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Scope and Content of Collection
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Japan--Emigration and immigration.
Japanese Americans.

Reading room workstation

Ashizawa, Philip, 2017 March 10
Language of Material: English
Biographical Note
The third generation owner of Soko hardware store, which opened in the 1920s. Obtained a copy of his father's memoir.

Hanabusa, Kazue, 2017 May 24
Language of Material: English
Biographical Note
Member of the Buddhist church in Palo Alto. Born in Hilo, Hawaii, and moved to San Francisco.
Inoue, Keith Paul, 2017 April 21
Language of Material: English
Biographical Note
Resident minister of Wesley Methodist Church, San Jose.

Iwatsubo, Akemi, 2017 May 3
Language of Material: English
Biographical Note
Volunteer at the Buddhist church in Palo Alto.

Kashiwagi, Hiroshi, 2017 February 24 and March 3
Language of Material: English
Biographical Note
Born in Loomis, CA. His father ran a fish store. His mother and children were about to return to Japan, but his father opened a store, so they remained in the U.S. No-no boy at Tule Lake camp. Published books and screen plays. Librarian at San Francisco City Library.

Kuramoto, Shirley Toshiko, 2017 April 21
Language of Material: English
Biographical Note

Kurotaki, Koshi, 2017 March 1
Language of Material: Japanese
Biographical Note
Born in Aomori, Japan, as the second son of a Soto temple. Decided to work as a Soto priest in the U.S. after his older brother succeeded the temple.
Scope and Contents note
Kurotaki discusses how to maintain the temple as a traditional religious place for Issei and Japanese expats and to find solutions to evolve as the Japanese American community changes.

Matsueda, June, 2017 May 3
Language of Material: English
Biographical Note
Member of the Buddhist church in Palo Alto. Born in the U.S. and went to Japan on her husband’s Fulbright scholarship.

Okumura, Sakaye, 2017 June 6
Language of Material: English
Biographical Note
A family member of chrysanthemum grower in Redwood City.

Thow, George, 2017 April 27
Language of Material: English
Biographical Note
Ministerial assistant, Buddhist Churches of America, Enmanji Buddhist Temple, Sebastopol.
Tolosa, Joanne, 2017 March 10
Language of Material: English
Biographical Note
Head minister, Konko Church of San Francisco. A Chinese philippina who converted from Catholicism to Konko, which is neither shinto nor Buddhist.
Scope and Contents note
Tolosa discusses how the Konko church's open door policy and egalitarian system resonated with her, and how the Japanese service is now combined with the English service, as the members have become predominantly English speakers.

Yamaichi, Jimi, 2017 May 19
Language of Material: English
Biographical Note
Curator of the Japanese American Museum, San Jose.

Yano, Jane, 2017 May 3
Language of Material: English
Biographical Note
Volunteer at the Buddhist church in Palo Alto.

Yasuko, Fukuda, 2017 February 27 and March 10
Language of Material: English
Biographical Note
Kibei. Born in Sacramento to a Buddhist priest father. His mother took the children to take care of their temple at Fukui/Shiga. Returned to the U.S. in the 1950s without any English. Married a Kibei who died at 38, leaving two children.

Yasutake, Joseph, 2017 May 16
Language of Material: English
Biographical Note
Board member of the Japanese American Museum, San Jose.