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EVACUATION SECTION

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FILE No. 15163

File No. OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

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: (before) MASAZO MURAI

HOME ADDRESS (before evacuation) FANNY BAY B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 07283 SEX: MALE AGE: 43/44

OCCUPATION:

(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: KOEJI MURAI

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: NEW DENVER B.C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: YOSHIO, KAZUO, TSUTOMU, TAKAKO, MASARU, TAMOTSU (in Japan)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: NEW DENVER B.C. (excepting last one)

AGE OF CHILDREN: 18, 17, 11, 5, 1, 16, respectively

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)

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

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

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

*Location - Japanese Hall - Fanny Bay, B.C.
(Cook-contents seen) 2 gal. crock, Box of Japanese Dolls,
Box of Comports, Closet (Top and Bottom), Dresser,
Bed Stand, Springs, Mattresses (2) Rise, Household Utensils,
Chairs, Closet.*

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 28 day of October 1948

(Signature) _____

M. M. M. M.

[Signature]
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE: _____

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Aug 27/43.

Our File No. DIR 15163

Full Name MURAI, Masazo
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 07283

Male - Female
(check)

Age Oct. 20, 1899

Former Address Box 40, Coombs, B.C.

Date Evacuated Mar 15/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address New Denver B.C.
Roseburg, B.C. Oct 25/46

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife ^{4716 # 07281} (KAWASAKI) Kafuji

Name of Husband -

Name of Mother MURAI, Taq Name of Father Sadakichi (died)
(Japan)

Names of Children under 16 See Over

Requested by EEY Registered with Custodian (Yes or No)

Additional Information Logger

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LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 15163

October 28, 1946.

Re: Masazo WURAI, Reg. No. 07283

This file reveals one claim filed on behalf of T. Maikawa Stores Ltd. by P.S. Ross & Sons, for the sum of \$27.57. As there are no funds belonging to this man in Custodian account, no action has been taken in regard to this claim.

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

J. Macdonald

October 28, 1946.

/s/

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File Nos. 4716 Kofuji MURAI #07281
& 15163 & Masazo MURAI #07283

October 28, 1946.

Mrs. Kofuji MURAI signed a declaration to the Custodian on April 20, 1942. She was evacuated on September 1, 1942.

Mr. Masazo MURAI (husband of Kofuji MURAI) signed a declaration to the Custodian on October 28, 1942. He was evacuated on March 15, 1942.

In the two declarations, Mr. & Mrs. MURAI report only chattels.

The chattels reported by Mrs. MURAI are listed on column one of the Chattel Schedule. Of these items 19 pieces were shipped to her in May and June, 1942.

It would seem that the chattels declared by Mr. MURAI were those remaining after the shipments made to Mrs. MURAI in 1942. If that is so, everything, with the exception of an old bed frame and 2 mattresses have been accounted for. The bed frame was probably found unsaleable and discarded. In regard to the mattresses, Mrs. MURAI had declared 2 mattresses and Mr. Matt Brown reported on January 30, 1943, that these had been shipped to her in June, 1942. If there were only 2 mattresses altogether, then Mr. MURAI must have made a mistake in his declaration or the mattresses were not received by Mrs. MURAI.

All saleable goods, identified as the property of Mrs. MURAI, were sold at Cumberland Auction #1 and Vancouver Auction #63. The net proceeds of these sales amounted to \$28.76, which has been credited to the account of Mrs. MURAI.

On December 27, 1945, Mr. MURAI wrote the Foreign Exchange Control Board in regard to monies belonging to him on deposit with the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle, which he had been unable to obtain. This letter was referred to the Custodian, who advised Mr. MURAI to get in touch with the Alien Property Custodian, Washington, D.C.

Neither of these files reveal any other property of any kind whatsoever.

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

J. Mathison

October 28, 1946.

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CHattel Schedule

Files Nos. 4716 & 15163

October 28, 1946

Masao & Kofuji MURAI (husband & wife)
87283 & 97281

Declared
Kofuji MURAI
April 20/42

1 Bx. Foot. Balls x
1 Bx. Bedding & Cushions
1 Kitchen Cupboard
1 Bureau
2 Beds
2 Mattresses
2 Gs. Kitchen Utensils x
1 Provision Cupboard
4 Chairs

1 Singer Trad. Sew. Machine
1 Trunk of Clothing
1 Case Kit. Utensils
1 Bx. Footwear
1 Bx. Lanterns, Lamps, Etc.
2 Bx. (wash basin, buckets
nails, enamel pans, sauce
pickles)
1 Bx. Preserving Jars
1 Bx. Clothing, Medicine, etc.
1 Bx. Provisions
2 Wash-tubs
2 Tins Provisions
1 Fr. Steaming Pots
1 Washing Boiler
1 Bag Rice
100 lb. Flour
1 Bx. Provisions

1 Broom
1 Empty Chest

Declared
Masao MURAI
Oct. 28/42

2 Gal. Crock - Sold Cumberland #1
1 Bx. Japanese Dolls - " Vancouver #63
1 Bx. Comforters - " Cumberland #1
1 Closet - " "
1 Dresser - " "
2 Bedsteads - 1 old prob. discarded, one sold
2 Springs - Sold Cumberland #1
2 Mattresses - 2 Mattresses were shipped June 24/42
Misc. Household Utensils - 2 Bx. Shipped Apr./43
Closet - Sold Cumberland #1
Chairs - " "

On May 26/42 14 pieces were shipped to Mrs.
MURAI by Mr. Matt Brown

On June 24/42 5 pieces (sewing machine, 2
mattresses, boiler and one box) were shipped
to Mrs. MURAI by Mr. Matt Brown.

The file does not reveal which of the items
listed were in the shipment of May 26/42,
but Inventory of Jan. 30/43 lists the following
boxes; (which cannot be identified on later
shipment or on auction sheets):

3 Bx. of effects
1 Wooden Tub
1 Bx. Preserves
2 Pails

Broom & containers sold at Cumberland #1

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

J. Mathison
OCTOBER 28, 1946.

C L A I M

File No. 15163

DATE

November 29th, 1944.

CREDITOR

T. Maikawa Stores Limited,
369 Powell Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

DEBTOR

MURAI, Masoji,
Coombs, B. C.

AMOUNT OWING

\$27.57

AGENT

P. S. Ross & Sons,

ORIGINAL FILE

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September 21, 1943.

Mr. Masazo MURAI,
Registration No. 07283,
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Will you please fill up, sign and return to us the enclosed forms as soon as possible. We have your wife's registration forms in which she declared "personal property" but we require a declaration from yourself as well.

If you have no property remaining in the Protected Area, except that already registered by your wife, please write on the forms "No property remaining in the Protected Area", sign them and return two copies to us.

We enclose a stamped and addressed envelope for your reply.

Yours truly,

D. M. Choze,
Administration Department.

DMC/HMS
Encs.

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October 26th, 1943.

Mr. Masazo MURAI,
Registration No. 07283,
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Will you please, immediately on receipt of this letter, fill up, sign and return to us either the enclosed yellow "No Property" Declaration card or two copies of the form sent to you in our letter of September 11st.

We enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for your reply.

Yours truly,

D. M. Chope,
Administration Department.

DMC/HMS

Rosebery B.C.,
November 27, 1945

The Foreign Exchange Control Board,
Ottawa, Canada

This is to inquire concerning my account with the "Sumitomo Bank of Seattle". Previous to the war, owing to numerous debts, I attempted to withdraw the sum in order to repay all my debts, but during the necessary arrangements, complications arose, and war clouds loomed in the Pacific, thereby freezing all currency in the Bank.

These debts are still unpaid and it is my wish that they be repaid as soon as possible. I shall be very much obliged if you will give me information concerning the withdrawal of the said sum. If necessary, I have all records of past arrangements.

Very truly yours,

Masazo Murai

Foreign Exchange Control Board

Ottawa, January 4, 1946.

WHEN REPLYING
PLEASE GIVE THIS REFERENCE

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The Custodian of Enemy Property,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir, Masazo Murai

We enclose herewith a letter received from Mr. Murai of Rosebery, B.C., with reference to the release of the balance of an account he has with the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle.

Perhaps you are in a position to let Mr. Murai have the address of the Authorities in the United States to whom he should apply for the release of these funds.

Yours truly,

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

January 7, 1945.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Masazo Murai *leg. #07285*

I am enclosing herewith letter received from the
Foreign Exchange Control Board, together with the enclosure.
I have acknowledged the Board's letter and advised them that
the matter will be dealt with directly by you.

Yours very truly,
F. Carroll
Miss F. Carroll

FC.

*custodian
transferring to*

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15th January, 1946.

Mr. Masase MURAI,
Registration #07283,
Rosebery, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 27th December addressed to the Foreign Exchange Board at Ottawa was sent by them to the Custodian's Office in Ottawa and has been forwarded by them to us.

It would appear that the funds to which you refer have been frozen by the American Custodian. The release of these funds is a matter beyond our control and we would suggest that you address your request to the Alien Enemy Custodian, Washington, D.C. supplying him with full information regarding your claim.

Yours truly,

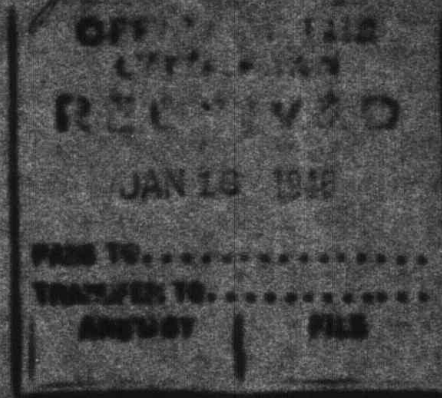
F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

Rosebery B.C.,

January 12, 1946

The Custodian of Enemy Property,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.



Dear Sir,

This is to enquire whether you are able to give me any information or advice, or let me know of the address of the Authorities in the United States, to whom I should apply for the purpose of withdrawing my account with the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle.

I understand that you are in receipt of the letter which I sent to the Foreign Exchange Control Board with reference to the above stated purpose.

I shall be much obliged if you will give this matter your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

(MR.) Masayo Murai

JAP. REG. No. - 07283

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P. G. Shears

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

January 17th, 1946

P. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Masazo Murai

With further reference to my
letter of January 7th, I now enclose original
letter from Mr. Murai under date of January 12th,
for your information.

Yours very truly,



Miss F. Carroll

Encl.
FC/MEM

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

8th February, 1946.

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Miss Carroll,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Miss Carroll,

Re: Masazo MURAI.

We thank you for your letter of the 17th January in which you enclose Mr. Murai's letter to you dated 12th January.

After receiving your previous letter of January 7th we wrote to Mr. Murai on the 15th January advising him that the release of these funds was a matter beyond our control and suggesting that he address his request to the Alien Enemy Custodian, Washington, D.C. supplying him with full information regarding his claim.

I believe therefore that no further action will be required either on the part of yourself or this office.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH