Guide to the Kojima family papers M2117

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Content Description
The materials include loose photographs, a photograph album, letters, ephemera such as Toshiko's school records, a "Memorial Chimes" boxed funeral album regarding Kenji Kojima, and other materials relating to the Kojima family and their struggle to re-establish their lives after World War II. Including over 120 letters, circa 1948-1960, most with their original mailing envelopes sent to Toshiko Kojima in New York City from her brother Minoru in Pasadena and other locations in California as well as when he was in the military, and letters from her mother Ichi Kojima in Pasadena.

Biographical / Historical
Kenji Kojima (1886-1947) and Ichi Kojima (born 1894) initially arrived in the United States in 1912 and settled in San Diego. Toshiko Kojima, their daughter, was born in San Diego in 1919, and her brother Minoru was born a few years later in 1923. Toshiko graduated from San Diego State College and went on to be an artist known for wood engraving. Minoru took up dentistry, establishing a practice in National City, CA, and eventually became part of the U.S. armed forces as a dentist. During World War II, the Kojima family was sent to an internment camp in Poston, Arizona, to which they occasionally allude in their letters.

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Japanese Americans -- California -- History -- 20th century
Kojima, Minoru
Kojima, Ishi
Kojima, Toshiko, 1919-

box 1, folder 1 Correspondence 1941
box 1, folder 2 Correspondence 07/1948 to 10/1948
box 1, folder 3 Correspondence 11/1948 to 12/1948
box 1, folder 4 Correspondence 01/1949 to 05/1949
box 1, folder 5 Correspondence 09/1949 to 11/1949
box 1, folder 6 Correspondence 02/1950 to 06/1950
box 1, folder 7 Correspondence 08/1950 to 12/1950
box 1, folder 8 Correspondence 01/1951 to 02/1951
box 1, folder 9 Correspondence 04/1951 to 10/1951
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box 1, folder 15  Correspondence 07/1954 to 08/1954
box 1, folder 16  Correspondence 1959
box 1, folder 17  Correspondence 1960
box 1, folder 18  Miscellaneous Correspondence
box 1, folder 19  Awards and Certificates
box 1, folder 20  Kojima, Toshiko San Diego State College Transcripts
box 2, folder 1-8  Photographs
box 2, folder 9  San Diego State College Degree
box 2, folder 10  Palenque Fall, 1940
box 2, folder 11  [Miscellaneous Book]
Box 2, Folder 13  Family Snapshot negatives
Box 2, Folder 14  Family Snapshot negatives
Box 2, Folder 15  Family Snapshot negatives
Box 2, Folder 12  Loose Pictures from Family Photograph Album
flat-box 3  Family Photograph Album circa 1940

General
Photographs are not adhered and can easily fall out so careful handling is required to keep integrity of album.

flat-box 4  "Memorial Chimes" boxed funeral album and papers

Scope and Contents
Contains material regarding the death and service items, billing, arrangements, visitors book and condolences pertaining to Kenji Kojima (1886 - 1947), husband of Ishi K and father of Roshiko and Minoru. Includes memorial stone billing (with design) from Thos. Holmes and Sons Pasadena, items from Mountain View Cemetery and Crematorium in Pasadena CA, Los Angeles Co. hospital bills, receipts, sympathy cards, a small spiral notebook with date of 1947 at the hospital written entirely in columned Japanese, noting one name in English - the wake arrangements were held at the Edwards and Cummings funeral directors location in Pasadena. Adapted from seller's information.

flat-box 4  Two copper etching plates, "Construction Greek Theatre" and "Adobe Falls", approx. 5" x 7 1/2", probably made by Toshiko Kojima while at San Diego art school