Inventory of the George Nakano Family Papers SPC.2017.014

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Language of Material: Multiple languages
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(7 boxes, 1 oversized folder)
Physical Description: 3.7 Linear Feet
Date (inclusive): 1942-2010
Language of Material: The collection is in English and Japanese.
Abstract: This collection contains books, booklets, proposals, printed newspaper articles, and ephemera related to George Nakano, former Assemblymember and Torrance City Council member. Subjects include Jerome and Tule Lake incarceration camps, the Nakano family, and George Nakano's political career.
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Related Materials
This collection is part of the California State University Japanese American Digitization Project. For related materials please consult: http://csujad.com.
Custodial History
The George Nakano Family Papers has four separate accessions from November 2017 - August 2019. George Nakano also loaned several photograph albums to the Gerth Archives and Special Collections between 2017-2019 to be digitized for the CSUJAD 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 (1942-2010) contains 3.7 linear feet of books, booklets, proposals, facsimile newspaper articles, pamphlets, and ephemera 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 material in the collection include textbooks, a cutting board, drawings, and a pin are from the Nakano family during their incarceration. Other subjects in the collection include George Nakano's political career as Torrance City Council member (1984-1998) and California State Assemblymember (1998-2004), Nakano family history, and California state policies.
Arrangement
This collection is arranged into four series. Series One also has two subseries.
Series One:
Japanese incarceration and the Nakano family
Series Two:
Nakano family history
Series Three:
George Nakano's career
Series Four:
Other material donated by George Nanako

Processing Information
The first four accessions (November 2017-August 2019) were processed by Jennifer Hill in 2019.

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 incarceration and the Nakano family circa 1942-July 2, 2010

Scope and Contents
This series contains material related to Japanese 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, and reunion booklets about Japanese American incarceration, and incarceration camp reunions.

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

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.

box 1
Notes written in Japanese and crayon drawings circa 1942-1946
Language of Material: Japanese

box 1
Stenographic notebook with math problems 1945-1946
Language of Material: Japanese

box 1
Heart Mountain Buddhist Sunday School book circa 1942-1946
Language of Material: Japanese

box 1
Children's ethics and math textbook circa 1943-1946
Language of Material: Japanese

box 1
Middle school history and geography textbook circa 1943-1946
Language of Material: Japanese

box 1
Japanese language textbooks circa 1943-1946
Language of Material: Japanese
Series One: Japanese incarceration and the Nakano family circa 1942-July 2, 2010

Subseries One: During World War Two circa 1942-1946

box 1 Japanese architecture textbook circa 1943-1946
Language of Material: Japanese

box 2 Jerome, Arkansas Concentration Camp color badge October 27, 1942

box 2 Shigeto Nakano’s foreman attendance notebooks from the Jerome incarceration camp October 27, 1942-September 25, 1943
Language of Material: Japanese

box 2 Crayon drawing of a barrack with Castle Rock Mountain in the background by Shigeko (Nakano) Yamane 1945

box 3 Hiroshima Directory undated
Language of Material: Japanese

box 3 Hiroshima City Directory undated

box 7 Wood cutting board from Shigeto Nakano from Jerome, Arkansas 1943

Subseries Two: After World War Two Spring 1979-July 2, 2010

Scope and Contents
This subseries contains material related to Japanese Americans and their incarceration during World War Two. It includes camp and high school reunion books, documents about Japanese American incarceration, and other books related to Japanese American pioneers published after World War Two.

box 4 Inside View Japanese American Evacuee Center compiled by Colburn Cox Stuart (Special Edition) Spring 1979

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

box 4 Butte High School Reunion Class of 1945 mini-yearbook October 7, 1989

box 4 The First Rohwer Reunion July 20 and 21, 1990 July 20, 1990

folder 1 Jerome Reunion III September 6, 7, 8, 1996 poster September 6, 1996

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

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

box 4 Japanese American Korean War Veterans 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Memory Souvenir Book April 29, 2000

box 4 54th Annual Nisei VFW Reunion Sacramento Nisei Post Number 8985 booklet February 13, 2004

box 4 Tule Lake Pilgrimage books 2009, 2010 July 2, 2009; July 2, 2010

box 3 Japanese Community Pioneer Center book undated

box 3 Biographies of Issei Pioneers published by Japanese Community Pioneer Center October 25, 1975

Language of Material: Japanese
General
Includes 2 copies.

Series Two: Nakano family history undated

Scope and Contents
This series contains information about the Nakano Family.

box 2 Nakano Family History undated
Language of Material: English and Japanese

box 7 Nakano family original scroll undated
Language of Material: Japanese
Series Three: George Nakano's career January 4, 1984-August 2003

Scope and Contents
This series contains printed newspaper articles, pamphlets, and government documents related to George Nakano and his career in politics. Nakano was the Torrance City Councilman for 14 years before serving as the California State Assemblyman from 1998-2004.

box 5

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.
Scope and Contents
Pamphlets and facsimile newspaper articles related to George Nakano's career in politics.

box 5
Assemblymember George Nakano Cites Irony of 1922 California Board of Control Document and Now March 2001

Scope and Contents

box 6
California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP) Information Packet and Grant Application Fiscal Year 2001-2002 October 26, 2001

Scope and Contents
Includes A History of Japanese Americans in California; Discriminatroy Practices.

box 6
Drivers Distractions and Inattention Data Summary Assembly Bill 770 Chapter 710 - Report to the Governor and Legislature November 2002

box 6
Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan for Education The California Master Plan for Education 1170-S 2002

box 6
Report to the Legislature Regulation of Large Passenger Vessels in California Cruise Ship Environmental Task Force August 2003

Series Four: Other material donated by George Nakano undated

Scope and Contents
This series contains other material donated by George Nakano.

folder 1
Reproduction map of Tokyo undated

Language of Material: Japanese