Toshihei Jikihara papers, 1906-1930

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Abstract: Toshihei Jikihara (1869-1929), a Japanese immigrant, was a longtime resident of Upland, California and best known as a poet. He came to the United States in 1903 from Okayama Prefecture and thereafter held many occupations including labor camp operator, farmer, and inventor. He was also an avid writer and worked as editor to a coterie poetry magazine titled Remoncho. The collection consists of his biographical sketches, correspondence, diaries, writing manuscripts, notes, and clippings of poems. Materials are mostly in Japanese, with some in English.

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Biography
Jikihara was born 1869 and a native of Okayama Prefecture, Japan. In 1903, at the age of 34, he immigrated to the United Stated and settled in Upland, California. There, he worked as a labor camp operator, farmer, and inventor. He managed to receive patents for some of the agricultural equipments he had invented. He also edited and published for Remoncho, a magazine of Japanese poetry written by a group of agricultural laborers and housewives living in Southern California in the early twentieth century. He himself was an avid writer and became later known as a hermit poet. He died in 1929.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of Jikihara’s personal correspondence, diaries, manuscripts of writings, draft notes, business and financial records, and clippings of poems. Materials are mostly in Japanese, with some in English.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Biographical sketches
2. Personal correspondence
3. Documents relating to Jikihara’s inventions
4. Legal papers
5. Financial records
6. Scrapbook of poems
7. Address book
8. Diaries
9. Manuscripts of essays, memoirs, poems, short stories, and haiku
10. Notes and memos
11. Poems by Flora E. Hill

Related Material
Biographical sketches

Physical Description: (3 items)
Scope and Content Note
• Handwritten biographical sketch of Jikihara written by his friend.
• Manuscripts, n.d.
• Newspaper article on Jikihara.

Box 86, Folder 1
Biographical sketches. ca. 1930.
Scope and Content
Includes a handwritten biographical sketch of Jikihara drafted by a friend (undated) as well as a newspaper article written about Jikihara by his friend Shigeki Oka in The America Shimbun to mark the first anniversary of his death (1930 December 20).

Personal correspondence

Box 86, Folder 2
Personal correspondence. ca.1916-1929.

Diaries

Box 86, Folder 3
Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, notebook. 1909 October 27 - 1910 October 12.
Box 86, Folder 4
Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, notepad. 1911 February 20 - July 22.
Box 86, Folder 5
Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, notepad. 1911 September 19 - 1912 June 15.
Box 86, Folder 6
Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, diary. 1913 August 14 - 1914 September 24.
Box 86, Folder 7
Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, notebook. 1915 January 28 - August 12.
Box 86, Folder 8
Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, notebook. 1916 February 5 - June 22.
Box 86, Folder 9
Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, diary. ca. 1916 April 21 - September 7.
Box 86, Folder 10
Box 86, Folder 11
Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, notebook. [1917?] February 9 - October 26.
Box 86, Folder 12
Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, diary. 1918 July 31 - September 20.
Box 86, Folder 13
Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, notepads (3 vols.). 1918 September 8 - November 16.
Box 86, Folder 14
Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, diary. 1920 January 1 - February 19.
| Box 86, Folder 15 | Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, notebook. 1920 February 6 - March 2. |
| Box 86, Folder 16 | Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, notebook. 1920 February 20 - April 22. |
| Box 86, Folder 17 | Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, diary. ca. 1920 April 14. |
| Box 87, Folder 1 | Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, 1 diary and 1 notepad. 1920 September 21 - December 31. |
| Box 87, Folder 2 | Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, diary. 1925 December 1 - 1926 August 24. |
| Box 87, Folder 3 | Daily entries of personal poems and other writings. 1926 August 26 - 1927 August 10. |
| Box 87, Folder 4 | Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, diary. 1926 August 11 - 1929 March 12. |
| Box 87, Folder 5 | Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, notebook. [year unknown] January 16 - March 14. |
| Box 87, Folder 6 | Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, notebook. [year unknown] February 5 - June 28. |
| Box 87, Folder 7 | Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, notebook. [year unknown] February 9 - July 10. |
| Box 87, Folder 8 | Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, notebook. [year unknown] ca. March 20. |
| Box 87, Folder 9 | Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, notebook. [year unknown] ca. March - May. |
| Box 87, Folder 10 | Daily entries of personal poems and other writings, notebook. [years unknown] December 1-25, November 28-December 8, May 31-July 7. |
| Box 87, Folder 11 | Manuscripts of essays, memoirs, poems, short stories, and haiku |
| Box 87, Folder 12 | Collection of short essays, Vol.1, diary. undated. |
| Box 87, Folder 15 | Memoir: Daijijitsu &X5927;&X4EB8;&X5B9F; [Great truth], Vol.1, diary. undated. |
| Box 87, Folder 16 | Memoir: Daijijitsu &X5927;&X4EB8;&X5B9F; [Great truth], Vol.2, diary. undated. |
| Box 88, Folder 1 | Memoir: Daijijitsu &X5927;&X4EB8;&X5B9F; [Great truth], Vol.3, diary. undated. |
| Box 88, Folder 2 | Memoir: Daijijitsu no kokuhaku &X5927;&X4EB8;&X5B9F;&X306E;&X544A;&X767D; [Confessions of great truth], Vol. 1, diary. undated. |
| Box 88, Folder 3 | Memoir: Daijijitsu no kokuhaku &X5927;&X4EB8;&X5B9F;&X306E;&X544A;&X767D; [Confessions of great truth], Vol. 2, diary. undated. |
| Box 88, Folder 4 | Memoir: Daijijitsu no kokuhaku &X5927;&X4EB8;&X5B9F;&X306E;&X544A;&X767D; [Confessions of great truth], Vol. 3, diary. undated. |
| Box 88, Folder 5 | Memoir: Daijijitsu no kokuhaku &X5927;&X4EB8;&X5B9F;&X306E;&X544A;&X767D; [Confessions of great truth], Vol. 4, diary. undated. |
| Box 88, Folder 6 | Memoir: Daijijitsu no kokuhaku &X5927;&X4EB8;&X5B9F;&X306E;&X544A;&X767D; [Confessions of great truth], Vol. 5, diary. undated. |
| Box 88, Folder 7 | Memoir: Daijijitsu no kokuhaku &X5927;&X4EB8;&X5B9F;&X306E;&X544A;&X767D; [Confessions of great truth], Vol. 6, diary. undated. |
| Box 88, Folder 8 | Memoir: Daijijitsu no kokuhaku &X5927;&X4EB8;&X5B9F;&X306E;&X544A;&X767D; [Confessions of great truth], Vol. 7, diary. undated. |
| Box 88, Folder 9 | Memoir: Daijijitsu no kokuhaku &X5927;&X4EB8;&X5B9F;&X306E;&X544A;&X767D; [Confessions of great truth], Vol. 8, diary. undated. |

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| Box 88, Folder 10 | Memoir: Daijijitsu no kokuhaku
&x5927;&x5E8B;&x5B9F;&x306E;&x544A;&x767D; [Confessions of great truth], Vol. 9/Diary: Nagahara-san no danjiki
&x6538;&x539F;&x3055;&x3093;&x306E;&x65AD;&x98DF; [Mr. Nagahara's fasting], diary, undated and 1925 July 13 – August 17. |
| Box 89, Folder 1 | Memoir: Danjiki &x65AD;&x98DF; [Fasting], Vol.1, diary. undated. |
| Box 89, Folder 2 | Memoir: Danjiki &x65AD;&x98DF; [Fasting], Vol.2, diary. undated. |
| Box 89, Folder 3 | Memoir: Danjiki &x65AD;&x98DF; [Fasting], Vol.3, diary. undated. |
| Box 89, Folder 4 | Memoir: Aisho &x76F8;&x6027; [Compatibility]. undated. |
| Box 89, Folder 5 | Memoir: Kosei &x500B;&x6027; [Personality], Vol. 1, diary. undated. |
| Box 89, Folder 6 | Memoir: Kosei &x500B;&x6027; [Personality], Vol. 2, diary. undated. |
| Box 89, Folder 7 | Kosei to aisho &x500B;&x6027;&x306B;&x76F8;&x6027; [Personality and compatibility], notebook. undated. |
| | Scope and Content Note
| | Contains drafts for his memoirs Kosei??[ Personality] and Aisho??[Compatibility]. |
| Box 89, Folder 8 | Te &x624B; [Hands], diaries (2 vols.). undated. |
| | Scope and Content Note
| | Contains drafts for his memoirs. Both volumes are labeled with the same volume number (2). |
| Box 89, Folder 9 | Jibun &x81EA;&x5206; [Self], notebook. undated. |
| | Scope and Content Note
| | Contains drafts for his memoirs. |
| Box 89, Folder 10 | Chijou ritsugen &x5730;&x4E0A;&x7ACB;&x8A00; [Expressions from above ground], notebook. undated. |
| | Scope and Content Note
| | Primarily includes his thoughts on humanity, the human condition, and fasting. |
| Box 89, Folder 12 | Zesshoku no uta &x7D76;&x98DF;&x306E;&x6B4C; [Song of fasting]/Jinmei bo &x4EBA;&x540D;&x703F; [Name list], notepad. undated. |
| | Scope and Content Note
| | Includes drafts of poems and list of names of historical figures. |
| Box 89, Folder 13 | Kyuseicho &x4E5D;&x661F;&x8ABF; [Astrological tune], notepad. undated. |
| Box 89, Folder 14 | Insatsubutsuhaifuko &x5370;&x5237;&x7269;&x914D;&x5E03;&x6263; [Distribution of printed materials], notebook. undated. |
| | Scope and Content Note
| | Contains drafts of his essays. |
| Box 90, Folder 1 | Toiawaseko &x554F;&x5408;&x6263; [Contact], notebook. undated. |
| | Scope and Content Note
| | Includes contacts for various locations and drafts of essays. |
| Box 90, Folder 2 | Techosairokou &x624B;&x5E33;&x63A1;&x9332; [Record of notebooks], diary. undated. |
| | Scope and Content Note
| | Contains drafts of his writings. |
| Box 90, Folder 3 | Untitled notebooks of essays (3 vols.). undated. |
| | Scope and Content Note
| | Includes drafts of various essays and other writings. One is missing its cover, which may have had a title on it. |
Manuscripts of essays, memoirs, poems, short stories, and haiku

Box 90, Folder 4  Untitled short story, diary. undated.
Box 90, Folder 5  Untitled short story, diary. undated.
Box 90, Folder 6  Small notebook containing poems. undated.
Box 90, Folder 7  Haiku manuscripts. undated.

Notes and memos

Box 90, Folder 8  Jinmei 人名 [Name list], diary. undated.
    Scope and Content Note
        Lists names of various historical figures with notes.

Box 90, Folder 9  7 small notebooks and notepads containing draft notes and memos (1 of 2).
                  ca.1918-1929.
    Scope and Content Note
        Folder contains 3 of the 7 volumes.

Box 90, Folder 10 7 small notebooks and notepads containing draft notes and memos (2 of 2).
                  ca.1918-1929.
    Scope and Content Note
        Folder contains 4 of the 7 volumes.

Box 90, Folder 11 2 small notepads containing draft notes and memos. undated.
    Scope and Content Note
        Folder contains 4 of the 7 volumes.

Documents relating to Jikihara's inventions

Box 90, Folder 12  Documents regarding the patent of Jikihara's inventions. 1912-1917.
    Scope and Content
        Inventions include Hydrants (filed for patent June 24, 1912), Ground-Breakers (patented
        1913 January 18), and Wind-Power (patented 1917 Jan 2).

Legal papers

Box 90, Folder 13  Land leases, labor contracts, and bill of sales. 1908-1913.
    Scope and Content Note
        Materials are in English and Japanese.

Box 90, Folder 14  Court papers. 1907-1915.
    Scope and Content Note
        Relates to complaints and claims on the nonfulfillment of a contract, payment arrears and
        other financial matters, filed by and against Jikihara.

Financial records

Box 90, Folder 15  Loan agreements, cancelled checks, accounting records, and receipts. 1906-1917.

Scrappbook of poems

Box 91, Folder 1  Scrapbook containing clippings mostly from Remoncho?????.
                  1915-1917.
    Scope and Content Note
        Remoncho was a literary magazine of poems submitted by a group of agricultural
        laborers and housewives living in Southern California in the early decades of the
        twentieth century. Jikihara was its editor.

Address book
Box 91, Folder 2  List of addresses in Japan. undated.
Poems by Flora E. Hill

Box 91, Folder 3  Poems by Flora E. Hill collected by Jikihara. 1925.