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1922 Feb. 8 Born, New York, New York
1944 B. A., English, Smith College
1973 Author, *California: Where the Twain Did Meet*
1977 Author, *A Long Time Coming: The Struggle to Unionize America's Farm Workers* (with Dick Meister)
1980 Author, *John Steinbeck and Farm Labor Unionization: The Background of "In Dubious Battle"* (with Jackson J. Benson)
1998 Author, *Witnesses to the Struggle: Imaging the 1930s California Labor Movement*

**Scope and Content Note**

The bulk of these papers are research materials compiled for the book Anne Loftis co-authored with Audrie Girdner in 1969, *The Great Betrayal: The Evacuation of the Japanese-Americans during World War II*. The collection includes correspondence, printed material, research notes, and phonotape reels. The papers document the evacuation and relocation of Japanese Americans during World War II, military service performed by Japanese Americans, and postwar efforts for restitution and civil rights for Japanese Americans. Also included are oral history interviews about immigrants to California and the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire.

The Notes series consists primarily of brief excerpts used to write *The Great Betrayal*. Occasionally chapter numbers are included in the folder title, but these numbers are sometimes misleading; chapter numbers written on the excerpts are probably more accurate. The bulk of the material appears to relate to Chapter One, “Crisis”; Four, “The Great Rejection”; and Five, “Evacuation”. Abbreviations used by Loftis include JACL (Japanese American Citizens League), WCCA (Wartime Civil Control Administration), and WRA (War Relocation Authority).

While the Notes series is chiefly brief excerpts, the Sources and Research Materials series contains documents in their entirety. Included are clippings, government documents, notes of interviews of Japanese Americans and others who were involved in the evacuation and relocation in some way, notes from the diary and letters of Helen Kitaji, and general background material collected in the course of researching and writing *The Great Betrayal*. In most instances in both this series and the Notes series, the original titles of folders have been retained.

The bulk of the Newspapers series contains selected issues of the *Pacific Citizen*, the membership publication of the JACL, and a few issues of *Gidra*, a news magazine of the Asian American Community published in Los Angeles, which contain material concerning the history and activities of Japanese Americans. Also included are random issues of miscellaneous newspapers, including some in Spanish, that do not appear to relate to *The Great Betrayal*. The newspapers were typically retained in their entirety, but a few are annotated or have holes where articles were clipped.

The Phonotapes comprise five oral history interviews about the experience of immigrants in California and the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire. Individuals interviewed are (1) Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Loehlin, observers of immigrants from India; (2) Mrs. Walter Sharp and Mrs. Harris' mother, on the San Francisco earthquake; (3) Khatchik Minasian, cousin of William Saroyan, on immigrants from Armenia; (4) Carlton A. Sheffield, a friend of John Steinbeck and an observer of a variety of immigrants and Dust Bowl migrants in Marysville in the 1930s; and (5) Peter Jamero, son of immigrants from the Philippines. These interviews and the Newspapers series may be related to Loftis' second book, *California: Where the Twain Did Meet*, which concerns immigrant groups in the state.

Papers compiled by Anne Loftis for the book that she co-authored with Dick Meister, *A Long Time Coming*, are housed at the Stanford University Archives (Collection Number M0306).

The Hoover Institution Archives acquired the Anne Loftis Papers in 1971.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the repository's online public access catalog.

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- California.
- United States.

**Genres and Forms of Material**

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box 5-6  **Sources and Research Materials, 1941-1978.**
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PHONOTAPES 1970

Physical Description: 3 tapes

Scope and Content Note

Sound recordings of five oral history interviews conducted by Anne Loftis

Sound recording of Dr. C. H. Lochlin and Mrs. C. H. Lochlin 1970 June 24

Note

The Lochlins live at 1732 Buchanen St., East Marysville, California. Tape 1. Use copy reference number: 71032_a_0008175 part 1, number 1

Sound recording of Mrs. Walter Sharp and Mrs. Harris' mother undated

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They talk about the San Francisco earthquake. Tape 1. Use copy reference number: 71032_a_0008175 part 1, number 2 and part 2, number 1

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