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Descriptive Summary
Title: Matsunosuke Oi Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1906-1966
Collection number: 2010
Creator: Oi, Matsunosuke
Extent: 1 box(0.5 linear ft.) and 1 oversize box
Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.
Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

Abstract: Matsunosuke Oi was born in 1885 in Kochi Prefecture, Japan. He arrived in the United States in 1906 and was a merchant and community leader in Southern California and an active officer in various Japanese associations including being a founding member of the postwar Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California. A bulk of the collection is about his participation in that association. The collection also includes materials related to his life: personal papers including manuscripts of his autobiography, correspondence related to the seizure of Oi's properties during his wartime internment, and a scrapbook with newspaper clippings from the local press. Some materials in the collection are 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
Matsunosuke Oi was born in 1885; a native of Kochi Prefecture, he arrived in the United States in 1906; he was a merchant and community leader in Southern California; he was an active officer in various Japanese associations and was a founding member of the postwar Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of materials related to the life of Matsunosuke Oi. The bulk of the collection is made up of Oi's association with the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California and includes bylaws, notices, announcements, miscellaneous reports, and financial reports. There are also miscellaneous reports and other material related to the Japanese American Citizens League. Also contains personal papers of Oi and includes manuscripts of his autobiography, correspondence related to the seizure of Oi's properties during his wartime internment, and a scrapbook with newspaper clippings from the local press (December 1941-April 1942). Some materials in the collection are 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. Oi, Matsunosuke--Archives. Japanese American Research Project (University of California, Los Angeles). Businessmen--California, Southern--Archival resources. Japanese Americans--California--Archival resources. Japanese Americans--Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945. Clippings.

Related Material

Oi Papers 1906-1966
Physical Description: 1.5 linear ft.

Biographical materials and Miscellaneous Materials
Physical Description: 1.5 linear ft.
Scope and Content Note
Includes papers, a scrapbook on World War II and internment, and documents on the postwar Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California.

Box 132, Folder 1
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3 manuscripts of Oi's autobiography.
Physical Description: (Manuscript, 56pp. Photocopy, 1 item)

Box 132 , Folder 1

Physical Description: (Manuscript, 5pp., photocopy)
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<th>Box 132, Folder 1</th>
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<td>Includes correspondence re the alleged illegal seizure of Oi's properties by his Caucasian friends during his internment, 1942-1944; and a Japanese translation of the Geneva Convention, 1942-1945.</td>
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<td>Includes a listing of the original members and the objectives of the organization.</td>
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| 11             | Reports and other materials distributed by the Anti-discrimination Committee of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). 1948-1949  
Physical Description: (37 items, Mimeographed) |
| 12             | Miscellaneous reports and other materials re the JACL. 1946-1960  
Physical Description: (25 items) |
| 13             | Miscellaneous materials. Postwar.  
Physical Description: (20 items) |
| 722            | A scrapbook containing newspaper clippings from local presses, from the outbreak of World War II to the evacuation from the West Coast. December 1941-April 1942  
Physical Description: (1 oversize scrapbook) |