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FORM "A"

EVACUATION SECTION
SEP 20 1943
File No. ...
Area B.C.

FILE No. 14386

PERSONAL

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: Seiku Sakumoto

HOME ADDRESS: 1417 E. Hastings St Vancouver B.C.
Japanese Registration 01649

REGISTRATION NUMBER 13 A-1-B 43 SEX: Male AGE: 42

OCCUPATION: Fuel Business proprietor

(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: Sam's Fuel Wood & Coal Co. 2 blocks of Commercial St

MARRIED? YES

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Tera Sakumoto

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: 1417 E. Hastings St
now at W.V. Lett Lumber Co. Sicamous Sprs. alta

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: S Seuchi, Amy, Sumiteiyei

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Home 1417 E. Hastings Vancouver B.C.
now at W.V. Lett Lumber Co. Sicamous Springs, alta

AGE OF CHILDREN: 15, 12, 5

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 50 Cords of Fir wood at 2 blocks of Commercial St in front of Terminal Lumber Co. where I had a wood clean up Contract. 1 Kitchen Stove, saw dust Burner Combined, 1 dining table, 2 desks, 2 carpets, 8 dining chairs, 1 mirror stand at 1417 E. Hastings St.
2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: —
3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) My daughter Amy's life insurance with Prudential Insurance Co of America issued at Apr 1939 25-D Week premium.
4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) —
5. ~~ENCUMBRANCES~~ (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)
6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) —

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7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS:

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST:

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

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

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE:

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

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:

500 Cords of wood at 21- of Commercial St in front of Terminal Lumber Co.

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

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4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: /

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF OTHERS: /

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) /

8. BANK ACCOUNTS Some money in Japan & Canada Trust Saving Co. Canada ✓

9. LIFE INSURANCE: My daughter Amy's life insurance policy with / prudential insurance Co.

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: /

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: /

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: Dr Curtis, Dr Turnbull, Vancouver General Hospital, Quinn, /

2. TRADE DEBTS: /

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 ~~May~~ Sept 12 day of 1943 1942.

(Signature) S. Sakamoto

R B Lemare
Witness

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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

July 2/43.

Date Apr. 14/43.

Our File No. 14386

Full Name SAKUMOTO Seiku
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 01649 ✓ Male - Female (check) Age Dec. 10, 1900

Former Address 1417 E. Hastings St. City

Date Evacuated Mar. 6/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National (check) ✓

Present Address Picture Butte, Alberta.

✓ Married - Single (check)

Name of Wife (nee MATAYOSHI) Teru #01650 (6041)

Name of Husband —

Name of Mother Deceased. Name of Father Deceased

Names of Children under 16 Akeichi Dec. 13/1927

Army Apr. 2/1931.

Leiji Jan. 11/1938.

Requested by Evelyn Brideon Registered with Custodian ____ (Yes or No)

Additional Information Sanja Fueling Co. (Owner)
Owner of 2 trucks.

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MEMORANDUM

Sept. 28th, 1943

To: FILES

From: Mr. Green

Re: SAKUMOTO, Seiku
SAKUMOTO, Taru

Mr. Seiku Sakumoto did not register before evacuation and the first news we heard of his owning anything was the B. C. Security Commission's letter of April 9th enquiring about five hundred cords of wood left at the foot of Commercial Drive. In the same way, his brother, Mr. Taru Sakumoto, did not register before evacuation or give us any indication of the existence of this wood.

Investigations made by our fieldmen have brought to light only an abandoned wood yard and a small office at the North end of Commercial Drive.

Mr. Seiku Sakumoto further declared some effects left at 1417 East Hastings. These premises were rented from Messrs. P. C. Gibbens who inform us that the Japanese left nothing behind but "an awful mess" not to mention arrears of rent for $108.00 for which a claim supported by an affidavit has been lodged.

It seems scarcely credible that so valuable an asset as five hundred cords of wood should not have been either declared or at least referred to us for investigation at least shortly after the owner's evacuation and not, as was the actual fact, over a year after the owner left the protected area. I therefore consider that this man can have no possible claim against the Custodian.

Finally, it should be noted that the other partner in the wood business, Mr. Kamasuke Oshiro (file 4707), declared no property of any description.

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Mr. Alexander: May 21st, 1943.

SAKUMOTO FAMILY

SAKUMOTO - Seiku Mr. Reg. 01649 File 14386 husband
Teru Mrs. Reg. 01650 File 6041 wife

children over 16: Hiroko Reg. 07238 File 6044 (daughter)

children under 16: Sheiichi 13/12/27
Amy 3/4/31
Seiji 13/1/38

Address: Picture Butte, Alberta

SAKUMOTO - Taru Mr. Reg. 07968 File 11980 husband
Fuku Mrs. Deceased ---------- wife

children over 16: Seyei Reg. 07989 File 2083 (son)
Hiroko " 07328 File 6044 (dtr)

Address: C/O W. W. Scott, Iron Springs, Alberta.

Note: Seiku and Taru: the two heads of the families are brothers.
They both have an interest in the B. C. Wood and Coal Co.,
Ft., of Woodland Drive, Vancouver, B. C.
Taru appears to be the proprietor of the above.
They both previously resided at 1417 East Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

The R.C.M.P form of Seiku mentions his being proprietor of "Sam's Fuel Supplies Company" but that is all the information obtainable. (supposidly at the Ft. of Commercial Dr., Vanc.)

Letters to be answered or noted:

To the B. C. S. C. regarding the additional information on Seiku SAKUMOTO, and the position of Taru SAKUMOTO, with regard to the B.C. Wood and Coal Co., and that neither of them have registered with the Custodian.

Claims: As marked, to go to McAllister
File: 2083: owner $60.00 War Savings Certs. and $2000.00
Mutual Life Insurance Policy.

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May 20th, 1943.

Mr. M. L. Brown,
B. C. Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Seiku SAKUMOTO. Reg. 01649.

Thank you very much for your letter dated May 17th, referred to me for attention.

We are pleased to learn from your letter that Mr. Sakumoto has been giving your Representative in Lethbridge excellent cooperation.

May we request that your Representative in Lethbridge induce Mr. Sakumoto to give us similar cooperation, to be evidenced by his completion, signature, and return to this office, of the JP Registration Forms sent by this office for his attention on April 30th. Our records indicate that Mr. Sakumoto left the Protected Area without having registered his assets with the Custodian.

Investigations made by the office in connection with the 500 cords of wood which Mr. Sakumoto believes he left at the time of his departure, presumably on the premises of Sam's Fuel Supplies Company at the foot of Commercial Drive, Vancouver, B. C. have not resulted in our being able to locate either the 500 cords of wood or the Company of which Mr. Sakumoto presumably was proprietor.

After having Mr. Sakumoto's registration, we would deeply appreciate being provided with specific particulars as to where, and with whom, and under what conditions Mr. Sakumoto entrusted the said 500 cords of wood. It would be helpful also if this office where provided with documentary evidence if such is available, as to disposition made by Mr. Sakumoto of the wood in question.

With this information before us we shall be happy once again to resume the matter.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

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June 21, 1943.

Attention Mr. M. J. Brown

The British Columbia Security Commission,
The Dick Building,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Seiku SAKUMOTO, Reg. No. 01642

Please be good enough to refer to our letter to you dated May 20th in connection with the individual mentioned above. Any assistance your Supervisor in Lethbridge can accord us in connection with the affairs of Mr. Sakumoto will be very much appreciated. We have not received Mr. Sakumoto's registration with the Custodian, and in addition to the information requested in our letter to you dated May 20th, we would like to obtain from Mr. Sakumoto specific information as to his interest in the business which apparently was known as the B.C. Wood and Coal Company; particulars as to what interest, if any, in said business was held by Mr. Taru Sakumoto and by Mr. Kanasuke Oshiro; as to whether all three were partners in the enterprise; as to who was responsible for paying rent on the premises at 1417 East Hastings Street, Vancouver; as to who was responsible for the payment of the claims of the Workmen's Compensation Board covering the business; and as to Mr. Seiku Sakumoto's plans for meeting his indebtedness to W. P. Quarrie & Co. Ltd., to Dr. E.J. Curtis, to the Vancouver General Hospital, and to the Estate of Dr. W.S. Turnbull.

It was previously our understanding that Mr. Seiku Sakumoto had been giving your representative in Lethbridge excellent co-operation and that Mr. Sakumoto was or is head of the Japanese Committee in that district. Consequently, we trust that your representative in Lethbridge will be able to elicit from Mr. Sakumoto similar co-operation insofar as the Custodian is concerned.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

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Lethbridge, Alberta,
July 13, 1943.

Mr. M. L. Brown, Office Manager, Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Seiku SAKUMOTO, #01649.

Replying to the Custodian's letter of June 21, please be informed as follows:

(a) Mr. Seiku Sakumoto did never have any interest in the B.C. Wood and Coal Company.

(b) Mr. Taru Sakumoto and Mr. Kensuke Ochiro were 50/50 partners in the B.C. Wood and Coal Co., and this was a registered partnership.

(c) The rent at 1417 East Hastings Street, Vancouver, was the sole responsibility of Taru Sakumoto, as this residence was his.

(d) The B.C. Wood & Coal Co. were responsible for any matters arising out of Workmen's Compensation Board.

(e) Mr. Seiku Sakumoto admits his indebtedness to W.J. Quarrie and Co. Ltd., Dr. E.J. Curtis, Vancouver General Hospital, and the estate of Dr. W.S. Turnbull. In this connection Mr. S. Sakumoto states that during his residence at Vancouver, he was paying off these accounts, and had paid substantially; and it would be appreciated if you would be good enough to advise what is claimed as a present indebtedness in the case of each of these accounts. It is not likely that Mr. Sakumoto will be able to make any very substantial reduction in the amounts of these debts at this time, but with the information requested, it may be possible to at least try to reduce them, and it is

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therefore desirable to have a complete record available.

A. E. Russell.

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July 20, 1943.

Mr. H. L. Brown, Office Manager,
B. C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Seiku SAKUMOTO, Reg. No. 03649

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of your letter to us dated July 19th enclosing copy of letter to you dated July 13th from Mr. A. E. Russell in connection with the individual named above.

Mr. Seiku SAKUMOTO has refrained to date from registering his assets with the Custodian. We have written to him repeatedly in this connection and if Mr. A. E. Russell in Lethbridge can assist us by inducing Mr. Seiku SAKUMOTO to register his assets with the Custodian through completion of the JF registration forms sent to him, the action of Mr. Russell would be very much appreciated indeed.

Claims on file with the Custodian against Mr. Seiku SAKUMOTO are as follows:

1. W. P. Murrie & Company Ltd.....	$10.18
2. Vancouver General Hospital.....	$127.60
c/o Seiji SAKUMOTO	
3. Mr. E. J. Curtis.....	$130.00
4. Dr. W. S. Turnbull (Estate).....	$65.00

You will recall that in your letter to us dated May 17th you informed us that Mr. Seiku SAKUMOTO desired particulars regarding the disposition made of some five cords of wood allegedly left by Mr. Sakumoto at "Scott's Fuel Supplies Company, foot of Commercial Drive, Vancouver". Information supplied to this office indicates that the Sakumotos closed up their own business and sold a small truck belonging to one of the Sakumotos.

In order that we may intelligently deal with the requests made by Mr. Seiku SAKUMOTO, any information he can give us regarding his property, his assets, his liabilities, etc., will be very much appreciated.

Yours truly,

R. F. Alexander,
Manager.

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January 31st, 1944.

Mr. Seiku SAKUMOTO,
Registration No. 01649,
Picture Butte, Alta.

Dear Sir:

re: Claims

In order to bring this file up to date in regard to claims we shall be obliged if you will let us know what the prospects are for payment in whole or in part of the following:

1. W.F. Quarrie & Company Ltd. $10.18
2. Vancouver General Hospital 127.60
   a/c Seiji SAKUMOTO
3. Dr. E. J. Curtis 130.00
4. Estate of Dr. W. S. Turnbull ..... 65.00.

Mr. Russell of Lethbridge reported a considerable while ago that you admitted all of these claims as correct, and indicated that it might be possible for you to reduce them. In checking our records the above amounts are unchanged, though you may possibly have remitted direct without our having received any advice.

We shall be glad to receive a remittance and will apply same to the account, or accounts, indicated by you.

An early reply is requested.

Yours truly,

B. R. Dusenbury,
Claims Department.

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MEMORANDUM

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May 27, 1943.

TO: Mr. Wilson

FROM: Mr. R. P. Alexander

Attached are the three files. Obviously there was a business at 1417 E. Hastings Street, Vancouver, on premises rented by T. (?) Sakumoto from P. C. Gibbens & Co. Ltd., the business being known as the B. C. Wood and Coal Co., firm #16425-6 of the Workmen's Compensation Board. Anything you can do towards ascertaining what disposition was made of the company will be appreciated.

RPA/EFP

Attchs.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Alexander May 29, 1943

From: Mr. Kilcoe

Re: T. SAKUMOTO

I have ascertained from Messrs. P. C. Gibbens that T. Sakumoto operated a one man wood and coal concern at the foot of Woodland Drive. He rented a house from the above Company and still owes them $108.00 back rent.

Messrs. P. C. Gibbens informed me that this man never had any money and that before being evacuated he closed up his wood business and sold a small truck which he owned. From experience they have had with him in the past it would appear that it will be impossible to collect any debts from him.

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File No. 14386.

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT June 1st, 1943.

Seiku SAKUMOTO - Reg. No. 01649

CREDITORS:

W. F. Quarrie & Co. Ltd.	$10.18
Vancouver General Hospital ..... a/c Seiji SAKUMOTO	127.60
Dr. E.J. Curtis	130.00
Dr. W.S. Turnbull (Estate)	65.00

Advised Creditors to deal direct, no further action

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