Guide to the John M. Flaherty Collection of Japanese Internment Records
MSS.2006.05.02

SJSU Special Collections & Archives
© 2006
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
San José State University
One Washington Square
San José, CA 95192-0028
special.collections@sjsu.edu
URL: http://library.sjsu.edu/sjsu-special-collections/sjsu-special-collections-and-archives
Language of Material: English
Contributing Institution: SJSU Special Collections & Archives
Title: John M. Flaherty Collection of Japanese Internment Records
source: Flaherty, John Melvin, Jr.
Identifier/Call Number: MSS.2006.05.02
Physical Description: 6 boxes (9 linear feet)
Date (bulk): 1921-1966 (bulk 1942)
Abstract: This collection consists of documents and photographs relating to the establishment and administrative workings of the Western Defense Command (WDC), the War Relocation Authority (WRA) and the Wartime Civilian Control Administration (WCCA) for the year 1942. It includes administrative policies, orders, manuals, correspondence, statistics, posters, photographs and newspaper clippings. Though the materials collected cover 1921-1966, the bulk of this collection documents the activities of 1942.
Access
Collection is open for research.
Publication Rights
Copyright has not been assigned to the San José State University Library Special Collections & Archives. All requests for permission to publish or quote manuscripts must be submitted in writing to the Director of Special Collections. Permission for publication is given on behalf of the Special Collections & Archives as the owner of the physical items and is not intended to include or imply permission of the copyright holder, which must also be obtained by the reader. Copyright restrictions also apply to digital representations of the original materials. Use of digital files from or derived from these collections is restricted to research and educational purposes.
Preferred Citation
Processing Information
Biography / Administrative History
On February 19, 1942 President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 providing broad powers for the War Department to create exclusion zones and to initiate an evacuation program for the Western Defense Command (WDC). Under the leadership of General John Dewitt of the WDC, the Civil Affairs Division (CAD) and the Wartime Civil Control Administration (WCCA) were created in order to provide for the transition of voluntary evacuees, enemy aliens and United States citizens alike, from exclusion areas to other parts of the country. The failure of the voluntary evacuation plan led President Roosevelt to issue Executive Order 9102, which established the civilian run War Relocation Authority (WRA). The WRA was mandated to institute enforced evacuations. Due to the recalcitrance of states on the interior of the country to accept the Japanese evacuees or to provide for their safety, the WRA also constructed internment centers in order to house the evacuees. Between 1942-1945 the WRA, the WCCA, the CAD and the Office of the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command segregated and housed approximately 110,000 Japanese-American men, women and children. Though the initial exclusion plan put forth by General Dewitt included both German and Italian citizens, the Japanese Americans bore the brunt of Executive Order 9066.
Related Material
Willard E. Schmidt Papers, MSS-2007-08-01, San José State University Library Special Collections and Archives.
Scope and Content of Collection
This artificial collection consists of documents and photographs relating to the establishment and administrative workings of the Western Defense Command (WDC), the War Relocation Authority (WRA) and the Wartime Civilian Control Administration (WCCA) for the year 1942. It includes administrative policies, orders, manuals, correspondence, statistics, posters, photographs and newspaper clippings. The bulk of this collection documents the activities of 1942 but materials in series IV cover other time periods.
Arrangement
This collection is organized into five series: Series I. War Relocation Authority; Series II. Wartime Civilian Control Administration; Series III. Western Defense Command; Series IV. Printed Matter; and Series V. Japanese Internment Photograph Album.
Within each series, folders have been given titles that often use abbreviations in place of full organizational names.

**Abbreviation List**
1. ATD: Alaska Travel Division
2. CAD: Civil Affairs Division
3. EOD: Evacuation Operations Division
4. OCG: Office of the Commanding General
5. SSB: Special Services Branch
6. WCCA: Wartime Civilian Control Administration
7. WDC: Western Defense Command
8. WRA: War Relocation Authority

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
World War, 1939-1945 -- California
Japanese Americans -- Evacuation and relocation -- 1942-1945
World War, 1939-1945 -- Evacuation of civilians
United States -- Army -- Western Defense Command
United States -- Wartime Civil Control Administration
United States -- War Relocation Authority
Fullerton, Colonel Hugh T.
Flaherty, John Melvin, Jr.

---

**Series I. War Relocation Authority 1942**

**Scope and Contents**
This series documents the formation of the War Relocation Authority (WRA) and the internal workings of the agency including administrative memos and reports concerning the operation of the internment camps for the year 1942. In addition, bibliographies and reports compiled by the WRA examining the cultural background of Japanese Americans, as well as, an interview between the Director of the Colorado River Relocation Project and its Supply and Transportation Officer following a camp protest are included.

**Arrangement**
This series is arranged alphabetically and is delineated by division name, document type and date.

Box 1, Folder 1  **Administrative Manual 1942**
Box 1, Folder 2  **Administrative Notices 1942**
Box 1, Folder 3  **Circulars 1942**
Box 1, Folder 4  **Memoranda/Miscellaneous 1942**
Box 1, Folder 5  **Legal Authorizations 1942**
Box 1, Folder 6  **Press Briefings, Releases and Statements 1942**
Box 1, Folder 7  **Studies and Center Collected information 1942 (1 of 2)**
Box 1, Folder 8  **Studies and Center Collection Information 1942 (2 of 2)**

---

**Series II. Wartime Civilian Control Administration 1942**

**Scope and Contents**
This series is comprised of bulletins, circulars, memoranda, administrative notices, general, evacuation and transfer orders, as well as, public proclamations and exclusion orders issued by the Wartime Civilian Control Administration (WCCA) in 1942.

**Arrangement**
This series is arranged alphabetically and is delineated by division name, document type and date. Folders 16 and 17 are organized by their "transfer order number."

Box 1, Folder 9  **Alaska Travel Division: Administrative Instructions, Memoranda, and Miscellaneous 1942**
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box, Folder</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Box 1, Folder 10</td>
<td>Evacuation Operations Division: Reports, Statistics, and Operations Progress Chart 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 1, Folder 12</td>
<td>Instructions and Regulations: Miscellaneous 1942 July-October</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 1, Folder 13</td>
<td>Instructions and Regulations: Operations Manual 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 1, Folder 14</td>
<td>Instructions and Regulations: Security Manual 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 1, Folder 15</td>
<td>Legal Authorizations 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 1, Folder 16</td>
<td>Administrative Orders 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 1, Folder 17</td>
<td>Transfer Orders 1-19 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 1, Folder 18</td>
<td>Transfer Orders 20-29 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 1, Folder 19</td>
<td>Personnel, Administrative Instructions, Memoranda, and Miscellaneous 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 1, Folder 20</td>
<td>Reports, Statistics, and Japanese Surname Master List 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 1, Folder 21</td>
<td>Daily Recapitulation Report 1942 June 5-August 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 2, Folder 1</td>
<td>Daily Recapitulation Report 1942 August 3-September 27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 2, Folder 2</td>
<td>Daily Recapitulation Report 1942 September 28-November 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 2, Folder 3</td>
<td>Statistical Division: Bulletins and Reports 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 2, Folder 4</td>
<td>Statistical Division: Exclusion Orders and Camp Locations 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 2, Folder 5</td>
<td>Statistical Division: Index of Cities and Towns in Military Areas 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 2, Folder 6</td>
<td>Civil Affairs Division 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 2, Folder 7</td>
<td>Administrative Instructions, Memoranda, Exclusions and Evacuations 1942 March-April</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 2, Folder 8</td>
<td>Administrative Instructions, Memoranda, Exclusions and Evacuations 1942 May-September</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 2, Folder 9</td>
<td>Administrative Instructions, Memoranda, and Miscellaneous 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 2, Folder 10</td>
<td>Proclamations, Forms, Statistical Bulletins, and Press Releases 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 2, Folder 11</td>
<td>Exclusion Orders and Instructions 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 3, Folder 1</td>
<td>Photographs 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 3, Folder 2</td>
<td>Civilian Exclusion Orders 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 3, Folder 3</td>
<td>Administrative Instructions, Memoranda, Evacuation and Transfer Orders 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 3, Folder 4</td>
<td>Administrative Instructions, Memoranda, and Miscellaneous 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 3, Folder 5</td>
<td>Correspondence 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 3, Folder 6</td>
<td>Orders: General 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 3, Folder 7</td>
<td>Civilian Restrictive Orders 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 3, Folder 8</td>
<td>Public Proclamations and Exclusion Orders: 1 of 2 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 3, Folder 9</td>
<td>Public Proclamations and Exclusion Orders: 2 of 2 1942</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 4, Folder 1</td>
<td>Exclusion Order no.1-10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 4, Folder 2</td>
<td>Exclusion Order no.11-20</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Civil Affairs Division 1942**

- Administrative Instructions, Memoranda, Exclusions and Evacuations 1942 March-April
- Administrative Instructions, Memoranda, Exclusions and Evacuations 1942 May-September
- Administrative Instructions, Memoranda, and Miscellaneous 1942
- Proclamations, Forms, Statistical Bulletins, and Press Releases 1942
- Exclusion Orders and Instructions 1942
- Photographs 1942

**Office of the Commanding General 1942**

- Administrative Instructions, Memoranda, Evacuation and Transfer Orders 1942
- Administrative Instructions, Memoranda, and Miscellaneous 1942
- Correspondence 1942
- Orders: General 1942
- Civilian Restrictive Orders 1942
- Public Proclamations and Exclusion Orders: 1 of 2 1942
- Public Proclamations and Exclusion Orders: 2 of 2 1942

**Civilian Exclusion Orders 1942**

- Exclusion Order no.1-10
- Exclusion Order no.11-20
Exclusion Orders 1942

Box 4, Folder 3 Exclusion Order no. 21-30
Box 4, Folder 4 Exclusion Order no. 31-43
Box 4, Folder 5 Exclusion Order no. 44-54
Box 4, Folder 6 Exclusion Order no. 55-70
Box 4, Folder 7 Exclusion Order no. 71-85
Box 4, Folder 8 Exclusion Order no. 86-96
Box 4, Folder 9 Exclusion Order no. 97-108

Evacuation Instructions, Exclusion Area Maps and Population Graph 1942

Box 5, Folder 1 Comparative Chart of Japanese Arrivals
Box 5, Folder 2 Evacuation Instructions: Arizona
Box 5, Folder 3 Evacuation Instructions: California
Box 5, Folder 4 Evacuation Instructions: Oregon
Box 5, Folder 5 Evacuation Instructions: Washington State
Box 5, Folder 6 Exclusion Areas Map
Box 5, Folder 7 Exhibit Posters
Box 5, Folder 8 Maps of Prohibited or Restricted Zones: Arizona
Box 5, Folder 9 Maps of Prohibited or Restricted Zones: California
Box 5, Folder 10 Maps of Prohibited or Restricted Zones: Oregon
Box 5, Folder 11 Maps of Prohibited or Restricted Zones: Washington State
Box 5, Folder 12 State Maps of Japanese Population: California, Oregon Washington State
Box 5, Folder 13 Western Defense Command Chart

Series IV. Printed Matter 1921-1966

Scope and Contents
This series is comprised of senate bills and reports, press releases, speeches and excerpts of speeches from a variety of government representatives and private individuals as well as publications advocating for and against Japanese Americans and their civil rights. Of note is a handwritten letter concerning naturalization of Japanese Americans (in Miscellaneous) and the publications produced in the internment camps.

Arrangement
This series is arranged alphabetically and is delineated by division name, document type and date.

Box 3, Folder 6 National Defense Migration 4th Interim Report 1942
Box 3, Folder 7 Government and Private Publications: 1 of 2 1921-1966
Box 3, Folder 9 Miscellaneous 1942-1948
Box 3, Folder 10 Speeches, Official Statements, and Press Releases: California Joint Immigration Committee 1935-1939
Box 3, Folder 11 Speeches, Official Statements, and Press Releases: Miscellaneous 1935-1945
Box 3, Folder 12 Relocation Center Publications 1942-1943
Box 6 Series V. Japanese Internment Photograph Album 1942-1945

Scope and Contents
This series contains photographs, taken from multiple sources, depicting a variety of activities undertaken by the Japanese evacuees from their initial registration at Civilian Control Centers, to their lives at the assembly centers and finally their evacuation to the internment camps (Relocation Centers). Of note is a photograph of a soldier posting exclusion order #1 that affected the Japanese living on Bainbridge Island in Puget Sound, Washington. The compiler of the album is not stated. Assembly Centers pictured are: Santa Anita, Pomona, Fresno, Stockton, Sacramento, Turlock, Puyallup, Long Beach, and Salinas. Civilians Control Stations/Reception centers pictured are: Visalia, Sanger, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Manzanar. War Relocation Centers pictured are Heart Mountain and Granada.

Arrangement
The photos in the album are arranged numerically.