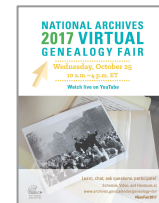




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Beyond the War Relocation Authority

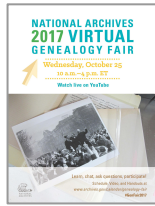
Records Relating to Japanese and Japanese Americans During World War II

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 E. Granados

Director

National Archives Riverside, CA

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

**Records Relating to the Japanese and Japanese Americans
During the Second World War**

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<https://www.archives.gov/riverside>

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

YAMAHIRO, Nisuke 1472

BASIC PERSONNEL RECORD
(Alien Enemy or Prisoner of War)

Interment serial number: ISN-24-4-J-271-C1

(Name of internee): YAMAHIRO, Nisuke

(Sex): M

Height: 5 ft. 8 in.

Weight: 144

Eyes: brown

Skin: yellow

Hair: black

Age: 56

Distinguishing marks or characteristics: Joint middle and 3rd finger right hand enlarged. Joints of first and second fingers left hand enlarged.

Reference: _____

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS TAKEN FROM INTERNEE

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____






10. _____






The above is correct: _____

(Signature of internee)

Fort Missoula, Montana

(Date and place where processed (Army enclosure, naval station, or other place))

Right Hand				
1. Thumb	2. Index finger	3. Middle finger	4. Ring finger	5. Little finger
				

Left Hand				
6. Thumb	7. Index finger	8. Middle finger	9. Ring finger	10. Little finger
				

W. D., P. M. G. Form No. 2
December 9, 1941

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Do not fill in.

Enemy Alien Case Files

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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION			
Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT		LOS ANGELES	
		FILE NO. 100-8514	
REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 1/27/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/7, 14/41 1/18, 21/42	REPORT MADE BY E. J. THANEY HA
TITLE <u>DR. RIKITA HONDA</u>			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject born in Japan in 1893, a Japanese alien. Occupation Physician. A founder and former president of Nanka Teikoki Gunyu-Dan. Officer of Japanese Naval Reserve. Director of U. S. Sumo Association. President Japanese Medical Society, member Sakura-Kai. Member of staff of Central Japanese Association; President Yamata Prefectural Society. Advisor Japanese Businessmen's Association, Gardena, California; Counselor North American Judo Yudanaka Kai (Athletic Group); served in Japanese army in 1918. Apprehended December 7, 1941, at Moneta, California by Moneta Police Department. Subject committed suicide December 14, 1941, while in custody of Immigration and Naturalization Service at San Pedro, California. Description and criminal record set forth.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- C -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Teletype from Bureau dated December 7, 1941. Teletype to Bureau dated December 14, 1941.</p> <p>DETAILS: In the report of Special Agent J. P. O'CONNOR, dated October 4, 1941, entitled Nanka Teikoki Gunyu-Dan (Imperial Military Friends Group, etc. - Internal Security J - L.A. file #100-6726-7) it is disclosed that a membership booklet of that organization was obtained from ITARU TACHIBANA under lawful search warrant upon his arrest on June 7, 1941. This booklet sets forth the members of</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT			
3 - Bureau			
2 - USA, Los Angeles			
① - Immigration & Naturalization, L.A.			
1 - G-2, Los Angeles			
1 - CNI, Los Angeles			
2 - Los Angeles			

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JAN 28 1942
District Office
Los Angeles

100-8514-1624

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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

Form I-404
(Old Form)
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

SF File No. 40514/5-2 CERTIFICATE OF ADMISSION OF ALIEN
EA File No. 15942/166

Inspector in Charge, (Local Office)
Los Angeles, Calif.

Port of San Francisco, Calif.
Date Jan. 30, 1942

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the following is a correct record and statement of facts relative to the admission to the United States of the alien named below:

(1) Manifest No., 40514/5-2 ; Class, Second
(2) S. S., "ASAMA MARU" ; Line, N.Y.K.
(3) Port at which admitted, San Francisco, Calif. ; Date, 12/13/40
(4) Name, HIRATSUKA, Masuo ; Age, 53 ; Sex, M
(5) Married, M ; Occupation, Importer ; Able to read, Y ; Write, Y
(6) Citizen of, Japan ; Race, Japanese
(7) Place of birth, Fukuokeken, Japan
(8) a. Class of immigration -- visa, ; No. ; Issued at ; Date,
b. Transit Certificate No. ; Issued at ; Date,
(9) Last permanent residence, Santa Maria, California
(10) Name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came, Brother, Hiratsuka Yoshio, Tokyo Shi Sugananku Amamune, 3-Chome 948 Japan
(11) Destination, Santa Maria, Calif. By whom Money passage paid, Self ; brought, Y
(12) Whether in U. S. before, Yes ; When, 1913/1940 ; Where, Santa Maria Date of last departure 9/28/40.
(13) Whether going to relative or friend, ; Give name and complete address: Housewife; Hiratsuka Keiko, 403 W. Chapel Street, Calif.
(14) Purpose of coming to U. S., --- Intended ; length of stay, Perm.
(15) Condition of health, Good
(16) Height, 5'2" ; Complexion, Japanese ; Color of hair, Black
(17) Color of eyes, Brown ; Identification marks, Cut scar first joint right hand.
(18) Examined by Inspector Borstedt
(19) Accompanied by --- ; How admitted, Prim. Insp.
(20) Remarks: Under Section 4(b), Act of 1924; head tax paid. Last previous arrival at this port 7/13/40, MS Tatuta Maru, Admitted under same section.
(Signature) T. F. Wilson

THIS FORM IS INSUFFICIENT AS A BASIS FOR A PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

(Official time)

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 Yamamoto

Mother: Hisayo Kasahara Yamamoto

#4

Alien Registration No. _____
CO File _____
Dist. File _____
S.P. File 7006/7

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

ALIEN ENEMY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name and Nationality KAZAHAYA (Last) S SHIMAE (First) JAPAN (Middle) JAPAN (Nationality)

2. Address 640 S. STANFORD AVE. (Address) LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (City) CALIFORNIA (State)

3. Where were you born? OKAYAMA, JAPAN (Place) Date: Mch 1, 1900 (Date)

4. State the names of all countries of which you have been a citizen or subject: JAPAN (Country)

5. (a) Have you ever used or been known by any other name? YES (yes or no)
(b) If so, give all such names and indicate the places at which you used or were known by such other names:

Name	(Name)	Place	(Place)
Maiden Name	SHIMAE	YAMAMOTO	JAPAN
	(Name)		(Place)
	(Name)		(Place)

6. Give all other addresses at which you have lived in the United States and indicate the times at which you lived at such addresses:

Address	(Address)	Date	(Date)
Box 1 - Box 4167	Boxington Beach, Calif.	Aug. 1916 - Oct. 1922	
400 S. Main Street	Los Angeles, Calif.	Oct 1922 to Feb. 1929	
640 Stanford Ave.	Los Angeles, Calif.	Feb. 1929 to date	

7. Give a personal description

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

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Enemy Alien Case Files

Shimae Kazahaya

"My dear Husband, Ayako and Takashi...I want to return home before Ayako gives birth to her child. Please let me know if it is a boy or a girl....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."

May 3, 1943

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 paroled 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 of food. I would like to see the baby soon. If I don't come home about the time you receive this letter, please ask Washington again, and also the Los Angeles Immigration Office, when I can return home. I was told that it would be within a week, or a month, but it has already elapsed more time than that - two months now, and still I cannot return home.

I hope you all take good care of yourselves.

Shimae Kazahaya

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


Henry K. Imanaka
Official Japanese Interpreter

Enemy Alien Intelligence

RG 181, Naval Shore Establishments

Minezo Araki

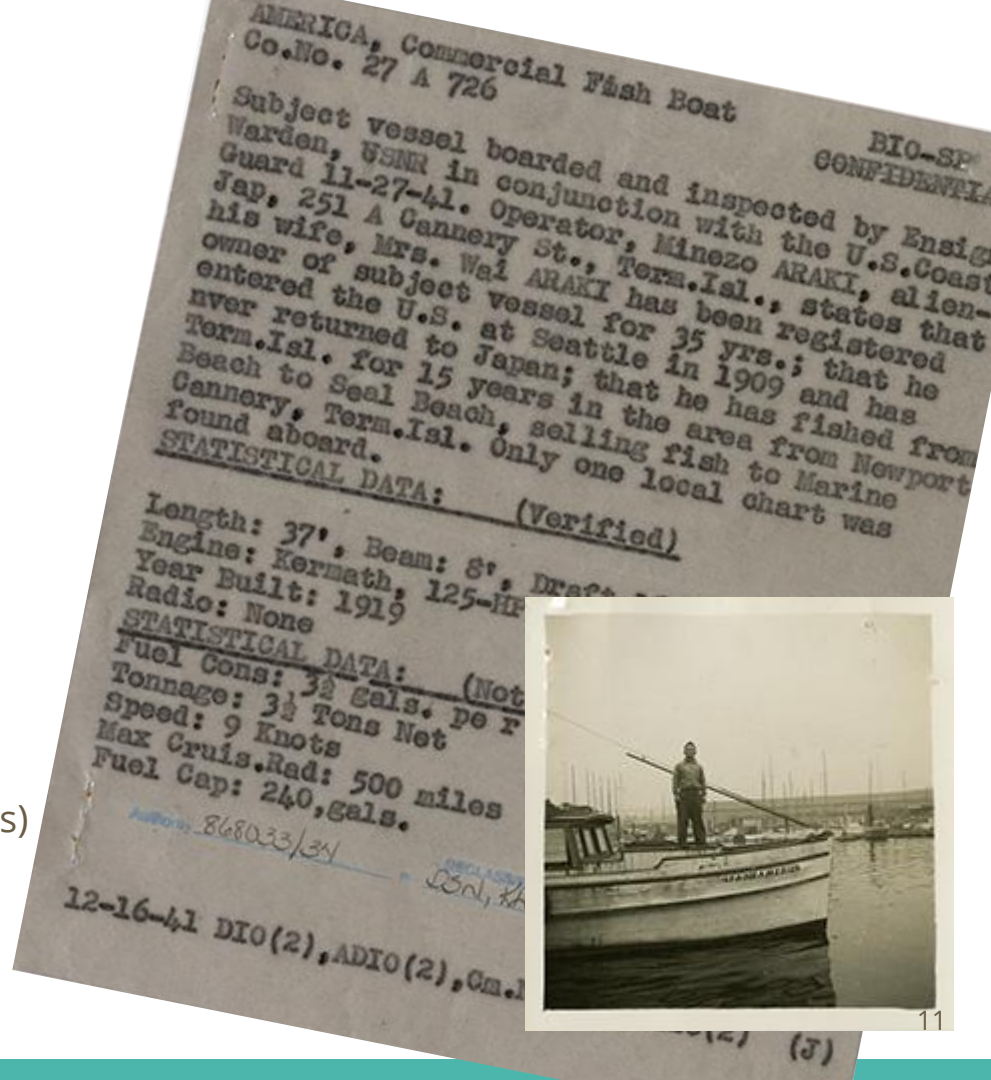
Alien Japanese

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



DIXIE #2, Commercial Fish Boat
Co.No. 27-A-89
Subject vessel inspected 8/18/41 by U.S.
Guard, Owner/Operator, Kanichi (Jack H.) N.
alien Japanese, and claims he fishes local
area only.
A Silvertone radio receiving set was on b
only, owner claims.
(Verified)
120 B Cannery St., Term. Isl.
Sc.
(Not Verified)
per hour
DECLASSIFIED
E.O. 12356, Sec. 3
80209

Property Records

Alien and Citizen Farmers

Case Files

Descriptions of Property

Personal Correspondence

TRACTORS STORED IN ORANGE COUNTY

NAME	TRACTOR	MODEL	YEAR	WHERE STORED
ABE, Frank <i>Box 37 Seal Beach</i>	Caterpillar	22	1936	Helman Ranch
	Farmall	B	1941	" "
ASARI, Jitsuichi <i>Brighton, Colo.</i>	Caterpillar-International.	T-20	1938	Harley Asair
BUNYE, S.	McCormick Tracklayer	T-20	1938	Hazard & Verano, Garden)
	Farmall	B	1941	Grove. ")
ENDO, John <i>Rt. 4 Box 487 Santa Ana</i>	McCormick	10-20 (15 yrs old)		Inf. Excelsior Creamery)
	Farmall	A-V.	1941	Lehnhardt on place)
FUKUDA, Fred <i>P.O. Box 76 Stanton</i>	Farmall	12	1937	Verano & Smeltzer, S.A.
INOUE, S. <i>1117</i>	Caterpillar	15	1931	Helman Ranch
ISHII, Joe <i>Emil J. Lacman Hunt Beach</i>	AC Caterpillar	M	1941	I. K. Mouldin
	AC Caterpillar	C	1941	Rt. 1, Box 113, Westminster
KANEKO, K (Furiyama)	Farmall	B	1940	Emil Lecrivane,
	McCormick	T-20	1936	(Talbert Ave. 1/2 Mi. E of Hunt Beach Blvd.)
KARIYA, Masashi <i>Rt. 1 Box 5 Buena Park</i>	International	W-30		Helman Ranch
KAWAGUCHI, George	McCormick-Deering Tracklayer	Caterpillar	1938	Jess Michaeli
	Farmall	22	1937	Dale & Whitaker, Buena Park
KAWAMOTO, T. <i>Rt. 1 Box 381A Anaheim</i>	Caterpillar	15	1932	F/A Anaheim Sugar Co.
KAWARANTANI, Takashi <i>P.O. Box 202 Trabuco Canyon</i>	Caterpillar	22	1936	"
KITAJIMA, H & I <i>Box 144 Ft. Lupton, Colo.</i>	Caterpillar	R2	1936? 1941	L. Robinson, Trabuco Canyon, 1 mi. So. of P.O.
	Farmall	A	1940	(Charles Hauser, Rt. 1, Box 400, Huntington Beach.)
KOSAKA, T. <i>301b</i>	McCormick	10-20	1928	Wasas Ranch, Harbor Blvd. (Mr. Wasas, Security First Nat'l Bank, Garden Grove)
MARUYAMA, K <i>Rt. 1 Box 647 Hunt Beach</i>	Oliver		1939	H. Mukai place, Rt. 1, Box 450B, Huntington Beh.
	McCormick	T-20	1938	(F/A Thomas Potts, 1734 W. 38th Place, Los Angeles.)
MATSUKANE, Harry <i>Rt. 4 Box 54V J.A.</i>	Farmall	AV		
	Caterpillar	20 Used	1935	Probably on Harbor at 1st
MIZUSAWA, M. <i>Rt. 1 Garden Grove</i>	Caterpillar	RD 2	1941	M. Mizusawa, Rt. 1, Box 112A
	McCormick	T-20	1938	Garden Grove. <i>Forced</i>
MUKAI, Hitoshi <i>Rt. 1 Box 22-B Huntington Beach</i>	McCormick Deering	10-20	1928	F/A Mrs. Wallenburg, Garden Grove.
MURATA, Mary <i>P.O. Box 76 Stanton, Calif.</i>	(2) Deisel Tracklayer	TD-35		F/A Clarence Brown, San Juan Capistrano.
	Farmall	F-30		(W. 1st Bet. Newhope & Verano)
NAGAMATSU, Frank & George <i>Rt. 1 Box 483 J.A.</i>	Farmall (2)	1937		
	(2) Caterpillars			
	1 John Deere			

Property Records

Yoshio Nakada

APPRAISAL OF IDLE FARM MACHINERY

Tractor
Kind of Equipment

County... Los Angeles

State... California

Date... 6/14/43 WFA Req. No. 93-019

OWNER'S NAME... Yoshio Nakada

OWNER'S ADDRESS... Heart Mt. Wyo.

CUSTODIAN'S NAME... First Natl Bank of Azusa

CUSTODIAN'S ADDRESS... Azusa, Calif

LOCATION OF MACHINE... 1109 W. Bonita Ave - Azusa

MAKE AND MODEL... Caterpillar "22"

SERIAL NUMBER... ZF1432

AGE OF MACHINE... 7 yrs about

SIZE OF MACHINE... 10" tracks

ATTACHMENTS OR ACCESSORIES...

GENERAL CONDITION: POOR..... FAIR...*, GOOD....., EXCELLENT.....

REMARKS... track pins & bushings need replacing
rollers & tracks fair - with grease gun

APPRAISED VALUE... \$700.00 Persons assisting in this appraisal

DISPOSAL PRICE... \$800.00 Otis Taylor

SALE VALUE... A. Peterson

CEILING PRICE... Zulu Wall

We hereby certify that the above appraisal of this farm machinery is approved by the Los Angeles County Farm Machinery Rationing Committee.

Signed... L. H. Peterson Chairman

.....Member

.....Member

Property Records

Yoshio Nakada

Relocated to Heart Mountain

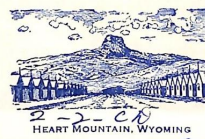
Originally farming in Azusa, CA

Three brothers in the U.S. Military:

Yoshinao Nakada

Saburo J. Nakada

Henry Nakada



April 21, 1943

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture
U. S. D. A. War Board
Room 202, City Hall
Corvina, California

Dear Sir:

In replying to your letter of April 14, 1943 concerning the selling of the farm equipment in storage of the farm equipment in storage on my ranch on Bonita Ave. Azusa, California, we are not selling the ^{farm} equipment. Our decision is final.

We have intentions of using our farm equipment when we do start farming possibly in the inland states. And my three brothers serving in the armed force of the U. S. Army requests that we keep the farm equipment in storage because they expect to use these equipment to farm when they return after serving in the U. S. Armed Force. The names and address of my three brothers



as following:

(1) Sgt. Yoshinao Nakada
HQ. Co. 2nd Bn. - 442nd Inf. Reg.
Camp Shelby, Mississippi
Pvt. Saburo J. Nakada
Hdq. + Hdq. Co.
F. S. H. Reception Center
Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Pvt. Henry Nakada
1607 C. A. S. U. 2nd M. C.
Officers Mess
Fort Sheridan, Illinois
together with my three brothers in
armed force of U. S., we will not
sell of the farm equipment.

Yours very truly,
Yoshio Nakada

The Draft

RG 147, Selective Service System, 1940-

Young Men of Draft Age

U.S. Citizens of Japanese Ancestry

Local Board No. 2
Maricopa County 81
013
FEB 1 1944 002
28 S. MacDonald St.
Mesa, Arizona
(LOCAL BOARD DATE STAMP WITH CODE)

FORM APPROVED
BUREAU NO. 33-R045-42
60946

"ACCEPTABLE"
MAR 24 1944

STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

1. Kawamoto Joe Yadashi
(Surname) (English given name) (Japanese given name)

(a) Alias _____

2. Local selective service board Mesa Maricopa Arizona
(City) (County) (State)

3. Date of birth 1920, Oct. 26 Place of birth Mesa, Arizona

4. Present address 1810 Arapahoe St. Denver, Colorado
(Street) (City) (State)

5. Last two addresses at which you lived 3 months or more (exclude residence at relocation center and at assembly center):
Block 15-12 B Boston Arizona From June To Sept 1942
1837 Arapahoe St Denver, Colo From Dec To July 1943

6. Sex Male Height 5'2" Weight 130 lbs

7. Are you a registered voter? No Year first registered _____

Where? _____ Party _____

8. Marital status Single Citizenship of wife _____ Race of wife _____

9. Jack, or Ischichi Shishima Japan Farmer
(Father's Name) (Town or Ken) (Birthplace) (State or Country) (Occupation)

10. Mary, or Kazuo Shishima Japan Housewife
(Mother's Name) (Town or Ken) (Birthplace) (State or Country) (Occupation)

In items 11 and 12, you need not list relatives other than your parents, your children, your brothers and sisters.
For each person give name; relationship to you (such as father); citizenship; complete address; occupation.

11. Relatives in the United States (if in military service, indicate whether a selectee or volunteer):

✓ (a) Jack Ischichi Kawamoto Father Japan
(Name) (Relationship to you) (Citizenship)
Block 15-12-A Boston, Arizona - in Boston Camp
(Complete address) (Occupation) (Volunteer or selectee)

(b) Mary Kazuo Kawamoto Mother Japan
(Name) (Relationship to you) (Citizenship)
Block 15-12-A Boston, Arizona - in Boston Camp
(Complete address) (Occupation) (Volunteer or selectee)

(c) James S. Kawamoto Brother United States
(Name) (Relationship to you) (Citizenship)
3221 E 9th Kansas City, Mo. Student
(Complete address) (Occupation) (Volunteer or selectee)

DSS Form 501A
(1-23-43)

(If additional space is necessary, attach sheets)

16-32560-1

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

Maricopa County 013
FEB 1 1944 002
28 S. MacDonald St.
Mesa, Arizona
(LOCAL BOARD DATE STAMP WITH CODE)

60946
"ACCEPTABLE"
MAR 24 1944

STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

1. Kawamoto (Surname) Joe (English given name) Tadashi (Japanese given name)

(a) Alias _____

2. Local selective service board Mesa (Number) 2
Mesa (City) Maricopa (County) Arizona (State)

3. Date of birth 1920, Oct. 26 Place of birth Mesa, Arizona

4. Present address 1810 Arapahoe St. (Street) Mesa (City) Colorado (State)

5. Last two addresses at which you lived 3 months or more (exclude residence at relocation center and at assembly center):
Block 15-12-B Poston, Arizona From June To Sept 1942
1837 Arapahoe St. Denver, Colo From Dec To July 1942

6. Sex Male Height 5'2" Weight 130 lbs

7. Are you a registered voter? No Year first registered _____

Where? _____ Party _____

8. Marital status Single Citizenship of wife _____ Race of wife _____

9. Jack Isekichi (Father's Name) Hiroshima (Town or Ken) Japan (State or Country) Farmer (Occupation)

10. Mary Kazue (Mother's Name) Hiroshima (Town or Ken) Japan (State or Country) Housewife (Occupation)

In items 11 and 12, you need not list relatives other than your parents, your children, your brothers and sisters.
For each person give name; relationship to you (such as father); citizenship; complete address; occupation.

11. Relatives in the United States (if in military service, indicate whether a selectee or volunteer):

(a) Jack Isekichi Kawamoto (Name) Father (Relationship to you) Japan (Citizenship)
Block 15-12-A Poston, Arizona - in Poston Camp (Complete address) (Occupation) (Volunteer or selectee)

(b) Mary Kazue Kawamoto (Name) Mother (Relationship to you) Japan (Citizenship)
Block 15-12-A Poston, Arizona - in Poston Camp (Complete address) (Occupation) (Volunteer or selectee)

(c) James S. Kawamoto (Name) Brother (Relationship to you) United States (Citizenship)
2321 E 9th Kansas City, Mo. (Complete address) (Occupation) (Volunteer or selectee)

DSS Form 304A (1-25-43)
16-32069-1

(If additional space is necessary, attach sheets)

Instruction above item 11):
Hiroshima, Japan (Relationship to you)
Hiroshima, Japan (Relationship to you)
Hiroshima, Japan (Relationship to you)
Place
Mesa, Arizona
Hiroshima, Japan
Mesa, Arizona
Gungl Kyoren (Where and when)
(Years of attendance)
whom, with whom, and reasons therefor
what date he
to Japan
and etc.
of business, addresses, and dates from 19
1-17th Street
hip in religious groups Young
(etc.). Give name, kind of organization,
7. Mesa, Ariz.

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

23. List contributions you have made to any social organization

Organization _____

24. List magazines and newspapers to which you have contributed

25. To the best of your knowledge, were you ever engaged in establishing a claim to Japanese citizenship?

(a) If so registered, have you ever been registered?

When? _____

26. Have you ever applied for repatriation?

27. Are you willing to serve in the armed forces of the United States or other foreign government, if called upon?

28. Will you swear unqualified allegiance to the United States and defend its laws and Constitution, and will you support the United States in all wars in which it may be engaged?

NOTE—Any person who knowingly makes a false statement on this form is liable to the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the Government.

Form 304A (1-23-43)

Yuma County
MAR 24 1944
City Hall
Yuma, Arizona
(LOCAL BOARD DATE STAMP WITH CODE)

SEAL OF THE SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

FORM APPROVED
BUDGET BUREAU NO. 33

STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

1. Kuroye Kenneth
(Surname) (English given name) (Japanese given name)

(a) Alias _____

2. Local selective service board Local board No. 1
(Number)
Yuma, Yuma, Arizona
(City) (County) (State)

3. Date of birth Nov. 28, 1925 Place of birth San Diego
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City) (State)

4. Present address Block 22-3A Poston, Arizona
(Street) (City) (State)

5. Last two addresses at which you lived 3 months or more (exclude residence at relocation center and at assembly center)
R.F.D. Box 110 - B, Guadalupe, California From 1937 To 1942
P.O. Box 472, La Jolla, Calif. From 1934 To 1937

6. Sex male Height 5'2 1/2 Weight 125

7. Are you a registered voter? no Year first registered _____
Where? _____ Party _____

8. Marital status _____ Citizenship of wife _____ Race of wife _____

9. Masahide Kuroye Kazokuma Japan
(Father's Name) (Town or Ken) (Birthplace) (State of Country) (Occupation)

10. Chisato Kuroye Hawaii
(Mother's Name) (Town or Ken) (Birthplace) (State of Country) (Occupation)

In items 11 and 12, you need not list relatives other than your parents, your children, your brothers and sisters.
For each person give name; relationship to you (such as father); citizenship; complete address; occupation.

11. Relatives in the United States (if in military service, indicate whether a selectee or volunteer):

(a) Staff Masato Nakagawa Uncle American
(Name) (Relationship to you) (Citizenship)
(Complete address) (Occupation) (Volunteer or selectee)

(b) _____
(Name) (Relationship to you) (Citizenship)
(Complete address) (Occupation) (Volunteer or selectee)

(c) _____
(Name) (Relationship to you) (Citizenship)
(Complete address) (Occupation) (Volunteer or selectee)

(If additional space is necessary, attach sheets)

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Draft Resistance

George Fujii Leads Poston

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Japanese Americans



TO THE GENTLEMEN OF 17 YEARS TO 38 YEARS OF AGE

As you know fellow Americans, at last 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 Bowron 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 Rat", "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

Maricopa County (Ariz.) Local Board 1

contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America, and then and there abide the judgment of said Court, and not depart from said District without leave, then this Recognition to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

State of *Ariz*
County of *Maricopa* } ss.



On this 10th day of December, A.D. 1945, before me, Wm. H. Greenbaum, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Ed. Jones, Attorney-in-Fact for the NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described in and who executed the within instrument, and he acknowledged the same, and being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the said officer of the Company aforesaid, and that he affixed the within instrument to the corporate seal of said Company, and that the said corporate seal and his signature as such officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in
the City of Phoenix County of Maricopa the day and year
first above written.

JUL 10 1944
9:11 am
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GJ 6217 Phx
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Draft Resistance

Jack Kiyoto Tono

Born: November 16, 1920

Relocated to Heart Mountain

Resisted the Draft

Sent to McNeil Island, Washington

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY MCNEIL ISLAND, WASHINGTON			
ADMISSION SUMMARY			
Committed Name	Reg. No.	Classified	8/7/44
TONO, Jack Kiyoto			
True Name	Jack Kiyoto Tono	Judicial District	Wyoming - Cheyenne
Date of Birth	11-16-20	Offense	Sel.Tr. & Serv.Act - Fail.to Rpt. for Physical
Age	23	Sentence	3 Years Comm. Fine None
Race	Japanese	Sentence begins	6/26/44
Country of Birth	United States	Committed	7/10/44
Citizenship	United States	Eligible for Parole	6/25/45
Marital Status	Single	Conditional Release Date	10/16/46
Legal Residence	Edenvale, California	Expires Full Term	6/25/47
Temporary Residence: Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Wyoming		Detainers	None
REPORTS REC'D FROM: F. B. I.	Yes	U. S. ATTY.	Yes
PROSECUTING AGENCY		No	
1. PREVIOUS CRIMINAL RECORD.			
Date	Place	Offense	Disposition
FBI SHOWS FIRST OFFENSE			
No co-defendants. No indictments pending.			
2. ASSOCIATE WARDEN'S REPORT:			
<u>Circumstances of Offense:</u> (U.S. Attorney's Report) On or about March 29, 1944, subject intentionally failed to report for preinduction physical examination in accordance with an order issued by the Local Board.			
<u>Inmate's Statement:</u> Subject states he was arrested April 5, 1944, Heart Mountain, Wyoming, charged with violation of the Selective Training and Service Act - failure to report for physical, to which he pleaded not guilty, stood trial and was convicted. Subject, an American-born Japanese, failed to report for preinduction physical examination. He gives as his excuse the fact that his citizenship status had not been clarified. He states this is his first arrest and first penitentiary sentence.			
<u>Quarantine Officer's Report:</u> This inmate's general attitude is quiet and courteous. He gets along with the officers and observes the rules and regulations of this unit. He shows a preference for his own race, gets along with and seems to be accepted by all fellow inmates. The above subject claims fire department and farming experience. He looks forward to his ultimate transfer to the mainline. Goes to yard on every occasion and spends his leisure time reading quietly in his cell. He has gone out on crew details several times and seems to be a satisfactory worker. Keeps self and cell neat and orderly. Group cell recommended.			
<u>Impressions:</u> Subject is friendly and cooperative and a good adjustment is anticipated.			
<u>Recommendations:</u> MINIMUM CUSTODY. TRANSFER TO MCNEIL CAMP.			

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

Classification Form 1b Rev. January 1939	ADMISSION SUMMARY (Continued)	Page 2
Committed Name	TONO, Jack Kiyoto	Register Number 17067-24
3. SOCIAL ABSTRACT:		
A. PARENTAL FAMILY DATA:		
Father: MITSUHEI Tono, 65, born and educated in Japan, has a grade-school education, is not literate in English, migrated to the United States about 1910, has never returned to Japan, attends Buddhist church, is a farmer by occupation, has occasionally worked as a common laborer, present address is 23-17-D, Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Wyoming.		
Mother: Shiteyo (Kono) Tono, 45, born in Japan where she received a grade-school education, is not literate in English, migrated to the United States before her marriage in 1919 or 1920, works in the fields with other members of the family in addition to her duties as housewife, is a Buddhist, present address is with husband at Block 23-17-D, Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Wyoming.		
Siblings: Subject is the older in a series of eleven siblings, is the only delinquent, family ties are very close. All are Buddhists.		
1. Subject.		
2. Harry Hoshiski Tono, 22, has a high-school education, worked on the parents' farms before evacuation, present address is 510 Ohio Street, Toledo, Ohio, where he is working in a defense plant.		
3. Mitsuye Tono, 20, a sister, has completed high school, has never been employed, now living with parents at Block 23-17-D, Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Wyoming.		
4. Hasaye Tono, 19, a sister, living with parents and attending high school.		
5. Haruo Tono, 17, a brother, high-school student, living with parents.		
6. Teruo Tono, 15, a brother, high-school student, living with parents.		
7. Mary Tono, 13, high-school student, living with parents.		
8. Chioko Tono, 10, a sister, grade-school student, living with parents.		
9. Chiemi Tono, 8, a sister, grade-school student, living with parents.		
10. Janet Tono, 7, living with parents, attending grade school.		
11. Kiyomi Tono, 5, a sister, living with parents.		
Parental Home: Parents were married in the United States, have never returned to Japan. They have always been farmers since their marriage and have specialized in strawberry raising. Because of the California alien land laws, they have never purchased a farm, rent is usually on a cash basis. They have moved several times during the past 25 years, but have always lived in the Santa Clara valley region of California. Their homes, until the more recent years have been rather poor, few have been modern, furnishings have been only necessities. The residence in which they lived at the time of evacuation had been purchased, was modern, with adequate furnishings. Family income has been fair, has steadily increased, but, since the family has also increased steadily, it has not been possible to accumulate more than nominal savings beyond the purchase of a home. At the time of evacuation, the family's income was between two and three thousand dollars a year. The parents live largely to themselves, have seldom been interested in anything except making a living and educating their children. They are members of the Buddhist church, but are not very religious, usual recreational outlets consist of trips to the beaches and work around their homes. The children have taken part in school extra-curricular diversions to a limited extent, but these usually have been limited to athletic programs. Family relationships are close, discipline is administered by the father, who, until the older children came of age, was the dominant personality in the home. Because of the parents' illiteracy in English, much of the financial part of the family affairs have been delegated to them, especially the two older ones.		
B. PERSONAL DATA:		
Early Life: This man was born November 16, 1920 in Gilroy, California. He began school at age 7, attended a number of different schools both in grade and high school, because his parents moved about from time to time. He took a commercial course in high school, was an average student, took part in baseball, basketball and track, but no other school organizations. It was necessary that he work evenings, week-ends and summer vacations on the farms. His attendance was regular until the last two years of high school,		

Repatriation

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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

Form Approved
Budget Bureau No. 43-R234.1

RENUNCIATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

To the Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

I, Mae Miye Murakami, was born at Mountain View,
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name) (City)

Santa Clara, California, on Nov. 18, 1917.
(County or Province) (State or Country) (Date)

My permanent residence is (if present residence not permanent, state last permanent residence) 1048 - 9th St., Santa Monica, Cal.
(Street) (City) (State)

I am a national of the United States by virtue of birth - naturalization
(strike out word not applicable)

I hereby formally renounce my United States nationality and all of its rights and privileges and abjure and renounce all allegiance to the United States of America in accordance with Section 401(i) of the Nationality Act of 1940 as amended.

I request the Attorney General's approval of this renunciation of nationality.

(Notices)
(Distributed)
(on)
(9/27/45 -M.L.)

/s/ Mae Miye Murakami
(Signature)

The above formal written renunciation of nationality was made and signed in my presence and before me, a Hearing Officer designated by the Attorney General pursuant to his regulations of October 6, 1944 (8 C.F.R. 316).

I recommend: Approval

March 14, 1945
(Date)

Tule Lake, Cal.
(Place)

/s/ Joseph J. Shevlin
Hearing Officer

Approved as not contrary to the interests of national defense.
Washington, D. C. May 3, 1945

Francis Biddle
ATTORNEY GENERAL

EXHIBIT K

HEARING ON RENUNCIATION OF CITIZENSHIP

Applicant: MAE MIYE MURAKAMI
Hearing Officer: Jos. J. Shevlin
Interpreter: Antonia H. Sherrell
Scribe: #5367
March 14, 1945

born?
November 18, 1917.

before you were evacuated?
1948 Ninth Street.

your citizenship?
to Japan, and I won't need it when I
have you?

ge school?

ools?

country?

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EXHIBIT K

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

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CLERK U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
BY *[Signature]* Deputy Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CENTRAL DIVISION

KINJI JOHN KOZUKI,

Plaintiff,

No. 14138-WB Civil

vs.

JOHN FOSTER DULLES, as Secretary
of State of the United States,

Defendant.

PLAINTIFF'S PRE-TRIAL

MEMORANDUM

Plaintiff submits this pre-trial memorandum in conformity with the Order of the Court.

JURISDICTION

This action is brought by plaintiff under Section 503 of the Nationality Act of 1940 (formerly, Title 8 U.S.C.A. Sec. 903).

PLAINTIFF'S CONTENTIONS OF FACT

The plaintiff was born on April 14, 1917, in Stockton, California, of Japanese ancestry. Both of his parents were born in and were nationals of Japan. Thus, at birth plaintiff became a dual national possessing both United States and Japanese nationality. Plaintiff's father and mother had both come to the United States about 1910.

Plaintiff resided in Stockton for a year or two, and then the family moved to Parlier, California, where plaintiff

Loss of Citizenship

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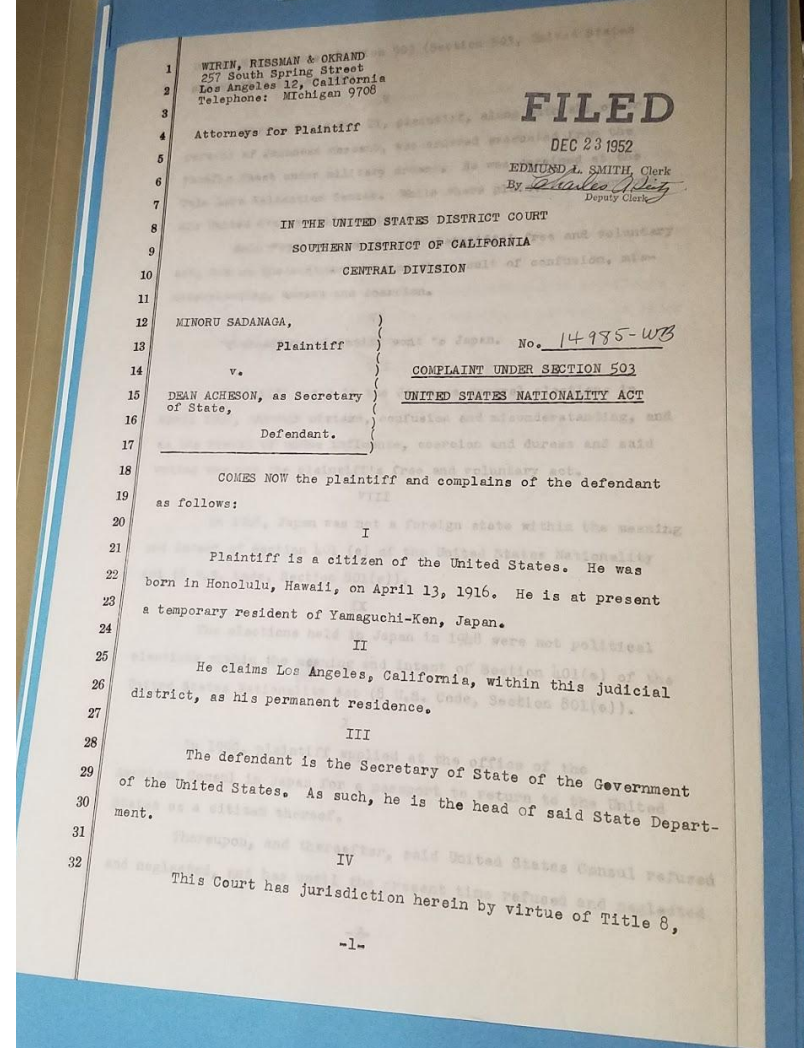
Japanese Americans

Stranded in Japan During the War

Voted

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Employed



Loss of Citizenship

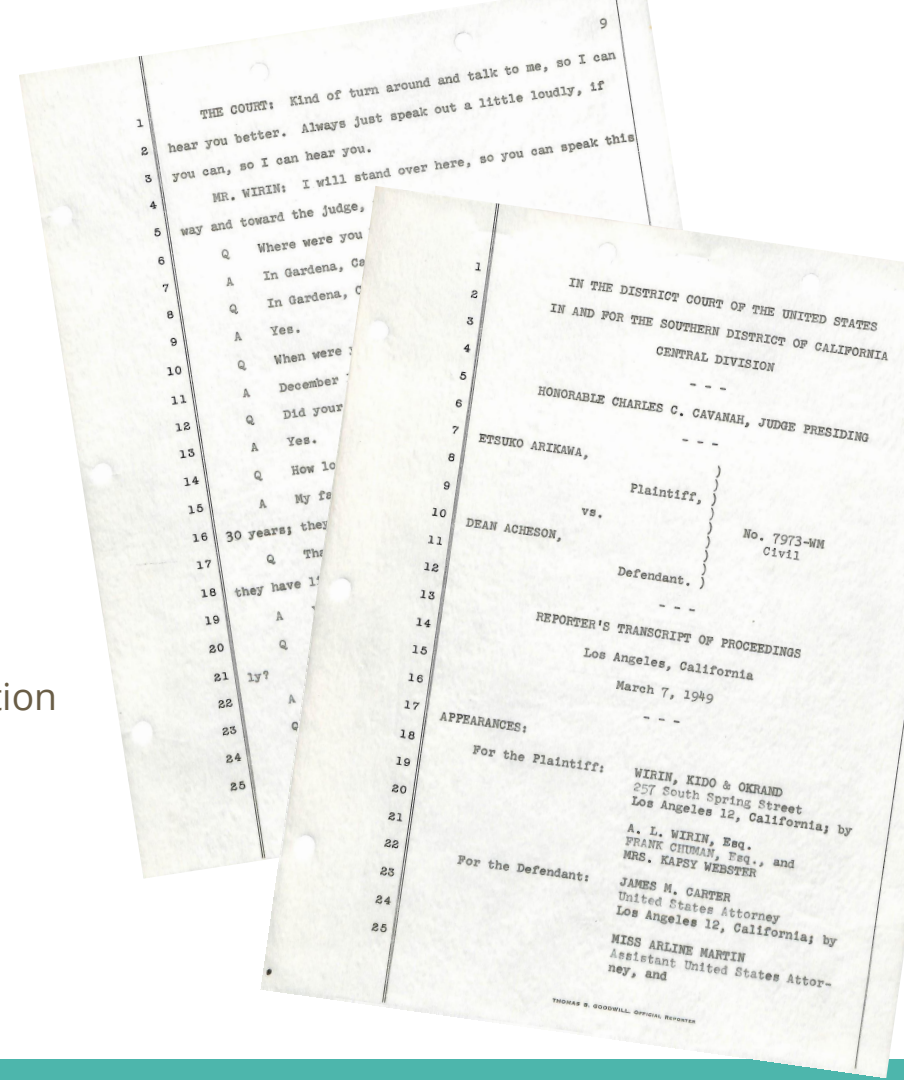
Etsuko Arikawa

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

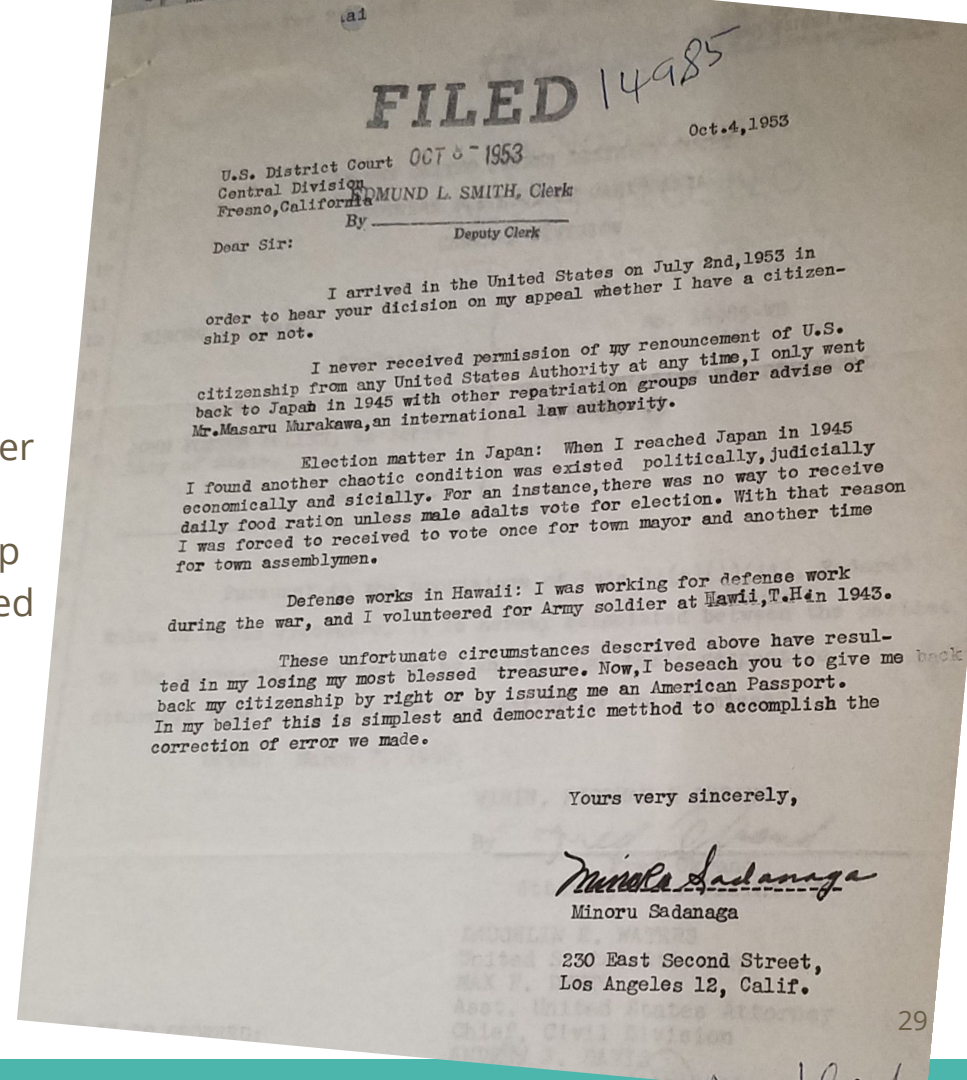
Transcript is her story, in her own words



Loss of Citizenship

Minoru Sadanaga

"I arrived in the United States on July 2nd, 1953 in order to hear your d[e]cision 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 s[o]cially... These unfortunate circumstances have resulted in my losing my most blessed treasure. Now, I bese[e]ch you to give me back my citizenship by right."



Loss of Citizenship

Repatriation Oaths of Allegiance

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Public Law 515

Form N-443
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
(Rev. 12-24-53)

Form approved
Budget Bureau No. 43-R-161

No. E-3247

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

APPLICATION TO TAKE THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND FORM OF SUCH OATH

(By a former citizen, under Public Law 515, 8374, Congress, as amended)

To the Honorable the U.S. DISTRICT COURT
This application, hereby made and filed, respectfully shows:

(1) My full, true, and correct name is MINORU SADANAGA Court of LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

and any other name which has been used, must appear here) (Full, true name, without abbreviation,

(2) My present place of residence is 29 Palms Highway, Smoke Tree, 29 Palms, California (Number and street)

(3) My occupation is auto mechanic (County)

(4) I am 38 years old. (5) I was born on April 13, 1916 (City or town) (State) (Day) (Month) (Year)

Honolulu (City or town) (State) (Day) (Month) (Year)

(6) (If a naturalized citizen) I (or my parent(s)) (was, were) naturalized on Hawaii (County, district, province, or State) (Day) (Month) (Year)

in the Hawaii Court of Hawaii (Country) (Day) (Month) (Year)

and received Certificate of Naturalization No. 515 (Name of court)

(7) My personal description is: Sex Male color of hair Black height 5 feet 3 inches; weight 125 pounds; complexion Dark color of eyes Brown visible distinctive marks scar thru right eyebrow involuntary

(8) While a citizen of the United States, I voted on April 1947 in a political election or plebiscite whereby I lost my United States citizenship. (Name of city; (Month) (Day) (Year)

at Yu-machi, Yamaguchi-ken JAPAN (Name of city; (Month) (Day) (Year)

(9) I have not subsequent to such voting committed any act which had I remained a citizen would have operated to expatriate me.

(10) I have done nothing to promote the cause of communism.

(11) I hereby apply to take the oath of allegiance required by section 337 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and to become naturalized.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named applicant in the office of the Clerk of said Court at Los Angeles California (Full, true, and correct signature of applicant, without abbreviation)

this 29th day of December, anno Domini 1954.

By Edmund L. Smith Clerk. (SEAL)
John H. Smith Deputy Clerk.

ORDER OF COURT

of DISTRICT
In the U.S. DISTRICT COURT
at LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA Court
of THE UNITED STATES
at LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
this 29th day of FEBRUARY, A. D. 1954
Upon consideration of the foregoing application and the applicant having taken the oath of allegiance and the oath regarding communism in open court this 29th day of FEBRUARY, A. D. 1954, it is hereby ORDERED that the said applicant be, and he hereby is, admitted to become a citizen of the United States of America.

By the Court John H. Smith

16-52048-3
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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

Form approved. Budget Bureau No. 48-
R- 3236
No.

ORIGINAL
(To be retained by
Clerk of Court)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PL 515

APPLICATION TO TAKE THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND FORM OF SUCH OATH
(By a former citizen, under Public Law 114, 874 Congress, as amended)

To the Honorable the U.S. DISTRICT Court of LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

This application, hereby made and filed, respectfully shows:

(1) My full, true, and correct name is Flora Yamamoto
aka Harumi Yamamoto
and any other name which has been used, must appear here)

(2) My present place of residence is 3324 E. 1st St.
Los Angeles (County) Los Angeles (City or town) Calif (State)
3324 E. 1st St. (Number and street)

(3) My occupation is sewing machine operator

(4) I am 29 years old. (5) I was born on Jan 18 1925
Spokane (City or town) (Country, district, province, or State) (Month) (Day) (Year)

(6) (If a naturalized citizen) I (or my parent(s)) (was, were) naturalized on Wash 1925
in the Los Angeles (Name of court) (Country) (Day) (Year)

and received Certificate of Naturalization No. Court of (Month) (Day) (Year)

(7) My personal description is: Sex female; height 4 feet 9 inches; weight 92 pounds; color of hair black; complexion yellow; color of eyes brown; visible distinctive marks mole on left cheekbone

(8) While a citizen of the United States I voted on 4/5/47, 4/25/47, and 4/30/47
at Nagano-ken Japan (Name of city) (Month) (Day) (Year)

(9) I have not subsequent to such voting committed any act which had I remained a citizen would have operated to expatriate me.
I have done nothing to promote the cause of communism.
I hereby apply to take the oath of allegiance required by section 337 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and to become naturalized.

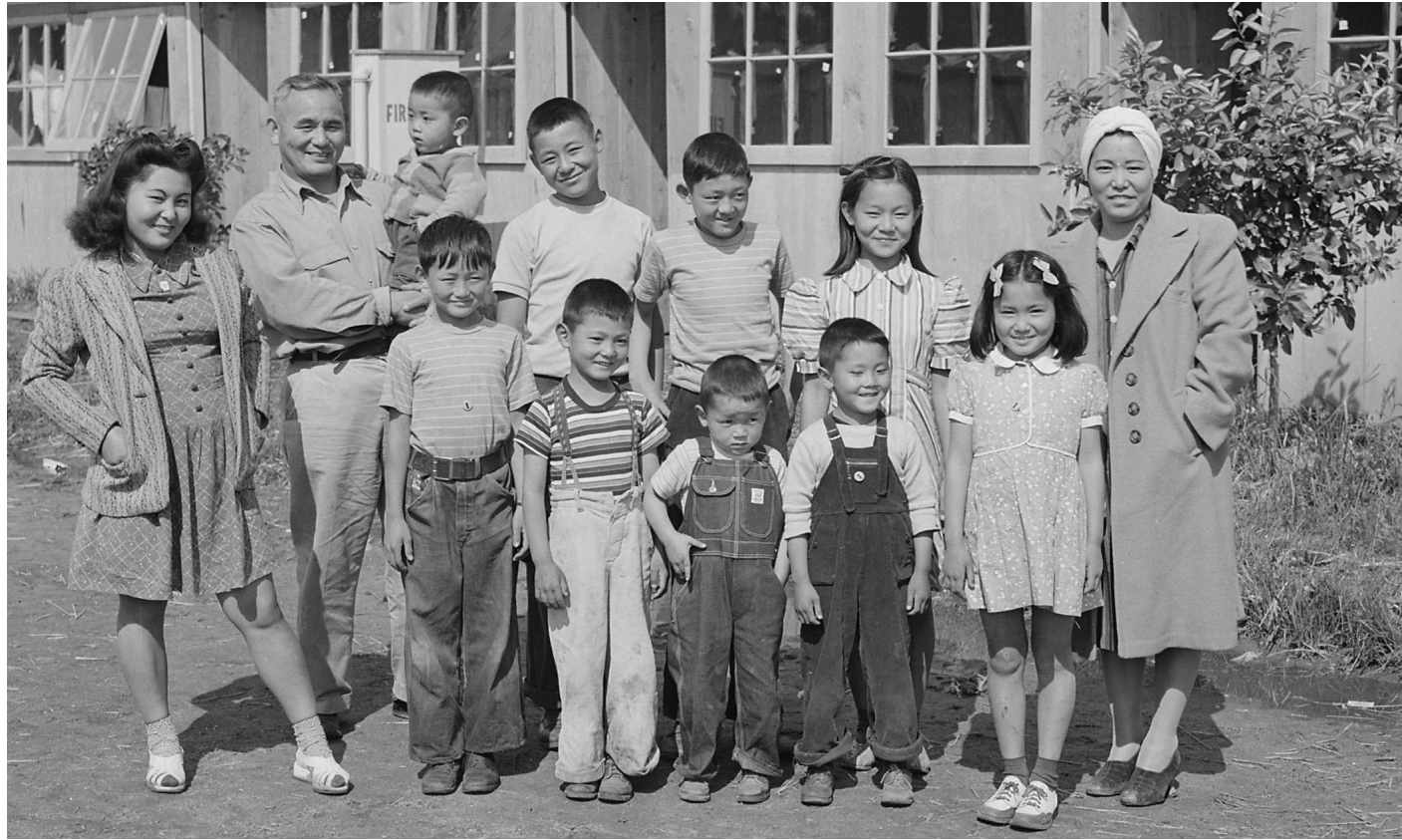
Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named applicant in the office of the Clerk of said Court at Los Angeles, California this 6th day of December, anno Domini 19 54

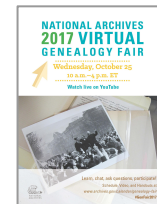
By Edmund L. Smith Clerk. (SEAL)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER OF COURT
In the DISTRICT Court of THE UNITED STATES
of LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
at LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
May 20 1955
Upon consideration of the foregoing application and the application of the applicant for naturalization, it is hereby ORDERED that the said applicant be, and he hereby is, admitted to become a citizen of the United States of America.

10-62948-3

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