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GENERAL SUMMARY

*Known as Hanan B. Temple*

JAPANESE NAME: The Trustees of The Maple Ridge Buddha Mission. File 13509

CATALOGUE NO: This property has not been offered for sale.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: <sup>+2583</sup> 2585 Dewdney Trunk Road, Haney, B.C.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: *Temple?*  
No.1 Part of 0.2 of an acre more or less of Lot 1, Block 2 of Lot 245, Group 1, Map 1007 as shown outlined in Red and lettered "E" on Sketch deposited No. 3897, Mun of Maple Ridge, D.N.W.  
*Priest's house.*  
No.2 Lot 1 of part of Lot 1, Block 2 of Lot 245, Group 1, Map 6263 Mun. of Maple Ridge, D.N.W.

TITLES: Registered in the names of THE TRUSTEES OF THE MAPLE RIDGE BUDDHIST MISSION.

ENCUMBRANCES: None registered. No indication of any unregistered charges.  
No.1 Vesting Order filed No. 25939 dated 16th June, 1943.  
No.2 Vesting Order filed No. 24356 dated 21st July, 1942.

ASSESSED VALUES:

<u>No.1</u>	Land	\$ 100.00		
	Improvements	\$4350.00	- \$4450.00	Taxes - \$82.35
<u>No.2</u>	Land	\$ 100.00	- \$ 100.00	Taxes \$ 3.62
		\$4550.00		\$85.97

CLASSIFICATION: Property described in No. 1 represents 0.2 of an acre and No. 2 represents 0.44 of an acre.  
 These two parcels must be dealt with, however, as a single unit as there is built on them both, overlapping buildings consisting of a 2-storey frame, shingle roof building, formerly a Buddhist Church, and meeting house, and a 1-storey frame shingled dwelling of 4 rooms formerly used as the priest's house, garage and a woodshed.  
 For postal purposes the dwelling is No. 2583 and the Church, No. 2585 Dewdney Trunk Road.

HISTORY OF ADMINISTRATION: As this property is registered in the names of Trustees Maple Ridge Buddha Mission, and therefore, does not come under the Order-in-Council permitting the Custodian to dispose of Real Property belonging to "Persons of Japanese Race", two Vesting Orders were filed Nos. 25838 dated 16th June, 1943 and 24356 dated 21st July, 1942 against the respective properties as a precautionary measure.

*What are these?*  
*Letter May 16.45 - "I cannot Reg. 7 for clerical 7 are here any action 7 are now" (Copy in file 9623)*

There is on file a copy of a written opinion of Messrs. Locke, Lang Guild and Sheppard, dated 4th April, 1945 going into the matter of the Custodian's power to dispose of Real Property belonging to Japanese Associations and Companies. The closing paragraph reads as follows: "There are no provisions in the Orders-in-Council directly applicable to Evacuee Companies and we suggest that the preferable method would be to amend P.C. 2483 so as to make it, by express provision, applicable to "Evacuee Companies". So far this has not been done.

There has been considerable correspondence between this office and Yutetsu KAWAMURA, Buddhist Priest, who was in charge of this Mission before evacuation, re the sale and renting of this property. We have also endeavoured to ascertain the names of the Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddhist Mission and have received the following information from Rev. Yutetsu KAWAMURA - the President lived in Diamond City, Alberta and the Secretary in Vernon, B.C. We have also received a



letter dated April 1st, 1946 from Soshichi TANAKA, who was the President, which reads <sup>in part</sup> as follows: "I here wish to reply to the letter of July 5, 1945 which was sent to Reverend Yutetsu Kawamura of Picture Butte, Alberta. To the matters of the property of Maple Ridge Buddhist Mission, I wish to let you know that the trustees are willing to sell it. To this, what arrangements do we do? Should we get some of the trustees to sign or is it alright without them signing?". This was answered in a letter dated October 23rd, 1946 by Mrs. A.G. McArthur to Soshichi TANAKA setting out in full detail the procedure to adopt. Copy of this letter is on file. So far nothing further has been done in this connection.

The smaller building known as the "Priest's house" was rented to Mrs. P. Owens from December 15th, 1942 to September 14th, 1945. Consideration \$5.00 per month payable in advance. From September 14th 1945 to January 1st, 1946 the building remained vacant. From January 1st, 1946 to June 30th, 1946 it was rented to C. Singh. Consideration \$5.00 per month.

There was a \$5.00 rent credited to Yutetsu Kawamura in error. This was reversed and credited to The Trustees of The Maple Ridge Buddha Mission.

The larger building, formerly the Buddhist Mission house, has been used by the Custodian as a storage warehouse for storing chattels belonging to Japanese evacuees. A proper charge for rent will be levied and credited to the account of The Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission.

At present the account shows a debit of \$208.54 made up as follows:

	Debit	Credit	Balance
Mrs. Owens - 21 months rent @ \$5.00		105.00	
C. Singh - 6 " " @ \$5.00		30.00	
1 extra month	\$5.00	5.00	
Electric Wiring	10.00		
Certificate of Encumbrance	1.00		
1942/3/4/5 Taxes	256.54		
Insurance Premiums	81.00		
	\$348.54	\$140.00	DR \$208.54

This debit balance will be taken care of by the amount charged to the Custodian for rent of the Mission house used as a storage warehouse.

#### LIABILITIES:

No claims have been lodged against this Mission.

#### INSURANCE:

There is an Insurance Policy No. 212773 issued by The North West Fire Insurance Co., December 11th, 1945, expiring December 11th, 1948 - \$4500.00 covering the following items:

\$2500.00 on the 1 storey building occupied as a Buddhist Mission.  
 \$1500.00 on furniture, fixtures and equipment of every description only while contained therein.  
 \$ 500.00 on the 1 storey frame shingle-roof dwelling occupied by Tenant.

\$4500.00

*Sid Tanaka  
reply?*

*has been occupied*

*Storage*



PHONE PACIFIC 6131

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FILE NO. 13509

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

505 ROYAL BANK BLDG.

HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE

VANCOUVER, B. C.

April 5th, 1949.

Mr. Shichi TANAKA,  
President, Maple Ridge Buddha Mission Society of Naney, B.C.,  
Diamond City, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Re: Part of 0.2 of an acre more or less of Lot 1, Block 2 of  
Lot 245, Gr. 1, Map 1007 as shown outlined in Red and  
lettered "E" on Sketch deposited No. 3897, Mun. of Maple  
Ridge, B.C., and  
Lot 1 of part of Lot 1, Block 2 of Lot 245, Gr. 1,  
Map 6263, Mun. of Maple Ridge, B.C.,  
known as 2583-2584 Dunbar Trunk Rd., Naney, B.C.,  
registered in the name of The Trustees of the Maple  
Ridge Buddha Mission.

As you are doubtless aware, the Order-in-Council which prohibits persons of the Japanese race from entering the protected area of British Columbia without permit has been revoked, the revocation being effective April 1, 1949.

Our records indicate that the above described property is registered in the name The Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission. During the past few years this property has been subject to the control of the Custodian. This letter is to advise you that as at May 30, 1949, the Custodian intends to withdraw his control and the responsibility for administering this property will revert to your Society. It is believed that the interval between the receipt of this letter and May 30, 1949, will allow the officers of your Society sufficient time to make whatever arrangements may be considered necessary for resuming control, including collection of rents and the disposition of the property generally. The present position of this account is shown on the attached statement.

Chattels belonging to the Buddha Mission have been left in the Mission Hall, and certain goods of a personal nature belonging to Japanese evacuees have also been stored there. It is hoped that these personal goods may soon be distributed to the owners. The dwelling on the property has been rented from time to time as shown on the statement. The present tenant is Mr. Garnet A. Lewis, who took possession April 1, 1947, but fell behind in his rent and has only now paid up to March 31, 1948. We have been endeavouring to collect \$10.00 per month to catch up with the arrears but the situation cannot be considered satisfactory yet. Taxes including 1948 have been paid, and insurance covering \$4500.00 on the Mission Hall, \$1500.00 on contents and \$500.00 on the dwelling has been paid and expires on December 11, 1951. The present credit is \$12.88.

You will recall that we wrote you on October 23, 1946, advising how you might proceed to dispose of the property if you wished to sell it. At that time it was stated that any proposed sale should be submitted to this office for approval but such approval is not now required.

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Mr. Seichi TANAKA

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April 5th, 1949.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the officers of your Society listed below and a duplicate copy is being sent to you for your signature and acknowledgment, and return to this office.

Yours truly,

*F. G. Shears*

F. G. Shears,  
Director.

AMM/aw

Encls: Duplicate copy  
Statement of Account

G.C. Mr. S. Koga, Sanford, Man.  
Mr. T. Takayama, Coaldale, Alta.  
Mr. T. Mishima, Taber, Alta.  
Mr. S. Kawanoto, Vernon, B.C.  
Mr. K. Sakamoto, Taber, Alta.

*Diamond City Alta. Apr 11 1949*  
(address) (date)

*S. Tanaka*  
.....  
(signature)



There is a letter on file from J.W. Raymond dated March 1st, 1945 enquiring re sale of this property, asking if this property is for sale and at what price. This letter was acknowledged by Mr. W.E. Anderson, March 6th, 1945, stating that it was not for sale at the present time. Copy of letter on file.

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

December 19th, 1946.

*D. K. Cramer*  
D. K. CRAMER.

DAC:JS

Jan 28/47.

Title acquired by deed as Short form of Deed in pursuance to "The Religious Institutions Act" from an individual Japanese.

For the Registrar's owners to convey, the Registrar will require a filing setting out the names of the trustees and proof of their appointment.  
(See by Registrar Reg 13/47)  
of lands.  
New Westminster

*Attn*



File No. 13509

Name: TRUSTEES MAPLE RIDGE BUDDHA MISSION

Civic Address: 2583 Dewdney Trunk Rd., Haney, B. C.

Legal Description: Lot 1 of part of Lot 1 Block 2 of  
Lot 245 Group 1 Map 6263 Municipality  
of Maple Ridge in the District of New  
Westminster.

Classification: 1 Storey, frame, shingle-roof, dwelling  
house, 4 rooms, formerly used as priest's  
home. Acreage- 0.44. Value of land \$50.00  
Improvements - nil.

Present Occupancy: Vacant.

Encumbrances: None.

Dwelling leased Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> to Mrs. Owen  
Succeeded by C. Singh.  
According to verbal report from  
Mr. W. E. Anderson (See memo Oct 1/47)  
Mrs. G. A. Lewis has occupied the  
priest's dwelling since the end of Feb.  
1947 @ 5<sup>00</sup> per m. but has paid  
no rent up to date. Oct 30/47  
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File No. 13509

Name - TRUSTEES MAPLE RIDGE BUDDHA MISSION

Civic Address - 2585 Dewdney Trunk Rd., Haney, B. C.

Legal Description - Municipality of Maple Ridge, Part  
0.2 of an acre more or less of lot 1,  
blk. 2 of lot 245 Gp. 1 Map 1007 as  
shown marked red and lettered "E" on  
sketch deposited No. 3897 District  
of New Westminster.

*and Lot 1 of Pl. Lot 1  
BK 2/245 Map 6263*

Classification - 1 Storey, frame, shingle-roof building,  
formerly a Buddhist Mission and general  
meeting house. Acreage - 0.2. Value  
of Land - \$50.00; Improvements \$4350.00.

Present Occupancy - Vacant.

Encumbrances - None.

*Rev. G. Kawamura says May 7.43. not to  
rent to berry pickers. (state he is "prong")*

*Planned to sell S. Tanaka. Apr 1.46  
(No list 7 Officers on file. Oct 23.46)*

*Interested in buying. J.K. Raymond Mar 1.45*

*According to info. supplied by Mr. Wright  
May 30.45 this acct. did appear on list 7  
regd acct<sup>m</sup> but struck from rolls (for failure  
to make annual returns?)*



JAPANESE MAPLE RIDGE BUDDHIST MISSION  
2585 Dewdney Trunk Road, Haney, B. C.  
Taken Feb. 24/43 by J.M.

File 13609

Reg. #—





CANADA  
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

ADDRESS ALL  
COMMUNICATIONS  
TO THE  
CUSTODIAN'S OFFICE  
PLEASE REFER  
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FILE NO. 13509

VACATING CERTIFICATE

The Secretary of State of Canada acting in his capacity as Custodian under or by virtue of the Revised Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1943), by his duly authorized and lawful Deputy, hereby vacates the Certificate of Vesting registered in the Land Registry Office of the Land Registration District of New Westminster at New Westminster in the Province of British Columbia on the 16th day of June 1943, as No. 29939 and certifying that the interest of THE TRUSTEES OF THE MAPLE RIDGE BUDDHA MISSION in Part 0.2 of an acre more or less of Lot 1, Block 2 of Lot 245, Group 1, Map 1007, as shown outlined in Red and lettered "F" on Sketch deposited No. 3897, Municipality of Maple Ridge, District of New Westminster, is vested in the Custodian, and hereby relinquishes and releases any right which he the said Custodian may have in the said property by virtue of the Vesting in him of the interest of the said THE TRUSTEES OF THE MAPLE RIDGE BUDDHA MISSION.

DATED at Vancouver, B. C. this 15th day of August A.D. 1949.

*Original to Has Bengies,  
in letter Sept 9. 49.*

*E. G. Shearn*

E. G. SHEARN  
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary  
of State and the Custodian



505 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

22nd May, 1944.

L.V. Wright, Esq.,  
Deemed to be Custodian,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Victoria Building,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Identification of Associations

The following are cases where there is some indication that those interested are desirous or agreeable to the disposal of these assets and the distribution of the proceeds:

File 54147 - Fairview Japanese Language School - 154 West 5th Ave.

Referred to Fairview Youth Club.

The title to this property is in the name of Fairview Nippon Co-School (Fairview Japanese Language School) Maintenance Association.

Reverend. Harris & Macdonald write stating:

"We are in receipt of instructions from Mr. Harukichi Harukichi requesting us to advise you that the trustees of the school have come to the conclusion that this will be a good time to sell the property including the lot and all the equipment which belongs to the school.

We have written Victoria to obtain a list of the members as they will all be interested in any sale that is to be made. Can you, in the meantime, let us know approximately what amount the trustees might anticipate receiving if a sale were entered into at this time.

We understand your policy is not to dispose of property of this nature without the owner requesting it and we would gladly see you would like to request it in the present case. Mr. Harukichi Harukichi is President and has been ever since 1934 and the Treasurer is Mr. Kiichi Harukichi who is also in the Internment Camp with Mr.



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Overhead. Presumably a request by both these individuals  
will suffice for your purposes but we would like to have  
your advice on that point.

I wrote to Mr. Sheppard asking him to advise whether he considered  
the letter received constituted sufficient authority for us to proceed to  
sell or what authority he suggested the Custodian might first obtain and  
also asked for his advice in regard to the distribution of the proceeds.

Mr. Sheppard has replied:

"The title to this property was held by an incorporated  
association known as 'Fairview Ridge Co-Operative Maintenance  
Association', and that Association appears to be active  
in view of the local list of solicitors having been in-  
structed by the President and Treasurer. As this company  
has not been treated as an enemy association we would  
recommend that the Association through its solicitors be  
informed that in the event of the Association effecting a  
sale of the premises, which is acceptable to the Custodian,  
the Custodian would permit the sale to be completed and the  
monies received by the Association. The monies in the hands  
of the Association can then be disbursed according to law."

The Church - Property registered in the name of Fairview Baptist Church -  
222 West 1st Street

Related to Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church.

I advised Mr. Sheppard that a somewhat similar enquiry had been  
received in regard to this property. Rev. Donald Hirschman who signs as  
Superintendent of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada wrote:

"As I would like to clear matters pertaining to the above  
named Church before my departure from this country, would  
you kindly inform me, as soon as possible, if in the case  
we should desire to make a sale, the money received will  
be forwarded to me."

Immediately upon receiving an answer from you, I shall  
have a meeting with my former executives.



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Re: Buddhist Church

"Thanking you for your prompt attention, I remain,"

In an interview with Mr. Sheppard yesterday he suggested that it would be in order for us to agree to allow the Executives to dispose of this property in a voluntary way by the regular process of appointing a liquidator who would be satisfactory to the Custodian and who would carry out the liquidation and make distribution according to law.

File 6222 - Buddhist Church at Mission

Has not been rented.

On December 7th last I wrote to you attaching copy of a letter received from Mr. H. Miyagawa, signing as Secretary, asking if the church could be sold. The letter stated that most of the members were residing at Victoria B.C.

The title to this property is in the name of two Japanese in trust, the trust stating that they had acquired this property for and on behalf of the Buddhist Church and as trustees thereof and when required by a 2/3rds majority resolution of the members would sell and convey.

You replied on December 13th suggesting that Mr. Sheppard be consulted as to the procedure which should be followed if a purchaser could be found. Mr. Sheppard's reply is as follows:

"This property is in the name of two parties of the Japanese name 'In Trust'. One of the trustees is still alive and wishes the property sold. We would suggest that the trustee be allowed to effect a sale and to collect the proceeds provided first that the sale is acceptable to the Custodian; the money will then be held by this surviving trustee, subject to the terms of the trust, and the duty of administering will be in him; you need not concern yourself."

✓ File 6222 - Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddhist Mission are the registered owners of a property in the Municipality of Maple Ridge.

You have considered that where a title stands in the name of individuals and there is evidence to indicate that they hold the assets for an association that liquidation might be carried out and the funds



L. J. Smith, Esq.

should be placed to the credit of the association pending determination of their rights to such funds.

About a year ago Mr. Ian Macpherson wrote to the Rev. Father Lawrence asking for the names of the trustees. Rev. Lawrence replied that he would advise us as soon as he was informed.

We have recently received a reply from Mr. D. Tanaka referring to this matter and while he does not give the names of any trustees he stated:

"I wish to let you know that the trustees are willing to sell. Should we get some of the trustees to sign. The title to this property is in the hand of the President."

At the moment no further action has been taken.

File 61211 - Miscellaneous Resident Mission - 1084 East 1st Avenue

In my interview with Mr. Sheppard yesterday I referred to your letter of May 2nd in which you advised that Mr. L. M. Perry of the Trans-Canada Film Ltd. was interested in the purchase of this property.

As you mention, Mr. Sheppard has already considered the title problem in relation to this type of asset and recommended an amendment to the Order-in-Council.

I have written to Mr. Sheppard and have asked him to give full consideration to the question of drafting a suitable amendment and I expect to receive this from him shortly.

If the Order-in-Council is amended so as to make provision for the liquidation of companies and associations, would it not still be desirable to permit the voluntary liquidation of such organizations where this is desired by the officers of the associations?

In this letter I am just touching where enquiry has been made and I feel that it is a matter which requires careful consideration and a policy and procedure outlined which will apply to the circumstances of each case.



L. F. Smith, Jr.

You may be prepared to give some specific advice in regard to the particular cases referred to in this letter or, as I understand you expect to be in Vancouver in a few weeks time, it may be considered desirable to delay the whole matter until you are here and in conference with Mr. Shappard arrive at a satisfactory method of dealing with these questions.

Yours very truly,

J. G. Shaw,  
Director.

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

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

October 23, 1946.

Mr. Hoshichi TANAKA,  
Reg. No. 13736,  
Diamond City, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Re: Pt. 0.2 ac.m/1 of Lot 1, Blk. 2, Lot 245,  
G.I., Map 1007 as shown marked red and lettered  
E on Sketch deposited No. 3897, Mun. of Maple  
Ridge, D.N.W., known as 2585 Dewdney Trunk Road,  
Haney, B.C. and

Lot 1 of Part of Lot 1, Blk. 2, Lot 245, G.I.,  
Map 6263, Mun. of Maple Ridge, D.N.W., known as  
2583 Dewdney Trunk Road, Haney, B.C., both  
registered in the name of The Trustees of the  
Maple Ridge Buddha Mission.

We have your letter with reference to the above  
described property in which you state that the Trustees are willing  
to sell and we agree that this would be an opportune time to dispose  
of this property. Liquidation can be effected by following a required  
legal procedure and this could be carried out by referring the matter  
to a solicitor or other competent agent with instructions for him to  
proceed with a voluntary liquidation, and subsequent to sale, to  
distribute the proceeds to those entitled to receive them. The  
Custodian will require however, to be given an opportunity to give  
his approval before any deal is finally made.

The matter of conveying title to a purchaser may  
present a difficulty to you as we understand that the society named  
on the title has been struck from the rolls owing to failure to make  
annual returns. It may be possible however, upon application being  
made, to have it reinstated for the purpose of liquidation. It would  
therefore seem particularly desirable for you to secure legal advice,  
and it may be that you have already a solicitor who has been acting  
for your organization, but if you have none and no preference for  
any particular solicitor, the Custodian would be prepared, upon  
receiving your instructions, to make the necessary arrangements for  
you.

With reference to your inquiry as to a satisfactory  
price and method of sale, we would suggest that in your best interests,



Mr. Soshiichi TANAKA,

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October 23, 1946.

our policy of advertising and calling for tenders should be followed as by this means the widest publicity and possibility of securing the best offers would be obtained.

We note that you state that the President is holding the Certificates of Title. Whoever acts for you would require production of these certificates together with all information concerning the incorporation of your society and the full names and present addresses of the officers, the names and addresses of the Trustees entrusted with the property, and the names of the officers authorized to act for your society officially. This office would find it convenient to have this latter information on record and we would appreciate receiving this from you together with an expression of your wishes in regard to this matter. You will probably wish to confer with your associates before coming to a final decision, but in any case, would you kindly reply to this letter as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian,

AGM:AS



File 13509

June 20, 1947.

MEMORANDUM.

Re: The Trustees Maple Ridge Buddha Mission.

The Rev. I. Kawamura came into the office today and an arrangement was made for him to meet Mr. W.E. Anderson at Haney on June 21st to go over the Whonnock and Mission properties. He was assured that the Custodian would have no objection to the property owned by his society being liquidated by the owners and it was explained to him that it would be more satisfactory if he would engage a solicitor to act for the society. He said that he would get in touch with us after his return to *Picture Butte*.

He gave the following list of officers:

- 1 President - Sohichi TANAKA, Diamond City, Alberta. *no p...*
- 2 Secretary - Sansuke KAWAMOTO, Vernon, B.C. *©*
- 3 Old Treasurer - Senji SANO *culver house Cannock, Co. Lincolnshire*
- 4 Chairman - Tsurukichi MICHIMA, Taber, Alberta. *Ontario*
- 5 New Treasurer - Tomokichi TAKAYAMA, Coaldale, B.C.

*W.E. Anderson*  
G. McArthur.

AGM:AH

*Mr. Tanaka Sept 25/47*  
*vice pres: S. Koga Sanford, Man*  
*New Treas. T. Takayama, Coaldale Alta*

*Chairman T. Michima Taber Alta*

*Secy @ K. Sakamoto Taber Alta*

*Invigilator address unknown*



# MEMORANDUM

When replying please refer  
to our File No.

EVALUATION SECTION	
MIK/7843	JUL 9 1947
File No. 13599	
Referred	<i>A. A. Milledge</i>
July 8	1947

TO A. G. McArthur, Esq.,  
c/o Office of the Custodian,  
Vancouver, B. C.

FROM THE

LAND REGISTRY OFFICE,

New Westminster

Re: Part 0.2 of an acre more or less of Lot 1 Block 2  
of Lot 245, Group 1, Map 1007, as shown outlined in  
Red and lettered "E" on Sketch deposited No. 3897,  
Municipality of Maple Ridge in the District of New  
Westminster

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th. inst. and in  
reply beg to advise that the conveyance produced in support of  
application No. 107070E made by Mr. Halbert Menzies of Port  
Haney, B.C. was drawn in pursuance of the short form of Deeds  
Act and in pursuance of the "Religious Institutions Act".  
Yasutaro Nakano of Port Haney, Grantor, to The Trustees of the  
Maple Ridge Buddha Mission, a Religious Institution.

A. A. Milledge,  
Registrar.  
per: *MIK*

MIK/rs

*Inclosure for*



13509

July 11, 1947.

A. A. Milledge, Esq.,  
Registrar,  
Land Registry Office,  
New Westminster, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Part 0.2 of an acre more or less of Lot 1,  
Block 2 of Lot 245, Group 1, Map 1007,  
as shown outlined in Red and lettered "B"  
on Sketch deposited No. 3897, Municipality  
of Maple Ridge in the District of  
New Westminster.

We acknowledge with thanks your letter of July 8,  
1947, with information regarding the conveyance in favour  
of the present registered owner. Would you please advise  
whether, at the time of the registration of this Deed, any  
evidence was required by you as to the formation of the  
Religious Institution, the names of the Trustees and the  
names of the persons authorized to sign documents.

If you are in a position to give us this information  
we would appreciate having it at your early convenience.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/HS



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August 11, 1947.

A. A. Milledge, Esq.,  
Registrar,  
Land Registry Office,  
New Westminster, B. C.

Dear Sir:

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Block 2 of Lot 245, Group 1, Map 1007, as  
shown outlined in Red and lettered "E" on  
Sketch deposited No. 3897, Municipality of  
Maple Ridge, District of New Westminster.

We wish to thank you for your letter of July 16, advising  
that registration of the above-described property was made in  
the name of The Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission under  
the Societies act and that the names of the trustees have not  
been filed in your office.

In view of the fact that we have been informed by the  
Registrar of Companies that there is no record in that office  
of the incorporation of the Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha  
Mission, would you please let us know what proof of signature  
would be required in filing a conveyance of this property to a  
purchaser.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/AC



August 12, 1947.

Mr. Sohichi Tanaka,  
Diamond City, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Re: 2583-2585 Dawdney Trunk Road, Haney, B. C.,  
being Part 0.2 of an acre more or less of  
Lot 1, Block 2 of Lot 245, Group 1, Map 1007,  
as shown outlined in Red and lettered "E" on  
Sketch deposited No. 3897, Municipality of  
Maple Ridge, District of New Westminster.  
and  
Lot 1 of part of Lot 1, Block 2 of Lot 245,  
group 1, Map 6263, Municipality of Maple Ridge,  
District of New Westminster, both registered in  
the name THE TRUSTEES OF THE MAPLE RIDGE BUDDHA MISSION.

We have been informed by Rev. Y. Kawamura who visited our office  
on June 20, 1947, that you are now the president of the church organization  
which owns the above-described property. If this is the case, would you  
please supply us with the following information:

- (1) When was your society formed?
- (2) What is the society called?
- (3) Did a lawyer organize your society and if so, what is his name and address?
- (4) Has your society been registered with the Registrar of Companies at Victoria or elsewhere?
- (5) What were the names of the original officers and members of your society?
- (6) Have there been any changes? If so, please give the names and addresses of the present officers.
- (7) Are there any documents or minutes of meetings setting out how the trustees should be appointed?
- (8) If there are such documents, where are they?
- (9) What were the names of the Trustees first appointed to represent the society?
- (10) Have there been changes made? If so, state the names and addresses of the present trustees.

We would appreciate receiving this information at an early date and, for your convenience attach a questionnaire in duplicate, one copy of which please fill in and return to this office using the envelope enclosed for this purpose.

Yours truly,

AGM/AC  
Enc. questionnaire & envelope

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.



August 12, 1947.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE MAPLE RIDGE BUDDHA MISSION

- (1) When was your society formed?

Society formed March, 4<sup>th</sup> 1933.

- (2) What is the society called?

Society named Maple Ridge Buddhist Mission

- (3) Did a lawyer organize your society?

If so, what is his name and address?

No

- (4) Has your society been registered with the Registrar of Companies at Victoria or elsewhere?

Registered at Victoria, B.C.

- (5) What were the names of the original officers and members of your society? (please list these on the attached sheet)

- (6) Have there been any changes? If so, please give the names and addresses of the present officers.

The officers later on.

President - S. Tanaka - Diamond City, Alta.  
 Vice-pres. - S. Koga - Sanford, Man., T. Takayama, Coaldale, Alta.  
 Chairman - T. Mishima - Taber, Alta.; Irizawa - address unknown.  
 Sec. - S. Kawamoto - Vernon, BC; K. Sakamoto - Taber, Alta.  
 Treas. S. Sano - address unknown.

- (7) Are there any documents or minutes of meetings setting out how the trustees should be appointed?

No

- (8) If there are such documents, where are they?

- (9) What were the names of the Trustees first appointed to represent the society?

Treas. T. Ishikawa.  
 Vice-pres. K. Oike; Fujita  
 Sec. S. Kawamoto; K. Otoni

Treas. S. Tanaka

Chairman - S. Koga - T. Takayama

- (10) Have there been changes made? If so, state the names and addresses of the present trustees.

Same as No. 6.



NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE ORIGINAL OFFICERS AND  
MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
(No. 6) J. Ishikawa. Pres.	Japan.
K. Oike vice-pres.	Manitoba
Fujita " "	Japan
S. Kawamoto Sec.	Vernon, B.C.
K. Otoni " "	New Denver, B.C.
S. Tanaka Sec. treas.	Diamond City, Alta.
S. Kogo. Chairmen.	Sanford, Man.
T. Takagoma. " "	Coaldale, Alta.
Members.	
Lilloet, B.C.	Manitoba.
Takimoto; Tsuyuki; Ishikawa.	Sanford. - Kogo & Shimizu.
Kamloops, B.C. Greenwood, B.C.	Morris. - Inouye, Sakiyama.
Saito, Homewood; Mukada;	Wpg. - Ozamoto, Okano, Ariza.
Vernon B.C.	Ito, Nakano, Taniguchi, Okabe.
Kawamoto; Aomoto;	Abc, Furukawa, Tatzumi, Hiraishima.
Slovan B.C.	Homewood, - Koita.
Odamura, Hoyano, Nagao	Otterburne - Onagi
New Denver B.C.	Oakville - Matsuo, Himatsu. Tazumi
Iwase, Takasaki, Tateishi	
<u>ALTA</u>	
Taber Alta.	
Sakamoto, Mishima, Imada, Nishimura.	
Matsumoto, Miyata, Nakahara.	
Coaldale, Alta.	
Takayama, Tsujiura, Hoyano, Utsunomiya.	
Matsumoto, Okahashi, Furuse, Otoni, Ibuki,	
Hirotsu, Yamamoto, Matsune.	
Pictou Butte, Alta.	
Yoshioka, Tamuro, Nishizeki	
Magrath Alta. Vauxhall, Alta.	
Kunimoto. Kitagawa.	



September 25, 1947.

The Registrar of Companies,  
Legislative Buildings,  
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: THE TRUSTEES OF THE MAPLE RIDGE BUDDHA MISSION.

We wrote to you on July 2, 1947, asking for particulars of a registered Society known as the Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission. Your reply dated July 4, 1947, stated that there was no record of this Society.

In May, 1945, a representative of our office visited Victoria and reported that this Society had been registered but was stricken from the Rolls. In addition, we are now in receipt of a letter from a Japanese person who claims to be the President of this Society, who states that the Society was registered with the Registrar of Companies at Victoria and that the Society was formed on March 4, 1933. He states that the Society was named Maple Ridge Buddhist Mission although, as stated in our previous letter, the Real Property occupied by this Society is registered in the name The Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission.

Would you please be good enough to make further search in the light of the information now supplied and let us know whether a Society was registered with you in either of these names and, if so, the present status.

Yours very truly,

AGE/AC

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.





OFFICE OF  
REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

VICTORIA, September 29th, 1947.

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd SEP 30 1947

File No. 13569

Ans. JDM

Referred

A.G. McArthur, Esq.,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Japanese Evacuation Section,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re The Trustees of the Maple  
Ridge Buddha Mission.

I have your letter of the 25th instant and  
beg to confirm my previous letter in which I stated that  
there is no record here of this society.

You refer to "Maple Ridge Buddha Mission",  
which you state a Japanese person says was formed on the  
4th March, 1933. I have made a further search, but cannot  
trace that any society of this name was incorporated at  
that time. You state that this Japanese also says that the  
property occupied by the society is registered in the name  
of "The Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission". It  
occurs to me that as the property was registered in the name  
of trustees it was done so for the reason that "Maple Ridge  
Buddha Mission" was not a corporate body.

Yours truly,

Deputy Registrar of Companies.

WLL/MB  
E.



September 25, 1947.

Mr. S. Tanaka,  
Diamond City, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Re: 2583-2585 Dawson Trunk Road, Haney, B.C.

We have received your letter of September 16 and thank you for the information given on the attached form. We are writing to the Registrar at Victoria in order to obtain the present status of your Society and will write you further as soon as this information is received.

As far as the selling price of the property is concerned, the Custodian will have no objection to this property being sold at a price satisfactory to your Society but, as already explained to you, the matter of conveying Title to a purchaser may present some difficulty unless you engage the services of a solicitor to see that the documents required by the Land Registry Office are properly prepared. As suggested in our letter to you of October 23, 1946, the Custodian will assist you in putting the matter into the hands of a solicitor, if you so wish, and will be pleased to co-operate with him by supplying all the information possible from our files.

In disposing of Japanese owned property, the practice of the Custodian has been to advertise it for sale by public tender, in order to secure the best market price. An alternative might be for you to list the property with one or more Real Estate Agents. The only interest shown in purchasing this property was an inquiry received on March 1, 1945, from Mr. J. W. Raymond, Haney, B. C., who owns the adjoining property. We do not know whether he is still interested and he did not, at that time, suggest a price that he was willing to pay.

We will write you further when we hear from the Registrar of Companies, as the position of your Society on the Register will determine the action to be taken by a solicitor in order to convey this property to a purchaser.

Yours truly,

A. G. McARTHUR,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/AC



13909

May 27, 1948.

Haney Liberal Association,  
Haney, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Attention: A. W. Chatwin, Secretary.

Re: 2583-2585 Dendrey Trunk Road, Haney.

We have to acknowledge your letter of May 20 relative to sale of the above-described property.

The Custodian will have no objection to voluntary liquidation of the property which is registered in the name of "The Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission", and would suggest that you advise anyone interested in purchasing the property to communicate direct with Mr. Sohichi Tanaka, Diamond City, Alberta, who has written to us as President of the society, advising that the members desire to sell the property if a suitable price can be obtained.

Yours very truly,

/AC

for  
A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.



13509

April 29, 1949.

Mr. S. Tanaka,  
Diamond City, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Re: Part 0.2 of an acre more or less of Lot 1, Block 2,  
of Lot 245, Group 1, Map 1007, as shown outlined in  
Red and lettered "E" on Sketch deposited No. 3897,  
Municipality of Maple Ridge, District of New Westminster,  
and  
Lot 1 of part of Lot 1, Block 2 of Lot 245, Group 1,  
Map 6263, Municipality of Maple Ridge, District of New  
Westminster, known as 2583-2585 Dawdney Trunk Road, Naney.  
Registered in the name THE TRUSTEES OF THE MAPLE RIDGE  
BUDDHA MISSION.

We acknowledge your letter of April 20, in which you request the  
Custodian to sell the above-described property, but as we previously  
informed you, it is desirable to employ the services of a solicitor to take  
care of the legal requirements necessary in disposing of properties  
registered in the name of an Association or Society.

In this connection you may be aware that the following Vancouver  
solicitors have acted on behalf of certain Japanese in the Claims Enquiry  
before Mr. Justice Henry I. Bird and if approached might be willing to act  
for your society:

Mr. J. A. MacLennan,  
Rogers Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Mr. R. J. McMaster,  
Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Mr. T. G. Norris,  
Bank of Nova Scotia Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Would you please make your own arrangements with whatever solicitor you wish.  
This office will, when given the name of your solicitor, be pleased to  
co-operate with him in every way in supplying all information available from  
our files.

Yours truly,

AGM/AC

F. G. Shears,  
Director.



# MEMORANDUM

WHEN REPLYING PLEASE REFER  
TO OUR FILE NO.

TO A. G. McArthur, Esq.,  
Office of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

FROM THE

GJ/12363  
**LAND REGISTRY OFFICE,**  
New Westminster, B. C.

Nov. 24, 1949

Re: Part 0.2 of an acre of Lot 1 Block 2  
of Lot 245 Group 1 Plan 1007 Sketch 3897  
also Lot 1 of part of Lot 1 Block 2 of Lot 245  
Group 1 Plan 6263

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst.  
enclosing originals and copies of vacating  
certificates.

Vesting Certificates No. 25939 and 24356 have been  
cancelled on our register.

Copies of vacating certificates are being returned herewith.

GJ/cm

A. A. Milledge,  
Registrar,  
per:

*Certificates filed  
in Real Property Section*

<b>EVACUATION SECTION</b>	
Rec'd	NOV 24 1949
File No.	13509
Ans.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Referred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



CANADA  
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

ADDRESS ALL  
COMMUNICATIONS  
TO THE  
CUSTODIAN'S OFFICE  
PLEASE REFER  
TO  
FILE NO. 13509

EVACUATION SECTION	
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Ass.	
Refused	

VACATING CERTIFICATE

The Secretary of State of Canada acting in his capacity as Custodian under or by virtue of the Revised Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1943), by his duly authorized and lawful Deputy, hereby vacates the Certificate of Vesting registered in the Land Registry Office of the Land Registration District of New Westminster at New Westminster in the Province of British Columbia, on the 21st day of July 1942, as No. 24356 and certifying that the interests of Yutetsu KAWAMURA and The Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission in Lot 1 of part of Lot 1, Block 2 of Lot 245, Group 1, Map 6263, District of New Westminster, is vested in the Custodian, and hereby relinquishes and releases any right which he the said Custodian may have in the said property by virtue of the Vesting in him of the said Yutetsu KAWAMURA and The Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission.

DATED at Vancouver, B. C. this 15th day of August A.D. 1949

*Vesting Cert. Cancelled  
by Registrar according  
to letter Nov 24/49*

*E. G. Shears*

(E. G. SHEARS)  
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary  
of State and/or Custodian





SOLDIER SETTLEMENT AND VETERANS' LAND ACT

YOUR FILE NO.

PLEASE QUOTE R.O. 1128  
D.O. 964

Box 780,  
New Westminster, B.C.  
March 6, 1950.

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd MAR 8 1950

File No. 13629

Atty.

Retained

*Red*

Custodian of Enemy Alien Property,  
675 West Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Part Lots 1 & 2 of Lot 245, & Lot 1 of Part of Lot 1  
Lot 245  
Maple Ridge Buddha Mission.  
G.A. Lewis - Tenant

The above party who is a tenant on this property under your administration is also a veteran, and in accordance with a recent amendment to the Veterans' Land Act, he is now eligible to apply for qualification. He has expressed a wish to the Casualty Rehabilitation Officer for establishment on this particular property which he now occupies. Would you therefore kindly advise us the price at which the property could be sold to our Department, if approved.

Yours truly,

R.D. Grant  
Regional Supervisor.

Per: *[Signature]*

WHG/vb



Fire, Theft, Automobile  
Sickness and Accident  
Plate Glass, Burglary  
and Personal Property  
Insurance

# Hal Menzies

REAL ESTATE and INSURANCE  
• • HANEY, B.C. • •

Notary Public  
Conveyances  
Loans and Appraisals

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	NOV 10 1949
File No.	135-09
Ans.	<i>Alma</i>
Referred	<i>Mrs. M. McArthur</i>

November 8th, 1949

Mrs. A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mrs. McArthur:

- Re. Buddhist Temple -  
2583-55 Dewdney Trunk Road

I believe your last instructions to me by telephone were to return the enclosed vacating certificate, and we still have to report no progress on the sale of the property involved.

The writer called at the New Westminster office of the V.L.A. and was there advised that owing to the fact that our purchaser is an amputation case they cannot deal with it further at the present time. Apparently they anticipate an amendment to the act that would permit our purchaser to qualify when their office is apparently quite willing to approve his purchase. We are very disappointed at the way this deal has turned out and the position we have been forced into of reporting a sale that we could not consummate. We thought we were saving everyone trouble by selling to the tenant and eliminating the necessity of obtaining vacancy. Our original purchaser, as far as we know, is still willing to go ahead with the purchase but we feel that we may encounter considerable difficulty in getting the tenant to move.

We have had no further word from Mr. Tanaka about the handling of the property but we have advised him of our difficulty in negotiating the sale.

Yours truly,

*Hal Menzies*



13509

July 26th, 1949.

Mr. Hal Hennes,  
Real Estate and Insurance,  
Hansy, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of July 25th the Buddhist Temple at 2583-2585 Dowdney Trunk Road, Hansy, B. C., is registered in the name "The Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission", the legal description being Part of 0.2 of an acre more or less of Lot 1, Block 2 of Lot 245, Group 1, Map 1007 as shown outlined in red and lettered "E" on Sketch deposited No. 3897, Municipality of Maple Ridge, D.N.W. and Lot 1 of part of Lot 1, Block 2 of Lot 245, Group 1, Map 6263, Municipality of Maple Ridge, D.N.W.

We do not know whether Mr. Oike has any authority with reference to the sale of this property. We understand that Mr. S. Tanaka, Diamond City, Alberta, is the President of the Buddhist Church Society. Tanaka wrote to this office on April 20, 1949, stating that the owners desired to sell the property and suggested \$3000.00 as a suitable cash price.

We have heard nothing further regarding a sale and would suggest that you write direct to Mr. Tanaka. The Custodian will have no objection to whatever disposition the owners wish to make of this property.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/ER



13509

July 26, 1949.

Mr. S. Tanaka,  
Diamond City,  
Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Re: 2583 and 2585 Dowdney Trunk  
Road - Nancy Buddhist Temple.

We wish to inform you that we are receiving inquiries concerning purchase of the above property. Mr. B. A. Noble of Nancy has expressed an interest in buying or leasing the Temple with the idea of using it as a community centre for war veterans. The Reverend D. A. Gunn and Mr. W. M. Stinson, also of Nancy, have asked to look through this property in order to make an offer. We received a letter today from Mr. Hal Menzies, Real Estate, Nancy, asking for the name of the person who has authority to sell the property. We have directed all these persons to you. The address of Mr. Noble, Mr. Gunn, and Mr. Stinson is R. R. No. 1, Hammond, B. C.

You are no doubt aware that Mr. Okabe and Mr. Oike, together with Reverend Kawamura came to Nancy during the week of June 6 and removed the shrine and accessories and signed a release for same.

With reference to the disposition of the church furniture, other than the shrine, Mr. Okabe and Mr. Oike were uncertain regarding the wishes of the church officials but stated that they would take the matter up with the church officers and trustees with a view to holding a meeting to decide on the disposition of both real and personal property. They undertook to let us know the result of that meeting.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/KR



August 16, 1949.

Mr. Hal Mensies,  
Real Estate and Insurance,  
Honey, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Part 0.2 of an acre more or less of Lot 1,  
Block 2 of Lot 245, Group 1, Map 1007, as  
shown outlined in Red and lettered "E" on  
Sketch deposited No. 3897,

and  
Lot 1 of part of Lot 1, Block 2 of Lot 245,  
Group 1, Map 6263,  
Known as 2583 and 2585 Dawdney Trunk Road.

We have been advised by Mr. S. Tanaka that you are  
handling the sale of the above-described property on behalf of  
the Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission.

We are enclosing herewith Certificates in duplicate  
vacating the Custodian's interest in this property, which we would  
ask you to please file immediately prior to the documents of  
conveyance. We would appreciate your having the duplicates of these  
Vacating Certificates stamped with the date and number of filing  
and returning them to this office for our records.

The Assignment form on North West Fire Insurance Policy  
No. 223324 which covers the property against loss by fire in the sum  
of \$4,500.00 has been signed, relinquishing the Custodian's interest  
in the policy, and the policy is enclosed herewith.

Taxes on the property amounting to \$99.75 have been paid  
for the year 1949.

If we have any further information available on our file  
which will assist you in making the adjustments, we will be pleased  
to supply it upon request.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,  
Director.

/AG  
Enc. Certificates  
Insurance Policy.



August 16, 1949.

Mr. S. Tanaka,  
Diamond City, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Re: Part 0.2 of an acre more or less of Lot 1,  
Block 2 of Lot 245, Group 1, Map 1007, as  
shown outlined in Red and lettered "E" on  
Sketch deposited No. 3897,

and  
Lot 1 of part of Lot 1, Block 2 of Lot 245,  
Group 1, Map 6261.

We acknowledge with thanks your letter of August 12, 1949,  
advising that sale of the above-described property for the sum of  
\$3150.00 is being arranged by Mr. Hal Mensies, Real Estate Agent.

We have today forwarded Certificates vacating the  
Custodian's Vesting of these properties to Mr. Mensies, together  
with North West Fire Insurance Policy No. 223324, covering the  
property against loss by fire in the sum of \$4500.00, which has  
been endorsed relinquishing the Custodian's interest.

1949 Taxes in the sum of \$99.75 have been paid and  
Mr. Mensies has been so advised.

The chattels stored in the building are being removed as  
quickly as practicable and the keys will be turned over to Mr. Mensies  
as soon as this work is completed.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,  
Director.

/AG

P. S. It is to be clearly understood that if it is the intention of  
the Society to wind up and distribute the proceeds from sale  
to the members, any funds which may become payable to residents  
of Japan should be paid to this office.



September 9, 1949.

Mr. Hal Mennies,  
Real Estate,  
Honey, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Part 0.2 of an acre more or less of Lot 1,  
Block 2 of Lot 245, Group 1, Map 1007, as  
shown outlined in Red and lettered "E" on  
Sketch deposited No. 3897,

and  
Lot 1 of part of Lot 1, Block 2 of Lot 245,  
Group 1, Map 6263,  
known as 2581 and 2585 Dewdney Trunk Road.

Further to our letters of August 16 and August 22  
relative to sale of the above-described property, if this  
sale has been completed we would appreciate having this  
information for our records. We wish to remind you that we  
require the duplicate Vacating Certificates marked with  
the date and number of filing as requested in our letter of  
August 16.

It is expected that all chattels under the control of  
the Custodian will soon have been removed from the Temple  
and the keys to the padlock on the building held by this  
office will be delivered to you as agent for the owners.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/AC



MEMORANDUM

File No. 13509

October 5, 1949.

I telephoned Mr. Hal Mensies today to enquire concerning progress of the sale of the Temple at Haney to Garnet A. Lewis.

Mr. Mensies stated that the sale had not yet come to fruition but that if it fails, he hopes to sell the property to Rev. D. A. Gunn and W. M. Stinson of Haney. These men represent the Bethany Missionary Fellowship and had, some time ago, expressed an interest in buying this building.

Mr. Mensies did not feel that he had actually been appointed agent for the owners other than to complete sale and he therefore asked if I would bring the matter to Mr. Tanaka's attention in order that Tanaka might instruct him direct.

If Mr. Mensies is requested to act as local agent, he will undertake to arrange shipment of the goods belonging to the society still remaining in the building.

Mr. Mensies also agreed to send back the Vacating Certificate in duplicate in order that we might file it ourselves as soon as the Society has a properly appointed agent to look after their affairs.

I drew Mr. Mensies' attention to the fact that the Lewises, who occupy the dwelling on this property and who were the proposed purchasers, are in arrears in rent. Incidentally, Mr. Mensies stated that Mr. Lewis said that they intended to pay cash as they expected to be helped to purchase this property by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

AGM/AC





13509

October 31, 1949.

Mr. S. Tanaka,  
Diamond City, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Re: Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission

We have received a letter from Mr. Hal Menzies enclosing \$60.00, being rent up to date for the dwelling on the above property. This money is being credited to the account of the Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission.

We assume from this that you have appointed Mr. Menzies your agent to look after this property as suggested in our letter of October 11, and unless we hear from you to the contrary by return mail we will turn over the keys to him and ask him to report direct to you in future.

We also assume that you have made your own arrangements with Mr Menzies as to fees for his services and will expect to receive instructions from your properly designated officers as to disposition of funds on hand in this office.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/MS

Oct 27/49

Cr. 121.50

(includes 60 rent)



13509

October 31, 1949.

Mr. Hal Mennies,  
Honey, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission  
2583-2585 Dewdney Trunk Road.

Enclosed please find Official Receipt for rent collected from Mrs. Lewis for the account of the Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission.

Would you kindly let us know whether further progress has been made regarding sale of the property and would you also please return the Vacating Certificates forwarded to you with our letter of August 16th in order that we may send these to the Land Registry Office for filing.

Mr. Tanaka has not yet answered our letter with reference to turning over full management of this property to you, and we will be pleased to hear from either the owners or you in this connection.

We assume that you will be making some mutually satisfactory arrangements with the owners regarding fees for your services.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/MS  
Enc. Receipt.



13509

November 16, 1949.

Hal Messies, Esq.,  
Real Estate and Insurance,  
Haney, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Buddhist Temple - 2583-85 Dewdney Trunk Road,  
Registered in the name Trustees of the Maple  
Ridge Buddha Mission.

We acknowledge with thanks your letter of November 8,  
returning copies of Custodian Vacating Certificates relative  
to the above property.

We note that you have had no further word from  
Mr. Tanaka about handling the property but we have advised  
him by Registered Mail that unless we hear from him to the  
contrary we are turning over the keys and administration to you.

We enclose a copy of this letter for your information  
and will act upon it when a reasonable time has elapsed for his  
reply.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/AC  
Enc. copy.



13509

November 21, 1949.

Mr. Hal Mensies,  
Real Estate & Insurance,  
Nancy, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Buddhist Temple - 2583-2585 Dewdney Trunk Road,  
Registered in the name Trustees of the Maple Ridge  
Buddha Mission.

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Further to our letter of November 16, we have today received a reply from S. Tanaka, on the strength of which we now deliver herewith the keys to the above building in order that you may assume full control as representative of the owners.

In the meantime, our Mr. Johnston prepared a list of the goods belonging to the Buddhist Church Society which remained in the building August 27th, last, when much of the Church goods, including the shrine, together with personal chattels were removed. We enclose two copies of this list which we would appreciate having you acknowledge by returning one copy signed by you. Tanaka has been given to understand that disposition of the chattels will be at his expense through you.

The Vacating Certificates are being filed in the New Westminster Land Registry Office in order that Title may be clear of the Custodian's interest for whatever disposition of the property the owners see fit.

The Fire Insurance policy covering this property was enclosed in our letter of August 16, 1949.

While the Custodian will no longer have any direct interest in this property, as a matter of record he would be pleased to be informed by you when the goods are shipped and the realty sold. In addition, we would again draw your attention to the requirement of the Custodian that in the event of the proceeds being distributed to individual persons, any funds payable to Japanese in Japan must be paid to this office.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/AC  
Enc. keys  
list of chattels



13509

November 21, 1949.

REGISTERED MAIL

Mr. S. Tanaka,  
Diamond City, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Re: TRUSTEES OF THE MAPLE RIDGE BUDDHA MISSION

We wish to acknowledge your letter dated November 15 but not received until today. While this letter was not signed, the envelope was marked "From S. Tanaka, Diamond City, Alta." and we are therefore accepting it as our authority to turn over the management of the property at Haney to Mr. Hal Mensies, which we are proceeding to do at once.

Yours truly,

AGM/AC

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

P. S. Please be informed that the sum of \$121.50, being the full amount at credit for the Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission, is being turned over to Mr. Hal Mensies as agent for the registered owners of this property.



13509

November 22, 1949.

Mr. Hal Mensies,  
Real Estate & Insurance,  
Nanay, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: TRUSTEES OF THE MAPLE RIDGE BUDDHA MISSION

In addition to the matters dealt with in our letter of November 21, we wish to turn over to you the balance of funds held in this office for the Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission and accordingly enclose herewith Custodian cheque for \$121.50 drawn in your favour as Agent for the Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission.

Would you kindly acknowledge receipt of this cheque.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/AC  
Enc. cheque \$121.50



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*J. Turner,*  
*Postmaster,*  
*per J*







August 31, 1949

MEMORANDUM

TO: MRS A.G. McARTHUR  
FROM: MR W.J. JOHNSTON

Re: Maple Ridge Buddhist Mission, Naney, B.C.

The following is a list of goods belonging to the above mentioned Church organization which were left in the building on Saturday August 27, 1949, at which time all other goods had been removed:

- 2 Organs - 1 worthless; 1 fair condition.
- 1 Large bell
- 1 Pulpit or Lectrum
- 1 Book cabinet
- 1 Carpet
- 1 Long lacquer staff
- 1 Short lacquer staff with banner
- Part of the Shrine taken to Winnipeg which Mr Okabe didn't want.
- 1 Step ladder
- 1 Silk church banner
- 4 Framed papers with Japanese writing - approximate size 12" x 18" to 18" x 36".
- 1 Miniature tree on glass base
- 10 Kneeling cushions
- Several Church ornaments
- 22 Kitchen chairs ( 2 broken )
- 16 H.M. School desks
- 1 Large blackboard
- 1 Small blackboard
- 19 H.M. School benches with backs
- 7 H.M. School benches without backs
- 1 Ping pong table
- 2 H.M. tables - medium
- 1 Large H.M. table
- 1 Small H.M. table
- 1 Round drum beater - fair condition
- 2 H.M. Long benches
- 2 H.M. wooden lids.

*W.J. Johnston*



13509

June 28, 1949.

Mr. S. Tanaka,  
Diamond City, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

We wish to inform you that Mr. Okabe and Mr. Oike, together with Rev. Kawamura, came to Haney during the week of June 6 and removed the shrine and accessories and approved disposal of the items of church furniture for which they have given the Custodian a signed release.

Concerning the real property, Mr. B. A. Noble of Haney has expressed an interest in buying or leasing the temple which might be used as a community center for war veterans.

If you are interested you might write direct to Mr. Noble whose address is R. R. No. 1, Hammond, B. C., telephone Haney 57N.

Yours very truly,

AGM/AG

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.



MEMORANDUM

File No. 13509

July 6th, 1949.

TO: Mrs. A. G. McArthur

FROM: Mr. W. J. Johnston


Re: BUDDHIST CHURCH, Haney, B. C.

Please find attached hereto Authorization for removal of the Church Shrine and accessories dated July 9, 1949, which is signed by Reverend Y. Kawamura, K. Oike and T. Okabe. The actual Receipt for the Shrine and accessories dated June 10, 1949, signed by Mr. Okabe and Mr. Oike only is also attached to this memorandum.

Reverend Y. Kawamura left the Temple and Haney rather unexpectedly, as far as I was concerned, on July 9th, 1949, and I did not, therefore, obtain all the necessary information regarding disposition of the furniture and other items belonging to the Church. Mr. Kawamura did not identify the Church goods, nor did he indicate which goods were to be shipped, sold or destroyed. He did say, however, that the good organ (one is valueless) should be shipped to "The Buddhist Church, 330 Edmonton Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba".

Mr. Okabe and Mr. Oike were uncertain regarding the wishes of the Church officials in connection with the furniture as they only had instructions relating to the Shrine. They did assure me, however, that they would interview Mr. Kawamura, and the Church officers and trustees, on their return trip to Winnipeg, with a view to holding a meeting for the purpose of authorizing representatives to deal with affairs relating to final disposition of the Real and Personal properties of the Church at Haney. They promised to forward a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting to our office.

In the meantime, however, we might write for instructions regarding the furniture and any other articles remaining in the building belonging to the Church, but before such letter is written it will be necessary to check our Inventory covering Church goods in order to send a definite list of items on hand, together with particulars of their present condition.

  
W. J. Johnston.

WJJ/ER



January 26, 1951.

Mr. Bal Wenzies,  
Real Estate and Insurance,  
Honey, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Policy North West Fire 22324,  
Maple Ridge Buidha Mission Property,  
Honey, B.C.

We have for acknowledgment your letter of January 19th  
and in accordance with your request, we enclose herein transfer  
of our interest in the above fire insurance policy.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,  
Director.

FCS/GN  
Encl.

*Transferred*



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January 19th, 1951

Office of the Custodian,  
Insurance Department,  
675 W. Hastings St.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

- re. Policy North West Fire 22324  
Maple Ridge Buddha Mission Property -  
Haney, B.C.

We understand that you now have no interest  
in the above property and if that is so we would be glad  
to have you transfer your interest in the above policy  
to the purchasers.

If in order please have the enclosed transfer  
signed, and return it to this office.

Yours truly,

HAL MENZIES,

per

*a. H.*

*Microfilm*

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File #5163

August 24, 1942

Name: KAWAMURA, Yutetsu

Reg. No: 11197

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS LEFT ON PROPERTY AT  
2583 Dewdney Trunk Rd., Haney, B. C.

In hall (main floor)

- 68 kitchen chairs
- piano and bench (Karn)
- 4 tables (homemade)
- collection box
- 15 benches (homemade)
- 2 arm chairs
- sml. table (painted)
- lge. framed Jap. inscription (on wall)
- sml. " " " " "
- wall clock
- framed picture
- drum heater
- lge. brass bell (in front window)
- curtain cord (90' long)
- 13 prs. curtains and rods
- 2 lge. ceiling lights
- 9 wire wreath holders
- 2 pr. sml. drapes
- stage carpet

Large Jap. Temple, very elaborate, gold lacquered, 12' high x 8' wide. The following articles are all part of the temple:

- 4 lge. brass lamps (electric, hanging)
- 2 lge. 3' high brass candle holders
- 3 lge. brass incense burners
- 1 sml. " " burner
- 2 lge. vases
- 3 wooden black boxes (cont. Jap. books)
- 1 lge. gong stick (padded)
- 1 sml. " " "
- 1 lge. brass gong (bowl shaped)
- 1 sml. " " " "
- 2 pedestals for gongs (carved, painted)
- pulpit
- 1 box of incense sticks
- 1 sml. ctn. (cont. sml. candles)
- 1 sml. ctn. (cont. lge. candles)
- fancy electric light bulb
- ctn. (cont. powdered incense)
- 3 sml. lacquered stands (removeable tops)
- Jap. calendar
- sml. wooden stand (covered with tapestry)
- 1 embroidered cloth
- 2 cushions
- drapes over archway of temple
- 2 chair cushions.

Cupboard cont. following:

- 8 sml. ctns. candles
- 4 packets incense sticks
- 27 packages (cont. unknown)
- quantity of books
- sml. tray
- clothes (few)
- Jap. lantern (paper)
- sml. pedestal
- misc. articles
- sml. roll carpet
- pump organ (Karn)
- flat package (wrapped)
- 7 bdles. cotton sheets
- box (cont. wooden Jap. decoration)
- under Temple (misc. & incense)
- 5' ladder
- 15' wooden pole

In Council Room (main floor)

- heater
- table (homemade)
- 14 kitchen chairs
- case (cont. Sunday School banner & chrom. tripod)
- ctn. (cont. paper decorations)
- 6 framed pictures
- 3 Jap. Mats
- overcoat and scarf
- wall mirror
- large bookcase (drawers and cupboards, top cont. books)
- wooden wardrobe (locked)
- sml. wooden incense burner
- sml. collection box
- box (cont. cotton wool)
- Jap. Lantern (paper)
- wrapped parcel (cont. unknown)
- 90 sml. cushions
- 3 prs. curtains and rods



Downstairs (in schoolroom)

- 2 blackboards
- 8 school benches and desks (homemade)
- 7 benches (ordinary)
- 2 moveable partitions (wood)
- heater
- 3 cases empty pop bottles
- 2 brooms
- 2 sml. cushions

In the Kitchen

- lge. kitchen table
- 1 bench
- round wooden brass bound tub
- few kitchen utensils & misc. dishes
- dish pan
- 2 porcelain sinks
- pint tin (B-H Floor Varnish)
- kitchen range (old)
- lge. round Jap. cook stove, with cover
- 1 gal. Jap. Sauce
- brass bell (sml)
- umbrella
- ctn. (cont. 6 lge. round bamboo pipes with partition in centre)
- box (cont. vinegar & pop bottles)
- 1 lge. tin lid (perforated)
- pair rubbers (new)
- lge. kettle
- sheet copper (2' x 2 1/2')
- 4 dish towels
- 4 1/2' length 1/2" pipe
- 2 lge. crockery bowls.

In Lunch Room

- 5 lge. tables (knock-down)
- 9 benches
- heater

In Recreation Room

- ping pong table with net
- drum heater
- 2 sml. tables (homemade)
- bdle. shingles
- 14 benches
- 12 school benches and desks (homemade)
- 4 table tops
- 4 lge. wooden frames
- 16 sml. frames (heavy)

In Storeroom

- 1 ctn. dishes (loose)
- 1 ctn. " (wrapped up)
- lge. enamel pot (10 gal. approx)
- wicker basket
- case empty bottles
- lge. cooking pot
- electric switch box (loose)
- box (cont chop sticks)
- basket (cont. empty bottles)
- sml. case (cont. 2 knives)
- sml. kettle
- ctn. (cont. sml. dishes, bottles & chop sticks)
- 6 sml. trays
- 5 doz. rice bowls
- 4 doz. lge dinner plates
- 9 lge soup plates
- 7 soup plates
- 50 saucers
- case cont. bowl
- 8 Bakelite plates
- 3 heavy brass containers, 6" high
- 2 enameled coffee pots
- sml. mirror
- aluminum pot
- 4 sml. vases
- ctn. (cont. window fasteners and Yale lock)
- 6 sml glass vinegar jugs
- 2 tea pots
- ctn. (cont. 5 bakelite bowls and lids)
- 14 crockery bowls
- bdle. chop sticks
- 8 doz. cups
- 3 dish pans
- box (cont. cups with broken handles)



In Garage (locked)

- 17 cords slab wood
- sml. quantity mixed lumber
- truck tire (poor)
- car tire (fair)
- 30'  $\frac{1}{2}$ " cable.

In Dwelling House

- heater
- linoleum rug
- 4 homemade tables
- arm chairs
- 11 kitchen chairs & 6 sml. cushions
- window curtain & rod
- lge. bookcase (filled with good books, Jap.)
- 2 bowls (cont. ivory chips)
- 10 records (on top of bookcase)
- 5 framed pictures (sml.)
- sml. patent slide perpetual calendar
- lge. built-in shrine

In Cupboards

- box (cont. crop samples, pressed on paper)
- lge. round bamboo tub (copper lined)
- brass flower pot on pedestal
- bag incense sticks
- flower bowl
- picture frame (cont. arrow heads)
- knives & forks (wrapped up)
- 5 dish clothes (new)
- 4 lge. scrap books
- 2 lead castings
- 2 bottles Jam Jell
- 5 Pint sealers
- picture frame only
- lge. Jap. Parasol
- sml. quantity Jap. books
- 3 curtains & rods
- 8 window blinds
- box (cont. odd shape stones, appear to be very old, each one wrapped up)
- sml. mirror with stand
- shaving mug & metal holder & stand
- mop
- shoe box (homemade)
- 1 gal. stone crock

Childrens Playground consists of

- 4 swings on chains
- 4 teetertoters, horizontal bar

Around buildings

- 5 ladders (homemade), 8' Step ladder & several saw horses.

This represents all my chattels, remaining in any protected area of British Columbia. Please sign and return one copy to the Custodian.

Confirmed:

Date:

*P. 7. 1942*

Signed:

*Rev. Y. Kwamura*

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION  
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- Ctn. (cont. wax & clothes)
- kitchen cabinet with bins, (containing dishes)
- sml. box, with handles
- few kitchen utensils
- 1 pt. of linoleum cement
- wet stone
- box (cont. child's toys)
- kitchen range
- kettle
- broom
- 2 beds and mattresses
- 2 prs. curtains & rods
- 2 lge. heavy quilts
- 2 pillows
- lge. ctn. (cont. books)
- ctn. (cont. old clothes)
- Indian stone weapon (old)
- folding ironing board
- violin & bow
- mantle clock (sml.)
- sml. desk cedar box
- 2 ctn. (cont. Christmas decoration & misc.)
- ctn. (cont. unknown)
- ctn. (cont. brass bowl, silver dish, Indian Headdress)
- bow & arrows (relics)

In Yard

- well bucket, rope, & pulley
- electric pump & tank

In Bathouse

- wash tub, wash board
- kitchen chair
- 3 buckets
- double bladed axe
- 3 gal. stone crock
- folding tub bench
- box (few misc. carp. tools)
- ctn. (3 water taps & 2 paint cans)
- hand saw
- rake, 2 hoes, 2 shovels
- box (rubber etc. cord & misc.)
- box (nails, bolts, etc)
- sml. tub (Jap.)
- 3 boxes (cont. beer bottles)
- 2 shelves (cont. pop & jam bottles)



CHATTLE SUMMARY

Files No. 5163 & 13509

23rd August, 1947.

Re: Rev. Tutezu KAWAMURA - Reg. No. 11197  
Trustees Maple Ridge Buddhist Mission.

The above two files are closely connected and the same summary and schedule are being placed on both files.

The Rev. KAWAMURA, on his JP form, declared the property and buildings which were later found to be registered in the name of the Trustees of the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission. He also declared the following chattels which would appear to cover all buildings on this property:-

Sanctuary 3	100 cushions
1 table	Household & temple fixtures
96 chairs	Mimeograph
40 benches	2 Hoes
20 desks	2 spades
4 bookcases	5 ladders
1 Piano	1 Hammer
1 Organ	1 saw
1 Phonograph	2 wash tubs
8 stoves	3 kitchen knives
2 beds	1 Wrench
2 mirrors	1 Ironing table
1 Water pump	2 Pliers
	4 Brooms

Our fieldmen inventoried this property 15th May, 1942, as per attached schedule. A copy was sent to Rev. KAWAMURA which he signed as correct and returned 9th Sept. 1942. (See file 13509)

All funds received from sale of chattels from the Priest's house which X the Rev. KAWAMURA was occupying, were credited to his account, File 5163.

The Rev. KAWAMURA requested shipment of a great many articles from all the buildings, see Letters of Apr. 28/43 File 5163 and December 20/43, File 13509. These chattels, as per Mr. Wryson's list of 24th Feb. 1944, were shipped to the Rev. KAWAMURA at Picture Butte, and shipping charges of \$20.00 were paid to the B.O. Security Commission from KAWAMURA's account at his request on the 7th August, 1944.

Saleable chattels removed from the Priest's house on the 24th Nov. 1943, X were sold at auction at Naney on the 25th November, 1943, for the net sum of \$4.38. The property was again inspected in April, 1945, and remainder of saleable chattels from the house were sold, including the electric water pump, at auction in Naney. Auctions took place 7th April, 10th May and 27th Sept. 1945, and the net sum of \$81.96 was credited to KAWAMURA's account.

Some slab wood by the garage was sold for \$18.00 and this sum was at first credited to Yojiro YAKAMOTO, File 8714, as YAKAMOTO had informed us that this wood belonged to him. However when the Rev. KAWAMURA enquired about this wood, after

22nd Mar. 1944



CHATELAIN SUMMARY (Cont'd)

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Files No. 5163 & 13509

23rd August, 1947.

some correspondence between the two Japanese, the money was credited to KAWAMURA in August, 1944.

The Rev. KAWAMURA visited the property with Mr. Anderson in June, 1947, and at that time KAWAMURA, personally, sold the piano from the property.

Other chattels belonging to the Mission are still stored upstairs in the Hall.

Personal property of Japanese in the District of Maple Ridge is stored on the Main floor of the Hall.

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

HA

*H. Allan*

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Sold by Rev. KAWAMURA, June 20/47



CHattel Schedule (Cont'd)

Files 5163 & 13509

Sold

21st August, 1947.  
Shipped

27 packages (cont. unknown)  
 Quantity of books  
 Sal. tray  
 Clothes (few)  
 Jap. lantern (paper)  
 Sal. pedestal  
 Misc. articles.  
 Sal. roll carpet  
 Pump organ (Kara)  
 Flat package (wrapped)  
 7 bales. cotton sheets  
 Box (cont. wooden Jap. decoration)  
 5 ft. ladder  
 15' wooden pole  
 Heater  
 Table  
 11 kitchen chairs  
 Case (Cont. Sunday school banner &  
     Chrome tripod)  
 Ctn. (Cont. paper decorations)  
 6 framed pictures  
 3 Jap. Mats  
 Overcoat & scarf  
 Wall mirror  
 Lge. bookcase (drawers and cupboards  
     top cont. books)  
 Wooden wardrobe (locked)  
 Sal. wooden incense burner  
 Sal. collection box  
 Box (Cont. cotton wool)  
 Jap. Lantern (paper)  
 Wrapped parcel (cont. unknown)  
 90 sal. cushions  
 3 prs. curtains & rods  
 2 blackboards  
 8 school benches & desks (H.M.)  
 7 benches (ordinary)  
 2 movable partitions (wood)  
 Heater  
 3 cases empty pop bottles  
 2 brooms  
 2 sal. cushions  
  
 Lge. kitchen table  
 1 bench  
 Round wooden brass bound tub  
 Few kitchen utensils & misc. dishes  
 Dish pan  
 2 porcelain sinks  
 Pint tin (B.M. Floor varnish)  
 Kitchen range (old)  
 Lge. round Jap. cook stove, with cover  
 1 gal. Jap sauce  
 Brass ball



File No. 5143 & 13909

Chattel Schedule (Cont'd)

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Sold

21st August, 1947.

Shipped

Schrella

Ctn. (Cont. 6 lge. round bamboo pipes  
with partition in centre)

Box cont. vinegar & pop bottles

1 lge tin lid (perforated)

Fr. rubbers (new)

Lge kettle

Sheet copper (2' x 2 1/2')

4 dish towels

4 1/2' length 1/2" pipe

Lge. crockery bowls.

5 lge. tables

9 benches

Heater

Ping pong table with net

Drum heater

Sal. table (H.M.)

Sal. shingles

Benches

School benches & desks (H.M.)

Table tops

Lge. wooden frames

Sal. frames (heavy)

1 Ctn. dishes (loose)

1 " " (wrapped up)

Lge. enamel pot (10 gal. approx.)

Wicker basket

case empty bottles

Lge cooking pot

Electric switch box (loose)

Box (cont. chop sticks)

Basket (Cont. empty bottles)

Sal. case (cont. 2 knives)

Sal. kettle

Ctn. cont. sal. dishes, bottles  
& chop sticks)

6 sal. trays

5 doz. rice bowls

4 doz. lge. dinner plates

9 lge. soup plates

7 soup plates

50 saucers

case cont. bowl

8 bakelite plates

3 heavy brass containers

2 enameled coffee pots

Sal. mirror

Aluminum pot

4 sal. vases

Ctn. Cont. window fasteners & Yale lock)

6 sal. glass vinegar jugs.



Files 5163 & 13509

Chattel Schedule (Cont'd)

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21st August, 1947.

Sold

Shipped

2 tea pots  
Ota. Cont. 5 bakelite bowls & lids)  
14 crockery bowls  
Bale chop sticks  
8 dss. cups  
3 dish pans  
Box (cont. cups with broken handles)

In GAMES

17 cords slab wood  
Sml. quantity mixed lumber  
Truck tire (poor)  
Car tire (fair)  
30' of 1/2" cable

Sept. 25, 1943 (8714)

Dwelling House.

Raster

Linoleum rug

Home made tables &

Arm chairs

11 kitchen chairs & 6 sml. cushions

Window curtain & rod

Lge. bookcase (filled with goods books Jap.)

2 bowls (cont. ivory chips)

10 records (on top of bookcase)

5 framed pictures (sml.)

Sml. patent slide perpetual calendar

Lge. built in shrine

Box cont. crop samples, pressed on paper

Lge round bamboo tub, (copper lined)

Brass flower pot on pedestal

Bag incense sticks

Flower bowl

Picture Frame (Cont. arrow heads)

Knives & forks (wrapped up)

5 dish cloths (new)

4 lge. scrap books

2 lead castings

2 bottles Jan Jell

5 pint sealers

Picture frame only

Lge Jap. parasol

Sml. quantity Jap books

3 curtains & rods

8 window blinds

Box (cont. odd shape stones, appear to be very old, each one wrapped up)

Sml. mirror & stand

Shaving mug & metal holder & stand

Hop

Shoe box

Gal. stone crock

Auction Sept. 27/45

1 - Auction Nov. 25/43

1 - Auction Sept. 27/45

9 chairs - Auction 7/4/45, 10/5/45 & 27/9/45

Bookcase Auction Nov. 25/43 Books Shipped

Auction Nov. 25/43

Auction Nov. 25/43

Removed to Auction Hall but not sold

Auction Nov. 25/43

Auction Nov. 25/43



Shuttle Schedule (Cont'd)

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21st August, 1947.

Childrens Play ground consists of four  
Swings on chains  
4 Testartotere, horizontal bar

Sold

Shipped

*to whom  
& when*

5 ladders  
8 step ladders  
Several saw horses

Ctn. wax & clothes  
Kitchen cabinet with bins

Auction Nov. 25/43

Dishes shipped

Cont. dishes  
Gal. box with handles  
Few kitchen utensils  
1 pt. of linoleum cement  
Wet stone  
Box (cont. child's toys)  
Kitchen range  
Kettle

Auction Nov. 25/43

Broom

Removed to Auction Hall but not sold

2 beds & mattresses  
2 prs. curtains & rods  
2 lge. heavy quilts  
2 pillows  
lge. ctn. (cont. books)  
Ctn. cont. old clothes  
Indian stone weapon (old)  
Folding ironing boards  
Violin & bow  
Mantel clock  
Gal. desk cedar box  
2 ctn. cont. Christmas decorations & Misc.  
Ctn. (cont. unknown)  
Ctn. (cont. brass bowl, silver dish  
Indian headress)  
Bow & Arrows (relics)

In Yard

Wall bucket, rope & pulley  
Electric pump & tank

Sold Auction April 7/45

In Bathhouse

Wash tub, wash board  
Kitchen chair  
3 buckets  
Double bladed axe  
3 gal. stone crock  
Folding tub bench  
Box (few misc. carp. tools)  
Ctn. (3 water taps & 2 paint cans)  
Hand saw  
rake, 2 hoes, 2 shovels  
Box (rubber etc. cord & misc.)  
Box (Nails, bolts, etc.)

Wash board sold Auction Nov. 25/43



Chattel Schedule (Cont'd)

Files No. 5163 & 13509

21st August, 1947.

Sail. tub (Jap.)  
3 boxes (cont. beer bottles)  
2 shelves (cont. pop & Jam bottles)

**SOLD**

**SHIPPED**

Mimeograph 24/2/44

Gramophone Auction 7/4/45

Coal Oil lamp & 2 lanterns	Sept. 27/45
Cupboard	April 4/45 & May 10/45
2 electric lamps	"
Cot	"
10 Gal. crock	"
Bottle capper	"
Cabinet	"
Card table	"
Wooden shelves	Nov. 25/43
Coffee Pot	"
Clothes hangers	"
Corn pepper	"

The Mimeograph & Gramophone were both declared by the Rev. KANAMURA, but were apparently missed by our fieldmen in their inventory of 15th May, 1942.

The other goods listed as sold could not definitely be connected with our fieldmen's inventory, but were evidently taken from the property. Our fieldmen did inventory 4 large electric hanging brass lamps in the Temple, and two of these may have been removed and sold.

All chattels from the Priest's house of sale value were removed and sold.

Other chattels belonging to the Mission are still stored in the upstairs of the Hall.

Personal property of Japanese in the District of Maple Ridge are stored in the Hall on the Main floor.

The above schedule is certified to be in accordance with the information on file.

*H. Allan*

*Were any proceeds from sale cr. to the Mission?*



File No. 13509

CHATELS

1. In Correspondence Section of file 13509 see page 1 and 2 of Inventory of Chattels, dated August 17, 1942.
2. In Correspondence Section of file 5163 see Report, dated November 5, 1943 and attached Inventory showing itemized articles removed to storage, the articles listed on page 1 of this inventory are to be sold later at auction.



# 12509

Copy for File Trustees of Maple R. Buddha Mission

MEMORANDUM

File 54<sup>22</sup>

February 17, 1948.

Re: BUDDHIST CHURCH, Mission, B.C.

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Anderson today, he stated that the Rev. Kawamura who visited this property last week has requested shipment of all the church chattels from the Buddhist Church at Mission, leaving only two stoves and some wooden benches which he has asked to have sold.

He also wishes to have shipped to Picture Butte the church chattels from the Naney Buddhist Temple (Trustees for the Maple Ridge Buddha Mission). The consent of the owners of the church goods at Naney should be obtained before these goods are shipped.

With reference to the key to the Buddhist Church at Mission, Mr. Anderson states that there are two doors to this building, one with a Yale lock, the key being lost, and the other with an ordinary lock, this door being boarded up from the inside. On the occasion of the visit of Mr. Kawamura with Mr. Anderson last week, they entered the building by a window, and without disturbing the door which was boarded up, left the building by the door with the Yale lock.

In reply to Mr. Taylor's request to obtain entry for his clients, Mr. Anderson has agreed to get in touch with Mr. Taylor to arrange some way of getting them in.

ACM/GH

*W. M.*

Mr. Anderson also informs us that he has found what appears to be the inventory of the goods in Naney Buddhist Temple made by Bill Carlisle, and will let us have this.



Copy for 13509.

5422

March 24, 1948.

Mr. W. E. Anderson,  
Sam Cahoon Real Estate,  
P. O. Box 314,  
Haney, B. C.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Re: Buddhist Church, Mission, B. C.

We acknowledge with thanks your letter of March 23 with reference to the Buddhist Church, Mission and your letter of March 22, relative to the Maple Ridge Buddhist Mission (Buddhist Church at Haney).

We are referring the matter of disposal of personal goods in the Buddhist Temple at Haney to Mr. Shears, who is now in Lethbridge, and the matter of sale of the two kitchen ranges belonging to the Maple Ridge Buddhist Mission to the Solicitors of the Maple Ridge Buddhist Mission society in Lethbridge. As you know, although Kawamura may be master-minding the affairs of the church, we prefer to be on record as instructed by the Society through its Solicitors. This is a case where the property is registered in the names of two Japanese persons, one of whom is dead and therefore the Solicitors must assume responsibility for directing disposition of both the Real and Personal property and any chattels.

Yours very truly,

AGM/AC

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.



MEMORANDUM

File 13509

May 20, 1948.

Re: TRUSTEES OF THE MAPLE RIDGE BUDDHIST MISSION  
(Naney Buddhist Temple)

Mr. Anderson has sent us a copy of a letter written to him by Rev. Y. Kawamura, asking that the personal goods stored in this church be sent to him and that he would ~~distribute~~ *distribute* them among the Japanese owners in Alberta, British Columbia and Manitoba.

Mr. G. W. McPherson has advised against sending these goods to the priest without receiving from him a list of the names of the Japanese whose goods he wants shipped to him and an authorisation from the owners that they wish this to be done. It is then suggested that the list of persons who have filed claims with the Commission be examined and if any of those requesting their goods have filed claims the matter should be referred to the Commissioner before shipment is made.

At the date of this memo no further action appears to have been taken in this connection.

AMG/AC





**MEMORANDUM**

File No. 1309

April 11, 1949.

To: Mr. F. C. Moore

FROM: Mr. V. J. Johnston

**Re: ROBERT TRAVIS, NAKED, I. C.**  
**(The Trustees of the Santa Elena Baptist Church)**

The undersigned visited the above-mentioned premises on Friday, April 8, 1949, as requested, and the following is a brief report regarding the contents and personal property on hand therein on that date:

From the appearance of the contents, the building must have been entered by one person or persons unknown to me or more persons, as practically all of the 250 (more or less) books, records, trunks and boxes have been opened and all or part of the contents, consisting of books, dishes, clothing and miscellaneous articles have been scattered on the floor.


The large altar at the rear of the stage, with all relative brass ornaments, appears to be intact and undamaged. A large cabinet, chairs, 2 organs and large hall were found, and it is quite possible that the balance of goods listed as belonging to the Temple are still there.

There are approximately thirty family stoves. Some are good or in fair condition, while others have been damaged.

We also noticed a few trunks and Japanese vases in good condition. There were also several framed pictures, some of which were damaged.

The windows are boarded up and most of the light came through the front door entrance. This, together with goods being strewn around the floor, made a proper check virtually impossible.

  
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V. J. Johnston,

  
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V. J. Johnston,

WJ/MS



13909

June 3, 1949.

Mr. D. Okabe,  
P. O. Drawer 41,  
Hatsie, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Maple Ridge Buddhist Church

We have your letter of May 30 asking that the keys to the above building be sent to you at Hatsie.

Mr. Kawamura had advised us that Mr. Okabe and Mr. Oike would be leaving Winnipeg for Haney on June 5 to take charge of the shrine and we expected to see them in Vancouver sometime after June 7th or 8th.

As far as this office is concerned, it will not be convenient to deal with this matter until after Wednesday of next week (June 8). Will you kindly let us know what time will be convenient for you and Mr. Oike. We feel that it is desirable that some direct contact be made with the persons to whom the property is surrendered.

Both Mr. Kawamura and Mr. Tanaka have supplied us with lists of the officers of the Maple Ridge Buddhist Church society but neither the name of yourself nor Mr. Oike appears on this list. If you have any authority from Mr. Tanaka to take over the shrine for removal to Winnipeg, please bring it with you. When replying to this letter, kindly let us know when Mr. Oike expects to be in Vancouver.

Yours truly,

AGM/AC

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.



13509

June 7, 1949.

Mr. S. Tanaka,  
Diamond City, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

We have for acknowledgment your letter of May 18, advising that two members of the Manitoba Buddhist Society were expected to reach Haney during the latter part of May and requesting that we deliver to them all the things in the upstairs shrine.

The Rev. Kawamura has also written to us in this connection, as well as Mr. Okabe from Hatzic, B. C. Mr. Okabe is expected to arrive in the City sometime during this week at which time we will be pleased to co-operate with him in having the shrine and its accessories shipped as directed.

Yours truly,

AGM/AC

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.



File 13509

June 10/49

Re Buddhist Church - Naney, B.C.

Received large Shrine  
and all accessories  
in good condition.

5000

Terukichi Okabe

5695

Ki Oise

WITNESS:

W. Johnston.



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File 13509

June 10/49

Re: Buddhist Church, Haney, B. C.

RECEIVED large Shrine and all accessories in good condition.

"Terukichi Okabe"

"K. Oike"

*copies for*

(Files 5000 - T. Okabe)  
( 8695 - K. Oike )



File 13509

June 9, 1949.

We, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that we are the persons authorized by the Maple Ridge Buddhist Church Society to remove the Shrine and its accessories from the Church building at Burnaby, B. C., and that we acknowledge having taken possession of the Shrine, and that we are taking full responsibility for its removal.

Rev. J. Kawamura

K. Oiso

T. Okada

M. Shuster  
Witness.



MEMORANDUM

June 27th, 1949.

Re: Claim of Katsuyoshi OKABE, Case No. 931,  
File No. 5003.

This claimant together with Mr. Oike were reported to be in Haney June 8th, 1949, by Mr. W. E. Anderson, former Custodian employee, to me by telephone. It was arranged that Mr. W. J. Johnston, representing the Custodian, would meet Mr. Okabe and Mr. Oike together with the Reverend Kawamura, priest of the Buddhist Temple, in Haney at 9.30 a.m., June 9th, in order that the Japanese might dismantle and remove the Shrine and church equipment and that Mr. Kawamura could arrange for the disposal of the church furniture.

Mr. Johnston arrived in Haney at 9.15 a.m. and was informed by Mr. Anderson that the Japanese had gone to the Temple the previous afternoon, sometime after three o'clock. Mr. Johnston then proceeded to the building with Mr. Anderson and found the Okabes, both father and son, Mr. Oike, the Reverend Kawamura, and D. Okabe from Hatsie (no relation to the other Okabes) already inside the building. Standing outside were a truck operated by Okabe from Hatsie and an automobile operated by Okabe and Oike. Mr. Anderson explained that the lock on the door had been broken by the Japanese in order to enter.

Mr. Johnston reports that Okabe and Oike stated to him that they had entered the building on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 8th, that they started moving things around and taking the Shrine apart, and that Oike had remained in the building overnight. By the time Mr. Johnston arrived the Shrine was nearly dismantled and some packing had been done.

No Custodian representative was present when the Japanese entered the building nor until the following morning, June 9th, when Mr. Johnston arrived. Mr. Johnston stated that since he was alone there were times when no Custodian representative was present and that on one occasion when he returned from lunch, on June 9th, he saw several boxes on the truck which he was informed by the Japanese had been removed from the building in his absence and which he caused to be returned to the building, after which Okabe drove the truck away, accompanied by Mr. Kawamura.

Mr. Johnston remained on the premises until about 7.30 p.m., when he locked the building, refusing to allow Oike to remain overnight. He returned at 8.30 the following morning, Friday, June 10th, and opened the building. The Japanese continued packing the Shrine and disposing of the church goods, which were taken by moving van to the C. P. R. station. The building was again locked at 7.30 p.m. On Saturday morning, June 11th, Mr. Johnston returned to the building again and further goods were removed to the C. P. R. freight shed, the Temple being finally closed shortly before 12 noon with a new padlock.

During the three days of Mr. Johnston's attendance in the building Oike found and identified his own shrine and framed pictures, which he shipped, with Mr. Johnston's consent, with the church shrine to Winnipeg and gave his release for same. The Okabes, father and son, located and identified their



shrine (Buddhasan), all their dishes, and one lot of wooden bowls which they removed with Mr. Johnston's consent and shipped with the church shrine to Winnipeg and gave a release for same. Kawamura found and identified goods belonging to himself and others, which were not removed from the building at that time as Mr. Johnston wished to investigate whether claims had been made for such goods.

AGM/ER

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[Signature]

[Signature]

Re Shrine & accessories and Church furniture



**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT  
TRUSTEES MAPLE RIDGE BAPTIST MISSION**

File No. 13509

18th June, 1947

<u>Date</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1943				
July 26	Certificate of Encumbrance, New Westminster	\$1.00		
Dec. 17	By Mrs. P. Owens, rent from Dec. 15 to Jan. 14/44		\$5.00	
1944	By Mrs. P. Owens, rent from Jan. 15 to Feb. 14/44		5.00	
Feb. 15	" " " " 15th Feb. - 14th Mar, 44		5.00	
Mar. 17	" " " " 15th Mar. - 14th Apr. '44		5.00	
Mar. 23	To R.F. Street, Electrical wiring repairs	10.00		
Apr. 17	By Mrs. P. Owens, rent from 15th Apr. - 14th May '44		5.00	
May 17	" " " " 15th May - 14th June '44		5.00	
June 16	" " " " 15th June - 14th July '44		5.00	
July 20	" " " " 15th July - 14th Aug. '44		5.00	
Aug. 17	" " " " 15th Aug. - 14th Sept. '44		5.00	
Aug. 30	District of Maple Ridge, 1942, 43 & 44 taxes	169.85		
Sept. 14	By Mrs. P. Owens, rent from 15th Sept. - 14th Oct. '44		5.00	
Oct. 18	" " " " 15th Oct. - 14th Nov. '44		5.00	
Nov. 18	" " " " 15th Nov. - 14th Dec. '44		5.00	
Dec. 20	" " " " 15th Dec. '44 - 14th Jan. '45		<u>5.00</u>	
	Carried forward:-	\$180.85	\$65.00	\$115.85 Dr.



STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT  
TRUSTEES MAPLE RIDGE BUDDHIST MISSION

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File No. 13509

<u>Date</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1945	Brought forward--	\$115.85		
Jan. 18	By Mrs. P. Owens, rent from 15th Jan. - 14th Feb. '45		\$5.00	
Feb. 20	" " " " " 15th Feb. - 14th Mar. '45		5.00	
Mar. 17	" " " " " 15th Mar. - 14th Apr. '45		5.00	
Apr. 18	" " " " " 15th Apr. - 14th May '45		5.00	
May 21	" " " " " 15th May - 14th June '45		5.00	
June 20	" " " " " 15th June - 14th July '45		5.00	
July 18	" " " " " 15th July - 14th Aug. '45		5.00	
Aug. 20	" " " " " 15th Aug. - 14th Sept. '45		5.00	
Aug. 27	District of Maple Ridge, 1945 taxes	86.69		
1946				
Jan. 8	Premium on North West Fire Policy No. 212773	81.00		
May 29	By C. Singh, 6 months rent 1st Jan. 30th June, 1946		30.00	
Nov. 7	By transfer from account Y. KAWAMURA, rent 20th Nov. 1943, credited in error		5.00	
		\$283.54	\$75.00	\$208.54 Dr.



13509

October 6, 1949.

REGISTERED MAIL

Mr. Garnet A. Lewis,  
2583 Dewdney Trunk Road,  
Honey, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Dwelling, Dewdney Trunk Road, Honey.

We wish to point out to you that your rent is considerably in arrears. After allowing for the last payment of \$10.00 made by you in July last, rent is still owing at the rate of \$5.00 per month from October 31, 1948.

Since making the arrangement with the Custodian representative to catch up on arrears, you have missed the following payments of \$10.00 each: May, June, September, November and December of 1948, and February, August and September of 1949.

Will you therefore remit the sum of \$60.00 in order to bring your rent up to date.

Yours very truly,

AGM/AC-

A. G. McARTHUR,  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN.



13509

October 11, 1949.

Mr. S. Tanaka,  
Diamond City, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Re: TRUSTEES OF THE MAPLE RIDGE BUDDHA MISSION

We have recently had a telephone conversation with Mr. Hal Mensies of Haney in which he stated that the sale of the Buddhist Temple in Haney has not yet been completed and he fears that Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Lewis, the proposed purchasers, will be unable to raise the purchase price. Mr. Mensies, however, stated that he knows someone else who may be interested in making the purchase and will continue to try to dispose of this property.

In the meantime, all of the goods have been moved out of the building except a few items belonging to the Church Society. Mr. Kawamura wrote on September 23, acknowledging goods sent to him on September 14 and asking for the church gong bell and trophies. He also requested shipment of the better organ. Mr. Mensies states that this organ has not yet been sold. When speaking to Mr. Mensies we suggested that it would be more convenient for him instead of the Custodian to handle all future shipments for you.

Further, we feel that you should have a local agent to look after your interests generally until the property is disposed of and would suggest that you ask Mr. Mensies to act for you, in which case, we would be pleased to turn over the keys to him.

Would you kindly write to Mr. Mensies or any other agent you wish to appoint in this regard at an early date and advise us that you have done so.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,  
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/AC



13509  
5163

October 11th, 1949.

Rev. Y. Kawamura,  
Picture Butte, Alta.

Dear Sir:

We have received your letter of the 23rd ulto.,  
and note contents.

In reply we wish to state that the removal of the  
goods belonging to the Maple Ridge Buddhist Mission must be  
approved by Mr S. Tanaka, and it is hoped he will authorise  
Mr Hal. Mensies to take charge and arrange for their final  
disposition.

We have written Mr Tanaka regarding this matter  
under even date.

Yours truly,

W. J. Johnston,  
Office of the Custodian.

WJJ/MS



File No. 13509

CLAIMS

There are no claims against this account.