Arthur Ito papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Arthur Ito papers
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Abstract: The Arthur Ito papers consist of material related to his early life in Mexico, service in the World War II, and career in the floral industry.
Language of Material: The records are in English and Japanese.
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Acquisition Information
Biography
Ito family: Yoshimasa Ito (1881-1965) was born with the surname "Oye," but adopted his wife, Fumiyo Ito's (1885-1933) surname to continue the family name. Both were from the Tottori Prefecture, Japan. In 1902, Yoshimasa arrived in America to avoid being drafted in the Japanese army. He worked for Standard Oil Company and, later, Vernon Basket Company. In 1916, he married Fumiyo Ito, who recently arrived in the United States. The couple had three children: Arthur Tadashi (1918-2006), Thomas Kiyoshi (1919-2016), and Paul Susumu (1922-1989).
In 1925, Yoshimasa decided to move his family to Mexico where they settled on a 300-acre Hacienda called "El Rancho de Los Naranjas," in Colima, Mexico. After the death of Fumiyo in 1933, the Ito family dispersed. Yoshimasa and Paul moved back to Japan, Thomas remained in Mexico, and eventually, returned to Los Angeles, California, where he met his brother, Arthur, who arrived earlier.
Arthur T. Ito met Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito in 1939. A couple of years later, he was drafted into the United States Army during World War II. As a graduate of the Military Intelligence Language School (MILS), Ito monitored Japanese communication, translated enemy intelligence documents, and interrogated Japanese prisoners. Ito proposed to Kuromi in 1942, and they married in Camp Grant, Illinois on February 14, 1943.
After the war, Ito was honorably discharged in October 1945. He returned to Los Angeles, California where he opened his first flower stand in March 1946. In 1962, Flower View Gardens broke ground in Hollywood, California. Flower View Gardens served many television shows and movies in Hollywood. Ito was the first chairman of the California State Florist Association and a member of the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD), Florists' Transworld Delivery Association (FTD), Society of American Florists (SAF), and the American Academy of Floriculture. In 1992, Ito was inducted into the Society of American Florists Hall of Fame.
Kuromi family: A.H. (Andrew Harue) and Kiyo Kuromi were from the Shimane Prefecture, Japan and moved to America in the early 1900s. The Kuromis eventually settled in Hollywood, California where they joined another family member growing
In 1939, the Kuromi family returned to Japan to visit an ailing family member. This was the same year Aiko met Arthur Tadashi Ito. A few years later, after the family returned to the U.S., Executive Order 9066 was signed and issued by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, which led to mass evacuation and incarceration of the Japanese on the West coast. The Kuromi family was incarcerated at the Santa Anita Racetrack Assembly Center, while the Gila River Relocation Center in Gila, Arizona was completed.

When the war ended, Aiko returned with Arthur to re-establish Flower View Gardens. At the store, Aiko was considered the "face" of the shop and the "glue," which held everything together (Box 22, Folder 4). She supported and accompanied Arthur as his political career in the floral industry progressed.

After 55 years in the floral industry, Arthur and Aiko were looking to retire. Flower View Gardens was sold to Gerald Stevens Company in April 2000. Unfortunately, the stock value of Gerald Stevens began to decline and the store operation was closed in August 2001.

Scope and Content

Series 1: consists of early material related to the Ito and Kuromi family. While living in Mexico, Fumiyo Ito taught the children Japanese with books sent by relatives from Japan. They spoke Spanish and learned English by reading the Bible on Sundays. This was evident in three notebooks written by Ito in English, Japanese, and Spanish. Ito also translated one of his favorite books: "Robinson Crusoe" in 1934. There is a book written in Japanese related to Mexican Immigration in 1923. There are a few photographs of the Ito family in Mexico, including images of Fumiyo Ito's grave in Cuautitlan. Other photographs related to the Ito family include Yoshimasa (Oye) Ito at New Vernon Basket Company in 1916.

Material related to the Kuromi family primarily consists of souvenirs acquired by Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito during her visit to Japan from 1939 through 1941. While in Japan, Kuromi kept one diary where she observes the weather and details daily activities such as going to school, shopping, and cooking. There is material related to A.H. (Andrew Harue) Kuromi's investment in the Nichi-Bei Investment Company, which entered a lease with the Yokohama Specie Bank in 1932. There are also photograph albums and photographs of the Kuromi family in Los Angeles, California and visit to Japan.

Series 2: consists of material between the time Arthur T. Ito was drafted into the United States Army in 1941 and discharge in October 1945. The bulk of the material in this series consists of letters between Ito and Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito. These lengthy letters reveal a blossoming love story between two people miles apart. In an early letter written by Aiko at the store on October 10, 1941, she confesses "I'm really beginning to realize that I didn't appreciate a friend before, who was a swell pal and keen company...I miss the person who used to work so diligently emptying heavy baskets and who so willingly helped clean those heavy vases." After the Kuromi family was relocated in 1942, Aiko's descriptions about conforming to camp life are insightful. However, in one letter, she depicts a disorganized Wartime Civil Control Administration: "The unlogical part of it is that they are still going to sell food at the canteens -- yet, they prohibit food in barracks...Just a while ago, they brought in sacks of rice they confiscated" (May 15, 1942). In another type of camp, Ito details military camp life from: Camp Grant, Illinois; Camp Savage, Minnesota; Camp Blanding, Florida; and Camp Pinedale, California. Ito's Christian faith comes through in his letters to Aiko. In response to Executive Order 9066, Ito is hopeful: "Anyways, I do hope that, and know that, God is always with us, and where-ever the Government sees fit for all of you to go, for the protection of yourselves, things will turn out alright...let's all pray for the best" (March 15, 1942). In another poignant letter written after the birth of Arthur T. Ito, Jr. in 1944, he addresses his son, "Daddy is at the present time taking part in the greatest war the world has ever known. He is doing his part as a citizen of our country, the United States of America. It isn't exactly his choice to be out here, but in order that you may grow up into a world, which we hope will not have to use the force of arms to keep peace when you grow up, he is doing his part out here now," (April 17, 1945).

Other Ito material related to World War II includes two entries for Camp Grant, Illinois on December 30, 1942 and Minneapolis, Minnesota on January 4, 1943. Ito also kept a diary with brief entries in 1941. For example, on December 8, 1941, he writes, "This morning at 11:30, President Rossevelt [sic] asked Congress to declare war on Japan, and the bill was passed with a vote of 470 to 1. Japan and U.S. is at war. We all are in it now." There are military records, such applications and discharge papers, military books, and photographs. Ito also collected souvenirs, postcards, and menus from his travels around the country.

During the internment of the Kuromi family, Aiko frequently corresponded with accountants, attorneys, and other individuals regarding their property and storage. There is also a folder containing Aiko's request to transfer to Camp Grant, Illinois to join Ito; however, it was denied by the Santa Anita Assembly Center. Aiko also kept a record of expenses such as groceries and household supplies in a housebook from 1943 through 1945. She kept one diary with brief entries in 1943. There are a
couple of photographs from the Gila River Relocation Center. Material related to claims and reparations is found in the Series 3.

Greeting cards also constitute a large part of this series. Many of them are undated; however, the cataloger assumes they were exchanged during this period. There are also family and wedding photographs of Ito and Aiko.

**Series 3**: primarily consists of Ito and Aiko’s floral career after the war; however, there is some material related to World War, 1939-1945. There is correspondence related to the Kuromi family claims and reparations. There are also letters and legal documents related to A.H. (Andrew Harue) Kuromi’s investment in the Nichi-Bei building in Little Tokyo, which, unfortunately, was lost during the war. There is also printed ephemera related to the war and organizations such as Nisei Veterans and Go For Broke.

From 1966 through 2003, Ito kept a diary (mostly on a notepad) of his daily activities at Flower View Gardens and floral events around the world. There are also numerous clippings, photocopies, and photographs related to Flower View Gardens, Ito and Kuromi families, and the floral community. Some of these clippings are found in scrapbooks located elsewhere in the collection. Most of the photographs are related to the Florists’ Transworld Delivery Association (FTD) events; however, there may be FTD related photographs in Box 35 (9) and Box 36 (1), but they were not easily discernible. The photographs in those boxes concern various demonstrations, arrangements, and floral organizations such as the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD) and Society of American Florists (SAC). There may be some overlap between photographs related to Flower View Gardens, Kuromi family, and Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito.

An item of interest may be Ito’s childhood reminiscence Box 38 (3). He writes about his parents and adventures in Mexico. For instance, while clearing rocks with his brother Thomas, "We knew, and had been warned several times of the deadly ‘Alacran’ (scorpion). Thom put his hand under a rock, and sure enough, here was a large scorpion...bit him in the index finger. My immediate reaction was to carry Tom back to the house for treatment, what I really should have done was to open a wound on his finger and suck the poison out...” (p. 20-21). **Note**: There is another reminiscence in the Series 1, Box 6 (17) that may have been written in 1935.

There is correspondence from Ito’s father, Yoshimasa (Oye) Ito and brother, Paul Susumu Ito, primarily written in Japanese. There are also letters and postcards from friends and family in Mexico and Japan concerning family news and activities. Letters related to floral industry is found in correspondence, scrapbooks, and subject files. For example, e-mails related to Japan Florists’ Telegraph Delivery Association convention are included in the subject files.

**Series 4**: consists of oversize and audio/visual material. The A/V material includes audio cassettes, DVDs, and VHS. They primarily relate to Arthur T. Ito’s floral career and Japanese Americans serving during World War II. There are also photograph albums, scrapbooks, rolled-objects, 3-D objects, and sketches for various floral design proposals.

**Cataloger’s notes:**
- There may be some overlapping content related to the A.H. (Andrew Harue) Kuromi’s investment in Nichi-Bei Investment Company across Series 1, 2, and 3. The reason being his involvement began before World War II, he lost his investments during the war, and after the war, the family continued to deal with the aftermath of their lost.
- Many of the photograph albums and scrapbooks have loose contents and missing photographs.
- The scrapbooks in Boxes 38 and 39 were originally in binders, but the contents have been removed and rehoused in archival sleeves.

**Arrangement**

The Arthur Ito papers is organized roughly into four chronological series: **Series 1**: 1915-1941; **Series 2**: 1941-1945; **Series 3**: 1945-2016; and **Series 4**: A/V and oversize.

**Personal Names**
Ito, Aiko Alice (Kuromi)
Ito, Arthur T., 1918-2006
Ito, Yoshimasa (Oye)
Ito family
Kuromi family

**Corporate Names**
American Institute of Floral Designers
Florists’ Transworld Delivery Association
Gila River Relocation Center
Military Intelligence Service Language School (U.S.)
Santa Anita Assembly Center (Calif.)
Society of American Florists
United States. War Relocation Authority
United States. War Department. Military Intelligence Service

**Subjects**
Cut flower industry
Cut flowers
Floriculture
Florists
Japanese American families
Japanese American soldiers
Japanese American veterans
Japanese Americans
Japanese Americans -- Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945
Japanese Americans -- Reparations
World War, 1939-1945
World War, 1939-1945 -- Participation, Japanese American

**Geographic Areas**
California, Southern
Hollywood (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Los Angeles (Calif.)

**Genre**
Clippings (information artifacts)
Diaries
Greeting cards
Letters (correspondence)
Photographs

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**Series 1: 1915-1941**

**Box 1**

**Address books - Bylaws**

**Folder 1**

**Address books -- Arthur T. Ito, (1935)**

Es Propidad de Antonio Tadashi Ito
Included: Brief journal entries for March-April 1935 and notes

**Folder 2**

**Bookkeeping registers -- Miscellaneous, (1934-1936)**

Register for various businesses
Incomplete?

**Item 3**


Published by Rafu Shimpo. L.A. Japanese Daily News
Fragile
No folder

**Folder 4**


In Japanese
| Item 5 | Bylaws (administrative records) -- Nichi-Bei Investment Company, (1932-1942)  
|       | Included: First meeting minutes, resolution, assignment of lease, and written consent of shareholders  
|       | No folder |
| Box 2 | Cards - Diaries  
| Folder 1 | Cards (information artifacts) -- A.H. (Andrew Harue) Kuromi, (1916)  
|       | Medical Inspection Card, Port of Departure, Yokohama, Japan |
| Folder 2 | Census records -- United States. Bureau of the Census, (1920)  
|       | Photocopies |
| Folder 3 | Correspondence -- H.E. King letter to A.H. (Andrew Harue) Kuromi, (1929, Mar. 30)  
|       | Related to William Mead estate |
| Folder 4 | Diaries -- Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, (1940) |
| Folder 5 | Diaries -- [Arthur T. Ito], (1929)  
|       | Photocopies |
| Folder 6 | Diaries -- Arthur T. Ito, (1935)  
|       | In Japanese |
| Folder 7 | Diaries -- Arthur T. Ito, (1936)  
|       | In Japanese |
| Folder 8 | Diaries -- Arthur T. Ito, (1937-1938)  
|       | In Japanese |
| Folder 9 | Diaries -- Arthur T. Ito, (1938)  
|       | In Japanese |
| Box 3 | Diaries - Legal documents  
| Folder 1 | Diaries -- Arthur T. Ito, (1939)  
|       | In Japanese |
| Folder 2 | Diaries -- Arthur T. Ito, (1940)  
|       | In Japanese |
| Folder 3 | Diaries -- Arthur T. Ito, (1941)  
|       | In Japanese |
| Folder 4 | Financial records -- Kuromi family, (1921-1941)  
|       | Primarily New York Life Insurance receipts |
| Folder 5 | Legal documents -- Re: Nichi-Bei Investment Company, (1933-1944)  
|       | Included: Stock certificates |
| Box 4 | Negatives - Photograph albums  
| Folder 1 | Negatives (photographs) -- Hash--? Ito, (1927) |
| Folder 2 | Notebooks, [1930s]  
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In English, Japanese, and Spanish |
| 4      | Notebooks -- Arthur T. Ito, (1934)  
In Japanese (3 notebooks) |
| 5      | Notebooks -- Arthur T. Ito, (1935)  
Libro de Curiosidades Propiedad Antonio T. Ito |
| 6      | Photograph albums -- Ito family, (1935-1939)  
Fragile |
| 7      | Photograph albums -- Kuromi family, (1918-1926)  
Included: Photographs of Kuromi family in flower field |
| 5      | Photograph albums - Photographs  
Photograph albums -- Kuromi family, (1939)  
Trip to Japan |
| 1      | Photograph albums -- Kuromi family, (1939)  
Primarily Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito and friends in Japan |
| 3      | Photographs -- Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, (1936-1939)  
Junior and high school photographs |
| 4      | Photographs -- Arthur T. Ito, (1918-1937) |
| 6      | Photographs - Reminiscences  
Photographs -- Celebrities, (1938-1941) |
| 1      | Photographs -- Flower View Gardens, (1936) |
| 3      | Photographs -- Fumiyo Ito's grave, (1935) |
| 4      | Photographs -- Ikeda and Mochizuke families, [1940s?] |
| 5      | Photographs -- Ito family, (1918-1935)  
Included: Arthur T. and [Paul S.] Ito on a horse with negative |
| 6      | Photographs -- [Kuromi family?], (1915)  
Portraits |
| 7      | Photographs -- Kuromi family, (1926-1941) |
| 8      | Photographs -- Miscellaneous, (1934-1940)  
Related to Mexico |
| 9      | Photographs -- New Vernon Basket Company, (1916)  
Included: Yoshimasa (Oye) Ito |
| 10     | Photographs -- Yoshimasa (Oye) Ito, (1916-1936) |
| 11     | Postage stamps, (1940)  
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| Folder 3 | **Correspondence -- Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito letters to Arthur T. Ito, (1941)** |

| Folder 4 | **Correspondence -- Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito letters to Arthur T. Ito, (1942)** |

| Folder 5 | **Correspondence -- Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito letters to Arthur T. Ito, (1943)** |

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Diaries - Greeting cards

Folder 2

Diaries -- Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, (1943)

Folder 3

Diaries -- Arthur T. Ito, (1942-1944)

Camp Grant, (Ill.)

Folder 4

Empty envelopes, [1940s]

Primarily letters from Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito to Arthur T. Ito were contained in these envelopes

Folder 5

Essays, [1940s]

Related to World War, 1939-1945

Folder 6

Excerpts -- Miscellaneous, (1942)

Included: "The Japanese civilian is tough and patient. He has always worked hard and eaten little. Now he works harder and eats less," Fortune Magazine; "Waste" by Hollywood Citizen News; Top page that reads, "How Long Can Japan Last?"

Folder 7

Financial records -- Bank of America, (1941-1942)

Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito's deposit book

Folder 8

Financial records -- Miscellaneous, (1941-1942)

Included: Lyon Van & Storage Co. charges; invoice; and a check

Folder 9

Financial records -- Miscellaneous, (1941-1942)

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Folder 10

Greeting cards, [1940s]

Included: Arthur and Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito Christmas greeting cards

Box 16

Folder 1

Greeting cards

Folder 2

Greeting cards, [1940s]

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Greeting cards, [1940s]

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Greeting cards, (1941)

Folder 5

Greeting cards, (1942)

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Greeting cards, (1943)

Folder 7

Greeting cards, (1944)

Box 17

Folder 1

Greeting cards - Military records

Greeting cards, (1944)
Folder 2  
**Greeting cards, (1945)**

Folder 3  
**Housebooks -- Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, (1943-1945)**

Various household expenses such as groceries, stamps, and soap

Folder 4  
**Invitations, (1944)**

Folder 5  
**Legal documents -- Arthur T. Ito, (1944)**

Power of Attorney; Last Will and Testament

Folder 6  
**Manuscripts -- Arthur T. Ito, (1942-1943)**

Two entries: Camp Grant, III, Dec. 30, 1942 and Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 4, 1943

Folder 7  
**Maps, [1940s]**

Plot Plan of Santa Anita Center; Butte Community; A Cartograph of the University of Minnesota

Folder 8  
**Military records -- Arthur T. Ito, (1942-1945)**

ASN 39165039 stencil; California. Veterans' Welfare Board Certificate of Eligibility; Enlisted Record and Report of Separation Honorable Discharge; Identification Card - Enlisted Reserve Corps; discharge papers; memorandum; clearances; special orders; questionnaires; applications; certificates

Box 18  
**Negatives - Notes**

Folder 1  
**Negatives (photographs) -- Arthur T. Ito, [1940s]**

Folder 2  
**Notebooks, [1940s]**

Japanese language lessons (7 notebooks)

Folder 3  
**Notebooks, [1940s]**

Poems (3 notebooks)

Included: Loose pages

In Japanese

Folder 4  
**Notebooks, (1944)**

Possibly belonged to Kuromi family member

In Japanese

Folder 5  
**Notebooks -- Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, (1944)**

In Japanese

Folder 6  
**Notes -- [Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito], (1942)**

Related to sewing

Folder 7  
**Notes -- [Arthur T. Ito], (1942-1944)**

Re: Army Cooks School; The Army of the United States; Communicate Diseases; Special Tabulation on Age Distribution of Evacuees at Relocation Centers on November 10, 1942

Included: Printed matter and smaller notebooks

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Telegrams -- To and from Arthur T. Ito and Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, (1943-1945)

Folder 4
Textbooks, [1940s]
Japanese poetry

Series 3: 1946-2016
Box 22
Account books - Books
Folder 1
Account books -- Market Purchases, (1946)
Various flower expenses

Folder 2
Account books -- MKT Purchase, (1947)
Various flower expenses

Folder 3
Appraisals (financial records) -- 124 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, California
Submitted by William W. Abelmann, M.A.I.

Folder 4
Biographies (documents) -- Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, (2003)

Folder 5

Folder 6
Biographies (documents) -- Kiyo Kuromi, (1967)
“This Is Your Life” beginning, “Born in Miho no seki - Shimane-ken, Japan May 8, 1899…”

Folder 7
Biographies (documents) -- Yoshimasa (Oye) Ito, [undated]
Biography written by Paul S. Ito for an anthropology of Southern California Tottori Kenjin

Folder 8

Folder 9
Books -- Americans, The Story of the 442d Combat Team by Orville C. Shirley, (1946)

Folder 10

Box 23
Books
Folder 1

Item 2
No folder

Folder 3
Books -- Flower Confidential by Amy Stewart, (2007)

Folder 4
Books -- Gido to juntei by Kazutora Adachi, (1992)

Box 24
Books
Folder 1
CONTAINER LIST

Folder 2

Folder 3
Contribution in History No. 1 Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History/A California Bicentennial Publication

Item 4
No folder

Folder 5

Folder 6
Books -- The MISLS Album, (1946)
Military Intelligence Service Language School (U.S.)

Box 25
Books
Item 1
Books -- Mizokuchi choshi, (1973)
No folder

Folder 2
Laid in: Post-its
Included: Order forms; notes related to Ito and Kuromi family mentioned in book

Folder 3
Books -- Shimane jurinden by Tameji Taniguchi, (1977)

Box 26
Books - Clippings
Folder 1

Folder 2
Books -- The Story Behind the Flying Eight-Ball, [1946?] Included: Eighth Radio Squadron Mobile by Yori Wada [photocopies]

Folder 3

Folder 4
Business cards -- Miscellaneous, [undated]

Folder 5
Calligraphy (visual works), [undated]

Folder 6
Certificates -- Certificate of Identification - Motion Pictures, (1955)
Included: Arthur K. Ito and James K. Ito

Folder 7
Certificate of Achievement; Certificate of Appreciation, California State Florists Association; Japanese American Citizens League certificate of membership

Folder 8
Clippings (information artifacts) -- Arthur T. Ito, (1960-1990)
Included: Asahi Shimbun article about Ito brothers, "The Story of Arthur T. Ito and His Life in Mexico..." and photocopies

Box 27
Clippings
Folder 1
Related to various floral societies and events
Included: Photocopies
CONTAINER LIST

Folder 2  
Related to Florist Transworld Delivery Association (FTD)  
Included: Photocopies

Folder 3  
 Included: Photocopies  
In Japanese

Folder 4  
"Tribute honors Arthur T. Ito Jr."  
Photocopy

Folder 5  
Clippings (information artifacts) -- Douglas Ito, (1992)  
Photocopies

Folder 6  
Clippings (information artifacts) -- Flower View Gardens, (1959-2004)  
Included: Articles about Naomi Hirahara, A Scent of Flowers and photocopies

Folder 7  
Clippings (information artifacts) -- Isamu Kuromi, (1996)  
Obituary

Folder 8  
"The Korean War: Bloody, Bitter, But Forgotten"

Folder 9  
Clippings (information artifacts) -- Kuromi family, (1967-1980)  
"This grandmother grows her own Mother's Day bouquets" and "Double Ceremony For Mrs. Kuromi"  
Included: Photocopies

Folder 10  
Clippings (information artifacts) -- Miscellaneous, (1966-2005)  
Included: Photocopies

Box 28  
Color slides - Correspondence

Folder 1  
Color slides -- Arthur T. Ito, [1980s]  
Related to floral events

Folder 2  
Correspondence -- [H. Ikada] letters to Kiyo Kuromi, (1956-1957)  
In Japanese

Folder 3  
Correspondence -- Letters from Arthur and/or Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, (1986-2000)  
Included: End of the year updates from Ito family

Folder 4  
Correspondence -- Letters from Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims, (1955-1956)  
Related to A.H. (Andrew Harue) and Kiyo Kuromi

Folder 5  
Correspondence -- Letters from F.W. Kadletz & Co., (1946)  
Related to Isamu Kuromi and Hitoshi Kuromi, minors  
Included: Policy and rental statement

Folder 6  
Correspondence -- Letters from Japan, [after 1945?]  
There may be letters earlier than 1945  
Included: Letters from "Haruko -----", "Miyako -----", "Yuriko", and "Junko"
Folder 7  Correspondence -- Letters from Japanese American Citizens League, (1953-1954)

Folder 8  Correspondence -- Letters from John Y. Maeno, Attorney at Law, (1946-1959)
            Related to Kiyo Kuromi, Isamu Kuromi, Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, and Yokohama Specie
            Bank, Ltd.

Folder 9  Correspondence -- Letters from John Y. Meano, Attorney at Law, (1948-1959)
            Related to Nichi-Bei Investment Company
            Included: Letters from California. Franchise Tax Board

Folder 10 Correspondence -- Letters from Los Angeles County (Calif.). Department of Tax
            Collector, (1951-1959)

Folder 11 Correspondence -- Letters from New York Life Insurance and Trust Company and
            Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, (1946)
            Related to A.H. (Andrew Harue) Kuromi's life insurance

Folder 12 Correspondence -- Letters from Paul S. Ito, (1961-1980)

Folder 13 Correspondence -- Letters from United States. Department of Justice, (1950-1951)
            Related to claims filed by Kiyo Kuromi, Isamu Kuromi, and Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito
            Included: Blank forms

Box 29  Correspondence - Diaries
Folder 1  Correspondence -- Letters from Yoshimasa (Oye) Ito and/or Haruka Endo,
            (1948-1964)
            Primarily in Japanese

Folder 2  Correspondence -- Letters to Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, (1949-1998)

Folder 3  Correspondence -- Letters to Arthur T. Ito, (1946-2002)

Folder 4  Correspondence -- Letters to Arthur and Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, (1947-2006)

Folder 5  Correspondence -- Letters to Arthur and Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, (1967-2002?)
            In Japanese

Folder 6  Correspondence -- Letters to Security First National Bank, (1965-1972)
            Related to Promissory Note in favor of Carl H. Peine

Folder 7  Correspondence -- Miscellaneous, (1949-2002)
            Included: The Japan Times, 2000; Joe Suski to Gordy -----, 2002; [Yoshimasa (Oye) Ito?] to "My dear Kayoko", 1949; Naoko Ohkochi to Jay Sudo, [undated];

Folder 8  Correspondence -- Miyo Owami letter to Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, (1962)
            In Japanese

Folder 9  Correspondence -- Paul S. Ito letter to "a person (who was going to publish a book
            of 'History of famous people from Hino, Tottori Pref,'" (1980)
            Related to Yoshimasa (Oye) Ito
            Included: Letter from Mayumi Hashii to Arthur T. Ito, Aug. 21, 2005
            Photocopies
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Folder 7  
"Cancun Mexico Tour of Meridad Yucatan...Paris France...Cairo Egypt...Interflora World Cup"
Included: Entries from Japan, 2003 and pages from China trip in 1998 (1 notebook and loose papers)

Folder 8  
**Financial records -- Arthur and Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, (1946-1959)**
Primarily related to investment securities
Included: Checkbook stubs for hospital and surgery payments; California-Western State Life Insurance Company Money Measurer and receipts

Folder 9  
**Financial records -- Isamu Kuromi, (1953)**
Primarily related to lighting maintenance

Folder 10  
**Financial records -- Kiyo Kuromi, (1974-1980?)**
Estate of Kiyo Kuromi
Included: Receipt from John Y. Maeno for $100 related to Kuromi estate

Box 31  
**Genealogies - Magazines**
Folder 1  
**Genealogies -- Ito and Kuromi families, (2016)**
Included: Correspondence and record on Kuromi family's ancestors

Folder 2  
**Genealogies -- Ito and Oye families, (2002)**
Included: Pan Ocean Trading Co., Ltd with Ito arrival to U.S.A. date, occupation, and name of town

Folder 3  
**Greeting cards, (1953-2002)**

Folder 4  
**Interviews -- Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, (1993)**
Los Angeles Public Library Shades of L.A. Interview Project Transcribed Excerpts
Interview may be found [here](#)

Folder 5  
Included: Woodinville High School, 2002; "Las Floristas a la Mode", 2003

Folder 6  
**Legal documents -- Re: Kuromi guardianship, (1946)**
Related to Isamu Kuromi and Hitoshi Kuromi, minors

Folder 7  
**Licenses -- Flower View Gardens, Los Angeles (Calif.), (1946)**
Included: California. State Board of Equalization permit

Folder 8  
**Magazines (periodicals) -- Art in Flowers, (1959)**
Featuring designs by Arthur T. Ito

Folder 9  

Box 32  
**Magazines - Photograph albums**
Folder 1  

Folder 2  

Folder 3  

Folder 4  
**Magazines (periodicals) -- Southern Florist and Nurseryman, (1977)**
Folder 5  
**Manuscripts, [undated]**  
Untitled typewritten copy of a manuscript beginning "Just as Thomas Fossum will tell us, the very nature of our business, especially the retail segment, history tells us that we did not experience the severe shock during the big depression as other business did, and contrary to what you and I may think, flowers were a necessity, just as bread was for survival."

Folder 6  
**Negatives (photographs), [after 1945]**

Folder 7  

Folder 8  
**Notes -- Miscellaneous, (1948-1996)**  
(2 notebooks and loose pages)

Folder 9  
**Notes, (2016)**  
Loose notes supplied by James A. Ito about the collection

Folder 10  
**Passports -- Arthur T. Ito and Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, [1995]**  
Photocopies

Folder 12  
**Photograph albums -- Flower View Gardens, (1966)**  
Covers missing

Box 33  
**Photograph albums - Photographs**

Folder 1  
**Photograph albums -- Greetings From Your California Shinsekis, (1967-1968)**  
Ito and Kuromi families

Item 2  
No folder

Folder 3  
**Photographs -- Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, (1956-2007)**  
Included: Friends, family, and headshots

Folder 4  
**Photographs -- Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito and Nancy Reagan, 1921-2016, (1986)**  
Congressional luncheon

Folder 5  
**Photographs -- Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito’s watercolors, (2001-2004)**  
Included: Negatives and printed matter

Box 34  
**Photographs**

Folder 1  
Headshots

Folder 2  
**Photographs -- Arthur T. Ito’s 88th birthday, (2006)**  
Included: Notes pertaining to the celebration

Folder 3  

Folder 4  
**Photographs -- Celebrities, (1963-1998?)**

Folder 5  
**Photographs -- Cuautitlan (Mexico, Mexico), (1965-1968)**  
Included: Photographs of Fumiyo Ito’s grave

Folder 6  
**Photographs -- Florists’ Transworld Delivery Association (FTD), (1961-1992)**
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Methodist chapel wedding |
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| 2      | Photographs -- Ito Gido's tomb, [1990]  
Tottori Prefecture, Japan |
| 5      | Photographs -- Kuromi family, (1933-1969) |
| 6      | Photographs -- L.A. Auto Show, (1961-1962) |
| 7      | Photographs -- Las Floristas Headdress Ball, (1962-1965) |
| 8      | Photographs -- Michi Ohara's wedding, [1972] |
| 9      | Photographs -- Miscellaneous, (1961-1986)  
Included: American Institute of Floral Designers; California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; California State Florist Association; Floral Design Society; Southern California Floral Association; Southern Florists; Society of American Florists; Teleflora; miscellaneous floral demonstrations, arrangements, and events |
| 36     | Photographs - Printed ephemera  
Photographs -- Miscellaneous, (1963-1990)  
Included: NBC demonstration; URF; miscellaneous floral demonstrations, arrangements, and events |
| 2      | Photographs -- Miscellaneous, (1969-19886)  
Nixon family; Decorating the White House, Christmas, 1986; Their Majesties, The Emperor and Empress of Japan, 1975 |
| 3      | Photographs -- Oye family scrolls, [1990s?] |
| 4      | Photographs -- Paul S. Ito, (1934-1970)  
Included: Photographs of Paul S. Ito in Mexico, 1954 |
| 5      | Photographs -- Santa Monica Boulevard building, [undated] |
| 6      | Photographs -- Yoshimasa (Oye) Ito, (1955-1962) |
| 7      | Photographs -- Yoshimasa (Oye) Ito's funeral, (1965) |
| 8      | Photographs -- Yoshimasa (Oye) Ito' house, (1955-1970)  
Included: Photographs from the Tottori Prefecture, Tane Yoshimasa's youngest sister, and Uncle Oye, 99 years old |
Society of American Florist and Floracons, Ltd. |
Folder 10  
**Printed ephemera -- Florists' Transworld Delivery Association (FTD),** (1976-1994)  
Included: Canadian French Pocket Dictionary, 1984; press releases; 1976 FTD Design Competition; newsletters; Florist issue, Sep. 1978; Ito campaign material

Folder 11  
**Printed ephemera -- Flower View Gardens,** (1963-1966)  
Included: Brochures, maps, invitation, and promotional material

Box 37  
Folder 1  
**Printed ephemera -- Gila River Relocation Center,** (1993-1995)  
Included: Newsletter and photocopies of an article

Folder 2  
Printouts

Folder 3  
**Printed ephemera -- Los Feliz Improvement Association,** (1991-1996)  
Included: Anniversary Los Feliz Improvement Association booklet; Los Feliz Observer, Spring 1996; multiple copies of "Flower View Gardens: '50 Years' Is Not Enough"

Folder 4  
**Printed ephemera -- Military Intelligence Service Club of Southern California,** (1993-2000)

Folder 5  
**Printed ephemera -- Miscellaneous,** (1980-1997)  

Folder 6  
**Printed ephemera -- Miscellaneous,** (1981-1995)  

Folder 7  
**Printed ephemera -- Miscellaneous,** [undated]  
In Japanese

Folder 8  
**Printed ephemera -- Nisei,** (1968-2004)

Folder 9  
**Printed ephemera -- Re: Japanese Americans -- Reparations,** (1986)  
"...Congress Apologizes on Behalf of the Nation" by Japanese American Citizens League with participation from U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Redress Administration; Redress! The American People; Against All Odds: The Japanese Americans' Campaign for Dress, Case Program John F. Kennedy School of Government Harvard University; letter from George W. Bush

Folder 10  
**Printed ephemera -- SAFE Endowment,** (1979)  
Information packet for Society of American Florists' Endowment

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**Arthur Ito papers**  
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Folder 11  Printed ephemera -- St. Mary's Episcopal Church (Los Angeles, Calif.), (1982-1984)
   Included: In Appreciation: Arthur T. Ito, photocopies; fragment of schedule; For 75 years the Spirit of St. Mary's booklet

Box 38  Printed ephemera - Scrapbooks
   Programs -- Miscellaneous, (1945-2002)
   Primarily funeral programs for Ito and Kuromi families

Folder 2  Receipts (financial records), (1954-1955)
   Donation receipts for in Izumo-taisha shrine in Shimane Prefecture, Japan

   Handwritten and typewritten recollections before World War, 1939-1945
   Included: Letter from Toshi Tabata regarding Ito's childhood, February 5, 1990

Folder 4  Resumes (personnel records) -- Arthur T. Ito, (1967)

   Candidate for Vice-President FTD - Montreal
   Folder 1 out of 2

   Candidate for Vice-President FTD - Montreal
   Folder 2 out of 2

   President FTD

Box 39  Scrapbooks - Subject files
   Incomplete?

Folder 2  Sketches -- [unidentified man], [undated]

   Related to various florist events

Folder 4  Statements -- Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito and Kiyo Kuromi, [after 1948]
   Itemized Statement of Personal Property...Pursuant to Public Law 886 (Act of July 2, 1948)


   Included: Deed and Certificate of Endowment Care, Forest Lawn Memorial Park; programs; photographs; obituaries; information related to final illness

Folder 7  Subject files -- Asian Florist Association, (2004)
   JFTD Hana Cupid Annual Convention, Kobe, Japan
   Included: E-mails, speech, notes, schedule, and printed matter

Folder 8  Subject files -- Demise of Flower View Gardens Inc., (2000)
   Included: Background; stock information; financial records
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| 9      | Subject files -- Florists' Transworld Delivery Association, (1974) | Member Day  
Included: Correspondence, forms, program, and printed matter |
| 10     | Subject files -- Go For Broke, (2003-2005) | Included: E-mails; clippings (information artifacts); printed matter; press releases; material related to Hanashi Interview and Eric Shinseki |
| 40     | Subject files | |
| 1      | Subject files -- Japan Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association, (2001-2007) | Included: Notes and schedule related to Japan Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association, AFS/Teleflora meetings; History of JFTD In Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary; The 55th JFTD Annual Convention in Hiroshima, 2007; Welcome to Fleurop-Interflora, 2001; business cards; agreements |
| 2      | Subject files -- Joseph Shinoda Memorial Scholarship Foundation, (1964) | Included: Letter from Mas Yonemura to Arthur T. Ito; clippings; photograph |
| 3      | Subject files -- Las Floristas Headdress Ball, (1960-1972) | Primarily newspaper clippings and printed ephemera |
| 5      | Subject files -- Linda Hope's wedding, (1969) | Primarily financial records  
Included: Clippings, correspondence, and photographs |
| 7      | Subject files -- Society of American Florists Hall of Fame, (1992) | Included: Photocopies, greeting cards, and correspondence |
| 41     | Subject files | |
| 2      | Telegrams -- To Arthur and Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, (1946) | Related to Flower View Gardens re-opening |

**Series 4: Audio/visual and oversize**

**Books - Statements**

| Folder | Books -- Historical and Pictorial Review, Medical Replacement Training Center, Camp Grant, Illinois, (1942) | Laid in: Thanksgiving program, 1942 |
Folder 2  
**Menus, (1935-1944)**  
Collected by [Aiko Alice Kuromi] Ito?

Folder 3  
**Minutes (administrative records) -- The Official Minutes of the National Council Meetings: Twelfth Biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League, (1952, June 26-30)**

Folder 4  

Folder 5  
Prepared and Submitted by Mike M. Sasoka, Washington Representative Japanese American Citizens League

Box 43  
**Photograph albums**  
**Photograph albums -- Kuromi Album 1, (1926-1953)**

**Item 1**  
**Photograph albums -- Kuromi Album 2, (1916-1939)**  
Included: Two letters to Kyo Kuromi dated 1916 and 1918

**Item 3**  
**Photograph albums -- Kuromi Album 3, (1913-1971)**  
Included: Two letters from A.H. (Andrew Harue) Kuromi to Kyo Kuromi related to relocation; one letter from Lillie James to Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito; receipts; watercolors

**Item 4**  
**Photograph albums -- 50 Years Arthur T. Ito and Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito, (1943-1993)**

Box 44  
**Photograph albums**  
**Photograph albums -- Headdress Ball, (1956-1966)**

**Item 2**  
**Photograph albums -- First Trip to Japan, (1965)**  
Miyabara Tottori-Ken

**Item 3**  
**Photograph albums -- Nagoya, (1965-1967)**  
Seki-Shimane Ken

**Item 4**  
**Photograph albums -- Happy Silver Anniversary Arthur & Aiko, (1968)**  
Included: Printed ephemera

**Item 5**  
**Photograph albums -- Linda Hope’s wedding, (1969)**

**Item 6**  
Included: Ito, Kuromi, Obi, Mochizuki families

**Item 7**  
**Photograph albums -- Opening Weller Court FTD Convention, (1981-1982)**  
Included: FTD Las Vegas Rose Parade, 1982; Las Floristas, 1981

**Item 8**  
**Photograph albums -- InterfloraWorld-Congress Hamburg, (1982)**

**Item 9**  
Box 45
Item 1  Photograph albums


Box 46
Box 47
Item 1  Photograph albums -- Ito and Kuromi families, (1949-1952)

Item 2  Photograph albums -- Flower View Gardens, (1927-1962)
      Brittle

Item 3  Photograph albums -- Las Floristas Headdress Ball, (1959-1960)
      Brittle

Box 48
Folder 1  Genealogical tables - Sketches, (1966-2005)
      Genealogical tables -- Ito family, (2005)

Folder 2  Logos -- Flower View Gardens, [undated]
      Designed by Deann Kato

Folder 3  Photograph albums -- Floral demonstrations, (1966)

Folder 4  Photographs -- Las Floristas Headdress Ball, (1966)

Folder 5  Photographs -- Linda Hope's wedding, (1969)
      Appears to be a portfolio

Folder 6  Sketches -- Las Floristas Headdress Ball, (1967-1968)

Folder 7  Sketches -- Miscellaneous, (1969-1971)
      Various design proposals

Folder 8  Sketches -- Variety Club International Humanitarian Award, [1970s]
      Included: Watercolors

Box 49
Audiocassettes, (1973-1993)
      Included: SCFG Meeting, Dec. 1990; CSFA..Hawaii speech by Art Ito, 1985 FTD President;
      KBIG Flower View Gardens Father's Day, 1973; Anniversary Narration JFTD [Suzuki mem.
      Speech?]; SCFG Board/Annual Meeting Feb. 23 1991 - Otani Hotel; Trip to Europe, 1988;
      FTD Convention San Diego, 1986 address to the Board; Family Business 1985 FTD
      Convention; Practice Speeches for FTD Conv., 1985; No. 6; Trip to Viena/Budapest, 1990;
      1985-1986 Pres. Travel Japan Meeting Board; Golden Wedding, 1993; Rome Italy, 1989;
      blank audiocassette

Box 50
3-D objects, (1939-1985)
      Included: The Little Bible published by David C. Cook; dog tags (military tags); color
      patches (military patches) (3 patches); wallet with MacDill Field class B pass; California.
      Department of Fish and Game license; clip (fasteners); button and bar pins; Southern
      California Floral Association buttons (2 buttons); stamp; Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito's florist
      badge; Japanese steamship; belt buckles (2 buckles); Florists' Transworld Delivery
      Association patch; The Monetary Authority of Belize $1; [oil pastel?]

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Box 51  DVDs and VHS, (1978-2001)
Included: Interflora World Cup 97 1-7 September Amsterdam The Netherlands; Japanese American National Museum: The Nisei Legacy, Sharing the Promise of America; 1996 Xmas UTB Xmas Interviews at Flower View Gardens, 1996; FTD Convention, Boston, 1988; Something Strong Within: A Film by Robert A. Nakamura; A Tradition of Honor; Japanese American National Museum Toyo Miyatake, Infinite Shares of Gray, 2001; F.T.D. Convention Arthur T. Ito, 1994; Las Floristas Headdress Ball Apr. 1978; Flower View Garden, Program No. 1-12; Top Ni Kiku, Mr. Ito; Home Movies Disc 1; Home Movies Disc 2; Go For Broke: National Education Center, Alice Ito 1 of 2; Go For Broke: National Education Center, Alice Ito, 2 of 2; World & Weavings Songs; Uncommon Courage: Patriotism and Civil Engineering; Beyond Barbed Wire, 1997; Arthur T. Ito, Oral History Program

Box 52  Rolled-objects, (1924-1961)
Included: Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito class photographs, 1934-1939 (5 photographs); Kiyo Kuromi; zoning atlas ordered by Kenji Ito, 1961; Flower market completion, 1924

Oversize folder 1  Photographs -- "At Hollywood, Los Angeles, CA, USA. Flower Field run by Mr. Kuromi," (1928)

Oversize folder 2  Photographs -- Miscellaneous, (1913-1946)
Included: A.H. (Andrew Harue) Kuromi's funeral, 1946; Aiko Alice (Kuromi) Ito (3 photographs); Kuromi and Ikeda families; Arthur T. Ito; [Kuromi ? Tarou funeral, 1913 (2 photographs)]

Oversize folder 3  Watercolors -- Gila River Relocation Center (Ariz.), (1944)
Butte Camp