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Scope and Content of Collection

The Japanese diaspora collection consists of reports, rare historical documents, digital files, rosters, photographs, maps, pamphlets, posters, postcards, and other printed matter relating to the Japanese diaspora, primarily to the Americas. The collection includes series such as the Japantowns of San Francisco and Los Angeles, the departing ports of Yokohama and Kobe in Japan, Japanese export industry and shipping companies, internment camps during World War II, Japanese agriculture and flower growing businesses in the United States, and Japanese government survey reports on the Japanese settlement in Brazil, among others.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Japan--Emigration and immigration.

Japanese--United States.


Kobe

Box 1

Postcards of the Kobe port, Meiji-Taisho

Scope and Contents note

Nine postcards of the Kobe port, of which four were written and mailed (Kansas, Santa Barbara CA, Shimonokkeki, Yamaguchi, and Kagawa).

Box 1

Postcard of Motomachi, Kobe, Showa 13? (1938)

Scope and Contents note

One postcard (photograph) of flooded Motomachi, Kobe.

Los Angeles
Los Angeles

Map case

加州羅府日本人商業区域明细图 (Kashū Rafū Nihonjin shōgyō meisaiizu), 近藤謙二 (Kondō, Kenji), Los Angeles, 1926

Scope and Contents note

"Detailed Plan of Japanese Commercial District in Los Angeles, California." A detailed map of Japanese businesses, with a list of establishments by type, location, and name. Advertisements by some of these businesses are on the back.

Box 1

御帰朝之栞 附羅府名所案内 (Gokichō no shiori: fu Rafū meisho an'nai), Rafu Eagle Hotel (Rafū Īguru hoteru), Los Angeles, 1925

Scope and Contents note

"Leaflet for Returning to Japan: Including Los Angeles Guidebook." Detailed information about immigration, marriage, and tariffs on imported items in Japan. There are many Japanese business advertisements, which sell gift items to Japanese returning to Japan, cruise ship companies, and hotels.

San Francisco

Box 1

桑港航路案内 (Sanfuranshisuko kōro annai), 日本郵船会社 (Nihon Yūsen Kabushiki Gaisha)

Scope and Contents note

Guide to Sea Voyage to San Francisco. Detailed travel advice from Japan to the United States: explains the U.S. immigration laws and includes a detailed list of sea fares from various ports in Japan and China to Hawaii and San Francisco.

Box 1

桑港案内 (Sanfuranshisuko annai), 長尾 峰三郎 (Nagao, Minesaburō), 桑港日本人旅館組合 (Sanfuranshisuko), San Francisco, 1931

Scope and Contents note


Box 1


Scope and Contents note

Photographs include Chinatown, Chinese class, and a farm in California. Likely to have been brought back as a souvenir to Japan from San Francisco.

Map case

桑港仏教会開教三十年記念誌 (Sōkō bukkyōkai kaikyō sanjūnen kinenshi), 桑港仏教会 文書部 (Sōkō bukkyōkai bunshobu), 陰山鐵二郎 (Kageyama, Tetsujirō), San Francisco, 1930

Scope and Contents note

Thirtieth Anniversary of Buddhist Church in San Francisco. Detailed history of Japanese Buddhist church (Honpa Honganji) of San Francisco, the oldest Japanese Buddhist church in the continental United States. Some information about Japanese-language schools. Includes many photographs of the church members and activities, as well as a list of kakochō (deceased members by place of origin, kaimyō, and the year of death).

Box 1

明治期米国桑港(サンフランシスコ)地震震災邦人義金募集 (Meijiki Beikoku Sōkō (San Francisco) jishin shinsai hōjin gikin boshū), circa 1906

Scope and Contents note

Fund Raising for the Earthquake Disaster Relief of the Japanese in San Francisco in the Meiji Era. "San Francisco has suffered from an unprecedented natural disaster. We have heard that our imperial court has gifted relief fund and we sincerely feel the benevolence of the emperor. We feel compassionate for our countrymen who have suffered from this natural disaster, thousands of miles away from home. We have collected disaster relief funds and telegraphed the Imperial Japanese counsel general in San Francisco." A list of founders of the Association of San Francisco Natural Disaster Relief: trade companies from Kobe, Osaka, Kyoto, Yokkaichi, Nagoya, Shizuoka, Yokohama, and Tokyo
San Francisco

Box 1
於桑港ペンシルバニア号 大日本帝国艦隊歓迎プログラム (Itaru Sōkō Penshirubania gō Dainihon teikoku kantai kangei puroguramu), 1926 August 2
Scope and Contents note
"Welcoming the Japanese Imperial Navy, the Pennsylvania, San Francisco." The program includes various events and finishes with the United States national anthem.

Yokohama

Box 1
"Sample Exhibition of Exports in Japan Is Displayed at the Yokohama Commercial and Industrial Museum under Management of the Yokohama Chamber of Commerce and Industry," circa 1929
Scope and Contents note
The Yokohama Commercial and Industrial Museum was opened in 1929 as part of the Yokohama restoration projects after the Great Kanto Earthquake. It played a pivotal role in commercial development of Yokohama, where the largest port in Japan is located.

Box 1
昭和三年於横浜港内 御大礼特別大観艦式 (Shōwa 3nen oite Yokohama kōnai gotairei tokubetsu taikan kanshik), undated
Scope and Contents note
"Navy Ship Parade Inspected by the Emperor at Yokohama Port in 1928." Postcards depicting the Japanese imperial navy parade at Yokohama port.

Agricultural and Flower Growing Businesses

Box 3
One black and white photo of agricultural activities by Japanese American farmers, 1941 February 1

Box 3
Photo album of California Chrysanthemum Growers Association and their families

Export Industry

Box 1
帝国製麻株式会社 八 亞麻碎莖 (Teikoku seima kabushiki kaisha amasa saikei), Meiji-Taisho
Scope and Contents note
"Linen Breaker at the Teikoku Linen Co." Four postcards showing different export industries in Japan during the Meiji and Taisho eras.

Box 1
足尾銅山通銅選鉱場内部 (Ashio dōzan tsūdō senkōjō naibu), Meiji-Taisho
Scope and Contents note
Inner view of the Tsudo dressing plants, Ashio copper mines.

Box 1
二本松輸出羽二重株式会社織物工場 (Nihonmatsu yushutsu Habutae kabushiki kaisha orimono kōjō), Meiji-Taisho
Scope and Contents note
The weaving department of Nihonmatsu exportation Habutae Co. Ltd.

Box 1
若林製糸紡績株式会社浪江工場 工場全景/織糸場の一部 (Wakabayashi seishi bōseki kabushiki kaisha Namie kōjō), Meiji-Taisho
Scope and Contents note
Namie factory of the Wakabayashi Silk Mill Textile Co. Ltd.

Family and Other

Box 2
Two black and white photos, 1940

Hokkaido Immigration
Box 1

北海道移住民汽車賃切割引券 (Hokkaidō ijū jūmin kishachin kisenchī waribiki ken)
Scope and Contents note
Discount coupon for trains and ships for immigrants to Hokkaido, used by a Japanese immigrant to Hokkaido in ?.

Box 1

第五北海道移住案内 (Daigo Hokkaidō ijū an'nai), Editor:北海道拓殖部 (Hokkaidō Takushokubu), Sapporo, 1897
Scope and Contents note

Box 1

北海道移住案内 第二十八 (Hokkaidō ijū an'nai dai nijū nachi), Editor:北海道拓殖部 (Hokkaidō Takushokubu), Sapporo, 1929
Scope and Contents note

Box 1

北海道移住案内 第二十九 (Hokkaidō ijū an'nai dai nijūkyū), Editor:北海道拓殖部 (Hokkaidō Takushokubu), Sapporo, 1931
Scope and Contents note

Box 1

北海道移住案内 第三十 (Hokkaidō ijū an'nai dai sanjūichi), Editor:北海道拓殖部 (Hokkaidō Takushokubu), Sapporo, 1933
Scope and Contents note

Internment Camps

Box 2

Nine black and white photos

Box 2

ゼローム共同企業組合 記念号 (Zerōmu kōyōn kigyō kumiai Kinen gō), 1944 April 15
Scope and Contents note
Jerome Cooperative Commemorative Issue. Records of the cooperative at Jerome relocation center, Arkansas, and directory of the incarcerated at the center by name, birth place, age, address in the United States, profession before the relocation, and current profession. The directory is organized by block at the camp. Directory of the cooperative members and their roles. Journal of major events at Jerome.

Box 2, Digital files

Poston War Relocation Center Directory
Scope and Contents note
Poston camp II directory scanned images; Poston census as of March 31, 1944 done at each camp by a government directive. The copy was digitized by Robert Iwamasa from a hard copy given to Mas Hashimoto. P-final accountability roster. Data extracted by Tak Kohatsu from FAR records. Two sets of data, one by name and the second by camp-block-unit. Digital files consist of censuses, include basic identifying information about internees, taken at the Poston Internment Camp. Two of the censuses are handwritten in Kanji.

Japanese Images

Box 1

Group of Japanese boys and girls
Scope and Contents note
One postcard in Japan during the Meiji era depicting children in the countryside. Addressed from Hornshawn (in Japan?) to Mrs. Betteridge, Surrey, United Kingdom.

Private Sector Exchanges
Photography albums of Mainichi News reporter, S. Onogi

Scope and Contents note

Photo albums (5 volumes) of Mainichi newspaper reporter and his trips to Los Angeles, Vladivostok, and China in the 1920s and 1930s. Onogi joined the Mainichi Newspaper in 1920 and travelled to Los Angeles as a member of Kwansei Gakuin University (based in Nishinomiya, Japan) junior high school baseball team. Includes one photo with the Japanese actor Kamiyama Sojin, who appeared in Hollywood in the 1920s.

Box 5
Trip to Vladivostok

Box 2
Trip to California, including Kwansei Gakuin University baseball tour in 1928

Box 2
Japan

Box 6
Family photos

Box 5
Japan

Photo albums of Japanese women attending the Chicago World Fair, 1933

Scope and Contents note

Photo albums (2 volumes) of Japanese women attendants to the Chicago World Fair (1933) from their trip on board a ship to the United States and their activities at the Japanese pavilion.

Box 2
General fair pictures

Box 6
Photos of companion activities at the Chicago World Fair

Box 4
Photo albums of a Japanese General Electric employee's trip to the United States, 1937-1938

Scope and Contents note

Photo albums of a Japanese General Electric employee's training trip to Hawaii, San Francisco, and New York. Includes photographs of the first class passengers on the Taiyo Maru from Yokohama to San Francisco, the port of San Francisco, and Stanford University.

Box 6
Printed photo album of a Japanese business mission to the United States, 1911

Scope and Contents note

A printed photo album (1 volume) of a Japanese business mission to the United States in 1911, led by Baron Eiichi (Yeiichi) Shibusawa, with a list of mission members.

Shipping Companies

Box 1
増訂 渡米之栞 (Zōtei tobei no shiori), 一柳松庵 (Ichiyanagi, Shō'an), 佐々木勘助 (Sasaki, Kansuke), Tokyo, 1902

Scope and Contents note

Guide for Moving to America: Expanded Edition. Detailed information about how to move to America and find a job. The cover has an advertisement by Toyo Kisen Kaisha. Includes a map of Seattle in Japanese.
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**World War II**

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**Hawaii**

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