Inventory of the Henriette B. Von Blon papers

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Abstract: Letters received from Japanese Americans interned first at the Pomona Assembly Center in California and later at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center (Wyoming) during World War II relating to conditions in the camps; and clippings from American newspapers relating to French culture and the military defeat of France in 1940.
Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives
Creator: Von Blon, Henriette B.
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Biographical Note
Henriette Von Blon lived in Los Angeles, California, with her husband, John L. Von Blon, and her two children, Phillip and Marie Adele. John L. Von Blon was an editor at the Los Angeles Times for seventeen years. Henriette also contributed to publications, like the popular art magazine The International Studio.
Scope and Content of Collection
The Henriette B. Von Blon papers contain personal materials, correspondence, illustrations, and a photograph, with an overarching emphasis on Henriette Von Blon and her family’s relationship with an interned Japanese American family who had been the Von Blons’ neighbors and friends. The head of that family, Taketaro Azeka, was a barber by trade who also practiced poetry and art. The Von Blons stored the belongings that Azeka and his daughters’ families could not bring with them to relocation centers during World War II. Mrs. Von Blon also acted as a character reference for Azeka’s daughter, Shizuko Horiuchi.
Correspondence from Azeka and his three daughters cover the family’s time at both the Pomona Assembly Center in California and the Heart Mountain Relocation Center in Wyoming during World War II. Letters received by the Von Blon family from 1942 to 1944 describe life in the internment camps and gratitude for the Von Blons’ support during the family’s time in the camps. Illustrations by Azeka sent with these letters depict both the Pomona Assembly Center and the Heart Mountain Relocation Center and the daily life of detainees.
In addition to this material, the collection includes a scrapbook of newspaper clippings compiled by Von Blon for her daughter, Marie Adele, relating to conditions in France during World War II from 1940 to 1941.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Heart Mountain Relocation Center (Wyo.).
World War, 1939-1945--France.
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Materials relating to Japanese American internees at Pomona Assembly Center and Heart Mountain Relocation Camp, 1942-1952

Correspondence, 1942-1952
Azeka, Taketaro, 1942-1943
Scope and Contents note
Includes illustrations.

Azeka, Miyeko, 1942-1943
Gotanda, Umeko, 1942
Horiuchi, Shizuko, 1942-1944
Scope and Contents note
Includes photograph.

Von Blon, Henriette B., 1952
War Relocation Authority, 1943
Illustrations of internment camps by Taketaro Azeka, 1942-1943

Scrapbook containing articles and clippings relating to conditions in France during World War II, 1940-1941