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**Project Abstract**

This project is a compilation of oral histories conducted by Alan R. Shoho, Associate Professor at University of Texas, San Antonio, for his dissertation, *Americanization through Public Education of Japanese Americans in Hawaii: 1930-1941*. The purpose of this research was to investigate the Americanization process of Japanese Americans in Hawaii as it was conducted by the public schools between 1930 and 1941.

For a majority of Japanese migrants, Hawaii was their first destination. Before long, Japanese migrants made one of three choices: they either settled permanently in Hawaii, moved eastward to the mainland United States, or returned home to Japan. Of these groups of Japanese migrants, these oral histories focused on the educational history of Japanese immigrants who remained in Hawaii. For the children of Japanese immigrants, American values were often in conflict with what was taught at home. The position that Japanese American students were placed in was synonymous to a tug-of-war with the adopted country (United States) and its norms on one side and the family's ancestral country (Japan) and its norms on the other.

These oral histories examine the educational experience as described by Japanese Americans who were living in Hawaii during the prescribed time period, as well as their peripheral educational experiences maintained for Japanese immigrants' children (in particular, the Japanese language school, newspaper, and radio) and how they impacted – either facilitating or hindering – the Americanization process.

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**O.H. # 3367**

**Narrator:** Takeo Okajima  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 18, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (11 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Okajima. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Okajima recalls his school days, his teachers, and discriminations against other nationalities. He also recalls the discrimination he faced while working at a local bank and his decision not to attend college because of his family's lack of funds. He talks about the importance of the Japanese school for his parents versus English school. He stressed the fact that because of his knowledge of Japanese he was better able to serve his country.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3368**

**Narrator:** Cary Oka

**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 31, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (17 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Cary Oka. This interview was conducted by Alan Shoho as part of a doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Oka recalls his youth in Hawaii before WWII, his schooling, discriminations experienced by his friends, and his parent's role in his education. He recalls haole (White) students at his school, and how the haole students became class officers, prom kings, etc. while the Japanese students never participated in those activities. He, however, felt grateful that he attended Roosevelt High School (English Standard School).

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3369**

**Narrator:** Laura Sakamoto  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 15, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (10 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mrs. Sakamoto. This interview was conducted by Alan Shoho as part of a doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans living in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mrs. Sakamoto recalls her childhood in Hawaii. She mentions her friends were mostly Japanese since she lived in a

Japanese neighborhood. Her mother was the dominant figure in her upbringing stressing culture versus education. She also felt it was more important for her sons to become educated. She enjoyed going to Japanese school and tried harder in her studies versus her classes in her English school. She did, however, feel she was very American.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3370**

**Narrator:** Chizo Kitami and Itoshi Kishi

**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho

**Date:** August 13, 1989

**Language:** English

**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii

**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii

**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (15 pp.)

**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Chizo Kitami and Itoshi Kishi. This interview was conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Both Mr. Kitami and Mrs. Kishi recalled that the White population dominated the economy in that era. Mr. Kitami recalled the depression years and his brother working for the CCC. His family often sent money to Japan only to find it disappear for one reason or other. Education was not stressed in either of their families. They did not associate with any White children since they attended different schools. Mrs. Kishi recalled that her mother was the dominant figure in her family. They both recalled enjoying their school lunches since it was the first time they were exposed to American food. They also recalled how they were disciplined in school.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. #3371**

**Narrator:** Ted Tsukiyama  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 14, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (12 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Ted Tsukiyama. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese American in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Tsukiyama recalled that the haole (White) dominance in Hawaii was a situation that was accepted by the Japanese. His father was a graduate of Keio University and literate in English. He attended an English Standard School. He did not like Japanese school because it meant he had double the homework. Also, he felt the teachers were from the old school and tended to be strict disciplinarians. He recalled his law school experiences and felt fortunate in that his parents gave him the opportunity to go on to higher education.

**Keywords:****O.H. # 3372**

**Narrator:** Denich Kimura  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** July 27, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (12 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Kimura. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose

of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Watanabe recalled his childhood in the plantation town of Waipahu going barefoot to school. He lived in a predominantly Japanese neighborhood. There was no socialization with the haoles (White) as they considered themselves socially beneath them. He felt that growing up in a plantation town they tended to be reticent than individualistic which made him uncomfortable. He also felt that he became more Americanized during his high school years rather than while attending the lower grades.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3373**

**Narrator:** Lure Ichimura

**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho

**Date:** August 17, 1989

**Language:** English

**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii

**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii

**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (12 pp.)

**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Ichimura. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment for his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans prior to WWII. He recalls his childhood growing up in downtown Honolulu and the acceptance of the segregation imposed by the haoles (White) in schools and businesses. The difficulty in getting jobs which was the reason he chose education as his career. He felt at least in education he would not face the discrimination which was prevalent in the business community. He remembers Miles Carey, principal of McKinley High School, with admiration. He felt the class in "shu shin" (ethics, morality, honesty) in Japanese school helped in his Americanization.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3374**

**Narrator:** Katsu Ishii  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** April 26, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (13 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Ishii. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment for his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Toyama recalls his childhood days on the farm. His father died when he was 10 months old. He recalls the hardship his mother and siblings faced and the resentment he harbored against the haoles (White). He felt the haoles were rich and had everything. As he matured those resentments faded. When he joined the Army it was the first time he socialized with Blacks and other White mainlanders. It broadened his outlook on life and consequently made the Army his career.

**Keywords:****O.H. # 3375**

**Narrator:** Don Toyama  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** April 28, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (9 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Don Toyama. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Toyama recalls his inability to find a job in Honolulu during the Depression right after graduating high school. He went to California thinking the situation would be better but the only job he could get was picking grapes. After 2-1/2 months he returned to Hawaii where he did everything and anything to make a living. He took an exam for the post office and finally got a job as a mail carrier in 1943. He worked for the US Postal Service for 29 years ending as a branch manager. At one time he was the president of the mail carriers and was encouraged to enter the political arena. He declined because of lack of funds.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3401**

**Narrator:** James Kawaguchi  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** June 9, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (13 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Robert Amano. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Amano recalls his childhood in Moilili growing up among the different nationalities. Their favorite pastime was baseball. They had teams made up of different ethnic groups. This ended with the start of WWII. He also recalled the Americanization process of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He feels that democracy is something you can not give to others. He also feels the Japanese school was a great character builder.

**Keywords:**



**O.H. # 3402**

**Narrator:** Louis Mikasa  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 25, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (10 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Louis Mikasa. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Mikasa was nicknamed by his first grade teacher because she couldn't pronounce his Japanese name which was Shuzo. He lived in Kakaako which was a fishing village. His father was a fisherman who had a stroke when he was a sophomore in high school. He continued with his education although his family had difficulties. He was on the debate team which necessitated doing a lot of research in the library. He is a firm believer in the public school system and does not feel the private schools offer a better education.

**Keywords:****O.H. # 3403**

**Narrator:** Onishi Kenzo and Eiko Moriwaki  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 14, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii

**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (17 pp.)

**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Onishi Kenzo and Eiko Moriwaki. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Onishi Kenzo and Eiko Moriwaki recall the Depression years as a difficult time. Onishi Kenzo's father worked for the plantation and Eiko Moriwaki's father worked for Hilo Hospital. Eiko Moriwaki felt Hawaii was truly a paradise. Growing up on the Big Island the only haoles (White) they were exposed to were the plantation managers or people in supervisory positions. They both felt the haoles were smarter and socially above them. They enjoyed school because it took them away from their responsibilities at home. Education was stressed in both their families as a way to improve their status and their standard of living.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3404**

**Narrator:** Cliff Kaito

**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho

**Date:** August 23, 1989

**Language:** English

**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii

**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii

**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (17 pp.)

**Other:** Business card

**Abstract:** An oral history with Cliff Kaito. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Kaito is a Sansei (third generation Japanese). His father was born on Maui and graduated from McKinley High School in 1914. His mother came to Hawaii when she was 8 years old and attended Kamehameha

School. Kamehameha School is a school for children of Hawaiian descent but she was allowed to attend that school since her father worked for the principal. She became a school teacher. He recalls wanting to be an Air Force pilot but at that time the US Navy did not allow Niseis to become pilots. He served in the Military Intelligence Service during WWII. After the war he continued his education at the University of Hawaii in preparation for law school. He later became an US attorney and Deputy US Attorney General.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3405**

**Narrator:** Howard Suemori  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 30, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (13 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Howard Suemori. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Suemori remembers President Roosevelt as the person who initiated social security. He recalls at that time haoles (White) were dominant in all facets of life in Hawaii. He felt inferior to them. He felt that in order to improve his life he had to do it outside of the plantation system. He felt positive about living in a heterogeneous community. He became a civil engineer by accident which he considers fortuitous. He feels the Japanese school taught him discipline and morals.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3406**

**Narrator:** Frederick Naito  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 19, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (18 pp.)  
**Other:**

Topic: An oral history with Mr. Frederick Naito. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Naito remembers how hard life was for the coffee farmers in Kona where he grew up. His father was a coffee farmer as well as a shop owner. His aspiration was to become a lawyer to help the less fortunate. Because of financial difficulties he could not achieve that goal. However, he did help his younger brother attain what he could not—to become a lawyer. He felt the education at Kona Waina was not adequate but could make no comparisons since it was the only high school there.

**Keywords:****O.H. # 3407**

**Narrator:** Mr. Tsuyoshi Sasaki  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 21, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (12 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Tsuyoshi Sasaki. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Sasaki recalls the difference statehood made in the attitudes toward the Japanese Americans. He recalls using the American Observer as a way of educating the students about the national politics. His high school was a new school. The lack of equipment and the lack of core courses hindered him from being properly prepared for college. However, he feels appreciation for his teachers for what they did.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3408**

**Narrator:** Yuki Nadatani

**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho

**Date:** August 9, 1989

**Language:** English

**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii

**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii

**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (5 pp.)

**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mrs. Nadatani. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mrs. Nadatani recalls the Depression years not with deprivation because she was an only child. However, most of her friends, coming from large families, went through tremendous hardships. She recalls that some of her teachers were bad and some that were exceptionally good. She felt attending Japanese school hindered her activities in her English school.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. #3409**

**Narrator:** Carol Ejima  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 10, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (9 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Ms. Ejima. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:****O.H. # 3410**

**Narrator:** Yoshio Uchida  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 10, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (11 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Yoshio Uchida. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Uchida recalls the Depression years as very difficult. His father raised pineapples. There were 10 children in the family. During those years he remembers eating pineapples every day so that to this day he does not care for them. He recalls not having shoes and walking barefooted. His father went to the United States but since he did not like to study he worked as a laborer going as far as Montana. He talked about the United States in glowing terms much more so than Japan. His father told him that Hawaii was not the place to be because of the dominance of the haoles (White).

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3411**

**Narrator:** Matthew and Mary Nakagawa  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** April 26, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (11 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Matthew and Mary Nakagawa. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii. Mr. Nakagawa is a Sansei (third generation Japanese). He recalls how his father lamented his lack of education which kept him from getting better jobs. He also recalls that the haole (White) children were segregated from the other students (Japanese, Filipinos, Chinese) in grade school. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nakagawa credit the Japanese school for their moral conscience. Their Americanization process was a gradual process of which they were not aware.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3412**

**Narrator:** Harold Fujikawa  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** April 27, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Edited (13 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mr. Fujikawa. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3413**

**Narrator:** Warren Adachi  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** April 27, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (9 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mr. Warren Adachi. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Adachi recalls his childhood during the Depression years on the plantation on the Big Island. His mother ran a store in which he helped taking orders and delivering them. He went to Honolulu after finishing his 7<sup>th</sup> grade and later attended McKinley High School where he felt he received a good education. He became a teacher.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3414**

**Narrator:** Harold and Florence Tamaye  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** May 3, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii



**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio;  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Harold Tamaye and Mrs. Florence Tamaye. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3415**

**Narrator:** Mark Ida  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** 7/26/89  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (7 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Mark Ida. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Ida recalls living in Hawaii in the 1930's to be slower and not the hustle and bustle of today. His father was a Christian missionary who stressed education. He accepted his Americanization as part of his education and did not question it. He also felt it was important to have religious belief and guidance.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3416**

**Narrator:** Leigh Murayama

**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 8, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (11 pp.)

**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Murayama. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3417**

**Narrator:** Brian Mizuno  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 16, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (12 pp.)

**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Mizuno. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3418**

**Narrator:** Larry Ikeda  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 16, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (15 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Larry Ikeda. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Ikeda recalls working at Kodak Hawaii during the Depression years and the cut in pay that was imposed. Even with the cut in pay he felt he was well off. He went to Los Angeles in 1933 and was surprised to see the haoles (White) standing in soup lines. The haoles in Hawaii at that time were considered the upper crust. He recalls feeling isolated because no one would speak to him. He also feels badly for the Hawaiian people—how they were taken advantage of. He feels there is no easy solution to their problems. He thinks of himself as a Hawaiian before being an American.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3419**

**Narrator:** Keiko Kuramoto and Peter Higashi  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 17, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (11 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Peter Higashi and Mrs. Keiko Kuramoto. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at

Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3420**

**Narrator:** Minoru Terazawa  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 10, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (8 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mr. Terazawa. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3421**

**Narrator:** Jean Arai  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 10, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (12 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mrs. Jean Arai. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization

of the Japanese Americans prior to WWII. During the Depression her parents worked in a hotel in Waimea, Hawaii. She recalls they were provided a cottage with electricity whereas some of her friends used kerosene lamps and stoves. Her father was the chef at the hotel so they ate American food. She recalls exchanging her American lunches for Japanese food which was a treat. In 1935 her family moved back to Okinawa for a year. Her father at one time thought of moving to Manchuria but with her urging they returned to Hawaii. They lived in Honolulu. She attended McKinley High School where she met a few teachers who were enervative.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3422**

**Narrator:** Woodrow Tomita  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 11, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
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**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Woodrow Tomita. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Tomita recalls his Depression years as comfortable because his father worked at two jobs (cannery during the day and taxi driver at night) and his mother was a midwife. At one time he thought President Roosevelt was next to God but later he had negative feelings regarding his role in WWII. His parents portrayed Japan as a very disciplined country where the crime rate was very low. His parents always told him his country was America and that he must not do anything that would be shameful to the Japanese. He recalls being denied entrance to the universities in Michigan being told "I'm sorry for the time being we cannot accept Americans of Japanese ancestry in medical school." Consequently he went to the University of Kansas.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3423**

**Narrator:** Linda Suehiro  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 11, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (10 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mrs?. Suehiro. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:****O.H. # 3424**

**Narrator:** Janice Sugita  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 11, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (13 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mrs?. Sugita. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3425**

**Narrator:** Abe Sachi  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 11, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (11 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Abe Sachi. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans prior to WWII. Mrs. Sachi recalls eating mangoes as part of their meal during the Depression. She disliked the haoles (White) because of their dominance in everything. She wanted to go to college but because of an incident involving a haole teacher in high school she did not. She regrets not continuing on to college. She recalls an incident where the teacher told her she could not pronounce her name so she should go home and return with an American name. She did and used her English name until her graduation when she dropped her American name because she wanted her legal name on the diploma.

**Keywords:****O.H. # 3426**

**Narrator:** Mitsuo Fujinaka  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 12, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (8 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Fujinaka. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3427**

**Narrator:** Musami Teramoto  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 12, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (10 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mrs. Teramoto. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3428**

**Narrator:** Natori Shigeno  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 12, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (10 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mr. Shigeno. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.



**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3429**

**Narrator:** Gail Yasuda  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 14, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (10 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mrs. Gail Yasuda. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans prior to WWII. Mrs. Yasuda recalls the Depression years as a time of hardship and deprivation. She started working in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade babysitting. Her parents wanted her to follow the Japanese tradition of obedience to her parents in all matters. She recalled even at that time she wanted to be called an American of Japanese ancestry and not just labeled as Japanese. She recalls that some of her teachers went out of their way to help her.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3430**

**Narrator:** Beatrice Funai and Shirley Fukuga  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 14, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (11 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mr. Beatrice Funai and Mrs. Shirley Fukuga. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3431**

**Narrator:** Hazel Kutaka  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 15, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (10 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Hazel Kutaka. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Ms. Kutaka recalls her school years on Maui and Honolulu. She couldn't participate in any activities at school because she had to work after school and on weekends. She remembers some of her teachers with fondness—especially a teacher in her freshman year who introduced her to poetry. She also recalls her introduction to American foods and learning to bake.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3432**

**Narrator:** Yukiko Masaki  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 15, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (8 pp.)

**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mrs. Masaki. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3433**

**Narrator:** Clara Ito and Takehi Iwamoto  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 19, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (9 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mr. Takahi Iwamoto and Mrs. Clara Ito. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3434**

**Narrator:** Thelma Ezuka  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 13, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (9 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mrs. Thelma. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3435**

**Narrator:** Carl Murata  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 13, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (12 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mrs. Murata. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3436**

**Narrator:** Rita Araki  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 14, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (14 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mrs. Araki. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3437**

**Narrator:** Masato Sugiki  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** April 26, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (9 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mr. Sugiki. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3438.1**

**Narrator:** Arthur Sakatoni and Naomi Sakahari  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** April 26, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (14 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Arthur and Naomi Sakatoni. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State

University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii. Arthur and Naomi Sakatoni remembered their Depression years as a time of hardship. They both have negative feelings toward President Roosevelt because of the internment of the Japanese during WWII. They were attending high school during the war years and recall the restrictions placed on them—half day of school and work the other half. Their high school was being used as a hospital so their classrooms were the barracks that were temporarily erected. They had very little exposure to the haoles (Whites) during their school years. Arthur attended college on the GI Bill of Rights. He went on to graduate school.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3438.2**

**Narrator:** Arthur Sakatoni and Naomi Sakahari

**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho

**Date:** May 1, 1989

**Language:** English

**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii

**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii

**Format(s):** Audio;

**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mr. Arthur Sakatoni and Naomi Sakahari. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3439**

**Narrator:** Nellie Kane

**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho

**Date:** May 1, 1989

**Language:** English

**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii

**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii

**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (3 pp.)

**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Ms. Nellie Kane. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Ms. Kane recalls the Depression years working at a hotel and sending her pay checks as well as tips to her parents. She was close to her mother. Although she was not close to her father she felt he was a good provider. She regrets not going to high school although her siblings all did. Being the oldest in the family she spent most of her time working and helping her family.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3440**

**Narrator:** Franklin Yamauchi  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 17, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (10 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Franklin Yamauchi. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Yamauchi recalls his father working every other day as a taxi driver during the Depression. Since no one rode taxis he had to work for the WPA (federal project). He recalls in the 1930's when you participated in anything you put your heart and soul into it but today everything is "me." In that era the haoles (White) were dominant. Even the haole teachers were looked upon with awe. He became a Democrat and stayed a Democrat all his life because the Republicans were 99.9% haoles.

**Keywords:****O.H. # 3441**

**Narrator:** Masae Nadamoto  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 17, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (8 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Masae Nadamoto. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Mr. Nadamoto recalls that his parents wanted to return to Japan. He refused. He felt he benefited living in a heterogeneous community. He compares the education he received and the education of his grandchildren and feels the education of the children of today is further advanced than the education he got.

**Keywords:****O.H. # 3442**

**Narrator:** Hiroshi Fujii  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 8, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (7 pp.)



**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Hiroshi Fujii. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans prior to WWII. Mr. Fujii recalls the living conditions were bad during the Depression years. His family had no electricity and his mother cooked outdoors. He felt his childhood was not enjoyable at that time. He quit school in 1936 and went to work as a laborer—the only type of job he was able to obtain because of his lack of education. He joined the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team in 1943 and while stationed in Mississippi he noticed the segregation. Mr. Fujii now attends the University of Hawaii.

**Keywords:****O.H. # 3443**

**Narrator:** Kiyoto Sugai

**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho

**Date:** August 9, 1989

**Language:** English

**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii

**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii

**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (11 pp.)

**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Dr. Kiyoto Sugai. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Dr. Sugai recalls the Depression era. He felt if you were willing to work there were jobs. He remembers that all the white collar jobs were held by haoles (White). For most of the Japanese in that era they were not encouraged to be individualistic. He regrets not being better prepared for college.

There were no counselors in those days. He feels if he had good counseling as to the courses needed to do well college it would have facilitated his college classes.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3444**

**Narrator:** Alfred Kurasawa and Joan Kasanoki  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 9, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (3 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Alfred Kurasawa and Joan Kasanoki. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII. Alfred Kurasawa and Joan Kasanoki recall how they felt inferior to the haoles (White) while growing up. Mr. Fusuma's perception of the haoles changed after he served in the Army. Living in a heterogenous neighborhood they both felt comfortable associating with the different ethnic groups.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3445**

**Narrator:** Dorene Sato  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** April 21, 1989  
**Language:** English

**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (8 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mrs? Dorene. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3446**

**Narrator:** Gladys Baumann  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** October 12, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio;  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mr? Gladys. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3447**

**Narrator:** Harry Hirota  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** October 23, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio;  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Hirota. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3448**

**Narrator:** Kazu Aoki  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 8, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (13 pp.)  
**Other:**

**Abstract:** An oral history with Mr. Kazu Aoki. This interview is conducted by Alan Shoho in partial fulfillment of his doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information on the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans prior to WWII. Mr. Aoki recalls that during the Depression a man working for the plantation could not make enough to live without his wife taking in laundry to help. At that time education was stressed as a means to improve their standard of living. Everything in Hawaii was controlled by the "Big Five" companies which meant the haoles (White) controlled the economy. He felt inferior to the haoles but at the same time he felt frustrated and angry. In the plantation outside visitors were screened so politicians other than the Republicans were not allowed to come.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3449**

**Narrator:** Daniel Arita  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 28, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (11 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mr. Arita. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:****O.H. # 3450**

**Narrator:** Katsumi Morita  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** July 18, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio;  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mr. Morita. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3451**

**Narrator:** Arthur Asato  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 23, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (13 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mr? Arthur Asato. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3452**

**Narrator:** Hatsumi Tengan  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** September 5, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (16 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mrs? Tengan. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3453**

**Narrator:** Darrel Kiyabu and Lillian Kohara  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** May 3, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (6 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mr. Darrel Kiyabu and Mrs. Lillian Kohara. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:****O.H. # 3454**

**Narrator:** Kenneth Kobe and Diane Kuda  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 25, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (12 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mr. Kenneth Kobe and Mrs. Diane Kuda. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:****O.H. # 3455**

**Narrator:** Violet Nagayama  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 23, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (11 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mrs. Nagayama. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**

**O.H. # 3456**

**Narrator:** Josh Mamiya  
**Interviewer:** Alan Shoho  
**Date:** August 30, 1989  
**Language:** English  
**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Project:** Americanization of Japanese American in Hawaii  
**Format(s):** Audio; Verbatim (12 pp.)  
**Other:**

Abstract: An oral history with Mr. Mamiya. The interview was conducted in partial fulfillment of Alan Shoho's doctoral dissertation at Arizona State University. The purpose of this interview is to gather information about the education and Americanization of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii prior to WWII.

**Keywords:**