Inventory of the George Nakano Family Papers SPC.2017.014

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**Contributing Institution:** California State University Dominguez Hills, Gerth Archives and Special Collections

**Title:** George Nakano Family Papers

**Creator:** Nakano, George

**Identifier/Call Number:** SPC.2017.014

**Physical Description:** 7 boxes, 1 oversized folder

**Physical Description:** 3.7 Linear Feet

**Physical Description:** 350.9 Megabytes

**Date (inclusive):** 1942-2010

**Abstract:** This collection contains books, booklets, proposals, printed newspaper articles, ephemera, and digitized scrapbooks related to George Nakano, former Assemblymember and Torrance City Council member. Subjects include the Jerome and Tule Lake incarceration camps, the Nakano family, and George Nakano's political career. This collection contains digitized materials.

**Language of Material:** English, Japanese.

**Preferred Citation**

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There are no access restrictions on this collection.

**Related Materials**

This collection is part of the California State University Japanese American Digitization Project. For related materials please consult: CSU Japanese American Digitization Project.

**George Nakano**

George Nakano is a former Assemblymember and Torrance City Councilman. He grew up in Los Angeles before his family was sent to the Jerome and Tule Lake incarceration camps as a result of Executive Order 9066. At the end of the war, the Nakano family settled in East Los Angeles. After graduating high school, Nakano served in the California Air National Guard for six years before attending El Camino College and transferring to California State University, Los Angeles. He earned a Bachelors of Science degree in mathematics and began teaching at a k-12 school. In 1977, Nakano graduated with a Masters in Education and began working as an educational administrator at the Inglewood Unified School district. While working as the educational administrator, Nakano also served as a member of the Torrance City Council from 1984-1998. Nakano retired from the district in 1991 and was elected to the California State Legislature in 1998. He served in the California State Legislature in District 53 as the California State Assemblyman from 1998-2004.

**Scope and Contents**

The George Nakano Family Papers (1942-2014) contains 3.7 linear feet and 350.9 mb of books, booklets, proposals, facsimile newspaper articles, pamphlets, ephemera, and digitized scrapbooks related to George Nakano's life. George Nakano and his family were incarcerated at the Jerome and Tule Lake incarceration camps when he was six years old. Some of the material, including textbooks and drawings along with a cutting board, pin, and cane, are related to the Nakano family's incarceration during World War II. Other material, such as the scrolls, documents, and certificates are related to the Nakano family history.

Other documents, newspaper articles, and proposals are related to George Nakano's political career as Torrance City Council member (1984-1998) and California State Assemblymember (1998-2004). Topics related to his career include the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program, the California Master Plan for Education, and other assembly bills and reports.

**Arrangement**

This collection is arranged into four series. Series One also has two subseries.

Series One:

Japanese American incarceration and the Nakano family
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Series Two:
Nakano family history

Series Three:
George Nakano's career

Series Four:
Other scrapbooks and materials

Processing Information
The first four accessions (November 2017-August 2019) were processed by Jennifer Hill in 2019. The fifth accession along with the digitized scrapbooks were processed in May 2020.

Processing Information for Digital Material
The Gerth Archives and Special Collections created digital reproductions (born-analog objects) from the original material for long-term preservation and access. These preservation files (14.69 Gb, 491 tif files) were scanned to and stored on the Gerth Archives and Special Collections Deparment Drive. For more information on the best practices and standards for the digitization process, please see: CSU Japanese American Digitization Project technical reference guide.

Existence and Location of Originals
Donor retained scrapbooks. All other material in the collection was donated.

Availability of Digitized Materials
Some of the collection has been digitized and is available at the CSU Japanese American Project site: George Nakano Family Papers.

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.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
The George Nakano Family Papers has four separate accessions from November 2017 - August 2019. George Nakano also loaned several scrapbooks to the Gerth Archives and Special Collections between 2017-2019 to be digitized for the CSUJAD project.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Nakano, George
Japanese Americans -- Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945
Japanese American families
Local government--California
California -- Politics and government
Japanese Americans -- California
Japanese Americans

Series One: Japanese American incarceration and the Nakano family circa 1942-2014

Language of Material: English.

Scope and Contents
This series contains material related to Japanese American incarceration during World War Two. The first series has books, ephemera, textbooks, notebooks, and directories related to the Nakano family and their incarceration at the Jerome and Tule Lake incarceration camps. The second series contains books, documents, reunion booklets and digitized scrapbooks about Japanese American incarceration after World War II.

Arrangement
This series is arranged into two subseries, During World War Two and After World War Two.
**Subseries One: During World War Two circa 1942-1946**

**Language of Material:** English.  

**Scope and Contents**  
This subseries contains material from the Nakano family and their incarceration at the Jerome and Tule Lake camps. It also includes two directories from Hiroshima and textbooks and notebooks written in Japanese.

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**Cane made by Shigeto Nakano circa October 27-September 25, 1943**  
General  
Includes typescript note from George Nakano with additional information about the cane.
Subseries Two: After World War Two Spring 1979-2014

Language of Material: English.

Scope and Contents
This subseries contains material related to Japanese Americans and Japanese American incarceration following World War II. It includes camp and high school reunion books, documents about Japanese American incarceration, digitized scrapbooks, and other books about Japanese Americans published after World War II.

box 4
Inside View Japanese American Evacuee Center compiled by Colburn Cox Stuart (Special Edition) Spring 1979
Language of Material: English.

box 4
The Lim Report - A research report of Japanese Americans in American Concentration Camps during World War II by Deborah K.Lim 1990
Language of Material: English.

box 4
Butte High School Reunion Class of 1945 mini-yearbook October 7, 1989
Language of Material: English.

box 4
The First Rohwer Reunion July 20 and 21, 1990 July 20, 1990
Language of Material: English.

folder 1
Jerome Reunion III September 6, 7, 8, 1996 poster September 6, 1996
Language of Material: English.

box 4
Poston I 1942-1992 50 Year Camp Reunion - Colorado River Relocation Center Unit No. 1 Poston, Arizona October 9, 1992
Language of Material: English.

box 4
Poston I Reunion IV "Omoide No Tabi-Memories of a Journey" to the Colorado River Relocation Center 55 years ago October 24, 1997
Language of Material: English.

item Public Use Drive, folder George Nakano Family Papers, folder nak_089
Jerome and Rowher scrapbook circa 1996-2004
Physical Description: 59.8 mb 30 pdfs, 20 jpeg files

box 4
Japanese American Korean War Veterans 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Memory Souvenir Book April 29, 2000
Language of Material: English.

box 4
54th Annual Nisei VFW Reunion Sacramento Nisei Post Number 8985 booklet February 13, 2004
Language of Material: English.

item Public Use Drive, folder George Nakano Family Papers, folder nak_085
Tule Lake Pilgrimage 2004 scrapbook circa 1990-2004
Physical Description: 43.8 mb 10 pdfs, 79 tif files
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Subseries Two: After World War Two Spring 1979-2014

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Box 4
- **Tule Lake Pilgrimage books 2009, 2010 July 2, 2009; July 2, 2010**
  - Language of Material: English.
- **Tule Lake Pilgrimage scrapbook 2009, 2014**
  - Physical Description: 32.1 mb 7 pdf files, 11 jpeg tiles.

Item Public Use Drive,
folder George Nakano Family Papers,
folder nak_087

Box 3
- **Japanese Community Pioneer Center book undated**
- **Biographies of Issei Pioneers published by Japanese Community Pioneer Center October 25, 1975**
  - Language of Material: Japanese
  - General
  - Includes 2 copies.

Box 2
- **Nakano Family History undated**
  - Language of Material: English and Japanese

Box 7
- **Nakano family original scroll undated**
  - Language of Material: Japanese

Box 2
- **Appreciation certificate awarded to Sadagoro Nakano at the twentieth anniversary of the Honganji Elementary School 1929**
  - Language of Material: Japanese

Box 2
- **Honganji Elementary School certificates awarded to Shigeto Nakano for the completion of kindergarten and elementary school March 31, 1912; March 30, 1931**

Series Two: Nakano family history 1929, 1931; undated
- Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
This series contains information about the Nakano Family.

Box 2
  - Material Specific Details: Material seperated from binder for preservation purposes.
  - Each folder is a tab from the binder with original tab label written on folder.
  - Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
Pamphlets and facsimile newspaper articles related to George Nakano's career in politics.
Series Three: George Nakano's career January 4, 1984-August 2003

box 5

**Assemblemy member George Nakano Cites Irony of 1922 California Board of Control Document and Now March 2001**

- Language of Material: English.
- Scope and Contents

box 6

**California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP) Information Packet and Grant Application Fiscal Year 2001-2002 October 26, 2001**

- Language of Material: English.
- Scope and Contents
  Includes A History of Japanese Americans in California; Discriminatory Practices.

box 6

**Drivers Distractions and Inattention Data Summary Assembly Bill 770 Chapter 710 - Report to the Governor and Legislature November 2002**

- Language of Material: English.

box 6

**Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan for Education The California Master Plan for Education 1170-S 2002**

- Language of Material: English.

box 6

**Report to the Legislature Regulation of Large Passenger Vessels in California Cruise Ship Environmental Task Force August 2003**

- Language of Material: English.

Series Four: Other scrapbooks and materials circa 1966-2016; undated

- Language of Material: English.
- Scope and Contents
  This series contains digitized scrapbooks related to George Nakano's life and career as well as other materials. Subjects include September 11, kendo, Japanese American veterans, and the George Nakano Theatre.

item Public Use Drive, folder George Nakano Family Papers, folder nak_90_02

**Remembering September 11, 2001 scrapbook circa 1995-2002**

- Physical Description: 42.9 mb 20 pdf files, 14 jpeg files

item Public Use Drive, folder George Nakano Family Papers, folder nak_086

**Kendo Jukon Awards scrapbook circa 1966-2009**

- Physical Description: 3.41 Gigabytes 172 items, 36 pdf files, 136 tif files.
- Physical Description: 87.1 mb 36 pdf files, 137 jpeg files

item Public Use Drive, folder George Nakano Family Papers, folder nak_088


- Physical Description: 85.2 mb, 76 pdf files, 30 jpeg files
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