view of the fact that this man's credit balance is low.

Have you obtained any estimates of the cost of this work? Have you obtained any estimates as to whether or not repairs could be made? While the posts might well be rotted at their roots, perhaps posts could be sunk adjacent to them and the old fence spiked to the new posts.

Please look into this matter, giving all details. In your reply you might refer specifically to the revenue to be derived from this property if the contemplated expenditure were undertaken.

Yours truly,

P. H. Russell,  
Administration Department.

PHR:RDE

Files 12895 Sakie KUMAGAI  
12896 James Akira KUMAGAI  
12897 Hina KUMAGAI  
12898 Paul Sakae KUMAGAI  
12899 Satsukuro KUMAGAI  
12900 Jinji John KUMAGAI  
12901 Jinji John KUMAGAI (IN TRUST)

November 3, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO FILE

From Mr. Russell

Jenjuro KUMAGAI, deceased, whose widow is Hina, 12897, and whose children are above named, died leaving lots 1, 2, & 3 and lots 5 to 11, Blk. 2, Lot 14, Group 1, Map 1531, Section 3, T. 8, N.

Letters of Administration to Jenjuro's estate were granted to Jinji John and File 12901 has been created to deal with the Estate.

The report of Mortimer Trust dated July 20 states that lot 5 is in the name of Sakie but this is an error. They possibly intended to refer to lot 4. That matter can be dealt with on 12895 to which a copy of this memo will be sent.

From Hina 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 favour of the rest of the family. See Paul S. Kumagai's letter of Aug. 11, 1942 on 12900.

This arrangement has not actually been implemented and the title still stands in the name of Jinji Kumagai in trust (C. R. on 12901). This is no doubt the same person who signs Jinji John as J.P. on 12900.

Paul S. Kumagai 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 Jenjuro's Estate. The mortgages need not hold up the arrangement.

A claim by Bruckner for amounting to \$171.44 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 Statutory Declaration.

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

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The claims against the Estate to which Paul S. Kungai refers should be brought into administration as this office is assuming Jinji John's functions as administrator. We must handle this land just as would Jinji John as prima facie 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. Kungai's letter of Oct. 27th that Seichi is now compositio.

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 Janjuro, 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 Janjuro.

P. *[Signature]*

PMR/IK

OFFICE OF THE CUSTOMS  
JAPANESE SECTION

RECEIVED  
OCT 31 1942

PAUL S. KUMAGAI, B.Sc.A., D.M.D.

419-420 WESTMINSTER TRUST BUILDING

PHONE 1843

715 COLUMBIA STREET  
NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

P.O. Box 425,

New River, B.C.,

October 24th, 1942

Mr. R. P. Alexander,  
Office of the Custodian  
Vancouver, B.C.

Mr. Williams

Dear Mr. R. P. Alexander:

File No. 12899.

I have just received a note from my brother,  
Paichiro Kumagai # 15101, now stationing at Lempriere,  
B.C. re completing "JP" registration form.

Since receiving an accidental blow at the  
cerebrocerebellar junction at the age of nine, he  
could not learn much at school and, therefore,  
grew without education. Consequently I will  
communicate with your office regarding his  
affairs which are very simple. As far as I  
know he has no property left in the defence area.  
All he had was just his clothing which he took  
with him when left for Lempriere in March, 1942.

If there are some things you wish to  
know about him, please, communicate with  
me at any time. I shall be glad to answer  
any of your questions. Thank you!

Yours truly,

S<sup>r</sup> Paul S. Kumagai

Oct. 13, 1942.

MEMORANDUM.

To: Miss Stevenson.

From: Mrs. A. G. McArthur.

Re: KUMAGAI, Soichiro, File #12899,  
Reg. No. 12573. /510/  
Former address - 958 Brunette St. New Westminster.

This man was not evacuated on September 23rd, but  
he has probably been moved since. Would you please add this  
name to your list and get particulars of his whereabouts.

*AGM*

now at: *Lempire, B.C.*  
*B.C.*

AGM:AS

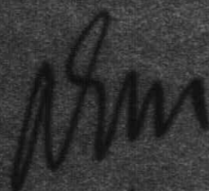
File # 12399

Sept. 17, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE.

Re: Seichiro KUMAGAI, #12573.

(deceased)  
This man is the son of Zenjuro Kumagai and is a beneficiary of the estate being administered by his brother John Jinji Kumagai.



A. G. McArthur.

AGM:AS

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

PHONE PACIFIC 6131

PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO.

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

Sept. 5, 1942.

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~~OCT 31 1942~~  
Mr. Soichiro KUMAGAI,  
Jasper, B.C.

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Dear

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that you have left the protected area, in consequence of which all of your property remaining in the protected area has vested in the Custodian.

However, before leaving the protected area you failed to provide us with particulars of your property by means of completing "JP" registration forms. In order that we may properly administer your affairs it is necessary for us to have complete information regarding them. You will find enclosed three copies of our regular "JP" form and we would ask you to be good enough, without delay, to complete these forms fully, to sign and have witnessed two of them and to return to us two copies, retaining the third copy for your own use.

In the event that you have no property remaining in the protected area, please notify us accordingly by return mail.

When filling in the items requested in the "JP" form we must again stress the need for complete particulars.

Thanking you for your immediate attention to this request,

Yours truly,

*R. B. Alexander*  
Manager.

RPA:LF

*D.D. Bank forms returned*