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FORM OF
PERSONAL

BUREAU POWELL STREET

FILE NO. 12911

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: OKAWARA Shojiro

HOME ADDRESS: 705 Cordova St. East, Vancouver, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 00389 SEX: Male AGE: 29

OCCUPATION: ~~Clerk~~, Assistant Secretary, Japanese Merchant Association.

(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: Japanese Merchant Association, 139 D'Almeida St.

MARRIED? no

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: none

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: none

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: none

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: none

AGE OF CHILDREN: none

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: 705 East Cordova St., Vancouver.
7 room, 2 storey, wooden house.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mr. Jisaburo KASHO, in Japan. (declarant states J. KASHO promised to give the above property to declarant's father, Motchi (now deceased).)

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID. Declarant's mother, OKAWARA Etsu has paid taxes and water rates in lieu of rent from 1939 to 1941

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: none
Note: This property is being handled by Mrs. J. K. Kato Sept 28/42

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid) none

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: none

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS: none

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

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY: none

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

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) _____

none

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

none

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: _____

none

9. LIFE INSURANCE: Monarch Life Assurance Co. Policy in own possession, number P111490. \$1500.00. Beneficiary ~~maternal~~ brother, Toshio. 3495

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 18th day of September 1942

(Signature) Shojiro Okawara

D.M. Chope
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE _____

✓
INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

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DATE 13/4/43

Our File No. 12911

Full Name OKAWARA, Shojiro
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 00389

✓
Male - Female
(Check)

Age Jan. 19, 1913

Former Address 705 Cordova St., East, Vancouver, B. C.

362 Alexander St., Vancouver, B. C.

Date Evacuated Sept. 29/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address ~~14 Mile Ranch, Ashme, B. C.~~ New Denver, B.C.

✓
Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife _____

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother nee KATO Etsuko # 05425 Name of Father Maichi # 05426

Names of Children under 16 _____

Requested by A.M.

Registered with Custodian _____
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Asst. Secy. Jap. Merchants' Assn. (Owns 3 Cameras)

470 Vest Pocket Camera "Ensignette" and Case/ Bullet Kodak Camera/

Camera-type Stand with 5 plates and Carrying case and stand, shutter bulb broken

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May 4, 1949

Mr. Shojiro OKAWARA,
Reg. No. 00389,
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Among the personal goods in Custodian storage is a black leather case containing a Century plate camera (size 7 x 5), 3 plates and 2 printing frames. Apart from the fact that the shutter bulb is missing, the camera appears to be in fairly good condition.

The camera and case carry no tag to indicate the owner's identity.

However, our records show that you surrendered to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police a stand type camera with 5 plates and a carrying case, and that these articles have not been returned to you.

If the goods we have in storage are those that you turned over to the police, we will be pleased to ship these to you upon receipt of your correct present address.

If we do not hear from you within a reasonable time, we shall assume that you have no interest in these goods.

For your convenience in replying, we enclose a stamped, addressed envelope.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Office of the Custodian.

/FM
Enclosure

"E" DIVISION

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

(C.I.B.)

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

DIV. FILE No. 269G. 13-2.

Vancouver, B.C. May 8th,
1946.

H. Q. FILE No. _____

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

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAY 9 1946
File No.	12911
Ans.	<i>[Signature]</i>
Referred	

Dear Sir:

Re: Shojiro OKAWARA, New Denver, B.C.

Enclosed herewith letter received from the
above noted subject, together with the receipt to
which he refers and One Dollar bill.

Yours truly,

[Handwritten Signature]

(A.T. Belcher) Supt.
Commanding "E" Divn.

ENCS:

*RE-MIA
470*

New Denver B.C.
May 4th/46

R.C.M.P.
49th & Heather
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir. Would you kindly
send me the goods which I have
enclosed the receipt, together
with the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00)
to cover the cost of freight or
mailing charges.

Mailed May 13/46
Postage 12 cents
Freight 5
17

Yours sincerely,
Shoji Okawara
700389

R. C. M. POLICE
DIVISION OFFICE
MAY 7 1946
"E" DIVISION
VANCOUVER, B.C.

10/5/46
\$1.00, returned
to Jaws
Aman

No. **Royal Canadian Mounted Police**

J.R. 00387

Vancouver, B.C. - 10-3-1912

Received from **Shojiro OKAWARA - 705 E. Cordova**

Vancouver

One camera - vest pocket - "Ensignette" and Case

One camera - Bullet by Kodak

One camera - Type stand with 5 plates and

carrying case and stand.
shutter bulb broken

100 Dollars,

Signature *J.R. [Signature]*

File Nos. 1439 (Int)
12911 (Evac)

January 26th, 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

FROM: MR. K. W. WRIGHT

RE: Tanekichi KOHARA (In Japan)
Shojiro OKAWARA (Evacuee File No. 12911)

Attached please find cheques of the Reno Gold Mines Limited payable to Tanekichi KOHARA, amounting to \$81.00, which you will kindly deposit to his credit in the 'In Japan' Ledger.

We also attach a requisition transferring these funds to the credit of Shojiro OKAWARA, Evacuee File No. 12911, who was the owner of Share Certificate No. V 14798 of the Reno Gold Mines Limited at the time these cheques were issued but had not attended to the transfer of the shares to his name.

OWP/JY
Attach.

K. W. WRIGHT

RENO GOLD MINES LIMITED
(NON-PERSONAL LIABILITY)

216 YORKSHIRE BUILDING
VANCOUVER
CANADA

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 25 1945
File No.	
Ans.	
Remarks	

January 24th, 1945.

The Custodian, Dept. of Secretary of State,
509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir;-

- Your file 12911 -

As requested by your letter of the 21st. ultimo
we enclose cheques totalling \$81.00 payable to Tanekichi
Kohara, made up as follows:-

To re-payment of capital of 20¢ pershare
on April 20th 1942 on 300 shares \$60.00

To re-payment of capital of 7¢ per share
on May 31st. 1943 on 300 shares 21.00

Yours truly,

RENO GOLD MINES LIMITED

Per

J. A. Dutton

Secretary.

WAS/M
Encs.

NAME DEAVALL, Sheila

REGISTRATION NO. 09389

FILE NO. 12911

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 632 Powell St., Vancouver, B. C. on January 18, 1945.

2 Home made tables

\$ 0.75

Total

Less Expenses: (Auctioneer's Fee) \$ 0.07
(Advertising) 0.02
(Moving) 0.13

\$
0.75
0.22

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$
0.53

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Vancouver 38.

Remarks.

12911
Evacuee

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.,
December 21st, 1944.

W. A. Sutton, Esq.,
Secretary Reno Gold Mines Ltd.,
c/o Reid, Wall bridge, Gibson & Sutton,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Reno Gold Mines Limited
Certificate #V14798 - 300
Shares and Tanekichi KOHARA

On November 27th last we wrote you as follows:

"We are informed that the above named Japanese is a resident of Japan and therefore is an enemy within the meaning of the Revised Regulations Respecting Trading With The Enemy, (1943).

This man was the registered owner of Certificate #14798 for 300 shares of Reno Gold Mines Limited until March 8th, 1944, when a transfer of the shares was made to Shojiro Okawara, and we understand that certain dividends and capital distributions to shareholders were made during the time the shares were registered in the name of the enemy. We understand that approximately \$81.00 are to the credit of the enemy on the books of the company, and we ask you to kindly make remittance of these funds to the Custodian.

When remitting will you kindly let us have a statement showing the dates and amount of the various dividends and distributions which make up your remittance.

When replying, please make reference to our file number 12911."

Your prompt reply to this letter will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

GHP/O'B

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

PA 3/6/4

Campbell, Brazier and Fisher

Barristers and Solicitors

A. T. R. CAMPBELL

A. W. FISHER

R. J. MCMASTER

TELEPHONE: PACIFIC 816A

ENEMY SECTION

Rec'd NOV 10 1944

File No.

Ans'd

Refer *W. P. Fisher*
ROYAL BANK BUILDING
675 WEST HASTINGS STREET

VANCOUVER, B. C.

OUR FILE NO. 1115

November 8, 1944.

Attention Mr. Wright

Custodian of Japanese Property,
Royal Bank Building,
675 W. Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re. Shojiro Okawara

Some time ago we spoke to you concerning certain shares which had been transferred to the above named by Tane Kichi Kohara. The writer has been unable to carry out the suggestions made by you until recently. Accordingly perhaps it would be best if we outlined the background of the situation again.

On February 21, 1941 Kohara endorsed certificate No. V 14798 of the common stock of Reno Gold Mines Limited over to Okawara. The reasons for the said transfer are set forth in a Statutory Declaration enclosed herewith. Subsequently, but after the regulations dealing with Japanese came into effect Okawara sought to register the shares in his own name. However, due to numerous misunderstandings the registration was not effected until after he had placed the matter in our hands. On March 8th, 1944 the registration was effected into his name and Certificate No. V 41452 issued to him for 300 shares. In the period intervening the transfer of the shares and the registration thereof Reno Gold Mines reduced their capital on three occasions and there is standing to the credit of the original share certificate approximately \$81.00 in their hands. We applied to Reno Gold Mines for payment of this money to Okawara but they refused to make payment except to the registered owner which showed on the books of the Company as Tane Kichi Kohara.

Sutton

Nov 15 5/4 5/14

Custodian of Japanese Property

November 8, 1944.

You may recall that we discussed this matter with you and made the suggestion that inasmuch as Kohara is a Japanese National and returned to Japan before the outbreak of war, the Custodian was in a position to demand payment of the money from Reno Gold Mines. You then indicated that if we could produce evidence satisfactory to you that the transfer was a bona fide transfer to Okawara and not just in trust you would be prepared to recognize Okawara's equitable claim to the funds and to pay the same over to him.

As indicated, we are submitting a Statutory Declaration from Mrs. Okawara setting forth the circumstance of the transfer which we trust you will find in order. It would be appreciated if you could go into the matter at your convenience and advise us with respect thereto.

Yours truly,

CAMPBELL, BRAZIER & FISHER

Per *R. McMaster*

RJM:PG

Encl.

Dominion of Canada

Province of **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

To Wit:

In the Matter of

Dividends due under Certificate No. V-14798 in the common stock of **RENO GOLD MINES LIMITED.**

J. ETSU OKAWARA

, of the Village

of Tashme

in the Province of **British Columbia,**

Do Solemnly Declare that

1. THAT I am the widow of **Moichi Okawara.**
2. THAT in or about March, 1941, just prior to his return to Japan **Tanekichi Kohara**, the registered owner of the above noted share certificate No. V-14798, handed to me the said share certificate endorsed by the said registered owner in favour of my son **Shojiro Okawara.**
3. THAT the said **Tanekichi Kohara** was a single man and a very good friend of my deceased husband who had assisted him in business in this country.
4. THAT when the said **Tanekichi Kohara** handed the said share certificate to me he said "I haven't any children and you have a lot in school for whom you are responsible and I want you to have these shares to help with their education".
5. THAT the said shares were transferred by the said **Tanekichi Kohara** into the name of the said **Shojiro Okawara** because he was my oldest son and as such was the head of the house.
6. THAT on March 8th, 1944, the transfer of the said shares was registered with the said **Reno Gold Mines Limited** and a certificate issued in the name of **Shojiro Okawara** under No. V-41452.
7. THAT there is the sum of approximately \$31.00 representing dividends and/or return of capital in the hands of **Reno Gold Mines Limited**, which sum became payable after the transfer of the shares by **Tanekichi Kohara** to my said son.

And I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

Declared before me

Tashme

at

in the Province of **British Columbia**

this

6

day of

November A.D. 1944.

Etsu Okawara

Walter Hartley
A Notary Public in and for the Province of British Columbia.
A Commissioner for taking affidavits within British Columbia.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits
within the Province of British Columbia