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EVACUATION SECTION

FILE No. 14828

Rec'd SEP 27 1943

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

File No.

Ans. J.M.C. 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: (In full) MRS. YSAU (DENNOSUKE) HATTORI

HOME ADDRESS: HOUSE NO. 9, CORNER CHATHAM ST & 6th. AVE. STEVESTON, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 05008 SEX: FEMALE AGE: 56

OCCUPATION: HOUSE WIFE

(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: DENNOSUKE HATTORI

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: ALPINE LODGE, CHRISTINA LAKE, B.C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN:

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN:

AGE OF CHILDREN:

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

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

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)

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS:
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST:
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

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:

1 only Bureau (Walnut finish, attached with square mirror, 3 drawers)
1 only Kitchen Cabinet (Unpainted)
1 only Chairs (Walnut finish)
1 Heater (Camp stove heater) Cast Iron Body
1 Trunk (Contains dry goods)
1 Cloth Bag (Brown, contains dry goods)
2 Wooden boxes (Contains kitchen utensils)

THE ABOVE GOODS HAVE BEEN STORED AT THE PREMISES OWNED BY
JIBOICHI TANKA, LOCATED ON SECOND HOUSE, CORNER OF CHAYAM ST. & 6TH. AVEN.
STEEVESTON, B.C.

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

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: _____
9. LIFE INSURANCE: _____
10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: _____
11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: _____

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: _____

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 21 st. day of September 1943

(Signature)

Y. S. Huttar

R. Hamanishi (Reg. # 12081)
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

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Our File No. 14828
Full Name HATTORI (Yasu) (Surname in Block Letters)
Date June 28/43
17th JUNE, 1946
S.S. GENERAL MEIGS
Mrs. Denmasuke

Registration No. 05008 Male - Female (check) Age Nov. 6, 1887

Former Address P.O. Box 263, Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated Apr. 22/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National (check)

Present Address Alpine Lodge, Christina Lake, B.C.

Married - Single (check)

Name of Wife 5237

Name of Husband Denmasuke

Name of Father # 05007

Name of Mother —

Names of Children under 15 —

Requested by EEN

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No) ✓

Additional Information —

718R/05008

DOMINION OF CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

N^o 324

Issued at Vancouver, B.C.,

Date May 23rd, 1946

The Government of Canada acknowledges that HATTORI, Tami
has surrendered property situated in Canada as described herein and agrees to remit the yen equivalent of the net proceeds
of such property immediately, or upon liquidation if such action is required, to Japan under arrangements made with,
and approved by, the United States Government and the Military Authorities in Japan; Provided that from the proceeds
of such property there shall be retained such amounts as are required to repay advances made by the Government of Ca-
nada by way of Repatriation Grant.

NOT NEGOTIABLE
Cash - - - - - \$2,922.00

C. W. Van Horne
for Comptroller of the Treasury

711 Stock Exchange Bldg.,
475 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B.C.,
Oct. 17/46

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

TREASURY DEPT. CLAIM \$ NIL

Dear Sir:

Re: HATTORI, Yasu ¹⁴⁸²⁸ #05008

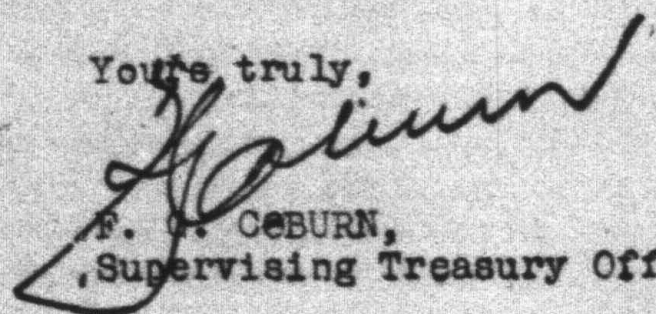
Please note that the above Japanese has
been repatriated to Japan. The following is the status
of his account with this Department, covering the
repatriation transactions:

Money turned in - - - - - \$ 2922.00

Draft Issued- - - - - \$ 2922.00

It will be noted, therefore, that this
party is not indebted to this Department in this connection.
However, should any further monies come into your hands on
this account it should be turned over to this office for
transmission to the Japanese in question.

Yours truly,


F. O. CEBURN,
Supervising Treasury Officer.

FGC/EJ.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 14528

May 23/46

RE: Yasu (Mrs. Dennozuks) HATTORI
Reg. No. 05008

This file reveals no claims against the above person.

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

May 23/46
RMB:LJM

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PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 14828

May 23/46

RE: Yasu (Mrs. Dennosuke) HATTORI
Reg. No. 05008

CHATELS:

The above, who made her declaration to the Custodian on Sept. 21/43, declared some household effects stored at the house of Jiroichi TANAKA, Chatham St. and 6th Ave., Steveston, B.C.

The file reveals that this house was completely destroyed by fire on Dec. 21/44.

A letter dated Jan. 18/45, from Mrs. A. Hubert, who was the tenant of this house, states that about two years previously when her husband was away, she had put the heaviest things out in the shed and the agent of the Custodian was asked to come and take them away.

A memo of Feb. 10/45 from Mr. H.F. Green deals fully with the situation which was created.

We wrote the above on April 11/46 advising her of the fire which destroyed all the contents of the house at that time.

The file reveals the above did not own any specified articles.

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

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

May 23/46

REM:LEW

R.B. Mackenzie
R.B. Mackenzie

August 27, 1944.

CHATEL HIRAKIRe: Jiroichi TANAKA
Registration No. 09799

Copy for reference

Jiroichi TANAKA declared no chattels in the protected area on April 15, 1942. Mr. Mather, Custodian's agent, in his report of July 31, 1942, inventories chattels. Later, it was discovered from declarations that Mitsuhiko TANAKA, a son (file #5027), Mrs. Yama MATSUMI (file #14828) and Hirokichi MORITA (file #4969) had declared they stored chattels at TANAKA's home - 33 Chatham Street, Steveston, B.C. Mr. Tanaka confirms on October 30, 1944, a list of chattels submitted by MORITA which was claimed to be stored at TANAKA's house.

On August 14, 1942, Mr. King, Custodian's agent, sent in a signed list from the tenant, Arthur Hubert, which was identical to the list submitted by Mr. Mather.

On November 4, 1944, Mr. Harris, Custodian's agent, was requested to remove the chattels from this house and on November 16, 1944, under the name of MORITA he removed six items to #3 warehouse at Steveston. This list was placed on MORITA's file. In a follow-up memorandum of November 22, 1944, from Mr. Harris, he states the tenant Mrs. Hubert claims she went out of town sometime ago and had arranged with C.C. Robinson to pick up certain chattels and that he had made another list. Mr. Harris checked this with Mr. Robinson and this could not be remembered by him. Mrs. Hubert also claimed certain chattels were sold by Mr. Robinson. However, appearing on the file is a new inventory with no date, signed by Mrs. Hubert which shows a considerable shrinkage of articles from the list of goods she originally signed for in August 1942. Also on the file appears in Mr. Green's (of the Custodian office) hand-writing, the remarks that one davenport and one dining room table was held by the neighbors. These items appear in the inventory signed by Hubert and it must be assumed that Robinson did go in and remove certain articles and loaned these two items to the neighbors. On the removal of goods by Harris in November 1944, he abandoned as valueless 3 bed springs and one home-made table.

On December 24, 1944, this house was completely destroyed by fire. There was insurance coverage in the amount of \$300.00 on the contents. No direct investigation appears to be made by the Custodian's Insurance Department but the firm of J.M. Robinson Company, adjusters, received a statement from Mrs. Hubert dated January 16, 1945, in which she claims she had placed chattels in the shed at the rear for Mr. Robinson of the Custodian to pick up, and then she was absent from the premises from Easter until August, and on her return, found only a few old bedsteads and a box that had been broken into by her children during her absence. She also states that before Christmas another man came with a list (this we think means Mr. Harris when he removed the goods in November under MORITA's name). He took the stove that was in the shed and a few other things, chairs, and the only thing they left was a home-made kitchen table and a long bench. The bureau was out in the shed but the children had broken the mirror. Owing to the above statement by the tenant, no insurance could be collected on the policy which covered the furniture. The dining room table held by the neighbor whose name appears to be Reid was sold by Mr. Harris in the amount of \$3.00. This was credited to TANAKA's account but later transferred to MORITA. The davenport was never recovered, as it appears this party has left the locality. As formerly stated, no chattels were declared and no chattels credited to TANAKA's account. The chattels of the individual Japanese, left in TANAKA's home, will be dealt with on their respective files.

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George F. Lewis,
Administration Department

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

August 27, 1968.

ALPINE LODGE COMMUNITY

CHRISTINA LAKE · B.C.

Cascade, B.C.,

February 12th, 1946.

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Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Sirs:-

RE: YOUR FILE NO. 14828.

With further reference to my letter to you of January 16th, regarding personal belongings stored at J. Tanaka's house at Steveston, B.C., I am most anxiously awaiting to hear from you.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Yasu HATTORI,

Reg. No. 05008.

Y. Hattori

*Jirochi TANAKA
Reg. 09399
4120*

14828

April 11th, 1946.

Mrs. Yasu MATSURI,
Reg. No. 05008,
Alpine Lodge Community,
CASCADE, B.C.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of January 16th and February 12th, 1946, we regret to inform you that the house of Mr. Jiroichi TANAKA was completely destroyed by fire on December 27th, 1944, including all contents in the house at the time.

Yours truly,

R. B. Mackenzie
Protection Department

RM:LEB

file in 14828

LOSS REPORT

No. 76

January 20, 1945

File: 4123
14828 ✓

Name: Jiroichi TANAKA
Yasu HATTORI

Location: 33 Cathlamet St., Steveston, B. C.

Property Damaged: nil

Loss Caused by: Fire

Date of Loss: December 24, 1944.

Policy No. 3403180 Company: London & Lancashire

Agent: Thomas G. King

Coverage: \$500.00 on household furniture and personal effects.

Adjuster: J. E. Robertson, Company

Amount of Claim: nil

Date Claim Paid: ✓

Insurance Revised: Unnecessary

Remarks:

The dwelling in which chattels belonging to Japanese were one time stored, was burned and became a total loss. We made claim on a number of items of Japanese chattels as per list attached, but according to information received from Mrs. A. E. Hubert, tenant in the house at the time of the fire, none of these chattels were on the premises. Therefore no claim is being made. (See copy of Mrs. Hubert's letter attached.)

file 4828

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February 14, 1945.

J. M. Robertson Co.,
803-5 Yorkshire Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Fire Loss
33 Chatham St., Steveston
London & Lancashire Pol. No. 3403180

According to information now received and on file, it seems quite evident that there were no chattels on the premises at the time of the fire on December 24th, 1944. Therefore, we will withdraw our claim under the above numbered policy and you may close your file.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department

SMG:JS

MEMORANDUM

Files Nos. 4120
4985
14828

February 10th, 1945.

TO: Mr. Wilson

FROM: Mr. Green

*his house destroyed
by fire 27-12-44*

RE: Chattels at 33 Chatham St., Steveston.

As Mr. Mackell says in his memo of December 12th, 1944, marked for files 4120 and 4985, but only appearing on the latter file, the position here is unsatisfactory. The following will endeavour to summarize the transactions as a preliminary to further action.

File 4120 - J. T. THALA. No chattels were declared but a reference is made in remarks "All furniture in brother's name". I cannot trace the brother, but from what is written below this information is not relevant.

An inventory of the effects at this house, 33 Chatham Street, Steveston, is attached to the investigating agent's report of July 31st, 1942, real property section of the file. The house was rented to Mr. Hubert on Aug. 4th, 1942, as per Mr. King's letter of August 15th, at which time an inventory signed by Mr. Hubert was sent to us. Mr. King considered that these effects did belong to J.T., and mentioned that the house had been broken into between the evacuation of J.T. and occupation by Mr. Hubert. The list signed by the latter referred to above, agrees with the investigating agent's inventory. It later appears (October 30th, 1944) that these effects belong to-

File 4985 - Hirokichi MURATA. This evacuee declared only effects left at the Atlas Cannery House, but nothing of value was found there by the investigating agent on July 10th, 1942. On March 1st, 1943, a release was received calling for shipment of effects from 33 Chatham Street. The Security Commission asked for no action pending guarantee of charges, and nothing further was heard from them. In October, 1943, H.M. wrote again and at that time, Nov. 4, 1943, we wrote to J.T. for confirmation that the contents of this house did belong to H.M. This was not acknowledged until October 30, 1944, when J.T. confirmed correctness of H.M.'s claim.

File 14828 - Mrs. Yama MATSUKI. Finally it has now come to light that this lady declared some effects left here though it was almost impossible to identify these on the inventory referred to above.

Under all these circumstances the chattels actually left here may be taken to be as per the investigating agent's list given on file 4120 as later acknowledged by Mr. Hubert, but exact ownership is difficult to attribute. A copy is attached for easy reference.

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The report of the above is that the only thing found against
on our employee under the last three headings. Our Mr. Smith is
being requested to check further on the two items which he told he
neighborhood, and remove them to another. He stated only of 2-12
neighborhood is with the fact that it might be sent to our former
Government representative for his comment. It would be most
that for some reason or other these efforts were not made to change
and were subsequently stopped.

From the reference to letter to Robert Smith as it was
action was taken by our former Government representative when the
reference for shipment was received on March 1st, 1947, and that
there is something in this. Robert's statement that the same for
the things to be removed at that time.

All the things that were listed were in the house until two years
ago when the Japanese moved them out to them. At that time Mr.
Hobbs came to the house and told me to have them ready to be sold
and a truck for them. By the way, as far as the time as I had a
neighborhood help me put the heaviest things out in the yard. That
was before Robert, and on the holidays we went over to the house and
did not return until August. Our neighbors in the neighborhood
to Mr. Hobbs and told him that the things were in the yard and
still nothing was done about taking the things to one of the
neighborhoods were told it was wanted to buy any of the things they
could. Then we came back all that was left was a few old instruments
and there was a box that had been called up that was called out
before this so I turned it as it was Japanese things made of this
wood and good for nothing that I could use.

It is interesting to note that Mrs. Robert's letter of
January 1947, stated as follows:

When 33 Clinton Street was sold, our Government agent was
requested on November 4, 1947, to move the contents. He requested
on November 22nd that Mrs. Robert should have the contents out of
town some time ago and had arranged with our former Government
representative to remove some of the contents, at which time
another list was made. Our former Government representative does
not recall this transaction or the sale of some effects as stated
by Mrs. Robert. At all events only a few items could be found and
these are shown as "found to another" on our evidence. The other
items are shown as sold by neighbors and a few others as "abandoned
as unknown."

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January 26, 1945.

Mr. Jiroichi TANAKA,
Registration No. 09399,
c/o A. P. Penner, Box 26,
R. R. #1,
LORETTE, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

Re: Fire Loss
33 Chatham Street, Steveston

In answer to that part of your letter of January 22nd enquiring about fire loss to the above mentioned property.

Please be advised it has been reported to us that the dwelling at 33 Chatham Street was destroyed by fire on about the 24th day of December.

Coverage was maintained on the dwelling to the extent of \$1,000.00 under London and Lancashire Policy No. 3403153 and on the contents to the extent of \$300.00 under London and Lancashire Policy No. 3403180.

At the present time the matter is in the hands of the adjusters and we will advise you later as to the outcome.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department

SMG:JB

MEMORANDUM

Files 4120
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January 20, 1945.

To: Mr. Green

From: Mr. Gibson

Re: Fire Loss
33 Chatham St., Steveston

Would you be good enough please to refer to Files 4120 and 14828 and take note of my letter dated January 6th addressed to J. M. Robertson, Insurance Adjuster, to which I attached a list of chattels that were said to be stored on the premises at the time of the fire. This list was made up of furniture and personal effects belonging to Jiroichi TANAKA, File 4120, and the last 7 items belonging to Yasu HATTORI, File 14828.

Mr. Robertson endeavoured to check this matter with Arthur Hubert and wrote to him January 8th. The information received from Mr. Hubert, through Mr. Harris in answer to this letter, indicated that he did not know much about it and took for granted apparently that excepting for the articles moved from the premises by the Custodian, that the other chattels must have been in the house at the time of the fire.

J. M. Robertson Company has now received a letter from Mrs. A. H. Hubert, copy of which you will find on file and which in effect, states that there was nothing in the house belonging to the Japanese. In view of this information from Mrs. Hubert, which seems quite definite, we cannot pursue this claim further.

JMG

SMG:JS

Jan. 18th, 1945

Dear Sir:-

All the things that were listed were in the house until two years ago when the Japanese wanted them sent to them. At that time Mr. Robinson came to the house and told me to have them ready as he would send a truck for them. My husband was away at the time so I had a neighbor help me put the heaviest things out in the shed. That was before Easter, and on the holidays we went over to Nanaimo and did not return until August. Our neighbors in the meantime went to Mr. Robinson and told him that the things were in the shed but still nothing was done about taking the things so some of the neighbors were told if they wanted to buy any of the things they could. When we came back all that was left was a few old bedsteads and there was a box that had been nailed up that some children had broken into so I burned it as it was Japanese things made of thin wood and good for nothing that I could see.

Before Xmas another man came with this same list. He took the stove that was in the shed and a few other things, chairs, and the only thing that they left was a homemade kitchen table and a long bench. I wanted to buy these things but was told that they'd leave them but would have to take them also as they were to be sold at the Auction.

The Bureau you have in brackets was out in the shed but the children broke the mirror.

In your other letter you mentioned about a secret hiding place. I don't know of any. That's all I think. The only thing I'm sorry for is that we did not have our things insured.

Could you tell us what started the fire?

I remain,
"Mrs. A. Hubert"
Steveston, P. O.
Steveston, B. C.