

## JAPANESE-AMERICAN HISTORY COLLECTION

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SAVILLA, Agnes (ca. 1905— )

O. H. 1608

Interviewer: David A. Hacker

Tape length: 30 min.

Status: Edited, 18 pp.

Tape length: 30 min.

Mojave Indian tribal secretary born and raised on the reservation near Parker, Arizona recounts Indian reaction to Poston War Relocation Center; local community reaction to camp; internees' agricultural production; and her work as interpreter.

SCHINDLER, Charles Wesley (ca. 1910— )

O. H. 1356

Interviewer: Sherry Turner

Date: August 26, 1973

Status: Completed 1976, 7 pp., index, photo

Tape length: 10 min.

Reflections on Tule Lake War Relocation/Segregation Center located in northern California by a farmer living in the area.

SCHINDLER, William E. (ca. 1910— )

O.H. 1357

Interviewer: Sherry Turner

Date: August 27, 1973

Status: Completed 1976, 7 pp., index

Tape length: 10 min.

Tulelake, California farmer comments on the attitudes of the townspeople toward camp internees and existence of the Tule Lake War Relocation/ Segregation Center.

SCHREIBER, Abner (ca. 1910— )

O. H. 1613

Interviewer: Paul F. Clark

Date: March 19, 1979

Status: Completed 1980, 22 pp., index  
Tape length: 1 hr. 10 min.

Lawyer and Immigration and Naturalization Service officer recounts his experiences as second in command of INS camp at Santa Fe, New Mexico, and other aspects of Justice Department internment program.

SHIGEKAWA, Kiyoshi (1912— )  
O.H. 603a  
Interviewer: Harris Done  
Date: March 17, 1971  
Status: Transcribed/closed, 51 pp.  
Tape length: 1 hr. 30 min.

An Anaheim, California Nisei from pioneering Orange County family discusses pre—World War II life, including Terminal Island fishing; evacuation to Poston War Relocation Center in Arizona; subsequent involvement in American Civil Liberties Union lawsuit; and resettlement in Orange County.

SHIGEKAWA, Kiyoshi (1912— )  
O. H. 603b  
Interviewer: Dale Wilcox  
Date: May 16, 1972  
Status: Transcribed/closed, 17 pp.  
Tape length: 35 min.

Elaboration of topics covered in O. H. 603a and amplification on experiences as evacuee police chief at Poston War Relocation Center, Arizona.

SILIMIZU, Mitsuhiro H. (1889— )  
O. H. 1614  
Interviewer: Mariko Yamashita and Paul F. Clark  
Date: November 30, 1978  
Status: Completed 1980, 25 pp., index (English)  
Tape length: 1 hr. 20 min. (Japanese)

Issei community leader and businessman in Los Angeles's Little Tokyo recounts his arrest by Federal Bureau of Investigation after Pearl Harbor, his experiences in alien internment centers in North Dakota and Louisiana, and the Manzanar War Relocation Center, California. Transcribed in both Japanese and English.

STANNARD, Amy (1894—1979)

O.H. 1615

Interviewer: Paul F. Clark  
Date: November 30, 1978  
Status: Completed 1980, 25 pp., index  
Tape length: 2 hrs.

Department of Justice psychiatrist describes her wartime experiences as officer—in—charge of the Immigration and Naturalization Service camp at Seagoville, Texas. Comments on camp personnel as well as reaction of internees.

TAKAHASHI, Hana (1893— )

O. H. 1515

Interviewer: Taeko Okimoto  
Date: July 15, 1976  
Status: Final typed, 13 pp.  
Tape length: 30 min.

Issei farm woman recounts her experiences in Santa Anita Assembly Center; Whittier, and La Habra, California; membership in Friends Church; flower—vegetable grower in Whittier; prewar discrimination against Nisei; and evacuation to a relocation center in Arkansas.

TAKAHASHI, Seytsu (1905— )

O. H. 1616

Interviewer: Mariko Yamashita and Paul F. Clark  
Date: December 16, 1978  
Status: Completed 1980, 19 pp., index (English)  
Tape length: 2 hrs. (Japanese)

Issei Buddhist bishop and superintendent of Kayasan Temple in Little Tokyo since 1931 recounts his wartime experiences and internment at Fort Missoula, Montana; Livungstone, Louisiana; and Crystal City, Texas. Transcribed in both Japanese and English.

TAKEDA, Aiko (1924— )

O. H. 1516

Interviewer: Joseph Manly  
Date: September 23, 1976

Status: Edited, 23 pp.  
Tape length: 45 min.

Nisei from Watsonville, California describes family's reaction to Pearl Harbor, wartime experiences at Salinas assembly area and Poston War Relocation Center, Arizona; camp policies and resettlement in Colorado.

TAKETA, Roy Y. (1931— )

O. H. 1330

Interviewer: Mary M. McCarthy  
Date: July 13, 1973  
Status: Completed 1976, 26 pp., index  
Tape length: 50 min.

Nisei assistant principal of an Anaheim, California high school recalls prewar experiences as son of a Japanese language schoolteacher in Los Angeles, family's voluntary relocation during World War II to Colorado and eventual return to California. Also discusses reaction to internment policy, wartime experience of wife's discrimination in Orange County, California.

TANAKA, Togo (1916— )

O. H. 1271a

Interviewer: Betty E. Mitson and David A. Hacker  
Date: May 19, 1973  
Status: Completed, 45 pp.  
Tape length: 2 hrs. 15 min.

Nisei graduate of University of California, Los Angeles and English language editor of Rafu Shimpo, vernacular newspaper of Los Angeles's Little Tokyo, discusses prewar history of family, evacuation to Manzanar War Relocation Center, California; Manzanar Riot and aftermath; and protective custody at abandoned Civilian Conservation Corps camp, Death Valley, California.

TANAKA, Togo (1916— )

O. H. 1271b

Interviewer: Arthur A. Hansen  
Date: August 30, 1973  
Status: Completed 1977, 31 pp., index, photos  
Tape length: 1 hr. 45 min.

In—depth analysis of discontent erupting into Manzanar Riot of December 6, 1942 at Manzanar War Relocation Center, California. Discussion of camp factions and personalities in relation to his role as a camp documentary historian.

TANIWAKI, Oski (ca. 1907— )

O. H. 1517

Interviewer: Joseph Manly  
Date: August 15, 1976  
Status: Edited, 12 pp.  
Tape length: 60 min.

Issei gives biographical information and recounts participation in Shin Sekai bilingual newspaper in San Francisco, California. Discusses Merced Assembly Center, California; Granada Relocation Center, Colorado; loyalty oath of 1943; and racism in Amache, Colorado.

TASHIMA, Masako Yagi (1896— )

O. H. 1359

Interviewer: Patricia Tashima  
Date: June 1, 1974  
Status: Completed 1976, 13 pp., index  
Tape length: 25 min.

Kibei born in San Francisco, California discusses parents' hotel business, childhood days spent in Japan, move and experiences in Los Angeles, marriage to an Issei and attendant citizenship problems, prewar family in Orange County, California, and evacuation to Poston War Relocation Center, Arizona.

TASHIMA, Masayuki (1921— )

O. H. 1361

Interviewer: Patricia Tashima  
Date: July 15, 1974  
Status: Completed 1976, 24 pp., index  
Tape length: 1 hr. 15 min.

Nisei discusses military experiences in postwar Italy, involvement in Japanese American Citizens League, and current social conditions for Japanese Americans.

TASHIMA, Yoshie Mary (1925— )  
O. H. 1360  
Interviewer: Patricia Tashima  
Date: February 20, 1974  
Status: Completed 1976, 16 pp., index  
Tape length: 35 min.

Los Angeles Nisei recalls prewar Los Angeles, evacuation to Santa Anita Assembly Center in California and Grand War Relocation Center in Colorado, postwar Los Angeles, impact of evacuation experience on family life, and contemporary outlook.

TASHIMA, Yoshiyuki (1924— )  
O. H. 1362  
Interviewer: Patricia Tashima  
Date: February 15, 1974  
Status: Completed 1976, 10 pp., index  
Tape length: 15 min.

Nisei supermarket produce manager from pioneer Orange County, California family discusses prewar Wuntersburg and Garden Grove in that county; father's World War II detention as enemy alien; relocation to Poston War Relocation Center, Arizona; and subsequent Army experiences.

THALER, Victoria (ca. 1900— )  
O. H. 1358  
Interviewer: Sherry Turner  
Date: August 27, 1973  
Status: Completed 1976, 15 pp., index  
Tape length: 25 min.

Judge residing in Tulelake, California recalls her life in nearby Tule Lake War Relocation/Segregation Center as wife of a camp employee and reactions of Tulelake townspeople upon her decision to reside in town after the camp's closure.

TSUBOI, Hiron (1919— ) and  
Tsuboi, Jane (n.d.) and Senzaki, Miyo (n.d.)  
O. H. 1269  
Interviewer: Ruth Wilkerson  
Date: February 16, 1972  
Status: Transcribed, 61 pp.  
Tape length: 2 hrs.

Japanese American farming family candidly discuss life in the Pomona, California area before the war, Pearl Harbor, evacuation, camp experiences, and return to California. Material useful but tape somewhat inaudible due to number of interviewees.

UENO, Harry Y. (1907— )

O. H. 1518

Interviewer: Sue Kunitomi Embrey and Arthur A. Hansen

Date: October 30, 1976

Status: Final typed, 65 pp., photos

Tape length: 2 hrs. 30 min.

Kibei discusses the psychological impact of being educated in Japan in isolation from parents; internment at Manzanar War Relocation Center, California; experiences as leader of Mess Hall Workers Union; role as the principal figure in the Manzanar Riot; incarceration experiences at Moab, Utah; Leupp, Arizona; and Tule Lake Segregation Center, California.

UNO, Roy (1923— )

O. H. 1070

Interviewer: John McFarlane

Date: April 25, 1971

Status: Completed 1976, 25 pp., index

Tape length: 1 hr. 30 min.

Nisei advertising man serving on Human Relations Council in Santa Ana, California reflects on issues involved in World War II evacuation; experiences at Santa Anita Assembly Center in California and Rohwer War Relocation Center in Arkansas; wartime resettlement to Chicago; and duty within Allied Translator Interpreter Service in the Philippines during World War II.

UYESUGI, Mas (1925— )

O. H. 1071

Interviewer: John McFarlane

Date: April 16, 1971

Status: Completed 1977, 34 pp., index, photos

Tape length: 1 hr. 50 min.

First Japanese—American jeweler in Orange County, California reflects on life in Granada War Relocation Center, Colorado; wartime attendance at the University of Colorado at Greeley; service as interpreter for war crimes trials in the Philippines; and postwar need for community involvement.

WATANABE, Ikuko Amatatsu (1923— )

O. H. 1363

Interviewer: Arthur A. Hansen

Date: July 24, 1974

Status: Completed 1977, 75 pp., index, photos

Tape length: 3 hrs.

Nisei district manager of an educational corporation discusses samurai ancestry; childhood on Baunbridge Island, Washington, and makeup of Baunbridge Japanese community; internment at Manzanar War Relocation Center, California, including circumstances as to why Bainbridge Islanders were transferred to Munidoka War Relocation Center in Idaho; wartime resettlement to Chicago; and postwar years in California, with particular attention to discriminatory housing policies.

WEST, Robert (ca. 1900— )

O. H. 1611

Interviewer: Arthur A. Hansen

Date: April 8, 1978

Status: Not transcribed

Tape length: 53 min.

Longtime Parker, Arizona resident comments on that community during the war, impact of Poston War Relocation Center on Parker, reaction of local residents to Poston, development of agriculture in the area, local Native American groups, and justification for the camps.

YAMADA, Takeo (1919— )

O. H. 1279

Interviewer: Patricia Morgan

Date: March 26, 1973

Status: Completed 1976, 30 pp., index

Tape length: 1 hr. 30 min.

Nisei Orange County produce clerk comments on prewar agriculture and marketing in southern California; pre-evacuation period in Irvine, California; life at Poston War Relocation Center in Arizona; and controversy about military classification. Includes comments on parents' earlier immigration via Mexico, Buddhism, postwar response by dominant culture, Japanese language schools, generational differences, comparison of contemporary Japan and America, and effects of evacuation.

YAMAKI, Emi (1920— )

O. H. 1335

Interviewer: Sherry Turner  
Date: August 17, 1973  
Status: Completed 1976, 31 pp., index  
Tape length: 2 hrs.

Nisei recounts World War II experiences of her family voluntarily relocating to Utah, and current service on a state of California committee to develop curriculum to teach Asian American history in public schools.

YAMAMOTO, Harry K. (1924— )

O.H. 1072

Interviewer: John McFarlane  
Date: April 21, 1971  
Status: Completed 1974, 18 pp., index, photo  
Tape length: 1 hr. 10 min.

Sansei Santa Ana, California city councilman describes Heart Mountain War Relocation Center, Wyoming; resettlement to Utah and Chicago; conscription into Army military intelligence; return to a black community in California; and eventual move to Orange County, California.

YAMAMOTO, Tom I. (1902— )

O.H. 1522

Interviewer: Paul F. Clark  
Date: September 9, 1976  
Status: Completed 1980, 26 pp., index  
Tape length: 3 hrs.

Issei store owner on Terminal Island describes his experiences during the war: eviction; arrest by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; detention in Santa Fe, New Mexico; internment at Manzanar War Relocation Center, California; and postwar reestablishment of business in Little Tokyo area of Los Angeles.

YAMASHITA, Kenko (1913— )

O. H. 1617

Interviewer: Paul F. Clark and Mariko Yamashita  
Date: August 10, 1978  
Status: Completed 1980, 24 pp., index (English)  
Tape length: 2 hrs. (Japanese)

Issei Buddhist minister in Los Angeles since 1938 describes his arrest by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in March 1942; his experiences at Tujunga, California; Santa Fe, New Mexico; Lordsburg, New Mexico; and reunion with his family at Crystal City, Texas. Recounts postwar return to Japan for ten years and ultimate return to Los Angeles.

YAMASHITA, Shonun (1907— )

O. H. 1519

Interviewer: Ronald C. Larson and Reed W. Holderman

Date: March 19, 1976

Status: Transcribed, 40 pp.

Tape length: 2 hrs. 15 min.

Former Issei member of Japanese section of American Communist Party, discusses two and one-half year involvement with the party in the 1930s; evacuation to Poston War Relocation Center in Arizona; problems of camp life; postwar resettlement in San Diego; feelings regarding the evacuation; and involvement since 1973 in Lillian Baker's "Americans for Historical Accuracy" group.

YASUMATSU, Tim (1935— )

O. H. 1520

Interviewer: Douglas P. Augustine

Date: August 12, 1976

Status: Edited, 51 pp.

Tape length: 3 hrs.

A Los Angeles born, Orange County Kibei businessman discusses being sent to study in Japan in 1939; wartime experiences in family run orphanage near Osaka, Japan; repatriation in 1947 to his family in San Francisco; education and experiences as a houseboy; his 1955 enlistment in the United States Army; thoughts on being Kibei; racial discrimination; and the organization and structure of Orange County Gardeners Association.

YONEDA, Elaine Black (1906— )

O. H. 1377a

Interviewer: Betty E. Mitson

Date: March 2, 1974

Status: Edited, 78 pp.

Tape length: 2 hrs.

Born in New York City to Russian immigrant parents, interviewee discusses her role as West Coast vice-president of the International Labor Defense, in which capacity she met and married

labor activist Karl G. Yoneda, and the preparation of her own defense in a precedent settling “red baiting” case in 1930s.

YONEDA, Elaine Black (1906— )

O. H. 1377b

Interviewer: Arthur A. Hansen  
Date: March 3, 1974  
Status: Edited, 174 pp.  
Tape length: 7 hrs.

Former internee, by choice, of Manzanar War Relocation Center in California recalls impact of Pearl Harbor on San ~ s Japanese—American community; response of Japanese—American left to evacuation; husband’s illegal arrest by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; his voluntary evacuation; conditions in camp; her work in camp library and camouflage net factory; camp factions and personalities; Manzanar Riot; removal of self and son to Death Valley with pro—American group.

YONEDA, Karl G. (1906— )

O. H. 1376a

Interviewer: Betty E. Mitson  
Date: March 2, 1974  
Status: Edited, 57 pp.  
Tape length: 2 hrs. 30 min.

Born in Glendale, California but raised in Hiroshima prefecture, Japan, Kibei activist describes how he fled to his native land when drafted into the Japanese army in 1926; entrance into the labor movement in the United States; experiences as the first person of Asian ancestry to run for the California Assembly on the Communist ticket; and meeting his future wife when she, as a union officer, bailed him out of jail after Hunger March of 1931.

YONEDA, Karl G. (1906— )

O. H. 1376b

Interviewer: Ronald C. Larson and Arthur A. Hansen  
Date: March 3, 1974  
Status: Edited, 68 pp.  
Tape length: 2 hrs. 30 min.

Editor of Rodo Shimbun [Labor News] and San Francisco agent for Doho [Brother], describes prewar Japanese—American leftist organizations, leadership, strategies, and personal involvement as labor activist; his unconstitutional arrest and imprisonment following Pearl

Harbor; his voluntary evacuation to Manzanar War Relocation Center in California; and the conditions and controversies culminating at Manzanar in the “Manzanar Riot.”

YOSHIDA, Yoshiki (1916— )

O. H. 1754

Interviewer: Alice Maxwell and Yukiko Sato

Date: November 9, 1983

Status: Not transcribed

Tape length: 1 hr. 30 min.

Prewar Nisei president of the Orange County chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League and member of a pioneer county family discusses pre—World War II Orange County life in the Japanese community of Irvine, California; impact of 1913 Alien Land Law; World War II experience at Poston War Relocation Center, Arizona; and postwar attitudes relative to the redress movement for Japanese Americans.

YOSHITOMI, Kunichi Kimbo (1916— )

O. H. 1645

Interviewer: Marilyn Jones

Date: October 10, 17, 31 and November 22, 1978

Status: Not transcribed

Tape length: 4 hrs. 30 min.

Nisei resident of Anaheim, California, born in Oakland, California discusses personal experiences growing up being what he believed was a “typical American boy”; his picture bride mother from Osaka, Japan; his many jobs and many moves including the evacuation from Tanforan Assembly Center in San Francisco to Topaz War Relocation Center, Utah; experiences as camp activities director; as basketball commissioner and association with the Mikado basketball team; his thirty—one years teaching golf including teaching the handicapped; and as a social worker. Comments on Japanese culture, philosophy of living, family discipline, discrimination, interracial marriages, and religious activities including relations with the Mormons in Utah.

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#### OTHER JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERVIEWS

Yamada, Takeo (1919- )

O.H. 1279

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