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Descriptive Summary
Title: Danzo Kiyohara Papers,
Date (inclusive): ca. 1895-1964
Collection number: 2010
Creator: Kiyohara, Danzo
Extent: 2 boxes (1.0 linear ft.) and 1 oversize box
Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.
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Abstract: Danzo Kiyohara was born ca. 1881 in Kumamoto Prefecture, Japan. He arrived in the United States in 1894 and attended the University of California. Later he became a businessman in Southern California and was active in various business ventures including oil drilling in Texas and Southern California. Mr. Kiyohara was a member of many Japanese American organizations in Southern California prior to World War II and served as secretary and treasurer of the Japanese American League of Los Angeles (JAL) (ca. 1915-17), as well as secretary and treasurer of the Japanese American Fraternity of Los Angeles (ca. 1913-14). This collection consists of diaries (1906-08), photo albums (1929-ca. 1941), personal papers and correspondence. The collection also includes correspondence and other materials related to the Japanese American League of Los Angeles (JAL), photographs of relatives, friends and members of the JAL (ca. 1910-1964), and postcards. Materials in this collection are primarily in English, with some in Japanese.
Physical location: Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Library Special Collections Reference Desk for paging information.
Language: English.
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Biography
Danzō Kiyohara was born ca. 1881. A native of Kumamoto Prefecture he arrived in the United States in 1894. He attended the University of California. A businessman in Southern California, he was active in various business ventures including oil drilling in Texas and Southern California. He was a member of many Japanese American organizations in Southern California prior to World War II and served as secretary and treasurer of the Japanese American League of Los Angeles (JAL) (ca. 1915-17), as well as secretary and treasurer of the Japanese American Fraternity of Los Angeles (ca. 1913-14). He was also known as George D. Kiyohara; he died ca. 1964.

Scope and Content
This collection consists of diaries (1906-08), photo albums (1929-ca. 1941), personal papers, and correspondence related to Kiyohara. Includes correspondence and other materials related to the Japanese American League of Los Angeles (JAL), personal correspondence, postcards, and photographs of relatives, friends, and members of the JAL (ca. 1910-1964). Materials in this collection are primarily in English, with some in Japanese.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

Subjects
Kiyohara, Danzō--Archives.
Japanese American Research Project (University of California, Los Angeles).
Businessmen--California, Southern--Archival resources.
Japanese Americans--California, Southern--Archival resources.

Genres and Forms of Material
Photographs.
Diaries.

Related Material

Kiyohara Papers 1896-1964
Physical Description: 2.0 linear ft.
Scope and Content Note

English diaries and 2 photo albums. 1906-1908, 1929-1941.
Physical Description: 0.5 linear ft.
| Box 111 | **English diaries. 1906-1908**  
Physical Description: (3 diary-books)  
Scope and Content Note  
Kiyohara was in San Francisco in 1906, thus experiencing the Great Earthquakes: in Oakland in 1907 and in Southern California (Los Angeles) in 1908. |
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| Box 111 | **Photo albums containing snapshots of Kiyohara and his relatives and friends, taken in the United States, Japan, and China. 1929 to ca. 1941**  
Physical Description: (2 albums) |
|  | **Miscellaneous Personal Papers, and Correspondence**  
Physical Description: 1.5 linear ft.  
Scope and Content Note  
re various Japanese-American organizations in Southern California. |
| Box 112, Folder 1 | **Biographical materials of Kiyohara, including his passports and school records of public schools in Oakland. 1895-1964**  
Physical Description: (5 items) |
| Box 112, Folder 2 | **Petition. April 28, 1913**  
Physical Description: (1 piece)  
Scope and Content Note  
Submitted by the Japanese Farmers' Association of Southern California, California Japanese Farmers' Association, Southern California Flower Market, Japanese Businessmen's Association of Los Angeles, Japanese Industrial Association of Southern California, and Los Angeles Berry Growers Cooperative Association to Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan on April 28, 1913. |
| Box 112, Folder 3 | **Shin-ichiba jh [characters] [Market News], nos. 1-3. January 1910 -?**  
Physical Description: (2 pieces, mimeographed)  
Language of Material: In Japanese.  
Scope and Content Note  
A bulletin issued by the Nanka Ngy Kumiai [characters] [Japanese Farmers' Association of Southern California]. |
| Box 112, Folder 3 | **A financial report of the Japanese Farmers' Association of Southern California. August 1910**  
Physical Description: (1 piece)  
Language of Material: In Japanese. |
| Box 112, Folder 4 | **Correspondence re the Japanese-American Fraternity of Los Angeles. May 1913-August 1914**  
Physical Description: (10 items)  
Scope and Content Note  
Kiyohara was the Secretary and Treasurer of the organization. |
| Box 112, Folder 5 | **Correspondence re the Japanese-American League of Los Angeles. March 1915-January 1917**  
Physical Description: (58 items)  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes letters from K.S. Inui, K.K. Kawakami, and Matsuoka Yosuke. |
| Box 112, Folder 6 | Correspondence and other materials re the Japan-American Society of Los Angeles. 1931-1934  
Physical Description: (22 items) |
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| Box 112, Folder 7 | Documents re the Council on International Relations, Los Angeles. 1924-1926  
Physical Description: (14 items) |
| Box 112, Folder 8 | Personal correspondence of Kiyohara, #1: Letters. 1901-1940 & 1961  
Physical Description: (49 items)  
Language of Material: Mostly in English. |
| Box 112, Folder 9 | Personal correspondence of Kiyohara, #2: Postcards. 1905-1947  
Physical Description: (142 cards)  
Language of Material: In English and Japanese. |
| Box 112, Folder 10 | 3 English manuscripts of articles; author unknown (Sue Kiyo Inui?).  
Physical Description: (3 items) |
| Box 112, Folder 10 | On the Shanghai Situation. n.d.  
Physical Description: (10pp. Carbon copy) |
| Box 112, Folder 10 | Missionaries Appeal: Methods of Japanese Critisized [sic]. n.d.  
Physical Description: (2pp. Carbon copy) |
| Box 112, Folder 10 | Japanese Reply: To Missionaries Appeal. n.d.  
Physical Description: (2pp. Carbon copy) |
| Box 112, Folder 11 | Programs of the Japanese Methodist Episcopal Church of Oakland. 1903-1905  
Physical Description: (5 items) |
| Box 112, Folder 12-13 | Photographs and snapshots. Includes group photographs of the members of Japan-American Society of Los Angeles. ca. 1910-1964  
Physical Description: (approximately 35 items) |
| Box 864 | Photograph of Japan-American Society of Los Angeles, 25th Anniversary dinner. 1934  
Physical Description: (1 item) |