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Abstract: Joe Grant Masaoka was born in Fresno, California, and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was Regional Director of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) in Denver, Colorado, from 1942-51 and established the Northern California regional office in San Francisco. This collection consists of correspondence, reports, legal briefs, and other documents related to the work of Mr. Masaoka.

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Biography
Joe Grant Masaoka was born in Fresno, California, and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was Regional Director of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) in Denver, Colorado from 1942-51 and established the JACL Northern California regional office in San Francisco. He was a public relations consultant from 1951-64 and the Japanese American Research Project Administrator for the University of California, Los Angeles, from 1964-70. Mr. Masaoka died ca. 1970.

Scope and Content
This collection consists of correspondence, reports, legal briefs and other documents related to the work of Joe Grant Masaoka. It includes correspondence and other materials related to the Japanese American Research Project, materials related to the Ishida land case, and assorted legal briefs.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
3. Documents and correspondence relating to the Ishida land escheat case and claims, 1942-66 (Boxes 126-127).
4. Documents, records and correspondence relating to Masaoka Associates (Box 128).
5. Legal briefs (Box 129).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog. Masaoka, Joe Grant--Archives.
Japanese American Research Project (University of California, Los Angeles)--Correspondence.
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Japanese Americans--United States--Archival Resources.
Correspondence.
Briefs (legal documents).
Legal documents.

Related Material

Masaoka Papers 1927-1970
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Correspondence re the Japanese American Research Project (JARP) 1964-1970
Physical Description: 2.0 linear ft.

Box 121, Folder 1
Biographical sketches of Joe G. Masaoka. ca. 1969
Physical Description: (2 items)

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