Inventory of the Akamine and Fuchita Family Papers SPC.2018.045

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Title: Akamine and Fuchita Family Papers
Identifier/Call Number: SPC.2018.045
Physical Description: 6 boxes
Date (inclusive): circa 1880-December 20, 1996
Abstract: This collection includes letters, certificates, photographs, scrapbooks, high school yearbooks, oral history interviews, and other material related to the Akamine, Fuchita, and Yasumura families. Subjects in the collection include the Manzanar and Rowher incarceration camps, Koyasan Buddhist Temple, Buddhism, World War II, and other topics. This collection contains digitized materials.


Conditions Governing Access
There are no access restrictions on this collection.

The Fuchita Family
Kumantaro and Kuni Mary (Yasumura) Fuchita (1891-1967) moved from Japan to the United States around 1916. Kumantaro and Kuni had three children together, Chiyoko Jean (1917), Sakae Frank (1918-2008), and Joseph Isamu (1920-2002). In 1942 the family moved to the Manzanar incarceration camp. Sakae Fuchita left the camp in 1943 to attend the Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He graduated in 1943 and went on to receive his Master of Arts in Religion from the Seventh-Day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1949. Joseph Fuchita registered for the draft in 1942. He lived in Chicago in 1943 and was sent to basic training at Camp Balding in September 1944. Joseph did several tours for the Army until 1948 when he returned home for family matters.

Joseph and Marjorie Fuchita
Joseph and Marjorie Tamiko (Morioka) Fuchita (1923-1980) were married on June 19, 1952, in Alhambra, California. They had two children, Lynn (Fuchita) Akamine (1957-) and Gary Fuchita (1963-).

Sakae and Yasuko Fuchita
After completing two years at seminary school and graduating in 1949, Sakae moved to Japan and began his career as a theology teacher and pastor. He taught theology and history at the Japan Missionary College. In Japan, Sakae and his wife, Yasuko, had two children, Esther Junko and Joseph Naoru. In 1962 the Fuchita family moved back to the United States. Sakae continued his education at the University of Southern California and received his teaching credential for junior high and high school.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
This collection contains two separate accessions and digital reproductions from the loaned material. The first accession was donated in 2017 by Lynn Akamine. After the first accession, Akamine loaned material to the Archives and Special Collections to be digitized for the CSUJAD project, and digital reproductions were created from the loaned material. A second accession was also added in 2018, by a different family member, Esther Junko Fuchita. Fuchita donated and loaned material to the Archives. Loaned material was digitized for the CSUJAD project and the digital reproductions were donated to the Archives and Special Collections.

Preferred Citation
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Related Materials
This collection is part of the California State University Japanese American Digitization Project. For more information: CSU Japanese American Digitization Project.

Scope and Contents
The Akamine and Fuchita Family Papers (circa 1880-December 20, 1996) contains 2.51 linear feet and 209 mb of letters, certificates, oral histories, yearbooks, scrapbooks, photographs, and other ephemera related to the Akamine, Fuchita, and
The collection mostly focuses on the Fuchita family, who moved from Japan to the United States around 1916. The collection documents their time in Japan, California, the Manzanar incarceration camp, and their lives after camp. The first box in the collection relates to school and includes school yearbooks, digitized school yearbooks and diplomas, and certificates. The school yearbooks are from Belmont High School, Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University), and the Rowher incarceration camp. The second box contains letters, family tree information, and material related to the Koyasan Buddhist Temple in Los Angeles. The rest of the collection includes photographs and oral history interviews. The photos, photo albums, and digitized photo albums include images from Japan, the Manzanar incarceration camp, and World War II era military photographs. It also contains graduation, wedding, and family photographs. The oral history interviews were recorded on DVDs, cassette tapes, and VHS tapes. The interviewees include Joseph Ismau Fuchita, Eric Akamine, and Shizuko Akamine.

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Processing Information for Physical Material
This collection was processed in 2018 by Katherine Brunet. It was reprocessed by Jennifer Hill in 2019.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
The access files are PDF and JPG files stored on the Public Use Drive. Access to the files is available on-site in the Gerth Archives and Special Collections reading room. Please request copies at the reference desk.

Availability of Digital Reproductions
Some of the collection has been digitized and is available at the CSU Japanese American Digitization Project site: Akamine and Fuchita Family Papers.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Japanese Americans
Japanese American families
Manzanar War Relocation Center
Rohwer Relocation Center (Ark.)
Japanese American soldiers
Theological students
Buddhism

box 1, folder 1  "The Campanile 1937" published annually by the senior classes of Belmont High School
Los Angeles, California 1937
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 1  "The Campanile" published in 1938 by the Senior Classes of Belmont High School, Los
Angeles, California 1938
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 3  "The Campanile 1939" published in 1939 by the Senior Classes of Belmont High School,
Los Angeles, California 1939
Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 4  Class Day Program of W'40 Belmont High School January 30, 1940
Language of Material: English.
box 1, folder 5

"The Campanile" published in 1940 by the Senior Classes of Belmont High School, Los Angeles, California 1940

Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 6

Certificates and diplomas awarded to Joseph Fuchita from Van Nuys Elementary, Central Junior High School, and Belmont High School Fall 1932-June 28, 1940

Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 7

"The 1944 Cardinal" published by The Student Association of Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan 1944

Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 8

"The Nineteen Forty-Six" published by the Student Association of Emmanuel Missionary College Berrien Springs, Michigan 1946

Language of Material: English.

General

Includes Cardinal Supplement: Student Directory and handwritten paper with S.F. Fuchita's name and Emmanuel Missionary College.

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"The Cardinal 1947" published by the Student Association of Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan 1947

Physical Description: 65.2 Megabytes 7 pdfs

Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 9

"Seventh Day Adventist Newsletter" [February 1949]

Language of Material: Japanese.

Contains:

No. 14

item Public Use Drive, folder Akamine and Fuchita Family Papers, folder akfu_08_02

Seventh-day Adventists Theological Seminary Master of Arts in Religion degree award to Sakae Fuchita and four photographs circa August 25, 1949

Physical Description: 94.7 Megabytes 1 pdf, 4 tif files

Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 10

Japan Junior College booklet and paper written in Japanese [1950; March 25, 1951]

Language of Material: Japanese

box 1, folder 11

"Resume" published by the Classes of 1944 Rohwer Center High School McGehee, Arkansas 1944

Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 12

Rowher Center High School Relocation, Arkansas High School diploma for Marjorie Tamiko Morioka May 19, 1944

Language of Material: English.

box 1, folder 13


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| 1, 14       | "Rowher Outpost published intermittently by the First Rohwer Reunion Committee"  
Language of Material: English.  
Contains:  
Edition No. 3 and 4. |
| 2, 1         | Letter from Shigeno Kuriyama to Kuni Fuchita December 16, 1948  
Language of Material: Japanese |
| 2, 2         | Letter from Sakaye and Yasuko Fuchita to Kumataro and Kuni Fuchita January 31, 1954  
Language of Material: Japanese. |
| 2, 3         | Letter from Sakaye Fuchita to Kumataro and Kuni Fuchita circa 1953-1955  
Language of Material: Japanese  
General  
Letter dated February 10. |
| 2, 4         | Letter from Sakaye Fuchita to Kumataro and Kuni Fuchita circa 1953-1959  
Language of Material: Japanese |
| 2, 5         | Letter from Sakaye Fuchita to Kumataro and Kuni Fuchita circa 1953-1960  
Language of Material: Japanese |
| 2, 6         | Letter from Kumataro and Kuni Fuchita to Seji and Kaneko Yasumura circa 1940-1967  
Language of Material: Japanese |
| 2, 7         | Letter from Chiyoko Fuchita to Kuni Fuchita circa 1940-1967  
Language of Material: Japanese |
| 2, 8         | Letter from Masayoshi Fuchita to Kumataro Fuchita circa 1940-1969  
Language of Material: Japanese |
| 2, 9         | Service record for Kumataro Fuchita at the Koyasan Buddhist Temple June 3, 1969  
Language of Material: Japanese |
| 2, 10        | Tickets, envelopes, 75th memorial material, and memorial service notifications related  
Buddhism and the Koyasan Buddhist Temple March 20, 1963-June 6, 1991; undated |
| 2, 11        | Documents, envelopes, and other material related to Buddhism and the Koyasan  
Buddhist Temple undated  
Language of Material: English. |
| 5, 9         | Certificate to Masao Yamaji and other commemoration documents from the 75th  
Commemoration of the Koyasan Buddhist Temple October 17, 1987 |
| 2, 12        | Shigin certificates and program 1945-1948; undated  
Language of Material: English. |
| 2, 13        | Copy of a Life History Interview Biographical Data Sheet from the Japanese American  
National museum from Joseph Isamu Fuchita undated  
Language of Material: English. |
| 2, 14        | Fuchita family tree September 1, 1991  
Language of Material: Japanese. |
Notarized Ushi Akamine Family Register July 18, 1963
Language of Material: Japanese.
General
Facsimile and possibly one page of the original.

Busuke Saito and Lawson Fusao Inada biographical information undated
Language of Material: English.

Envelopes and notes to the Fuchita family 1953; undated
Language of Material: English.

Tachibana Benkei shigin textbook undated
Language of Material: Japanese.

Rafu Shimpo newspaper December 21, 2016
Contains:
Number: 32,918

Envelopes, pressed flowers, and other material undated
Language of Material: English.

Buddhist stole undated

Family photographs and portraits circa 1880-1980
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
This box includes mounted and individual photographs and portraits of individuals, groups, and families. It also includes World War II, wedding, vacation, and other photographs related to the families.

Family photographs and portraits circa 1920-1980
Scope and Contents
This box includes mounted photographs of groups, portraits, and families. Pictures include family photographs and portraits of the Fuchita Family, a portrait of Sazuko [Kino], a group photo commemorating Umebayashi, a group photograph of Southern California Seich-no-Ie, photographs and portraits possibly from Japan of the Yasumura family, and other photos.

Joseph Fuchita's photo album 1945-1948
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
Photo album includes photographs of Germany and Los Angeles from July 1945-September 1948, most likely when Joseph Fuchita served in the military.
Processing Information
Photo album was disassembled for preservation purposes.

My story life in fotos the years 1941-1948 1942-1948; 1996
Physical Description: 8.89 Gigabytes 152 items, 17 pdfs, 135 tif files
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<td>Oral history interview with Joseph Isamu Fuchita November 8, 1996</td>
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<td>box 6, item 2-3</td>
<td>Oral history interview Eric and Shizuko Akamine December 20, 1996</td>
<td>Material Specific Details: 2 VHS tapes. \nGeneral \nIncludes 2 VHS tapes. The notes on the first state that it contains half of Eric Akamine's interview. The second VHS tape states that it is Eric Akamine's oral history interview continued.</td>
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<td>Eric and Shizuko Akamine cassette tapes December 20, 1996</td>
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