

## **Nelson Nagai And Grace Sumida Collection**

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Nelson Nagai and Grace Sumida collection

**Dates:** 1920-2000

**Bulk Dates:** 1942-1945

**Collection number:** MSS 329

**Collector:** Nagai, Nelson

**Creator:** Sumida, Grace

**Collection Size:** 0.25 linear feet

**Repository:** University of the Pacific. Library. Holt-Atherton Dept. of Special Collections  
Stockton, California 95211

**Abstract:** The Nelson Nagai and Grace Sumida Collection consists of clippings, programs, and photographs compiled by Nelson Nagai and Grace Sumida.

**Physical location:** For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library's online catalog.

**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: English

### Access

Collection open for research.

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### Biography / Administrative History

Grace Rayko Nagai, nee Sumida, (1915-2012) was interned with her family at the Santa Anita Racetrack and the Rohwer Relocation Center, Arkansas. During her time at Rohwer, she met her future husband Katsuo Kenneth Nagai. Both Katsuo and Grace were granted citizen's indefinite leave in March 1944. They were married one year later in Denver, Colorado. Two years later, the two moved to Stockton, CA where Grace became an active member in her community. Nelson Nagai is a son of Katsuo and Grace Nagai. Nelson became a history professor at Delta College and compiled various materials pertaining to the Japanese-American experience in Stockton before and during World War II.

### Scope and Content of Collection

The Nelson Nagai and Grace Sumida Collection consists of clippings, programs, and photographs compiled by Nelson Nagai and Grace Sumida. The collection includes content about Japanese-Americans and sports in Stockton, the Japanese-American demographic in Stockton between 1920-1940 and 2000, Japanese-American relocation during World War II (with content emphasis on Rohwer Relocation Camp).

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The Sumida folders mainly consist of personal photographs taken at Rohwer Relocation Camp depicting Grace Sumida's family, friends, and the internment camp as a whole.

**Indexing Terms**

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

Rohwer Relocation Center

Japanese Americans -- Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945

Relocation camps -- Arkansas -- Rohwer

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**Box 1**

**1.1: Japanese-Americans and Sports in Stockton [newspaper articles and photographs about baseball and football in the Japanese-American community]**

**1.2: Japanese in Stockton, 1920-1940, c. 2000 [photographs of various individuals and businesses]**

**1.3: Japanese Relocation and World War II [photographs of buildings and individuals]**

**1.4: Grace Sumida Album - "Evacuation No. 1" [photo album of Rohwer Relocation Center, including pictures of Grace Sumida, Katsuo Kenneth Nagai, Todd Isao Endo, John Fujita, the Rohwer Orchestra, Akira Umemoto, and the Rohwer War Memorial]**

**1.5: Grace Sumida Album - "Evacuation No. 2" [photo album of Rohwer Relocation Center, including pictures of Grace Sumida, Katsuo Kenneth Nagai, Leona Nakamoto, Kuni Nishimoto, Lincoln Shimidzu, James Nakamura, Kayo Takechi, Hide Ijuin, Lillian Uyeda, Aster Iguchi, Sumi Iguchi, Frank Inamasu, Mrs. Caiyo Abe]**