Japanese-American Collection, ca. 1900-1940s

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Japanese-American Collection, ca. 1900-1940s

Dates: (bulk ca. 1900-1940s)

Collection Number: P-018

Creator/Collector: Mason, William M.

Extent: 3 linear feet

Repository: Seaver Center for Western History Research, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

Abstract: Japanese-American families of Los Angeles and Southern California, their social life and customs, in the first half of the twentieth century. Several documents are pictured, including a Japanese map dated circa 1796. Photographs, negatives. ca. 1796-1960, no date (bulk is ca. 1900-1940s).

Language of Material: English

Access

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Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

Manzanar (Calif.)--History--Pictorial works.
Santa Anita Assembly Center (Calif.)
Gila River Relocation Center--History--Pictorial works.
Japanese Americans--California--Los Angeles--History--Pictorial works.
Granada Relocation Center--Amache (Colo.)
Akita
Fujioka
Inose
Miyatake
Tomio
Tani
Manzanar (Calif.)
Arcadia (Calif.)
Rohwer (Ark.)