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
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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

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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 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]