Guide to the Hawayo Takata papers ARC Mss 86


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Abstract: The collection includes the personal papers and belongings of Hawayo Takata, Reiki master, as well as material on Reiki practices throughout the 1930s to 1980s.
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Biographical Note
In her diary, Hawayo Takata describes Reiki as an “unseen spiritual power that vibrates and all other powers fade into insignificance beside it.” This power or force is believed to be within all of us, but those who study and apply it correctly can use it to heal. Dr. Mikao Usui introduced Reiki in Japan in 1922. Since that time, Reiki has become a popular alternative to medicine and a technique for stress reduction and relaxation. Practitioners practice healing mild and chronic, physical or mental ailments with energy transferred through their hands.
In 1935, when Takata was 35 years old, she suffered from several illnesses and traveled to Japan for care. She entered a hospital in Tokyo for an operation and while there, she heard about Reiki and decided to try the therapy. While under the care of Reiki master Chujiro Hayashi for four months, Mrs. Takata recovered. She was so grateful that she asked to be taught the practice of Reiki. In February 1938, Hayashi Sensei initiated Hawayo Takata as a Reiki Master. She took everything that she had learned to Hawaii and would go on to train twenty-two masters. During the years of practicing Reiki in Hawaii, she acquired international and well-known clients, including Barbara Hutton and Doris Duke, and traveled to the United States mainland and other parts of the world teaching and giving treatments.
Scope and Content
The collection consists of personal belongings, Hawayo Takata's personal writings, publications on Reiki, certificates, correspondence, and photographs relating to the life of Hawayo Takata and Reiki practices.
Arrangement
The collection is arranged into six series: Biographical materials, Correspondence, Certificates, Reiki writings, Photographs, and Memorabilia and artifacts.
Related Archival Materials
American Religions Collection, ARC Mss 1, Special Research Collections, UC Santa Barbara Library, University of California, Santa Barbara.
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Reiki (Healing system)  
Spiritual care (Medical care)  
Spiritual healing  
Certificates  
Correspondence  
Photographs  
Writings (documents)  
Takata, Hawayo Kawamuri, 1900-1980 -- Archives

Series 1. Biographical materials

Scope and Content
Includes Hawayo Takata's personal documents that detail her life, business, and family genealogy. A few of the items are her own writings. Many materials are translated from Japanese and include information about Reiki healing practices and its founder, Mikao Usui. Of particular note, the series includes pamphlets and articles providing information on different healing practices and religions as well as flyers and schedules for various spiritual events.

box 1, folder 1  Passports 1963-1976
box 1, folder 2  Business cards undated
box 1, folder 3-4  Business papers 1971-1972
box 1, folder 5-6  Scanned financial records and business papers 1946-1979
box 1, folder 7  Scrapbook 1937-1938
box 1, folder 8  Memorial service papers 1980 December 11-1984 September 16
box 2, folder 1  Properties business papers 1946-1978
box 2, folder 2  Tax records 1960-1978
box 2, folder 3  Takata personal papers 1965-1980

Scope and Content
Contains notes, articles, pamphlets, newsletters, programs, and other ephemera collected by Takata regarding Taoism, healing, nutrition, Dr. Robert Charles, American College of Psychic Studies, and Spiritual Advisory Council.

box 2, folder 4  Kawamura-Takata genealogy 2011 November 18
box 2, folder 5  Travel artifacts 1959-1977
box 2, folder 6  Alice Takata's notes for grey book undated
box 2, folder 7  Translated Japanese language materials 1996-2006

Scope and Content
Fujita Makoto, "Concerning the Lineage of Usui Family and the Existence of Usui Mikao" (includes translation of Usui's memorial); Masahiro Nomura's "Reiki Experience"; Ace Japan Translations, Japanese language newspaper articles, "Treatment guide," translation by Ryoho Shinshin (Japanese-language manual of Hayashi Reiki Kenkyukai).

box 10  Japanese prayer books undated
box 11, folder 1  Japanese bound book undated

Hawayo Takata writings

box 5, folder 5  "Art of Healing" excerpt from Takata's early diary 1948
box 5, folder 6  Hawayo Takata "Art of Healing" 1948
box 5, folder 7-8  Autobiography drafts 1935-1945
box 7
Series 1. Biographical materials

Hawayo Takata writings

Class rosters and receipts - Puerto Rico 1978-1979
box 7

Class receipts - Puerto Rico 1978-1979
box 7

Class rosters and receipts - Hawaii 1972-1981
box 7

Class receipts 1974-1977
box 7

Class receipts - California 1975-1977
box 7

Reiki class notes 1974-1978
box 7

Autograph album and address books 1932, 1950-1955, 1953-1954
box 7

Visitor’s books 1951, 1977
box 7

Takata’s notebooks, Alice’s notebook 1920-1938, 1976, ca. 1980
box 7

Calendar, class roster - Japan 1973, 1975-1976
box 7

Stamp book 1937

Series 2. Correspondence

Scope and Content
The series mainly consists of personal and business correspondence with Hawayo Takata. Correspondence with Hawayo Takata's friends and master students are separated and organized by last name and include personal written and typed letters, cards, postcards, and pictures. Other correspondence with institutions including the Louis Foundation, the Universal Church of the Masters, the Kawasaki Electric Industry Company, and Ryodoraku Research Institute contains member information, newsletters, and membership cards. Also included is correspondence between Karl Taku and Hawayo Takata regarding their financial partnership.

box 6 Karl Taku correspondence with Takata 1971-1972
box 6 Correspondence to Hawayo Takata before 1970 1949-1969
box 6 Correspondence from Hawayo Takata 1974-1980
box 6 Correspondence from institutions 1973-1980
box 6 Correspondence to Hawayo Takata after 1970 (A-E) 1973-1980
box 6 Correspondence to Hawayo Takata after 1970 (F-J) 1972-1980
box 6 Correspondence to Hawayo Takata after 1970 (K-O) 1973-1980
box 6 Correspondence to Hawayo Takata after 1970 (P-V) 1970-1980
box 6 Correspondence to Hawayo Takata after 1970 (W-Z) and letters from people with no surnames 1973-1978
Series 2. Correspondence

Master students correspondence

- box 6  
  - Correspondence - Puerto Rico 1978-1980
  - Memorial papers - condolence letters undated

- box 8, folder 2-4  
  - Araki-Brown 1977-1989
- box 8, folder 5-6  
  - Furumoto-Lombard 1974-1986
- box 9, folder 1-2  
  - McCullough-Phaigh 1984-1999
- box 9, folder 3-5  
  - Saito-Yamashito 1975-1989

Series 3. Certificates

Scope and Content
Includes certificates belonging to Hawayo Takata declaring her an official licensed member and minister of various organizations including the Indian Association of America, the American Indian Church Temple and Indian Missions, and the Universal Church of the Master. The majority of certificates are for Takata's different levels of mastery in Reiki both in English and Japanese.

Use Restrictions
Please note the certificates are not available for reproduction.

- box 3, folder 1  
  - Japanese Hayashi-Kai travel certificates undated
- box 3, folder 2  
  - Takata travel certificate 1948 November 21
- box 3, folder 3  
  - Certificates 1947-1970
- box 3  
  - Certificates 1976-1977
- box 15  
  - Shoden Hayashi Reiki Kenyukai certificate undated
- box 15  
  - Okuden Hayashi Reiki Kenkyukai certificate undated
- box 15  
  - Zukeran Oto (1866 - 1976) (Laupahoehoe) Shoden Hayashi Reiki Kenkyukai certificate undated
- box 15  
  - Akasaki Jiro (1888 - 1965) (Paauilo) Shoden Hayashi Reiki Kenkyukai certificate undated
- box 15  
  - Fujiyoshi Matsuye Shoden Hayashi Reiki Kenkyukai certificate undated
- box 15  
  - Nishihira Kame Shoden Hayashi Reiki Kenkyukai certificate undated
- box 15  
  - Blank shodent certificate undated
- box 16  
  - Universal Church of the Master certificate of ordination 1975 September 19
- box 16  
  - American Indian Church Temple and Indian Missions certificate of ordination 1948 November 21
- box 16  
  - The Indian Association of America, Inc. Doctor of Naturopathy certificate 1948 November 21
- box 16  
  - The American Indian Association membership certificate 1948 November 21
- box 16  
  - Rosicrucian Order certificate 1951 July 23
- box 16  
  - Bethal Phaigh introductory course Reiki certificate 1978 July 15
- box 16  
  - Bethal Phaigh intermediate course Reiki certificate 1979 October 10
- box 16  
  - Bethal Phaigh advanced course Reiki certificate 1980 October 7
- frame 2  
  - Hawayo Takata's Japanese first class certification 1935 December 13
- box 29  
  - Hawayo Takata Japanese certificate 1935 December 13
- frame 4  
  - Takata's English-language certificate 1938 February 21
- frame 5  
  - Hawayo Takata's master certificate undated

Series 4. Reiki writings

Scope and Content
Includes many articles about Takata's career, spiritual healing practices, and Reiki. Also includes early manuscripts of Living Reiki: Takata's Teachings by Fran Brown.

- box 4, folder 1  
  - Living Reiki: Takata's Teachings correspondence and manuscripts 1990-1992
- box 4, folder 2  
  - Living Reiki: Takata's Way by Fran Brown bound manuscript 1999
- box 4, folder 3  
  - Journey Into Consciousness by Bethal Phaigh manuscript undated
- box 4, folder 4  
  - Journey Into Consciousness by Bethal Phaigh circa 1980
- box 4, folder 5  
  - "Leiki" Reiki 1982
Reiki Massage Table
box 13  Two vibrating material-covered pads undated
box 13  Vibrating heat box undated
box 13  Electrical leads
box 13  Splitter undated
Shelves
box 14  Massage table cushions and electronic bed controls

Gold eyeglass case containing IDs and membership cards 1974-1978
box 14

Silk purses undated
box 14

Hawayo Takata's seal embosser undated
box 14

Hawayo Takata business stamps undated
box 14

Japanese photo corners undated
box 14

Golf memorabilia 1972
box 14

Golf trophy to Hirome Takata 1965
box 14

Mailing tube for massage license 1943 July 7
box 14

Small iron statue of golfer undated
box 18

Prayer beads
box 18

Small vase in a box
box 18

Key chain and key
box 18

Small dish with tree decoration
box 18

Blue fan
box 18
Wooden artifact
box 18

Beaded necklaces
box 18

Scarf/shawl
box 18

Small paper bag full of beads
box 18

Seven squares of cardboard with Japanese cartography
box 18

Booklets
box 18

Yellow pouch, brown cord, with a picture of a man spreading coins on it
box 18

Aromatic incense sticks
box 18

Small sealed cloth bag
box 18

Memorial long white cloth with Japanese script
box 18

Scrolls and sheets of Japanese script
box 18

Small brass artifact in box
box 18

Two Japanese door pulls
box 19

Gold etching of Kinkakuji, Kyoto undated
box 19

Acupuncture anatomical chart undated
box 19

Japanese calligraphy painting undated
box 19

Dr. Hayashi calligraphy of the 5 Reiki principles (Gokai) undated
Series 6. Memorabilia and artifacts

Reiki Massage Table

box 20

Reiki: Usui Shiki Ryoho through the stories of Takata's students, A collection of teachings from five masters initiated by Hawayo Takata 2007

box 20

Takata in Yellow Stone 1959 August 14

box 20

Takata in Salt Lake City 1959 August 15

box 20

45 LP undated

item A33428/CS  Nora Kawamura Sewil undated

item A33429/CS  Takata Speaks Volume 1: Reiki Stories, Selections and Introductions by John Harvey Grey undated

item A33430/CS  Psychic reading of Takata 1975 June 12

item V10776/DVD  Takata in Yellow Stone and Salt Lake City undated

Loyal Garner: Hawaii Today, 8-track 1979 March 18

frame 1

Hawayo Takata portrait 1976 January 10

box 21-28

Outfits undated

Scope and Contents

Includes dresses, blazers, belts, shoes, pants, and a shawl.