Inventory of the Japanese American History Collection SPC.2019.035

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Title: Japanese American History Collection
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Physical Description: 14 boxes
Physical Description: 7.54 Linear Feet
Date (inclusive): circa 1900-2014
Abstract: This collection contains books, pamphlets, flyers, photographs, booklets, correspondence, periodicals, and oversized material related to Japanese Americans. Subjects in the collection include incarceration camps, Southbay local history, World War II propaganda, Japanese American families, incarceration camp pilgrimages, and other topics.
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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.
Arrangement
This collection is arranged in seven series. The Periodicals and books series has four subseries: Books, Magazines, Directories, and Other periodicals.
Series:
1. Series One: Pamphlets, booklets, and other material created before World War II
2. Series Two: Pamphlets, booklets, and other material created during World War II
3. Series Three: Pamphlets, booklets, flyers, and other material created after World War II
4. Series Four: Periodicals and books
5. Series Five: Correspondence
6. Series Six: Photographs
7. Series Seven: Oversized materials
Scope and Contents
The Japanese American History Collection (1907-2014) contains 7.54 linear feet of pamphlets, booklets, flyers, books, photographs, correspondence, oversized materials, periodicals, and other material related to Japanese Americans. The first three series in the collection are organized by time period. They include topics such as the Sino-Japanese Conflict, incarceration camps, perceptions of Japanese Americans during World War II, Redress, prominent Japanese Americans, incarceration camp reunions, and other topics. Series four through seven are arranged by material type. Series four includes books about Japanese Americans, World War II and incarceration camps, Japanese American directories, magazines, and other newspapers and periodicals. Series five contains postcards and letters from Japanese Americans and includes empty propaganda envelopes. Series six contains photographs, photo albums, and photo collections on subjects such as Japanese American families, Japanese American families in the United States, Ethiopia, and Japan, Southbay history, and other topics. The final series includes oversized material such as paintings, posters, and photographs.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Japanese Americans
Japanese American families
Japanese Americans--History
World War 1939-1945--Japanese Americans
Japanese Americans--Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945
World War, 1939-1945
Manzanar War Relocation Center--1940-1950
Gila River Relocation Center
Heart Mountain Relocation Center (Wyo.)
Central Utah Relocation Center
Rohwer Relocation Center (Ark.)

Series One: Pamphlets, booklets, and other material created before World War II June 1934-1941
Scope and Contents
Series One contains booklets, pamphlets, an autograph book, and other material created before World War II. Topics in this series include the Sino-Japanese Conflict and the history of Gardena Valley.

box 1
"A Short History of Gardena Valley" by Olive Hensel Leonard and Emily D. Cost June 1934
"Japanese American directory of Young People's Organization" booklet 1935
"What is Japan Fighting For? The Truth about the Sino-Japanese Conflict" published by the Japanese Association of America booklet 1937
"Japan's Position in the Far Eastern Conflict" by Kanzo Shiozaki, Consul General of Japan, San Francisco booklet circa 1937
Mary Alice autograph book 1939-1941
General
Mary Alice's autograph book contains autographs and notes written in Japanese and English. Many of the autographs may have been written at a hospital in Portland, Oregon.

Series Two: Booklets, pamphlets, and other material published during World War II July 23, 1942-1945
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
Series Two contains booklets, pamphlets, and other material created during World War II. This series has several incarceration camp yearbooks, documents, and booklets from the War Relocation Authority, and other material related to Japanese Americans and World War II.

box 2
"Be cautious when driving your car" flyer July 23, 1942
Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play documents and booklet January 11, 1943-February 15, 1944
"Japanese in our Midst" booklet published by the Colorado Council of Churches 1943
"The Inside Story of Our Domestic Japanese Problem" booklet by John R. Lechner, M.A., LLD circa 1943-1944
"A Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation" booklet by Galen M. Fisher 1943
Scope and Contents
Reprinted from The Christian Century of August 18 and 25, and September 1 and 8 1943.
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box 2
"What about our Japanese Americans?" booklet by Carey McWilliams, American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations 1944

box 2
"Why the West Coast Opposes the Japanese" booklet published by the Committee on Japanese Legislation Native Sons of the Golden West circa 1945

box 2
War Relocation Authority documents and booklet December 20, 1943-April 1945

box 2
"Red Cross Rohwer Relocation Center Unit 1945" booklet 1945

box 2
Topaz Junior High School diploma June 25, 1943

box 15
Rohwer High School yearbook 1943

box 2
Aquila 1944 High School yearbook published by The Associated Students of Tri-State High 1944

box 2
Campus Echoes 1945 Poston high school yearbook 1945

box 2
"Democracy Demands Fair Play for America's Japanese" leaflet published by The American Baptist Home Mission Society 1944-1945

box 2
American Friends Service Committee Information Bulletin June 10, 1945

Contents:
No. 16

box 2
The American League of California, Inc. subscription form circa 1942-1945

Series Three: Booklets, flyers, pamphlets, and other material published after World War II circa 1948-April 12, 2004

Language of Material: English.

Scope and Contents
Series Three contains booklets, pamphlets, flyers, and other material created after World War II. Topics include incarceration camp reunions and pilgrimages, reunion booklets, programs, and documents about Daniel K. Inouye, May Kochiyama, and other Japanese Americans, and other topics.

box 3
"An Annotated Bibliography of Material on Ethnic Problems in Southern California (Preliminary Draft)" compiled and annotated by Ruth Riemer circa 1948

box 3
"From Strawberries to Poker" April 23, 1950

General
Student research paper for Cr. O.C. Coy History 462 class.

box 4
Robert E. Peary Junior High School yearbook Summer 1959

box 3

box 3
"The Story of Mrs. Mary Kochiyama" 1969

box 3
"In Search of Identity: Asians in America" Report of Activities-Asian American Research Project California State College, Dominguez Hills by Robert M. Bersi, Dean of Educational Services July 1971

box 3
"Stop the Nihonmachi evictions" pamphlet circa 1973

box 3
"BAAR: Bay Area Attorneys for Redress" pamphlet 1980

box 3
Gardena Buddhist Temple dedication and memorial service program August 21, 1982

box 3
"Lodi Nisei Baseball Reunion" program July 23 and July 24, 1983

box 3
Resolution and speech by Karl G. Yoneda, Communist Party USA August 11, 1983

box 3
"It had to be so" by Shonin Yamashita November 1987

Contains:
Revised edition.

box 3
"Brighton the Future-A Salute to George Aratani" program 1987

box 3

box 3
"National AJA Veterans Reunion" booklet June 8-12, 1988

box 3
Box 3
Box Elder County Reunion booklets 1990, 1999

Box 3
"Honor Duty Country The Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura Story" program June 6-June 7, 1998

Box 3
"Patriotism, Valor and Honor-A Tribute to Senator Daniel K. Inouye 60th Anniversary Banquet" program April 6, 2003

Box 3
"Beyond Faith-A Collaboration of the Nikkei Interfaith Fellowship and the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center" booklet Fall 2005

Box 3
“Celebrating the Life of Yuri Kochiyama” program August 3, 2014

Box 4
"Manzanar All-Camp Reunion" booklet September 1-September 1984

Box 4
"Heart Mountain Dedication Class of ’47” booklet June 21, 1986

Box 4
"Japanese Community Health, Inc. Second Annual Recognition Dinner for World War II Camp Doctors and Nurses” booklet October 6, 1990

Box 4
"Heart Mountain High School Class of ’44 - 50th Reunion” booklet September 10, 1994

Box 4
"45th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage” booklet April 24, 2014

Box 4
"Keep it going Pass it on - Poetry inspired by the Manzanar Pilgrimage” booklet published by the Manzanar Committee 2004

Box 4
Incarceration camp related pamphlets May 2004

Series Four: Periodicals and books February 1919-2007
Arrangement
This series is arranged into four subseries: Books, Magazines, Directories, and Other Periodicals.
Scope and Contents
Series Four contains books, magazines, directories, and other periodicals related to Japanese Americans, incarceration camps, and World War II.

Subseries One: Books 1934-2007
Scope and Contents
This subseries contains books arranged in alphabetical order by title.

Box 5
Beyond Prejudice-A Story of the Church and Japanese Americans by Toru Matsumoto 1946

Box 5
Bridge of Hope: The Road Traveled by Japanese-Americans by Japanese Executive Women's League 2007

Box 5

Box 5
I Remember Manzanar by John M. Gorman 1967

Box 5
Images of America Sawtelle West Los Angeles’s Japantown by Jack Fuimoto, Ph.D., the Japanese Institute of Sawtell, and the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California 2007

Box 5
Contains:
Vol. 1 and Vol. 2.

Box 5
The Nisei-A Survey of Their Educational Vocational and Social Problems by the Nisei Survey Committee Keisen Girls' School 1939

Box 6
Nisei Odyssey- The Camp Years undated

Box 6
Oriental Friends in the United States-A Course for Primary Children by Katherine Smith Adams 1934

Box 6
Plant Preserve Protect- A Publication of the Professional Gardeners’ Federation of Northern California 2004
Subseries Two: Magazines June 1942-December 1952
Scope and Contents
This subseries contains magazines such as Life Magazine and Scene, the Pictorial Magazine.
Arrangement
Magazines are arranged in alphabetical order.

"Colliers" June 20, 1942
Contains:
Vol. 109, No. 25

"Coronet" October 1942
Contains:
Vol. 12, No. 6

"Ken-The Insider's World" May 19, 1938
Contains:
Vol. 1, No. 4

"Liberty" February 7, 1942
Contains:
Vol. 19, No. 6

"Life" magazine December 22, 1941; March 9, 1942; March 20, 1944
Contains:
Vol. 11, No. 25; Vol. 12, No. 10; Vol. 16, No. 12

Language of Material: English and Japanese.

Subseries Three: Directories 1939-1959
Scope and Contents
This subseries contains directories arranged by the title of the directory.


Contains:
No. 29
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Subseries Three: Directories 1939-1959

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box 8
"The Yearbook and Directory 1939-1940" compiled by Japan California Daily News 1939-1940

Subseries Four: Other periodicals February 1919-1988
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
This subseries contains a comic book, newspaper clippings, and other periodicals.
Arrangement
This subseries is arranged in alphabetical order by title.

box 10
"Aion" Spring 1970
Contains:
Vol. 1, No. 1

box 10
Green Hornet comic book July 1944
Contains:
Vol. 1, No. 19

box 10
"Growth of Japanese Children born in American and in Japan" by Leslie Spier 1929
Contains:
Vol. 3, No. 1, Pp 1-30

box 10
"The Interpreter" November 1929
Contains:
Vol. 3, No. 9

box 10
Contains:
First and second edition

box 10
"The Japanese Student" February 1919
Contains:
Vol. 3, No. 5

box 10
"Transactions of the Commonwealth Club of California-Land Tenancy in California" 1922
Contains:
Vol. 17, No. 10

box 10
Newspaper clippings April 1945; 1988
Contains:

Series Five: Correspondence September 24, 1942-June 11, 1945
Scope and Contents
This series contains letters and postcards from different senders. It also includes propaganda envelopes.
box 11  Letter from Kyutaro Ishii to Hiroji Hosaka September 24, 1942
Language of Material: Japanese.

box 11  Letter from S. Murakami to Harry Stacy April 3, 1944
box 11  Postcard and letters from Thelma to Mrs. K. Kawakami April 3-June 11, 1945
box 11  Postcards 1942-1945
  General
  Contains three postcards from different senders.

box 11  Empty propaganda envelopes circa 1942-1944
Series Six: Photographs circa 1900-1952
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
Series Six includes albums, photo collections, and single photographs.
Processing Information
Some albums, including the Japanese Americans in Ethiopia photograph album, were
disassembled for preservation purposes. Digital surrogates were created before they were
disassembled.

box 12  Japanese American photograph albums circa 1907-1940
General
Includes two photo albums featuring a Japanese American family in Japan and the United
States. The first album contains 146 photographs of Japan and the United States. The
second album contains 259 photos, with some images taken in Los Angeles and San
Francisco.

box 13  Single photographs and photograph albums circa 1900-1952
General
Includes individual photographs, photograph collections, and albums related to Japanese
Americans, incarceration, and other events in Los Angeles. The albums or photograph
collections include Kamiyama Photo Collection, Charlene Photo Collection, Lillian
Kitagawa Family in Gila River Camp photographs, and Japanese American Family in
Ethiopia album.

Series Seven: Oversized materials May 15, 1942; September 20, 1942
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
Series Seven contains oversized material, such as posters, paintings, and oversized
photographs.

box 14  "Notice from the Headquarters Western Defense Command and Fourth Army Civilian
Exclusion Order No. 81" poster May 15, 1942
box 14  Camp laundry room painting September 20, 1942
box 14  Redondo Union High School photographs 1939; undated
  Scope and Contents
  Two photographs from Redondo Union High School. One photograph is a graduation
  photograph from 1939.