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Records Relating to the Internment of Japanese Americans during World War II

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Evacuee Case Files, 1942–1946, Archival Research Catalog (ARC) Identifier 891305, Records of the War Relocation Authority (WRA), Record Group (RG) 210, Entry 22, Viewing location: National Archives Building, Washington, D.C., Textual Research Room

The records are subject to privacy restrictions. The subject of the file can view his or her own record. If you are not the subject of the file, you can view the record if you have the notarized written permission of the subject or proof of the subject's death (such as a death certificate, Social Security Death Index listing, or obituary).

To request the record, you need to provide the case file number. You can obtain this number by searching the "Records About Japanese Americans Relocated During World War II..." database at <http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>. For search tips, see <http://www.archives.gov/research/japanese-americans/wra.html>

War Relocation Center Yearbooks, 1943–1945, ARC Identifier 1048635, RG 210, *Field Basic Documentation, 1942–1946*, Entry 4-B2, Viewing location: National Archives Building, Textual Research Room

NARA holds the following relocation center yearbooks:

Central Utah

Topaz High School, "Ramblings," 1943–1945

For more information about RG 210 records, see:

Rebec, Estelle and Martin Rogin, comp. *Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the War Relocation Authority*, Preliminary Inventory 77, Washington, D.C.: NARA, reprinted 1993.

Colorado River

Poston High School, "Post-Ano," 1944–1945

Miles E. Cary High School, "El Chaparral," 1943–1945

Parker Valley High School, "Campus Echoes," 1944–1945

Gila River

Butte High School, "Year's Flight," 1943–1945

Canal High School, "Rivulet," 1943–1945

Granada

Amache High School, "Onlooker," 1943–1945

Heart Mountain

Heart Mountain High School, "Tempo," 1944–1945

Jerome

Denson High School, "Victoria," 1943–1944

Minidoka

Hunt High School, "Memoirs," 1943–1945

Rohwer

Rohwer High School, "The Pen," 1943

Tule Lake

Newell High School, "Aquila," 1943

Relocation Center Newspapers, Field Basic Documentation of the War Relocation Authority, 1942–1946, National Archives Microfilm Publication C53, Viewing location: National Archives Building, Microfilm Research Room

There is no master name index for the newspapers. To locate articles for a specific relocation center, check the NARA Finding Aid for Relocation Center Publications then the microfilm roll list.

Ancestry.com’s “World War II Japanese-American Internment Camp Documents, 1942–1946” database is a digital copy of National Archives Microfilm Publication C53 with limited search capabilities. This website is subscription based, but access is free-of-charge from any NARA research facility.

NARA does not have a complete set of relocation center newspapers. Additional resources include:

Library Collections

- *Japanese Camp Papers* (Library of Congress Call Number: Newspaper Microfilm 2022)

This microfilm publication also contains some Assembly Center newspapers. For additional information about this microfilm publication, contact:

The Library of Congress
Microform Reading Room
101 Independence Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20540

To submit an electronic reference question, complete an “Ask A Librarian” form at:
<http://www.loc.gov>

- *Japanese American Evacuation and Resettlement Records, 1930-1974*
(The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley)

Some relocation center newspapers are part of this collection. The finding aid is available online at: <http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/collections/findingaids.html> (click on the “view manuscript and archival finding aids” link). For additional information about this collection, contact:

The Bancroft Library
University of California
Berkeley, CA 94720-6000
e-mail: bancref@library.berkeley.edu

Online Resources

- *Denshō: The Japanese American Legacy Project*, <http://www.densho.org/>

Denshō digitized approximately 4,000 newspapers from the relocation centers. Researchers must register (registration is free) to obtain access to Denshō's "Camp Newspapers Collections" Digital Archive. To learn about Denshō's newspaper digitization project visit the website and click on "archive" then "From the Archive," followed by "June 2007-Free Press behind barbed wire. Newspapers Published in the Incarceration camps."

- Japanese-American Relocation Digital Archives (JARDA), <http://www.calisphere.universityofcalifornia.edu/jarda/>

This website is maintained by the University of California's Bancroft Library. Digital scans of some issues of the *Manzanar Free Press* are available through this website. Click on the link for "Personal Experiences" and scroll down to the list of "Selected Art, Writing, and Interviews." Click on the link for the "Manzanar Free Press (newspaper)" which appears under the "Internee Newspapers, Speeches, Publications" section, a subcategory of the "Words and Writing" topic.

- Manzanar National Historic Site (National Park Service), <http://www.nps.gov/manz/historyculture/mfpindex.htm>

A small number of *Manzanar Free Press* issues are available through this website. Click on the links in the following order: "History," "Historic Documents," and "Manzanar Free Press."

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