Inventory of Kuwahara Family Papers SPC.2018.040

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Inventory of Kuwahara Family Papers

Title: Kuwahara Family Papers
Creator: Kuwahara, Tatsuya, 1925-
Creator: Kuwahara, June Ikuko, 1930-
Creator: Kawabe, Kenji, 1886-1973
Source: Kuwahara, Terry
Identifier/Call Number: SPC.2018.040
Physical Description: 1 box (1 flat box including 2 disks (DVDs))
Physical Description: 1.25 Linear Feet (1 box)
Date (inclusive): 1943-2011
Abstract: This collection documents the Kuwahara family's time at the Poston incarceration camp in Arizona during World War II. Materials include: newsletters from the schools and community in Poston's camp, photographs of the people incarcerated at the camp and the desert landscape, watercolor paintings of the camp facilities, and programs and booklets from the reunions of the Poston camp families. Some of the items in this collection have been digitized and available online.
Material Specific Details: English translation, synopses, and brief descriptions for Japanese language materials are available at the CSU Japanese American Digitization Project site: Kuwahara Family Papers Digital Collection

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

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Terry Kuwahara donated the collection to the Gerth Archives and Special Collections on Sept 22, 2018 when the Library hosted a Scanning Day event at the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute.

Availability of Digital Reproductions
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Biographical / Historical
Ikuko June Kuwahara (1930-) was born in Los Angeles County to Kenji and Seiko Kawabe. Tatsuya Kuwahara (1925-) was born in Los Angeles County to Den'emon and Takeno Kuwahara.
The Kawabe and Kuwahara families were forcibly removed from their homes and incarcerated in 1942 to the Poston incarceration camp in Arizona. The Kawabe family was incarcerated at the camp until 1945. Tatsuya was imprisoned 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 American 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.
Preferred Citation
[Title of item], Kuwahara Family Papers, Courtesy of the Gerth Archives and Special Collections. University Library, California State University, Dominguez Hills

Processing Information
The collection was processed by Kathryn Brunet in 2018; the finding aid was updated by Yoko Okunishi in 2019.
Text files were 4.01 GB (34 files) and extracted from DVDs and normalized to a PDF format.
English translation, synopses, and brief descriptions for Japanese language materials are prepared by Yoko Okunishi.

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Scope and Contents

The Kuwahara Family Papers contains documentation of the Kuwahara family depicting the daily life and people incarcerated in the Poston camp in Arizona during World War II. Materials include: junior high school, high school, and camp community newsletters in both Japanese and English; a short travel journal written by Kenji Kawabe detailing his time while visiting the Granada camp in Colorado, Salt Lake, and the Topaz camp in Utah; photographs of class groups, farm workers, and the desert landscape; watercolor paintings of the Poston camp facilities; and programs and booklets of the family and community reunions of the Poston incarceration camp in print and electronic formats.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Poston Relocation Center (Ariz.)

Japanese Americans -- Evacuation and relocation, 1944-1945 -- Archives

Japanese Americans -- History -- 20th century

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| box 1, folder 12 | Kampus krier, vol. 3, no. 26 1945 May 4  
Physical Description: 1 items  
Language of Material: English.  
Scope and Contents  
Material is an issue of "Kampus krier," a newsletter published by Poston I High School. |
| box 1, folder 4-5, 7 | Poston chronicle = ポストン新報; Granada pioneer = グラナダパイオニア 1943 August 25-December 2  
Physical Description: 4 items  
Language of Material: Japanese.  
Scope and Contents  
Includes Japanese sections from three issues of "Poston chronicle = ポストン新報," vol. 2, no. 94-95 [?] (1943 December 2, 4) and vol. 3, no. 29 (1944 March 9) published in the Poston camp in Arizona; and an issue of Granada pioneer, vol. 1, no. 94 = グラナダパイオニア, 第49号 (1943 August 25), published in the Granada camp in Colorado. |
| box 1, folder 6 | Cooperator = 組合ニュース, 新年號 1944 January 8  
Physical Description: 1 items  
Language of Material: Japanese.  
Scope and Contents  
Material is an issue of Tule Lake camp Co-op newsletter, "Cooperator = 組合ニュース, 新年號." Includes pages 5-6 only. |
| box 1, folder 8 | Poston Shuyojo ポストン収容所 = Poston incarceration camp 1944 May 9-June 2  
Physical Description: 1 items  
Language of Material: Japanese.  
Scope and Contents  
Material is a travel journal written by Kenji Kawabe of his time away from the Poston camp in Arizona from May 9 through June 2, 1944. He visited the Granada camp in Colorado, and Salt Lake and the Topaz camp in Utah, meeting his friends and going sightseeing and shopping. |
| box 1, folder 9 | Photograph of a high school auditorium in the Poston camp 1944  
Physical Description: 1 Photographic Prints |
| box 1, folder 11 | Photograph of a bird carving class in the Poston camp April 1945  
Physical Description: 1 Photographic Prints |
| box 1, folder 14 | Photograph of chicken farm workers in the Poston camp June 1945  
Physical Description: 1 Photographic Prints  
| box 1, folder 13, 24 | Photographs of Poston camp facilities and desert landscape 1945; undated  
Physical Description: 8 Photographic Prints  
Language of Material: Captions in English and Japanese.  
Scope and Contents  
Contains eight photographs of the facilities and desert landscape in the Poston camp in Arizona. |
| box 1, folder 22 | Watercolor paintings of Poston camp facilities undated  
Physical Description: 3 Sheets  
Language of Material: English.  
Scope and Contents  
Contains three watercolor paintings depicting the facilities in the Poston camp in Arizona. |
box 1, folder 23  A Happier New Year from Poston circa 1942-1945
   Physical Description: 1 items
   Language of Material: English.
   Scope and Contents
   Material is a New Year's card created in the Poston camp in Arizona.

box 1, folder 15  Ten visits: brief accounts of our visits to all ten Japanese American relocation centers of World War II by Frank and Joanne Iritani September, 1992
   Physical Description: 1 volume(17 pages, 26 pages of plates, color illustrations, maps)
   Language of Material: English.
   Scope and Contents
   Material is a booklet written by Frank and Joanne Iritani, containing a brief account of their visits to all ten incarceration camps.

box 1, folder 16  Official program from Poston memorial monument dedication October 6, 1992
   Physical Description: 1 volume(25 pages, illustrations)
   Language of Material: English.
   Scope and Contents
   Contains a booklet accompanied with a letter.

box 1, folder 17  Poston I 1942-1992 50 year camp reunion 1992
   Physical Description: 1 volume(112 pages)
   Language of Material: English.
   Scope and Contents
   Material is a booklet published for Poston I 50 year camp reunion.

box 1, folder 18  Poston I 1942-1997 55 year camp reunion 1997
   Physical Description: 1 volume
   Language of Material: English.
   Scope and Contents
   Material is a booklet published for Poston I 55 year camp reunion.

box 1, folder 19  Poston I class reunion 1998 banquet program 1998
   Physical Description: 1 Sheets
   Language of Material: English.
   Scope and Contents
   Material is a banquet program for Poston I class reunion.

box 1, folder 20  Class of 45 Poston High School reunion program December 1, 2001
   Physical Description: 1 volume
   Language of Material: English.
   Scope and Contents
   Material is a program booklet for Poston High School class of 45 reunion.
box 1, folder 21  Reunion DVDs and flyer 1992-2011

Physical Description: 4.01 Gigabytes (34 digital files)
Physical Description: 3 items (2 DVDs and 1 flyer)
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
Contains two DVDs and a flyer from Poston reunion 2011. DVDs include image files and a pdf file of a booklet, "Poston I 1942-1992 50 year camp reunion;" two unpublished documents, "Poston Relocation Center, Arizona" written by Katherine Baishiki and Cindy Kumagawa and "Soldiers and the camps (Poston, AZ)" compiled by James McIlwain; and moving image files from Poston reunion 2011.