

14956

EVACUATION SECTION

DATE: AUG 30 1943

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Referral: \_\_\_\_\_

FILE No. 14954

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

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

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: *Monjira Shimizu*

HOME ADDRESS: *180 1/2 Alexander Street, Vancouver B.C.*

REGISTRATION NUMBER *02166* SEX: *Male* AGE: *44*

OCCUPATION: *Self-Driver*

(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~~: *Sakayo Shimizu*

ADDRESS OF WIFE ~~OR HUSBAND~~: *Same as above*

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: *Michiko, Kiyoshi, Jessie, Katsumi and Naomi*

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: *Same as above*

AGE OF CHILDREN: *15, 13, 11, 9, 6*

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: *Basement of 249 & 245 Powell Street; 2 set of metal double beds; 2 coil double bed springs; 1 set METAL SINGLE BED; 1 COIL SINGLE BED SPRING; 1 SOFA BED; DESK; CHEFFONIER; 1 SINGER SEWING MACHINE STOOL; 1 WARDROBE; 2 KITCHEN CABINET; TABLE & CHAIRS; 2 BOXES BOYS & GIRLS FESTIVAL DOLLS & CHINAWARE; 1 BOX BOOKS 5 1/2 - 9x12 + 1 - 9x9 LINOLEUM; 6' WIDE ROLLS LINOLEUM*
2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_ *and etc.*

*S: Sold 5/7/46 - Vancouver 65*

*See also Suspense - Unidentified file. NO NAME (from 245 Powell)*

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) \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) \_\_\_\_\_

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

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

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

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

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:

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

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE:

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

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

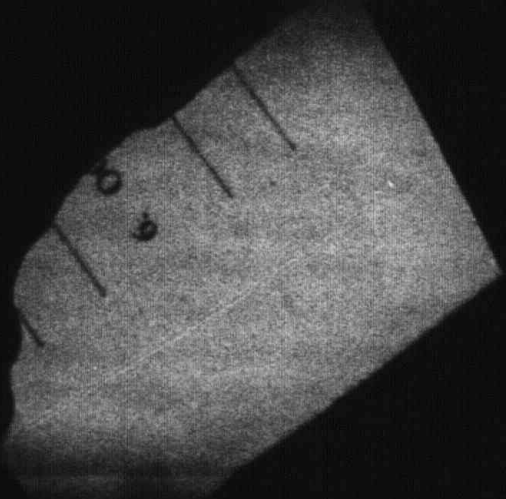
1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

**STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED**

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST:

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS:



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 24th day of August 1943

*J. M. Shimizu*  
*J. Furumoto*  
Witness

(Signature)

*M. Shimizu*

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE \_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Our File No. 14956 HR Date July 21, 1943.

Full Name SHIMIZU, Monjio  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 02166 Male - Female  (check) Age Sept 2, 1898

Former Address 251 Powell St. Vancouver

Date Evacuated Mar 31, 1942 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  (check)

Present Address Greenwood, B.C. May 14/47

Married - Single (check) Name of Wife <sup>(nee 6593)</sup> HATASHITA Sakaye  
#00812

Name of Husband - Name of Mother (deceased) Name of Father (deceased)

Names of Children under 16 (see over)

Requested by J. J. Registered with Custodian                      (Yes or No)

Additional Information Chauffeur  
1937 Packard Car.

muschiko	(F)	5/3/20
Kiyooki	(M)	1/3/30
Shiro Yashiko (F)	(F)	18/10/31
Katsumi	(M)	6/10/33
Rane	(M)	21/11/36

NAME SETHRU, Maxine

REGISTRATION NO. 02166

FILE NO. 1/956

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at 771 East Hastings, Vancouver, B.C. on June 22, 1946.

Camera Case	\$ 0.55
Dykes Engineer Book	0.50
4 Pictures	0.50
2 Sake Bottles & 8 bowls	1.25
6 Sherberts	1.00
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4 Lacquer boxes	0.35
Toys	0.50
Festive toy	0.15
Festive toy	0.25
Pair vases	0.20
Festive toy	0.55
Festive toy	0.25
Festive toy	0.25
Festive toy	0.25
Lacquer box	0.20
Knife	0.25
Pair roller skates	0.30
Christmas decorations	0.50
Cushions & suite case	0.55
2 Paint brushes	0.35
Tools	1.00
Desk lamp	0.65
2 Plates, 1 Bowl	0.35
Fish basket	0.80
Tea pot	0.30
Tools & nails	1.00
Dishes	0.45
Varnish	0.80
Total to be carried forward:	\$ 15.05
Less Expenses:	\$
Less Commission:	\$

~~Number of Questionnaire Form Present.~~

~~Estimated from Auctioneer's List Book~~

~~Number.~~

*see index file  
also.*



NAME SHIMIZU, Kenjiro

REGISTRATION NO. 02166

FILE NO. 14956

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at 771 East Hastings, Vancouver, B.C. on June 22, 1946.

	Brought forward:	\$	15.05
2 enamel trays			0.20
Mantle clock			1.75
Pair slippers			0.50
Running shoes			1.30
Pair slippers			0.25
Odd dishes			0.50
Umbrella (gents)			0.00
Umbrella (ladies)			0.25
Dishes			0.85
Tray			0.25
Small suite case			0.30
Vanity dresser			5.25
Tray & box			0.25
Festive toy			0.50
Festive toy			0.55
Doll			0.30
Baby doll			0.40
1 Vase			0.10
1 Vase			0.25
Tapestry			0.55
Festive toy			0.25
Festive toy			0.10
Festive toy			0.25
Festive toy			0.15
Festive toy			1.00
2 Pictures			0.35
Festive toy			0.15
Festive Horse			0.70
Total:	to be carried forward:	\$	32.90
<del>Net expenses:</del>		\$	
<del>Net proceeds credited:</del>		\$	
<del>Members of Custodian Staff Present.</del>			
<del>Extracted from Auctioneering List No.</del>			
<del>REMARKS.</del>			

NAME SHIMIZU, Masjiro

REGISTRATION NO. 02166

FILE NO. 14956

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at 771 East Hastings, Vancouver, B.C. June 22, 1946.

	Brought forwards	\$
- Festive Band (toy)		32.90
- Festive toy		0.75
- Festive toy		0.40
- Festive toy		0.75
- 3 dishes		0.30
- 1 lamp or bowl		0.30
- 1 lamp or box		0.30
- Egg cups		0.75
- 7 cameras		0.10
- Festive toy		0.25

Total	(Auctioneer's Fee: \$4.60	\$	36.80
Less Expenses:	(Advertising: 0.77	\$	7.61
	(Moving: 2.24		
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$	29.19

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Vancouver 65.

Remarks. See Suspense "Unidentifiable 'NONAME'", 245 Powell St.  
Sold Vancouver, B.C., for other goods

P.O. Box 517,

Greenwood, B.C.

May 17, 1947.

Department of the Secretary  
of State Office of the Custodian,  
Japanese Evacuation Section  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Hastings & Granville,  
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd.	MAY 19 1947
File No.	14956
Ans. referred	Matthews

Dear Sir:

Upon opening your letter of May 15, 1947,  
I find no Custodian cheque for the sum of  
\$27.19 attached to your letter as mentioned.

Has there been an error?

Will you kindly inform me about my  
cheque bill for the amount which should  
come to us?

I will enclose your letter to show  
you that there is no sign of cheque attachment  
on your left-hand corner or any other corner  
of the letter.

Yours truly,

M. Shimizu

Reg. # 02166.

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Registered

May 21, 1947

Mr. Monjiro SHIMIZU,  
Reg. No. 02166,  
P. O. Box 519,  
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of May 17th, informing us that no cheque was received with our letter of May 15th. We found on looking into the matter that the cheque requisition had become separate from the letter and the letter was sent without the cheque being enclosed. We regret the inconvenience caused you by this.

Custodian cheque for the sum of \$29.19 covering the funds in your account is enclosed herewith. The funds, as we stated in our letter of May 15, 1947, are the net proceeds of the sale of chattels identified as your property.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of our cheque.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,  
Office of the Custodian.

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Enclosures(2)

August 20, 1947.

Copy in file 14956

CHATTEL SUMMARYRe: CANADA NIO COMPANY - 245 Powell Street.

All files of persons connected with the Canada Nio Co. due to the fact that they resided in the building or stored chattels there have been examined. It is quite possible, however that many other persons left goods in the building and that we are unaware of it.

From the file of the Canada Nio Co., File 9571 it is noted that the secretary of the Company was Mr. Seikichi MIZUHARA, File 10010 and his son Joe, File 3563 seemed to do a large part of the business of the company. In June 1942 Joe MIZUHARA advised us of the rental position of the building which housed a real estate and insurance business, 2 cafes, 1 taxi office, a rooming house, a drug store and another store.

H. D. Campbell report on File 9571, June 6, 1942 that the building was a three story frame construction divided for rental purposes under the following civic numbers 241, 243, 243 1/2, 245, 249, 251 and 251 1/2. This explains why the chattels of the different tenants should have been mixed. It appears that many of them were stored in the basement of the building.

In October 1942 H. D. Campbell was chosen by Joe MIZUHARA, for the Canada Nio Co. as agent. On October 30, 1942 the company entered into a lease agreement with Peter Lee in which they agreed among other things, that certain chattels, furniture, goods, etc., situated in the basement of these premises were to be left in a partitioned off section of the basement and the key turned over to the Custodian. The tenant took no responsibility for the security etc. of the chattels. The chattels belonging to the Canada Nio Co. were to be left in the office of the Company.

The following is a brief summary of the files connected with the Canada Nio:

- 241 Powell St. Cannot locate the Japanese who lived there. Joe MIZUHARA states the store was vacant. The Directory gives "occupied".
- 241 Powell St. IWANOTO, Yone, File 6518 - declared chattels left with C. TERASHIYA, operator of a rooming house in the building. She later confirmed that she had disposed of them. She gives the address at 234 Powell Street but evidently meant 243 Powell as the directory lists her as living there.
- 241 Powell St. MIZUHARA, Seikichi, File 10010. Carried on a Real Estate and Insurance business on the premises and was also secretary of the Canada Nio. Most of the goods declared by him have been accounted for except for 5 boxes of personal effects, and a small coal stove.

On May 15, 1942 he declared that the chattels of the Canada Nio consisted of a desk, safe and chair. According to the lease agreement this was to be left in the building. Later, in September 1943 he and his wife declared additional office equipment as follows:

1 Filing cabinet

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- 1 stand with small book case
- 1 typewriter desk
- 1 plate glass top for desk
- (x) 2 wastepaper baskets
- (x) 2 desk lamps

At that time Mr. MIYAHARA stated that the items (x) could be taken by the tenant. It is presumed that the tenant did so. H. D. Campbell in letter of October 28, 1943, on file 10010 states that these items cannot be sold as they belong to the Canada Ric Co. It would seem that the items declared by MIYAHARA in September 1943 are in excess of those declared on May 15, 1942. The desk declared above is a typewriter desk. The other desk is not specifically described but there must have been more than one desk. An inlaid desk and desk chair are listed in Auction 65, Chattel Suspense, but there is no proof of identity.

On August 23, 1946, Mr. Mills writes that the safe was moved to 771 East Hastings, Ross Auction Rooms, for sale. This was done at the request of P. S. Ross & Sons. On August 15th., P. S. Ross & (1947) Sons advised us by telephone that the safe had been sold on September 10, 1946 for the net sum of \$153.33 and they had received the funds. They made no mention of the other office equipment but it may be that it is still in the building. They are controllers of the company since November 21, 1944.

241 Powell St. - KARIYA, Tsune (Mrs. Goroichi) - File 6657. She operated the Naniwa Cafe at that address. On April 28, 1942 she declared a long list of chattels located at that address; later her daughter advised us that some of the goods had been sold. She owed a large sum to the Canada Ric and there was some tentative agreement that she would leave her chattels in settlement. Evidently she did not do so. On December 18, 1942 H. D. Campbell reported that there was very little of value left on the premises. Mrs. KARIYA was asked to relinquish any interest she might have in any of the remaining goods in order to further settle the claim. She did not reply to our letters. Nothing was moved to auction in her name. What probably happened is that she packed her equipment in boxes and stored it in the basement. A large quantity of dishes etc was sold in Auction Vancouver 65 and is in Chattel Suspense Account. However, as we have no list of what she sold after the sale reported by her daughter, it is impossible to ascertain what might belong to her.

245 Powell St. - TERASHIYA, Chiyomatsu - File 13132. This man was the operator of a rooming house at that address. He left all the equipment on the premises. According to P. S. Ross & Sons' report of February 17, 1942, on file 13132, the chattels belonging to TERASHIYA were appraised and sold with the building. The proceeds

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derived therefrom were used to settle partially the company's claim for rent. Harold D. Campbell's report of December 31, 1947 states that the storeroom in the basement of the building was used for storage by previous tenants of the building. The file of TERASHITA does not reveal what became of the chattels belonging to his former tenants. TERASHITA has returned to Japan.

245 Powell St. - SUEDA, Saburo - File 824. This man declared an electric stove and an electric iron as well as a box. G. TERASHITA, above, admitted holding one box, contents unknown. The box was shipped to SUEDA. No information can be found of what became of the iron and stove. SUEDA returned to Japan in May 1946. There are no known relatives in Canada.

249 Powell St. - IZUMI, Saburo, File 10967. This man owned the Seishindo Drug Co. He didn't live at that address. The stock and fixtures were sold on September 22, 1947.

251 Powell St. - SHIMIZU, Masajiro - File 14956. Nikado Taxi - He declared goods in the basement of 245-249 Powell Street. There was a quantity of items credited to his account. He has received the money and appears satisfied. The chattels do not appear to agree very well with his declaration. There are no chattels on his wife's file.

251 Powell St. UJINARA, Suyano - File 10408 - This woman operated the Ipoku Cafe. She did not declare anything to the Custodian and her file gives no information as to what happened to her restaurant equipment. The R.C.M.P. advise that Suyano is the common-law wife of Bunzo TAIRA, File 1410 in whose name many items were sold.

251 Powell St. TAIRA, Bunzo - File 1410. He did not declare that he lived there, nor did he declare any chattels in Vancouver. However, the R.C.M.P. gives one of his addresses as 251 Powell Street and his file reveals that he stored goods at Bowen's Storage, giving 251 Powell as his address. A quantity of dishes was sold in his name in Auction Vancouver 65 for \$19.56. No doubt they belong to his common-law wife Suyano UJINARA above.

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In summarizing it is noted that of the goods moved from 245 Powell Street and sold by auction some were credited to Bunzo TAIRA, others to S. SHIMIZU. Of the items placed in Chattel Suspense, the bulk is unidentified, \$180.19. A few items were marked NUCHIENKI, SUSHIMOTO and Y. TABATA.

It is not possible to determine whether anything at all was stolen or damaged while at 245 Powell. A few shipments must have

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been made from there though there is no record except on 10451.

Evidently quite a number of roomers from TERASHITA's rooming house must have left goods there; except for one or two who are listed in this summary the others are not known. It does not seem possible therefore to send the list of what was sold in the hope that the owners might identify their belongings since half of them perhaps are not known to us. Undoubtedly a lot of the items in Gattai Suspense belong to either of the two restaurant owners Mrs. UJIHARA, File 10408 and Mrs. KARIYA, File 6657.

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

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August 20, 1947.