Japanese-American Relocation Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Japanese-American Relocation Collection

Dates: 1941-1992

Collection Number: Local History_ 29-7-1

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Extent: 8 Document Boxes ; Some oversized items

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Abstract: The Japanese-American Relocation Collection is composed mostly of documents related to the relocation program during World War II. Items include the official government report of Manzanar Relocation Center, oral histories, a photo album, post-war activism related to preserving and remembering the camps, and various clippings and documents. The strength of this collection is found in its many perspectives on the controversial relocation program, and how it has been presented since WWII.

Language of Material: English

Access

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Biography/Administrative History

On February 19th, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which authorized the forced removal of Japanese-American citizens on the West Coast. For the duration of the war 110,000 citizens forcibly resided in Relocation Centers across the western half of the United States. Most famous of these internment camps was Manzanar, near Death Valley, and Tule Lake in Northern California. Although the relocation program was authorized due to fears of a Japanese attack from within US borders; not a single internee was convicted for a war related crime.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

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Gila River War Relocation Center
Manzanar War Relocation Center
Manzanar (Calif.)--History
Poston Relocation Center (Ariz.)
Tule Lake Relocation Center