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EVACUATION SECTION

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

MAR 8 1943

JAPANESE SECTION

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having property in any protected area. The proper administration of this property requires such persons to give full particulars as requested in this form.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: Koichi Murakami

HOME ADDRESS: Greenwood, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 04566

SEX: Male

AGE: 44

OCCUPATION: Farmer

(If any business or businesses carried on, state where, under what name and whether carried on by yourself or in partnership with anyone; if partnership, give partner's name.)

EMPLOYER:

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Yoshie Murakami

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Greenwood, B. C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: 1 Aiko (f) 2 Kanehiro (M)

3 Nasuko (F) 4 Takaye (F) 5 Masamichi (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Greenwood, B. C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 12, 10, 6, 2, 1,

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Municipality of Richmond

Lot six, Block eight of Section Eleven, Block three North Range
seven Westmap nine hundred and forty three.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

Barnhouses (three) built in 1936

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) \$32.60 payable at Richmond

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

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

Leased to Toy Way and Company for Duration. Lessee retains

Property for amount of taxes.

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: Mr. Kotohi Murakami

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: No

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

Loganberries 2 Acres

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Same as above

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:

Mr. K. Murakami

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE:

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid)

None

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

Farming Tools \$50.00 including wire and post

Seeds \$60.00 Shipyard Tools \$200.00 Boat Lumber - Cedar and

Fir \$80.00 Nails 1 Barrel \$6.00

3 only Double beds

Kitchen Utensils 2 or 3 boxes. 4 only window panes.

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

None

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: None

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF
OTHERS: None

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

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts) None

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None

9. LIFE INSURANCE: None

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: None

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX:

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None

2. TRADE DEBTS: None

I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily turn over to the Custodian all my property in the protected area as set out above, excepting fishing vessels, deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities, if any.

I certify that the above information is true and complete and fully discloses all my property of every description in any protected area in British Columbia and sets forth all my liabilities direct and indirect.

Dated this first day of March 1942

(Signature)

H. Murakami

P. Y. Miki

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE June 14/43

File No. 13720

1 Name MURAKAMI, Keichi
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 04566

Male - Female
(Check)

Age Nov. 20, 1899

Former Address P.O. Box 235, Steveston, B. C.

Date Evacuated 10/3/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address

Greenwood, B. C.

RETURNED TO JAPAN
S. S. MARINE FALCON
24th DEC. 1946

Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife Yoshie #04567

Name of Husband

of Mother Dec'd

Name of Father Japan

Names of Children under 16 Aiko (F) 24/8/30 Kanahiro (M) 2/7/32

Nasuko (F) 2/12/36 Takaya (F) 14/5/40 (Yoshimoto (M) 14 Japan)

Requested by E. Morrison

Registered with Custodian
(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Farmer. Owner of 5 acres.

711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,
475 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B.C.
January 31st, 1947.

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

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ 400.00

Dear Sir:

Re: MURAKAMI, KOICHI #04566

Please note that the above has been repatriated to Japan. At the time of repatriation, the following transactions took place:

Cash turned in - - - - - \$ Nil

Draft Issued - - - - - \$ 400.00

It will be seen that this Japanese is indebted to the Department on account of repatriation in the amount of \$ 400.00. Therefore should you receive further funds on this account such funds should be turned into this office. It will be applied first to recoup the expenditure made and, second, if there is any surplus such surplus will be remitted to Japan for the account of the Japanese in question.

Yours truly,

F. G. COBURN
F. G. COBURN,
Supervising Treasury Officer.

FGC/EJ.

Registration Number 04567

MURAKAMI, Yoshie

P. O. Box 235, Steveston, B. C.

LOCATION AND NATURE OF PROPERTY

Lot 6, Block 8, Sec. 11,
Block 3 North, Range 7 West,
Dist. of New Westminster.

OWNERSHIP

X The property is in the name of Yoshie Murakami, as shown by Tax Receipts. I was unable to inspect Certificate of Title, as the husband has evacuated and the wife could do nothing about it.

LAND AND BUILDINGS

Small frame, shingle building at the rear of the property in a rather dilapidated condition and very dirty. I would consider it unrentable. There is also a small Tool Shed and a small Berry Shed on the property. There is about 1½ acres of Loganberries, which have not been attended to and are in bad condition.

INSURANCE

There is no fire insurance.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Claims to have no liabilities. Inventory of effects attached hereto.

REMARKS

This land has apparently been taken over by one Toy Way, under a working agreement. I understand he is paying therefor, the cost of upkeep. As far as I can discover, this is a verbal agreement only. As the whole place is in very bad condition, I would recommend that the agreement with Toy Way be permitted to stand and on evacuation of the wife, the house be boarded up for the duration.

April 22, 1942.

R. Mather

August 6th, 1944.

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

JAPANESE NAME: Koichi MURAKAMI, Registration No. 04566, File No. 13720
CATALOGUE NO: Part of Director, The Veterans' Land Act first offer
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 165 Moncton Street, Steveston, B.C.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 6, Blk. 8 of Section 11, Blk. 3 North, Range 7 West,
Map 943, Municipality of Richmond, District of New Westminster
CLASSIFICATION: Small farm and shack.

ASSESSED VALUE:	<u>Land</u>	<u>Improvements</u>	<u>Taxes (annual)</u>
	\$1257.00	\$450.00	\$35.50

TITLE: Registered in the name of Koichi MURAKAMI

ENCUMBRANCES: None registered and no indication of any unregistered.
Vesting Order No. 25351 Date...January 26th, 1943.

HISTORY OF
ADMINISTRATION:

The Custodian's representative reported on April 22, 1942, "The building on this property is a small frame shingle building at the rear of the property in a rather dilapidated condition and very dirty. I would consider it unrentable. There is also a small Tool Shed and a small Berry Shed on the property. There is about 1½ acres of Loganberries, which have not been attended to and are in bad condition." No fire insurance was carried.

Koichi MURAKAMI did not make a declaration on evacuation but it was found that his wife Yoshie declared this property. However, on the request of the Custodian, Koichi made a declaration on March 1st, 1943. Before evacuation Yoshie entered into a Lease Agreement with Toy Way and Company for the duration of the war with Japan; \$75.00 on the signing of the Agreement on April 24, 1942, which Yoshie acknowledged (this being the rent for 1942) and there-after the Lessee retains the property for the amount of taxes due the Municipality and the general care of the land. Taxes \$35.50 for 1943 was received on October 30, 1942, by the Custodian's office, and credited to Kochi's account.

SOLD: This property was sold to the Director, The Veterans' Land Act for \$1382.00 as of January 1, 1943, less registration fees of \$3.00, and this amount being credited to Kochi's account on February 9th, 1944.

A complete statement of the transaction was sent to Kochi on April 13th, 1944.
Title #166779-E was acknowledged by the Director on February 29th, 1944.

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

George Peters
George Peters, Administration Department.

DATED

April 24th,

1942

YOSHIE MURAKAMI

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TOY WAY and
CHU TONG.

STATUTORY LEASE
SHORT FORM

Thos. C. King
78 Georgia St. - Phone 138
Savannah, B. C.

THIS INDENTURE

Made in duplicate the Twenty-fourth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty two

IN PURSUANCE OF THE "SHORT FORM OF LEASES ACT"

Between:

YOSHIE MURAKAMI, of the Municipality of Richmond, in the Province of British Columbia, Farmer.

hereinafter called the "Lessor" of the First Part

And

Company.
TOY WAY and SHINTONE, of the Municipality of Richmond, in the Province of British Columbia, Farmers.

hereinafter called the "Lessee" of the Second Part

Witnesseth, the said Lessor doth demise unto the said Lessee, his executors, administrators and assigns, All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Municipality of Richmond in the Province of British Columbia and more particularly known and described as:

Lot Six (6) Block Eight (8) of Section Eleven (11) Block Three
(3) North Range Seven (7) West Map Nine Hundred Forty-three (943)
in the District of New Westminster.

Together with all buildings thereupon erected, or hereafter during the term hereby granted, to be erected, and also with all ways, paths, waters, water courses, privileges, advantages and appurtenances whatsoever to the said premises belonging or otherwise appertaining.

From the Twenty-fourth day of April one

thousand nine hundred and forty two

term of the duration of the war with Japan ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Yielding during the said term therefor the rent of -----Dollars,

of lawful money of Canada, payable on the following days and times that is to say:

The sum of Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00) on the signing of this

agreement the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged which said

amount covers the rental due for the year Nineteen Hundred and

Forty-two, after which time the Lessee retains the property for

the amount of Taxes due to the Municipality of Richmond, and

the general care of the land.

the first payment to be made on the

day of

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That the said Lessee covenants with the said Lessor ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and to pay taxes; and

to pay rates for water, electric light, gas and telephone.

And to repair; and to keep up fences; and not to cut down timber;

And the said Lessor may enter and view state of repair, and that the said Lessee will

repair according to notice.

And will not assign without leave; and will not sublet without leave.

And that he will leave premises in good repair.

And that he will not carry on any business that shall be deemed a nuisance on the

premises.

Provido for re-entry by the said Lessor on non-payment of rent, or non performance of

covenants.

Provido for re-entry on seizure or forfeiture of the said term.

The said Lessor covenants with the said Lessee for quiet enjoyment.

And also that if the term hereby granted shall be at any time seized or taken into execution or in attachment by any creditor of the Lessee, or if the Lessee shall make any assignment for the benefit of creditors, or becoming bankrupt or insolvent, shall take the benefit of any act that may be in force for bankrupt or insolvent debtors the then current rent shall immediately become due and payable and the said term shall immediately become forfeited and void.

And it is hereby Declared and Agreed that in case the premises hereby demised or any part thereof shall at any time during the term hereby granted be burned or damaged by fire or tempest so as to render the same unfit for the purpose of the Lessee then the rent hereby reserved or a proportionate part thereof according to the nature and extent of the injuries sustained, and all remedies for recovering the same shall be suspended and abated until the said premises shall at the option of the Lessor have been repaired or made fit for the purpose of the Lessee.

Provided always and it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto that if the said Lessee shall hold over after the expiration of the term hereby granted and the Lessor shall accept rent, the new tenancy thereby created shall be a tenancy from month to month and not a tenancy from year to year, and shall be subject to the covenants and conditions herein contained so far as the same are applicable to a tenancy from month to month.

Wherever the singular or the masculine are used in this Indenture, the same shall be deemed to include the plural or the feminine, or the body politic or corporate; also the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the respective parties hereto and each of them, (where the context or the parties so require).

In Witness Whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and the year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered	)	Japanese signature	(SEAL)
IN THE PRESENCE OF	)	T. Kobayashi, Interpreter.	
Signature of Witness	)	Thomas G. King	
Street Address	)	78 Georgia Street	
City or Town	)	Steveston	
Occupation	)	Accountant	
	)	TOY WOY CO. (Signed)	(SEAL)
	)	CHUTONG (signed)	(SEAL)

THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE COPY OF THE STATUTORY LEASE BETWEEN YOSHIE MURAKAMI AND TOY WAY AND SHU TONG DATED APRIL 24th, 1942.

[Handwritten Signature]

A Notary Public in and for the
Province of British Columbia

FEBRUARY 17, 1943.

MEMORANDUM

File No. 13720

July 21, 1943.

To: Soldiers Settlement Board

From: Geo. Peters

LESSOR: MURAKAMI, Yoichi

TENANT: Joe Chung

DATE: May 12, 1943.

TERM: One (1) year.

CONSIDERATION: Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00)

PROPERTY: Lot Six (6), Block Eight (8),
Section Eleven (11), Block Three
(3) North, Range Seven (7) West,
Map 943, Municipality of Richmond,
District of New Westminster.

HOUSE: Yes

REMARKS: On April 24, 1942, Yoichi MURAKAMI entered into a lease for the duration with Toy Way and Co., the term being for the duration of the war with Japan. The consideration was to be Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00), which amount covers the rental due for the year 1942, after which the Lessee retains the property for the amount of taxes due to the Municipality of Richmond and the general upkeep of the land with an attachment to the lease as follows: Further to the agreement made the 24th day of April, 1942, between Yoichi MURAKAMI and Toy Way & Co., both of the Municipality of Richmond in the Province of British Columbia.

(See attached Page)

WITNESSETH

That the Company hereby agrees to pay the following sums for the rental of the house situated on the property of the Lessor, Yoichi MURAKAMI, the amount of Seven Dollars (\$7.00) for the balance of the year of 1942, and the further sums of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for each and every year during the term of the said agreement.

Signed { Toy Way & Co.

T. C. King } Witnessed

The sum of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) has been accepted from Joe Chung for the year and no new lease prepared as we have not received a discharge from the Toy Way Company of their lease.

GP:EB

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S.S. Form No. 48
(Sheet 1)

Farm Appraisal Report

File No. JL-537

Land Description Lot 6 of Blk. 8, Sec. 11, Blk. 3, N., Rge. 7, W., Map 943.
Containing 5.33 Acres

Owner's Name MURAKAMI, Koichi Post Office Address Steveston, B.C.
Nearest Rail Point Steveston, B.C. B.C. Electric Rly. Distance 1/2 mile.
Market Town Vancouver-10 miles; New Westminster- - Distance 10 "
Church (give denomination) Steveston - all denominations Distance 1/2 "
Nearest School Steveston, B.C. Distance 1/2 "

State how property was identified: Map location - corner posts.

Roads: State whether property has access to main road, the kind of road and its condition.
Has direct access to Monoton Road.

Is this district a good one? Fairly good.

Employment opportunity Steveston-fisheries; City industries at 10 miles.

Predominating Nationality and religion: Orientals predominate.

Describe Fencing and its condition: No fences. Value \$

Water supply: Municipal system. Value \$

Electricity - power available - no lights in house.

BUILDINGS ON FARM

BUILDINGS	DIMENSIONS	MATERIAL	HEIGHT	ROOF	AGE	Foundation	REPAIR	VALUATION
HOUSE	24 x 33	Frame	1 st.	Shgl.	12	Wood	V. poor	100.00
Pack. shed	12 x 18	"	1 "	"	12	Wood	" "	20.00
	X							
BARN	X							
	X							
BARN	X							
	X							
GRANARY	X							
	X							
	X							
	X							

Total present day value \$ 120.00

\$ 75.00

Total Value Buildings add to farm

Is dwelling habitable without repairs? Barely If not what is your approximate estimate of cost to make it habitable? A poor shack habitation.

Describe the basement and chimneys: No basement; brick chimney on bracket.

No. rooms downstairs? 3 Upstairs? - How finished Wood.

Are buildings painted? No. Condition of paint -

Distance from nearest bush No bush in vicinity.

Note: Particular care must be taken when examining and reporting on foundations, sills and roofs.

Cultivated Land

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ACRES	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP	VALUE PER ACRE	TOTAL
5.33	Level	Clay loam, 12" to 18"	Clay	Loganberry & truck	250.00	1332.50
Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking.						
	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL		VALUE PER ACRE	
Area which can be cultivated after a reasonable amount of clearing timber, stones, drainage, etc.						
	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB- SOIL	NATURE OF RECLAMATION NECESSARY	RECLAMATION COST PER ACRE	VALUE PER ACRE
Area Unsuitable for Cultivation.						
	CHARACTER OF LAND E. G. HILLY, SWAMPY, ROCKY.			NATURE OF TIMBER IF ANY AND WHETHER MARKETABLE	VALUE OF LAND PER ACRE	

Total value of Land \$ 1332.50

Total added by buildings to value of farm \$ 75.00

Total fruit trees add to value of farm (for use in orchard districts only) \$ -

Total value of farm \$ 1407.50

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied:

Land in good state of cultivation; growth indicates a good state of fertility.
Land operated by Chinese tenant. House occupied by another tenant.

State most suitable type of agriculture for farm bearing in mind the district's limitations, if any.
Suitable for truck farming or growing cane fruits.

Noxious weeds:

No serious weed situation.

Give approximate detail and
amount of all annual taxes and
names of Taxing Authorities:

Corporation of Richmond -

Assessed - Land \$1257.00 - Taxes, 1942, - \$35.50.
Imp. \$ 450.00

Date: July 16th, 1942.

Place: New Westminster, B.C.

I certify that the above report is based on a personal examination
of the whole farm made on the 14 day of July 1942.

Inspector's Signature

"D. DODDING"

Note: (Use Form 43 (Sheet 2) in connection with this form.)

Farm Appraisal Report

This is a small holding devoted mainly to truck growing; land is well cultivated and in a good state of fertility. It has access to a paved highway and reasonably close to a shipping point.

The buildings are very poor; the house is little more than a shack near the dyke; it is set up on timbers and poorly constructed; it has no electric light or other facilities. This house is rented to Mrs. Wm. Boudriou for \$7.00 a month. The land is rented to Toy Way for \$75.00 for the current year.

(FOR ~~URCHARD~~ LANDS ONLY)

REMARKS: re general lie of land, fertility of soil, irrigation, drainage or dyking and reclamation.

Land is low-lying and in the Richmond draining and dyking system; drainage is assisted by a pumping system when necessary.

ANNUAL COST OF IRRIGATION, DYKING AND DRAINAGE.

Dyking and drainage charges are included in the general tax; pumping charges fluctuate from 15¢ per acre.

ORCHARDS, SMALL FRUITS, ETC.

(Give number, age, variety and condition of all tree fruits, condition and area of each kind of small fruits.)

Present Value

Loganberries	-	.62	acres
Truck crops	-	<u>4.71</u>	

5.33

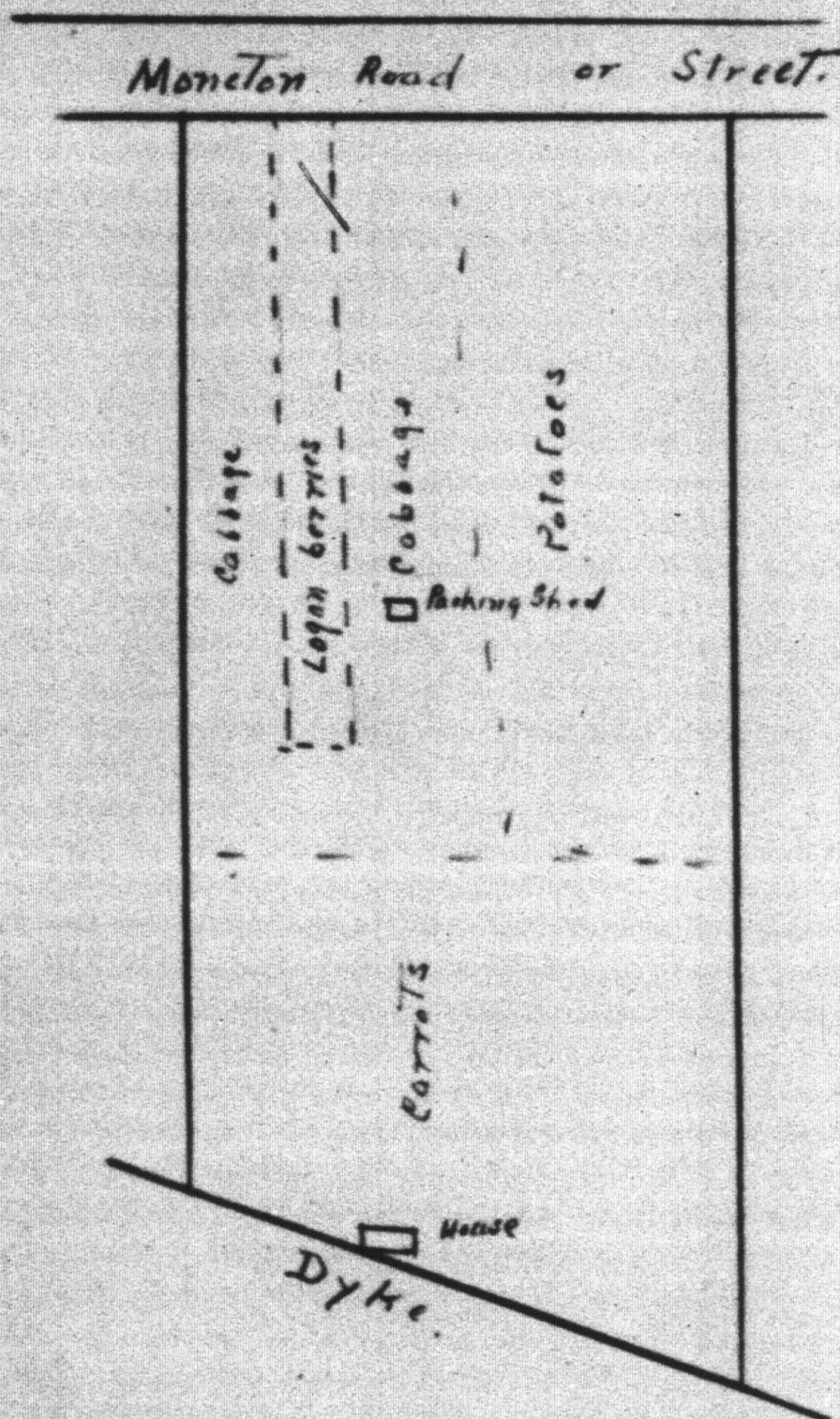
Total \$

Amount fruit trees add to value of farm \$

Diagram of Property

Lot 6 of Blk. S. Sec. 11, Blk. 3N
Rg. 7 W. Map-943 - - S. 33.

Koichi Murakami



Scale 2ch-1"

Following careful review of this appraisal report, it is my opinion that the present value is \$ 1400.00

Date 18th July 1942

"I.T. BARNET"

District Superintendent.

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Feb. 12, 1943.

Mrs. Koichi (Yoshie) MURAKAMI,
Reg. No. 04567,
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Madam:

In your J P report (April 9, 1942) you declared ownership of the property known as "North part Lot 6, Block 8, Section 11, Block 3 North, Range 7 West, Map 943, District of New Westminster" situated on Moncton Street, Steveston.

All references to this property have since been kept in your file but we find that the property is registered in the name of your husband (Koichi MURAKAMI, File 13720; Reg. 04566) and we write to inquire whether your husband has signed any documents transferring his interest to you. If not, our records must be corrected by transferring the property to your husband's file. On the other hand, if you have documentary evidence of such a transfer please forward same to this office by registered post to enable us to complete our records.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell.
Administration Department.

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February 12, 1943.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

To: Files

From: Mr. A. G. Bell.

Re: Mr. Enid HIRSHMAN, Reg. #04566
Mrs. Fannie HIRSHMAN, Reg. #04567.

The property being administered in wife's File
(#04567) seems not to be registered in the name of the husband
(#04566); Real Property "Set-up", and supporting documents,
have, therefore, been transferred from the former to the latter
File. No change in administration is suggested unless it has
been ascertained whether or not there is any unregistered transfer
of interest.

AGB

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EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd APR 7 1943

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Ans.

Referred

Greenwood, B. C.,
April 6, 1943.

Mr. H. F. Green,
Protection Department,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Your File #2765 & #13720

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of March 29th. You mentioned that one of your representatives visited my property when the Chinese took over in July, 1942. and found the house absolutely empty. This should not have been so, since there should have been, Farming Tools, wires and posts valued at \$50.00; Seeds valued at \$60.00; Two boxes of Carpenter's Tools valued at \$200.00; Boat-Building Tools valued at \$200.00; Boat lumber - Cedar and Fir, valuation \$80.00; 4 Barrels of Nails; 2 Stoves; Gramophone; 1 Bureau; 3 Double Beds; 3 Boxes of kitchen utensils and upholsterys.

Please investigate further on this matter as these should be still in the house. You see it was like this, I left early in March, 1942 to go to a Japanese Work Camp, leaving my wife, who is here in Greenwood with me now, to manage my property. Upon agreement to lease this property to Toy Way & Company, there was an understanding, more or less verbal, that they were to have access to the two barns immediately, but were not to enter the house until the Custodian had completed examination of the contents.

Regarding the \$7.00 for rental of house, I have not been in receipt of same.

Trusting that you will give this matter another investigation, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

K. Murakami



SOLDIER SETTLEMENT OF CANADA
and Veterans' Land Act

518 Rogers Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
March 28, 1944.

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

Re: Sadanosuke FURUKAWA and
Koichi MURAKAMI

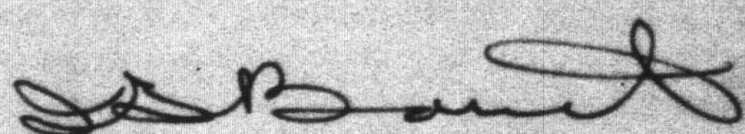
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Ans.	Peters
Refered	

We are experiencing some difficulty in collecting rental and payment of taxes from Toy Way in connection with his lease of the first named property last year. This Chinaman has consistently maintained that he paid the sum of \$79.75 on account of rent to Mr. King, your agent at the time on Lulu Island, leaving a balance unpaid of \$17.25. Toy Way also asserts that he paid to the same agent the sum of \$75.00 to cover payment of taxes on both properties for the year 1943, for which he was also liable under the terms of his leases. As it was found that the taxes for that year had not been paid this Department was compelled to disburse the total sum of \$74.93 for the two properties.

A close check of our records shows that no rentals were received from your office in the case of the Furukawa holding, and according to a memorandum from your Mr. Peters lease to Toy Way of the Murakami property appears to have been set aside and rental arrangements made with Joe Chung for the sum of \$75.00 (which sum we received from you) no lease being drawn as a waiver had not been obtained from Toy Way. As stated, however, the latter claims to have paid 1943 taxes on both properties.

In order that we may have some hope of straightening out matters it would be appreciated if a check might be made as to the payments allegedly made by Toy Way and advice obtained from your former agent as to his recollection of matters, or if by some mischance the payments were applied to the wrong account. The Chinaman is somewhat difficult to understand, and it was necessary to obtain the help of another Chinaman in this connection, but he is emphatic in stating that he only owes \$17.25.

JK:HJ


District Superintendent.

*Information from
Peters to Kert
over phone
Mch 30/44
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN**

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

File No. 13720

Reg. No. 04566

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Mr. Kaichi MURAKAMI,
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Moncton Street, Steveston, B. C.
Lot 6 Block 8 of Section 11, Block 3 North,
Range 7 West, Map 943, District of New West-
minster, C. of R. 51018.

You have previously been advised that a sale of lands in rural districts was entered into between this Department and The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

Due to the size of this transaction, the arrangements for same and the completion of the transfer have taken a considerable time. Negotiations were started in the early part of 1943 and were based upon valuations made by qualified appraisers and on the basis of a sale effective as at January 1st of that year. This means that the 1943 revenues from the property were for the benefit of the purchasers, but that taxes, fire insurance and other operating charges were assumed by them.

The following is a statement showing the sale price and adjustments:

Sale price of above described property	\$ 1382.00
Add:	
Unexpired insurance premium as at January 1st, 1943	\$ 1382.00
Less:	
Tax arrears to December 31st, 1942	\$
Registration fee	\$ 2.00
Encumbrance—Principal	
—Interest	\$ 3.00
Net proceeds of sale	\$ 1379.00

This amount has been placed to your credit and a statement of your account is endorsed hereon showing the present balance on our books. A small amount for legal fees in connection with the conveyance to the Veterans' land will be charged later.

Yours truly,

F. G. SHEARS,
Director.

File No. 13720
(Copy File #2765)

CHATEL SUMMARY

August 8th, 1946.

Re: Koichi MURAKAMI
Registration No. 04566
Evacuated March 10, 1942

On evacuation, Koichi MURAKAMI did not disclose any property in the protected area. It was found, however, his wife declared chattels on April 9th, 1942 (see schedule).

On April 22, 1942, the Custodian's agent, Mr. Mather, inventoried chattels under the name of Yoshie MURAKAMI (wife) - see schedule - which did not agree with her inventory. At the request of the Custodian, Koichi MURAKAMI sent in a declaration on March 31, 1943 (see schedule). This is practically identical to the declaration made by his wife. After receiving the declaration from Koichi on March 1, 1943, and noting he still declared chattels left in the area, Mr. Robinson, Custodian's agent at Steveston, was written to on March 9, 1943 to make a report.

On March 12, 1943, Mr. Robinson reports that he visited the house and found it was bare of any chattels whatsoever. He also states it is possible Mrs. Murakami may have moved the chattels between the time of declaration and her evacuation on April 30, 1942, but he was of the opinion this was another case of theft as this house is situated close to the dyke within access to Indians and other fishermen in the district. Considering the value placed by the Japanese on chattels left in the area and the inventory taken by the Custodian's agent, the Custodian was of the opinion that his claim is exaggerated. On March 3, 1944, a Release form received through the B.C. Security Commission, in which Koshie requests the delivery of one box of carpenter tools (varnished box) which were left with Mr. S. Leslie, Steveston, B.C. From correspondence taken from Mr. Robinson's Steveston files, it was found that Mr. Leslie shipped these boxes direct. The file reveals no further chattels found or accounted for in the name of MURAKAMI and we must assume whatever was left was stolen or disposed of before evacuation, by the Yoshie.

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


George Peters
Administration Department

GP/10

Re: Koichi MURAKAMI
Registration No. 04566

Yoshie MURAKAMI (Wife) DECLARATION
APRIL 9, 1942

Farming tools
Wire and post
Seeds
Carpenters tools - 2 boxes
Shipyards tools
Boat lumber - cedar and fir
Nails
2 Stoves
1 Gramophone
1 Bureau
3 Beds double
Kitchen utensils
Upholstery
1 Singer sewing machine
All left at house in Steveston.

* On March 12, 1943, these goods were investigated by Mr. Robinson, Custodian's agent, but never found (see summary)

CUSTODIAN'S AGENT, J.D. MATHER'S
INVENTORY APRIL 22, 1942 UNDER
Yoshie' MURAKAMI's NAME.

2 Beds complete
1 Kitchen stove
1 Heater
1 Gramophone
1 Bureau
1 Sewing machine
2 Chairs
1 Table
Sundry farming tools

JAPANESE DECLARATION MARCH 1, 1943

Farming Tools, including wire & post
Seeds
Shipyards tools
Boat lumber - cedar and fir
Nails, 1 Barrel
3 Double beds
Kitchen utensils 2 or 3 boxes
4 Only window panes

* On March 12, 1943, these goods were investigated by Mr. Robinson, Custodian's agent, but never found (see summary)

GOODS SHIPPED DIRECT TO MURAKAMI
BY S. LESLIE

1 Box Carpenter tools (varnished box)

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

George Peters per io
George Peters, Administration Department

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April 14th, 1943

Mr. Koichi MURAKAMI,
Registration No. 04566,
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Thank you for your letter of April 6th from which we notice that you claim a list of belongings left behind on your property at Steveston. We see that you left in March to go to a Japanese Work Camp but that your wife, who has now joined you, remained on the premises.

On April 9th your wife declared a list of belongings identical to those set out in your letter under reply with the addition of a Singer sewing machine. On April 22nd, however, when our agent inspected your property (in which your wife was still resident) he could only find the following items.

2	Beds complete
1	Kitchen stove
1	Heater
1	Gramophone
1	Bureau
1	Sewing machine
2	Chairs
1	Table
	Sundry farming tools
	worth about \$20.00

We feel that if your wife intended to leave anything besides the above, especially if they were as valuable as the articles you claim, she should have drawn our agent's attention to them. As things are, it seems evident that she left no more on the property than the above list less the sewing machine which you do not mention in your letter and which we therefore presume she took with her.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

*While it seems clear
that some things are missing
it seems evident that
Japanese' claim is exaggerated
but his reply*

HFG:IF

MEMORANDUM

May 17, 1943.

File No. 13720

To: Mr. C. C. Robinson

From: P. H. Russell

Re: Koichi MURAKAMI

You wrote on May 12th with regard to Yoshie MURAKAMI and Lot 6, Blk. 8, Sec. 11, Blk. 3 N., E. 7 W., Map 249. It is thought that you intended to refer to map 943. Please know that this property is actually registered in the name of Koichi MURAKAMI under File No. 13720.

Looking over the two files, it is seen that Toy Way had a lease last year, under which conceivably he might have some rights this year. The lease was signed by Chu Tong for the Toy Way Company.

Before the Custodian would care to enter into a lease with any other party, it is thought that we should have a discharge from the Toy Way Company. Could you obtain a brief acknowledgment that Toy Way, for himself and for his brothers, surrenders the lease now in existence, dated April 24th, 1942. There will be no doubt that he will arrange this it is thought, but it would be better to keep this file on the safe side by getting the surrender before we undertake a new lease.

We see that we have no Tax Statement on file. If you are in Brighthouse, will you please ask Mr. Palmer to send us one?

PHR:NDK

cc: File No. 2765

File Nos. 6683 & 13720

April 11, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

To: The Files

From: Geo. Peters

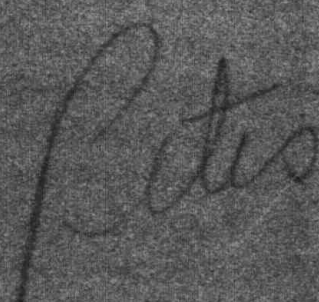
Sadonosuke FURUKAWA &
Re: Lot 3, Lot 1/A, Section 12, Block 3N.,
Range 7W., Plan 3086

A duration lease was given to Toy Way & Company
on the following terms:

For the year 1942, \$75.00 which was paid direct
to the Japanese who in turn paid taxes on the property. For
the year 1943 thereon, \$35.00 for the land, \$60.00 for the
house plus taxes and dyking charges, which would amount to
approximately \$127.01. In 1942, the Custodian collected
\$10.00 for the house rent which was to be credited against
1943 charges.



GP/ms



File No. 13720

April 11, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

To: Accounting Department

From: Geo. Peters

Re: Mrs. Tsunegusu TSUJIMOTO &
Keichi MURAKAMI

You have credited to Keichi MURAKAMI, 13720/
04566 the sum of \$75.00 as rent for 1943 on property
owned by the Japanese. Through wrong information from
Steveston, \$37.50 only should be credited to this account
for 1943 taxes and the balance of \$37.50 should be credit
ed to Mrs. Tsunegusu TSUJIMOTO, 6683/05201.



GP/as

File 13720

November 30, 1945.

MEMORANDUM.

We have today transferred to File No. 3917,
Asamatsu MURAKAMI, the chattel lists wrongfully placed on
this file, being goods sold at Steveston under Auction list
#10 of March 31, 1944.

We have transferred funds in the amount of
\$125.56.

George P. [Signature]

GP:AS

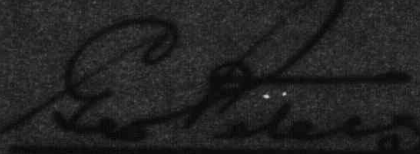
August 25th, 1945

LIABILITY SUMMARY

Re: Mr. Koichi MURAKAMI
Registration No. 04566

There are no claims against the above-Evanees
revealed on the file.

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



George Peters
Administration Department

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File No. 13720

August 8th, 1946.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: Mr. Koichi MURAKAMI
Registration No. 04566

Chattels:

See Chattel Summary.

Specified
Articles:

There are no cameras, radios, fire arms or motor vehicles
revealed in the registration or the file.

No property interests other than those mentioned above
are found on the file.

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



George Peters
Administration Department

GP/ic

Files No. 15617
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August 7, 1946

Estate of Tsunegusa TSUJIMOTO (Died June 9, 1932)
Sadatosuke FURUKAWA, Executor, Reg. No. 04097, File No. 12136
Tsuneko (Mrs. Tsunegusa) TSUJIMOTO, Reg. No. 03261, File No. 6683
Koichi MURAKAMI, File No. 13720, Reg. No. 04566

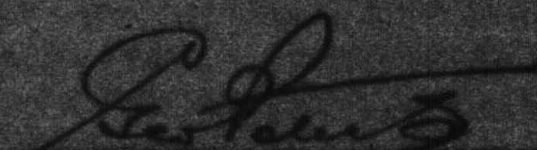
Since the completion of the Real Property Summary on Files 15617, 12136 and 6683 of January 26, 1946 with reference to rentals of 159 Moncton Street, Steweston, B. C., it has been discovered that the rental in the amount of \$7.00; \$5.00 for rent and \$2.00 for water, for the house had been wrongfully credited to Koichi MURAKAMI, File No. 13720, Reg. No. 04566. This rental was received from Mr. Arthur Hubert for the month of June, 1942. We are transferring this amount to the file of the Estate of Tsunegusa TSUJIMOTO, File No. 15617.

On reviewing the file of Koichi MURAKAMI, his property covering Lot 6, Block 8, Section 11, Block 3 North, Range 7 West, Map 943, Municipality of Richmond, District of New Westminster, B. C., it was found that a credit in the amount of \$75.00 was received from Joe Chong through the Custodian's agent, Mr. C. C. Robinson, being rent for 1943. This office had already received the rental for Lot 6, Block 8, Section 11, for the year, 1943, in the amount of \$35.50 from the tenant, Toy Way, who also occupied the property as tenant of the property of the Estate of Tsunegusa TSUJIMOTO. On rechecking, we found that no rental had been credited for the year 1943 to Lot 3, Lot 1, Block "A", Section 12, Block 3 North, Range 7 West, Map 3086, Municipality of Richmond, District of New Westminster. It was also noted that in this file Toy Way had terminated his lease with the Custodian's consent and that Joe Chong, who was connected with the Toy Way Company, entered into an agreement with the Custodian's agent, Mr. C. C. Robinson, to rent the property of the Estate of Tsunegusa TSUJIMOTO in the amount of \$75.00. This money is being transferred to its proper account.

Wphbc

George Peters.

The above summary is certified
to be in accordance with the
information on files:



George Peters,
Administration Department

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File Nos 19617
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August 7, 1946

MEMORANDUM - ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

Re: Estate of Tennessee TOWNSON, File No. 19617
Estate of Elisha TOWNSON, Reg. No. 62564, File No. 19720

Attached you will find details of a transfer to be made from the account of Elisha TOWNSON, Reg. No. 62564, File No. 19720, in the amount of \$75.00 to be credited to the Estate of Tennessee TOWNSON, File No. 19617. You will note that this amount of money had been sent to the Director, Veterans' Land Act as rental. This was sent in error against this account and should have been sent as against the property of Tennessee TOWNSON.

Gfabb


George Fabb.

114 # 13720

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT & VETERANS LAND ACT



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VANCOUVER, B.C.

SERIAL NO. 129320

ACCOUNT NO. BC/670-P

DATE 12 August 46

\$ 35.50

RECEIVED FROM Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
ADDRESS Japanese Evacuation Section, Admin. Dept., VANCOUVER, B.C.

THE SUM OF Thirty-Five.....50/100 Dollars

BEING PAYMENT ON
ACCOUNT OF Rent - BC/670-P
BC/671-P

G/C
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SOLDIER SETTLEMENT & VETERANS LAND ACT

OFFICIAL RECEIPT
PAYER'S COPY

[Signature]
FOR DISTRICT TREASURY OFFICER

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August 7, 1946

The Director
Veterans' Land Act
518 Rogers Building
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Mr. Horton

Gentlemen:

Re: Your files, BC/670P and BC/671P
Sadanosuke FURUKAWA, Reg. No. 04097
Keichi MURAKAMI, Reg. No. 04566

Will you kindly refer to a letter received from your office under the signature of J. E. Barnett of March 28, 1944 with reference to the difficulties you were having in collecting taxes from the tenant, Toy Way.

In the process of reviewing files, we have discovered certain errors through wrong information supplied this office by the Custodian's agent at Steveston. There appears to be some confusion owing to the two adjoining properties having been rented to the same tenant, Toy Way and Company.

The property known as Lot 6, Block 8, Section 11, Block 3 North, Range 7 West, Map 943, Municipality of Richmond was registered in the name of Keichi MURAKAMI. The original lease by the Japanese was for \$75.00 for the first year, 1942, and thereafter for the payment of taxes only. The property known as Lot 3, Lot 1, Block "A", Section 12, Block 3 North, Range 7 West, Map 3086, Municipality of Richmond was registered in the name of Sadanosuke FURUKAWA, Executor. The lease arrangement made was \$75.00 for the first year, 1942, and thereafter \$5.00 per month for the building and \$35.00 for the land. It appears that Toy Way terminated this lease with the consent of the Custodian and the Custodian's agent, Mr. Robinson, entered into a new agreement with Joe Chong, who we understand was in the Toy Way Company, for the year 1943 in the amount of \$75.00 on Lot 3.

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Our records reveal that you have received the sum of \$75.00 being rental for 1943 for Lot 6. This should have been credited to Lot 3. You will note from your records that you have received no adjustment for Lot 3 from this office. Therefore, we are enclosing our cheque in the amount of \$35.50 being rental for Lot 6 for 1943 which follows out the lease agreement.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of this cheque and also change your records accordingly.

Yours truly,

GP:hb

George Peters,
Administration Department

Encl: (1)
cheque (\$35.50)

13720

August 13th, 1946.

Mr. Koichi MURAKAMI,
Registration No. 04566,
Box No. 514,
Taber, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 25th, 1946. As your file has now been completely reviewed, the following is a brief summary:

On evacuation you did not declare any property in the protected area. At the request of this office, we received your declaration of March 1, 1943. Before evacuation your wife Yoshie entered into a Lease Agreement with Toy Way and Company for your property for the duration of the war with Japan - \$75.00 for the first year, which your wife acknowledged as receiving, and thereafter the payment of taxes and the general care of the land. This property was sold to the Director, The Veterans' Land Act as of January 1, 1943 and a complete statement of this transaction was sent to you on April 13, 1944.

You were informed, with reference to the chattels which you declared left in the protected area, to the effect that on March 12, 1943, after receiving your declaration, your house was found to contain no chattels whatsoever. The file reveals at your request one box of carpenter tools was shipped direct, from the home of Mr. Leslie in Steveston, B.C.

It would appear that we have accounted for all the property of every kind left by you in the protected area which was vested in the Custodian. In order that you may confirm this and acknowledge the enclosed cheque in the amount of \$801.10 which is your total remaining credit, we are also enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your convenience in replying.

Yours truly,

George Peters
Administration Department

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self-addressed envelope

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