Many genealogists and scholars researching individuals removed from the West Coast under Executive Order 9066 are familiar with the records of the War Relocation Authority (WRA), the Federal agency charged with relocating and housing those individuals. Outside of these often researched materials are records created by a number of other agencies, including the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), the U.S. military and the Federal courts – where many Japanese and Japanese Americans confronted the Federal Government over issues extending from the relocation.

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Presenter’s Biography

Gwen Granados is the Director of the National Archives at Riverside. She has expertise in records from the National Park Service; Bureau of Indian Affairs; National Aeronautics Space Administration and its predecessor, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics; as well as Arizona and southern California. She also is well-versed in Western, Native American, and Asian-American history.

Gwen was born and raised in the great state of Idaho, and she found her calling in archives while a student employee at the Nez Perce National Historical Park. She has also worked in the National Historical Park archives and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. In addition, she has spent time working in Special Collections at Northern Arizona University and joined the Pacific Region team of the National Archives in 2004.

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Beyond the WRA

Records Relating to Japanese and Japanese Americans During WWII
Background

Gwen E. Granados, Archivist
National Archives in Laguna Niguel
Now Riverside
Researching Japanese names in court indexes
Types of Records

Enemy Aliens

Property Records

Court Records

*Draft Resistance

*Repatriation

*Loss of Citizenship
Enemy Alien Case Files

Record Group (RG) 85, Immigration and Naturalization Service

Arranged by case number

Individuals living in Southern California

Background information

FBI Investigation reports

Information about relocation

Personal correspondence
Rikita Honda

Born: Japan in 1893

Occupation: Physician

Officer of Japanese Naval Reserve

President, Japanese Medical Society

Served in Japanese Army in 1918

Apprehended December 7, 1941

Committed suicide December 14, 1941
Enemy Alien Case Files

Masuo Hiratsuka

Arrived in San Francisco December 13, 1940

Born: Fukuokeken, Japan

Brother Yoshio Hiratsuka lives in Tokyo

In U.S. since 1913

Returning to Keiko Hiratsuka in Santa Maria
Enemy Alien Case Files

Shimae Kazahaya

Apprehended: December 7, 1941
Maiden name: Shimae Yamamoto
Born: March 1, 1900
Husband: Hotori Kazahaya, born 1891 in Okayama-ken
Children: Susumu Kazahaya, 22; Takeshi Kazahaya, 21
Brother: Kiyoshi Yamamoto; Sister: Unaye Morishita
Place of entry: Tacoma, WA in 1908
Father: Botaro Yamamotto
Mother: Hisayo Kasahara Yamamoto
My husband and Ayako:

My dear husband, Ayako and Takashi. I am very glad to know that you are all in good health. On April 30th I received your letter enclosing the $10 in cash, and also a letter from Washington, for which I thank you very much.

I can’t understand why I can’t return home, when Washington portrayed me a long time ago. One week more and it will be four months since I came here. Practically all have returned to their homes except two of us - a German woman and myself. When will I be permitted to return. I have been awaiting daily word that I may go home, but not yet. How come?

I have been awaiting word daily as I want to return home before Ayako gives birth to her child. Please let me know whether it is a boy or a girl. I would like to leave for home about the time you receive this letter. I am spending my days being very lonesome. I heard that the Immigration Office does not keep people over four months. If that is true, then about the time you receive this letter I should be leaving for home - I hope so. I wanted to return home before Ayako’s child is born. I am worrying about her every day, and praying that she delivers her child safely.

After her child is born, please take good care of her, you must be very careful - she must eat the best food. I would like to see the baby soon...I hope you all take good care of yourselves.

Shimae Kazahaya

May 3, 1943

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct translation from Japanese into English.

Henry E. Imamura
Official Japanese Interpreter
Enemy Alien Intelligence

RG 181, Naval Shore Establishments

Minezo Araki

Alien Japanese

Boat: America

Arrived: 1909 in Seattle

Wife: Wai Araki (owner of vessel for 35 years)

Address: 251A Cannery St., Term. Isl., CA
Enemy Alien Intelligence

Kanichi (Jack H.) Nishino

Alien Japanese

Boat: *Dixie #2*

Silvertone radio receiving set found

Address: 120 B. Cannery St. Term. Isl., CA
### Property Records

### Alien and Citizen Farmers

### Case Files

### Descriptions of Property

### Personal Correspondence

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Property Records

Yoshio Nakada
Property Records

Yoshio Nakada

Relocated to Heart Mountain

Originally farming in Azusa, CA

Three brothers in the U.S. Military:

Yoshinao Nakada

Saburo J. Nakada

Henry Nakada
The Draft

RG 147, Selective Service System, 1940-

Young Men of Draft Age

U.S. Citizens of Japanese Ancestry
The Draft

Joe Tadashi Kawamoto

Born: October 26, 1920 in Mesa, Ariz.
Father: Jack Isekichi Kawamoto
Mother: Mary Kazue Kawamoto
Brother: James S. Kawamoto
Grandfather: S. Sumida, Hiroshima
Grandmother: M. Sumida, Hiroshima
Boy Scout Troop 57, Mesa, Arizona
The Draft

Kenneth Kuroye

Born: November 28, 1925 in San Diego
at Colorado River Relocation Center

Father: Masahide Kuroye (born Japan)

Mother: Chisato Kuroye (born Hawaii)

Uncle: Staff Sgt. Masato Nakagawa

Question 27: No; Question 28: Yes
Draft Resistance

George Fujii Leads Poston

RG 21, Criminal Case Files

Japanese Americans

TO THE GENTLEMEN OF 17 YEARS TO 30 YEARS OF AGE

As you know fellow Americans, it just they did recognize and realize that we are Americans. We are going to be drafted soon, just like an American outside enjoying the freedom and liberty. But, don't you think they should reconsider the steps that they had taken?

As we believe that Mr. Roosevelt's speech at the Congress was not merely an excuse to draft us to soldier's and die in vain, we are demanding the following as an American Citizen:

(1) Personal apology from Gen. DeWitt regarding his statement "Jap is Jap" and be expelled from his office. We also want apology from Major General and Gov. Warren, and American Legion of Cal.

(2) Freedom, rights and privilege should not be denied in California, militarily, economically, and politically.

(3) Open the barb-wire and withdraw the Guard-duty of M.P.

(4) Such signs as "No Jap", "You Sat", "No Orientals or Colored admitted" and etc., which were familiar in California, must be taken down throughout the U.S.A.

(5) No discrimination upon the Japanese securing occupations.

(6) Every opportunity must be given to the Japanese soldier for advancement in the Air Corps, in the Army, and in the Marine Corps.

(7) Japanese soldier must be mixed with other Caucasian soldier to fight side by side.

VOICE OF NISEI
Draft Resistance

Kenneth Kuroye

Fail to report for induction

Maricopa County (Ariz.) Local Board 1
Draft Resistance

Jack Kiyoto Tono

Born: November 16, 1920

Relocated to Heart Mountain

Resisted the Draft

Sent to McNeil Island, Washington
Draft Resistance

Jack Kiyoto Tono

Father: Matsuhei Tono

Mother: Shiteyo (Kono) Tono

Siblings: Harry Hoshiski Tono, 22, Mitsuye Tono, 20, Hasaye Tono, 19, Haruo Tono, 17, Teruo Tono, 15, Mary Tono, 13, Chioko Tono, 10, Chiemi Tono, 8, Janet Tono, 7, Kiyomi Tono, 5
Repatriation

RG 21, Civil Case Files

Japanese Americans

Segregated to Tule Lake

Los Angeles & San Francisco

Abo v. U.S. Civil Case 25294 list of detailed affidavits
Repatriation

Mae Miye Murakami

Born: November 18, 1917
In Mountain View, CA.

Husband: Yasuo Murakami
Married in September 1939

Sons: Koichi, 2; Maketo, 1;
Junzo, 29 days

Brothers: Suyeki Yoshinaga,
George Yoshinaga
Sisters: Shizue Murakami,
Matsuye Ogata, Mary Yoshinaga
Mother: Tsuru Yoshinaga
Repatriation

Kinji John Kozuki

Born: April 14, 1917 in Stockton, CA

Parents arrived about 1910

Father died about 1925, buried in Japan

Wife: Martha Sadami Kozuki

Brother volunteered for Army, served in Pacific
Loss of Citizenship

RG 21, Civil Case Files

Japanese Americans

Stranded in Japan During the War

Voted

Drafted

Employed
Loss of Citizenship

Etsuko Arikawa

Born: December 11, 1925, Gardena, CA

Went to school in Long Beach until sixth grade, then went to Japan at age 12

Voted in 1946 elections, the first “women’s” election

Transcript is her story, in her own words
Loss of Citizenship

Minoru Sadanaga

Born: April 13, 1916, Honolulu, Hawaii

Residence: Los Angeles

Repatriated to Japan and voted in elections
Loss of Citizenship

Minoru Sadanaga

“I arrived in the United States on July 2nd, 1953 in order to hear your decision on my appeal whether I have citizenship or not. I never received permission of my renouncement of U.S. citizenship from any ... authority at any time. ... When I reached Japan in 1945 I found another chaotic condition... existed politically, judicially, economically and socially... These unfortunate circumstances have resulted in my losing my most blessed treasure. Now, I beseech you to give me back my citizenship by right.”
Loss of Citizenship

Repatriation Oaths of Allegiance

RG 21

Public Law 515
Loss of Citizenship

Flora Yamamoto

Aka Harumi Yamamoto

Born: January 18, 1925 in Spokane, Washington

Voted in 1947 at Nagano-ken, Japan

1954 resident of Los Angeles, CA

Sewing machine operator

4 foot 9 inches, weighing 92 lbs

[Image of a document with text in Japanese and English]
Conclusion
Thank you for attending!

If we did not get to your question, you may submit it to inquire@nara.gov

Today’s video recording and materials will remain available at www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair