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Contributing Institution: California State University Dominguez Hills Archives and Special Collections
Title: Kuwahara Family Papers
creator: Kuwahara, Tatsuya
creator: Kuwahara, June
Identifier/Call Number: SPC.2018.040
Physical Description: 1 box
Physical Description: 1.25 Linear Feet
Date (bulk): 1943-2011
Language of Material: Collection material is in English and Japanese.
Abstract: This collection documents the Kuwahara family’s time at the incarceration camp in Poston, Arizona during the 1940s. Materials include: newsletters from the schools and community in Poston’s camp, photographs of the people living at the camp and the desert landscape, and programs and booklets from the reunions of the Poston camp families.
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[title of item] Kuwahara Family Papers, Courtesy of the Department of Archives and Special Collections. University Library, California State University, Dominguez Hills
Scope and Contents
Kuwahara Family Papers (1942-2010) contains documentation of the Kuwahara family depicting the daily life and people living in the incarceration camp at Poston, Arizona in the 1940s. Materials include: junior high school, high school, and camp community newsletters in both Japanese and English, a short journal written by Kenji Kaware of his time away from the camp, photographs of the Poston High School, class groups, farm workers, and the Poston desert landscape, programs and booklets of the family and community reunions of the Poston incarceration camp, and various ephemera.
Biographical / Historical
June [Ikuko] Kuwahara (1930-) was born in Los Angeles County to Kenji and Seiko Kawabe. Tatsuya Kuwahara (1925-) was born in Los Angeles County to Denemon and Takeno Kuwahara.
The Kawabe and Kuwahara families were forcibly removed from their homes and relocated in 1942 to the Japanese incarceration camp called the Colorado River Relocation Center in Poston, Arizona. The Kawabe family lived at the camp until 1945. Tatsuya lived at the camp until 1944.
Tatsuya and June were married in Los Angeles in 1953.
Poston War Relocation Center History
The Colorado River Relocation Center, also known as the Poston War Relocation Center, was the largest Japanese incarceration camp in the United States, located in Poston, Arizona. Made up of three sites, it was operational from 1942-1945, and at its height imprisoned over 17,000 people. A memorial monument was built on the site in 1992.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Concentration Camps -- United States
World War, 1939-1945 -- Concentration Camps -- United States
Japanese Americans
Japanese American families
Japanese Americans—California
Japanese Americans—Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945

box 1, folder 1 Issue of "Breed Street News Flashes". Includes editorials, general news, original stories, sports news, and children's book reviews 1942
box 1, folder 2  Poston I Junior High School *Whutsit* Vol.1, No. 1. March 20, 1943
Scope and Contents
pages 1 and 2 only.

box 1, folder 3  Poston I Junior High School *Desert Daze* Vol. 1, No. 2 [partial issue] May 27, 1943
Scope and Contents
pages 1 and 2 only.

box 1, folder 4  Poston III *Chronicle* Vol. 2, No. 94 August 25-December 2, 1943
Language of Material: Material is in Japanese and English.

box 1, folder 5  Poston III *Chronicle* Vol. 3, No. 29 March 9, 1944
Language of Material: Material is in Japanese only.
Scope and Contents
pages 5 and 6 only.

box 1, folder 6  Poston III *Chronicle* Vol. 3, No. 29 March 9, 1944
Language of Material: Material is in Japanese only.

box 1, folder 7  Partial issue of *Cooperator* newsletter January 8, 1944
Language of Material: Material is in Japanese only.
Scope and Contents
pages 5 and 6 only.

box 1, folder 8  Poston III *Chronicle* Vol. 3, No. 29 March 9, 1944
Language of Material: Material is in Japanese only.

box 1, folder 9  Photograph of Poston High School 1944
Language of Material: Caption on the back of the image is in Japanese.

box 1, folder 10  Photograph of Poston High School *Desert Daze* Vol. 3 March 28-29, 1945
Language of Material: Material is in English and Japanese.

box 1, folder 11  Photograph of Poston bird carving class in front of water tower April 1945
Language of Material: Material is in English and Japanese.

box 1, folder 12  Poston I High School *Kampus Krier* Vol. 3, No. 26 May 4, 1945
Language of Material: Material is in English and Japanese.

box 1, folder 13  Photographs of desert near Poston, Arizona 1945
Language of Material: Captions on back of images are in English and Japanese.

box 1, folder 14  Photograph of Poston chicken farm workers June 1945
Language of Material: Caption on the back of the image is in Japanese.

box 1, folder 15  Booklet entitled, *Ten Visits: Brief Accounts of Our Visits to all Ten Japanese American Relocation Centers of World War II* by Frank and Joanne Iratani September, 1992

box 1, folder 16  Official program from Poston memorial monument dedication October 6, 1992

box 1, folder 17  *Poston I 1942-1992 50 Year Camp Reunion* [booklet] October 9-11, 1992


box 1, folder 19  Poston I Class Reunion 1998 banquet program October 12-14, 1998

box 1, folder 20  Class of 45 Poston High School reunion program December 1, 2001

box 1, folder 21  DVD and flyer from Poston reunion 2011

box 1, folder 22  Cards painted with watercolor of Poston, Arizona undated

box 1, folder 23  Greeting card entitled, "A Happier New Year from Poston" undated

box 1, folder 24  Photographs of water tower, desert, and camp in Poston, Arizona undated
Language of Material: Captions on back of images in English and Japanese.