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## **Guide to the Japanese Americans in the San Fernando Valley Oral History Project Collection, 1993-2005**

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## Overview of the Collection

**Collection Title:** Japanese Americans in the San Fernando Valley Oral History Project Collection

**Dates:** 1993-2005

**Bulk Dates:** 2004-2005

**Identification:** URB/JSFVOH

**Creator:** Delmar T. Oviatt Library

**Physical Description:** 0.88 linear feet

**Alternate Extent Statement:** 58.5 GB Digital Video

**Language of Materials:** English

**Repository:** Urban Archives

**Abstract:** The Japanese Americans in the San Fernando Valley Oral History Project documents the lives of Japanese Americans who lived, or are currently living, in the San Fernando Valley. The participants are multi-generational, with many who experienced firsthand internment and prejudice during World War II. The narrators also shared stories of farming, family emigration from Japan, and the building of their lives and families in the San Fernando Valley both before and after the war.

### Historical Note:

The Oviatt Library created this collection of materials for study and research.

### Access Terms

This collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

### Genre/Form of Material:

Paper records

Video recordings

### Processing Information:

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### Preferred Citation:

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### Arrangement of Materials:

Series I: Video Recordings, 1993-2004

Subseries A: Digital Video, 1993-2004

Subseries B: VHS Tapes, 1993-2004

Series II: Transcripts, 2005

### Scope and Contents

The *Japanese Americans in the San Fernando Valley Oral History Project Collection* began as an Asian American Communities Field Practicum student class project assigned by Professor Edith Chen, Ph.D., of the Asian American Studies Department. Collaborating in the project was the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, the Japanese American National Museum, and Friends of the Lopez Adobe in the City of San Fernando. The interviews were conducted by students as part of their course work in Asian American Studies at California State University, Northridge.

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While the interviews were originally to focus on the Japanese American farming community, it quickly evolved into a larger study of the diverse Japanese American community. The oral histories document the lives of Japanese Americans who lived, or are currently living, in the San Fernando Valley. The participants are multi-generational, with many who experienced firsthand internment and prejudice during World War II. The narrators also shared stories of farming, family emigration from Japan, and the building of their lives and families in the San Fernando Valley both before and after the war.

Several oral history interviews conducted in 1993 were added to the collection by Dr. Edith Chen of the Asian American Studies Department before the end of the project.

The collection is divided into two series, Video Recordings (1993-2004) and Transcripts (2005). Series I, Video Recordings is further divided into two subseries: Digital Files (1993-2004) and VHS Tapes (1993-2004).

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### **Series I: Video Recordings, 1993-2004**

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#### **Subseries A: Digital Files, 1993-2004**

Digital Box 1, Folder 1	<b>Emi, Frank, 2004 November 8</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 2	<b>Hazama, Emi, 2004 April 9</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 3	<b>Higashida, James, 2004 March 24</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 4	<b>Imai, Michi and Tom, 2004 November 12</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 5	<b>Imamoto, Masakazu, Tom Noda and Robert Yamane, 2004 April 5</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 6	<b>Kami, Emi, 2004 April 9</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 7	<b>Kawakami, Chizu (Partially in Japanese), 2004 April 15</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 8	<b>Kihara, Kenji and Hayako, 2004 April 14</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 9	<b>Kimura, Yukiko, 1993 May 6</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 10	<b>Mitsui, Pete, 1993 April 24</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 11	<b>Muranaka, Harry Toshiaki, 2004 April 21</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 12	<b>Muranaka, Jane, 2004 March 23</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 13	<b>Muranaka, Roy Tamotsu, 2004 March 21</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 14	<b>Muraoka, Harold, 2004 April 9</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 15	<b>Ohara, Fusaye, 2004 March 26</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 16	<b>Sakaguchi, Bo, 2004 March 19</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 17	<b>Sakaguchi, Bo, 2004 October 15</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 18	<b>Shibuya, Chiyo Muro, 2004 April 9</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 19	<b>Takeuchi, Ritsuo, 2004 March 24</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 20	<b>Takeuchi, Ritsuo, 2004 November 15</b>

Digital Box 1, Folder 21	<b>Takimoto, Yoneko, 2004 April 2</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 22	<b>Watanabe, Katsuye (Japanese), 1993 April 29</b>
Digital Box 1, Folder 23	<b>Watanabe, Katsuye (Japanese), 1993 June 6</b>

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**Subseries B: VHS Tapes, 1993-2004**

Box 2, Item 1	<b>Muranaka, Matsue, 1993 April 27</b>
Box 2, Item 2	<b>Oda, Dr. Mary, 2004 April 6</b>
Box 2, Item 3	<b>Unknown Woman, 2004 April 7</b>
Box 2, Item 4	<b>Asian American Studies 390, 2004</b>

**Series II: Transcripts, 2005**

Box 3, Item 1	<b>Emi, Frank</b>
Box 3, Item 2	<b>Hazama, Emi</b>
Box 3, Item 3	<b>Higashida, James</b>
Box 3, Item 4	<b>Imai, Michi and Tom</b>
Box 3, Item 5	<b>Imamoto, Masakazu, Tom Noda and Robert Yamane</b>
Box 3, Item 6	<b>Kami, Emi</b>
Box 3, Item 7	<b>Kihara, Kenji and Hayako</b>
Box 3, Item 8	<b>Muranaka, Harry Toshiaki</b>
Box 3, Item 9	<b>Muranaka, Jane Tazuko</b>
Box 3, Item 10	<b>Muranaka, Roy Tamotsu</b>
Box 3, Item 11	<b>Muraoka, Harold</b>
Box 3, Item 12	<b>Oda, Mary</b>
Box 3, Item 13	<b>Ohara, Fusaye</b>
Box 3, Item 14	<b>Sakaguchi, Bo - Interview from March 2004</b>
Box 3, Item 15	<b>Sakaguchi, Bo - Interview from October 2004</b>
Box 3, Item 16	<b>Takeuchi, Ritsuo - Interview from March 2004</b>
Box 3, Item 17	<b>Takeuchi, Ritsuo - Interview from November 2004</b>
Box 3, Item 18	<b>Takimoto, Yoneko</b>
Box 3, Item 19	<b>Watanabe, Katsuye - Interview from April 1993</b>