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Tuesdays at 1 p.m. ET during May and June



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Welcome!

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is pleased to present this educational series of lectures on how to conduct family research.

NARA's mission is to preserve and provide access to the records of the government of the United States of America. We are thrilled to share our records that relate to family history and to make those records available to you through the Genealogy Series.

About the Sessions

Our presentations will demonstrate how to use federal resources at the National Archives and Records Administration for genealogical research.

National Archives experts are presenting from our locations across the United States. Sessions are intended for beginners to experienced family historians—all are welcome!

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Participate with the presenters and other family historians during a session's premiere.

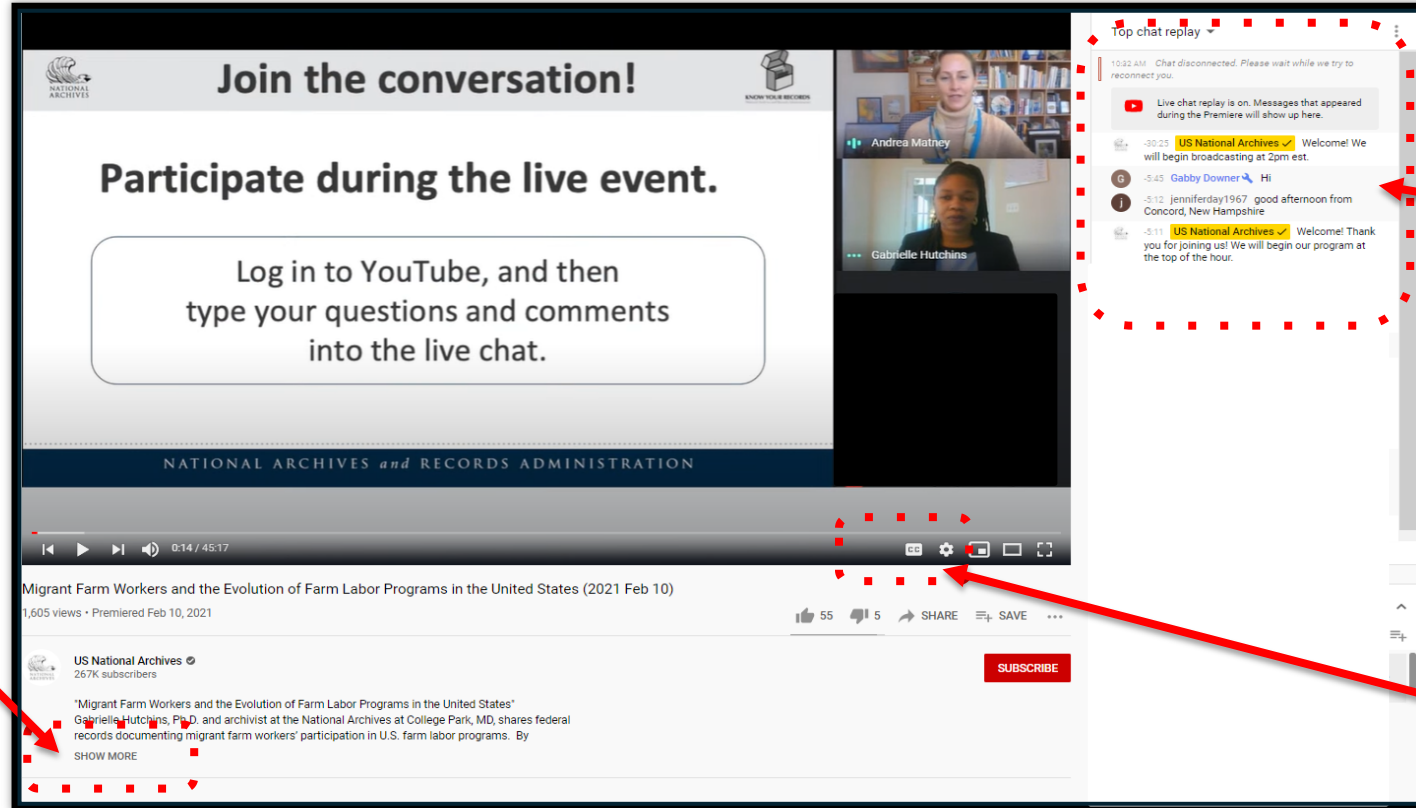
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Chat

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- participate
- ask questions

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Schedule

May 21 1 p.m. ET	Welcome and Introductions
May 21 1:05 p.m. ET	<i>Passport Records: Passport Applications at NARA, 1790s–1925</i> Claire Kluskens
May 28 1 p.m. ET	<i>After Their Service: Tracing the Lives of Native American Army Scouts</i> Cody White
June 4 1 p.m. ET	<i>Captured German Records Related to American Prisoners of War during World War II</i> Rachael Salyer

Schedule

June 18 1 p.m. ET	<i>Alien Files (A-Files): Researching Immigrant Ancestors at the National Archives</i> Elizabeth Burnes
June 25 1 p.m. ET	<i>World War II Enemy Alien Records related to Japanese Americans at the National Archives</i> David Castillo, Ruth Chan, and Katharine Seitz
June 25 following 1 p.m. session	Closing Remarks



Session Overview

World War II Enemy Alien Records Related to Japanese Americans at the National Archives

Unlike the more familiar experiences of Japanese Americans incarcerated by the War Relocation Authority (WRA), many researchers may not be aware of a separate group of people investigated and detained under the Enemy Alien Control Program. This session will guide researchers through the types of records available, offer strategies for navigating our holdings, and share stories from these records that are stored across three National Archives offices.



Presenter Biographies



David Castillo

David Castillo joined the National Archives and Records Administration in 2015 and is a reference archives specialist at the National Archives at College Park. He specializes in records of federal law enforcement agencies, including the Department of Justice and FBI, and previously worked with military and intelligence agency records.

Presenter Biographies



Ruth Chan

Ruth Chan is an archivist at the National Archives at San Francisco and a Subject Matter Expert for Asian American and Pacific Islander Related Records. Ruth has a bachelor of arts degree in history from the University of California, Davis and a master of arts degree in Public History from the University of South Carolina. She has worked at the National Archives and Records Administration since 2016.

Presenter Biographies



Katharine Seitz

Katharine Seitz is an archives specialist with the civil reference team at the National Archives in Washington, DC. Within the National Archives, she has worked on multiple initiatives designed to promote records of the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) experience. She is the co-founder of APA Unity, the Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) employee affinity group at the National Archives and has been with the National Archives since 2016.



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World War II Enemy Alien Records Related to Japanese Americans at the National Archives

David Castillo, Ruth Chan, and Katharine Seitz



Enemy Aliens: Identification and Monitoring

Enemy Alien: All non-U.S. citizens of countries with which the United States was at war. During World War II, this would include those who were citizens of Japan, Germany, and Italy.

Presidential Proclamations 2525: Authorized the federal government to monitor and detain citizens of Japan who were allegedly deemed dangerous alien enemies. This also:

- Prevented them from owning anything deemed dangerous – such as firearms, radio sets, and cameras.
- Allowed federal agencies to remove them from designated restricted zones.

Presidential Proclamation 2537: Required certificates of identification for enemy aliens

Enemy Aliens: Who was investigated?

Was every person who claimed nationality from an Axis power investigated as a dangerous enemy alien? No.

Arrests were made for those who were:

- Head of household (usually the father in the family)
- Connected with a Japanese-based organization, including:
 - Religious associations (including many clergymen)
 - Pro-military groups (members or contributed to)
 - Any organization that furthered the causes of the Japanese government, whether benign or not.

Enemy Aliens: Internment

Were all enemy aliens who were arrested sent to permanent internment camps? No.

Temporary Detention:

- Many who were initially arrested and placed in temporary detention were “paroled” a few months after and reunited with family in War Relocation Authority (WRA) camps. Records from these temporary imprisonment camps may or may not still exist.

Permanent Internment Camps:

- Operated by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) or the U.S. Army

Enemy Aliens: Federal Agencies Involved

Three federal departments administered and operated the Alien Enemy Control Program:

- the Department of Justice (Record Group 60), which included the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) (Record Group 65), and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Record Groups 85 and 566);
- the War Department's Office of the Provost Marshal General (Record Group 389) and Military Government of the Territory of Hawai'i (Record Group 494); and
- the **Department of State (Record Group 59)****



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Department of Justice (Record Group 60)



Alien Enemy Case Files

Class 146-13 (Alien Enemy) Litigation Case Files and Enclosures (RG 60, Entries A1-COR 146-13 and A1-ENC 146-13)

- Correspondence, summaries of hearings, copies of FBI reports, “Alien Questionnaire” forms
- Typically range from 50–275 pages
- Includes files for Japanese (including Japanese Latin Americans), German, and Italian nationals

Location: National Archives at College Park, MD



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Examples of DOJ Records

From: File 146-13-2-12-2678 (Seijiro Osaki), RG 60, Entry A1-COR 146-13, Box 222, National Archives at College Park, MD, National Archives Identifier: 636309

● DECLASSIFIED Authority NND 978084 ●

Pursuant to request of the United States Attorney, the Allen Enemy Hearing Board met on May 19, 1942, at 1:30 o'clock P.M. in the United States Post Office & Court Building, San Francisco, California.

Present: Professor Thomas S. Barclay, Acting Chairman; H. R. Geitner, member; R. B. McKellan, Assistant United States Attorney; A. F. LeGrand, Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent; Hugh E. Frowine, Immigration Inspector; Sally J. Austin, Interpreter, no stenographer. The following proceedings were had:

IN THE MATTER OF SEIJIRO OSAKI

It is the unanimous recommendation of the Board that the subject be paroled. This decision was reached after extended discussion and consideration by the members of the Board.

The subject was born in Japan on April 1, 1884, and had six years of grammar school before coming in 1902 to Hawaii and in 1906 to San Francisco. He has made two return trips to Japan, one in 1914 and one in 1921, respectively. Subject is a farmer and works for his son at Fresno, where they have a ranch of 40 acres. At one time he had a small amount of property in Japan, but this was turned over to his brother, according to the statement made to the Board by the subject. He married a Japanese alien in 1914 and has seven children, born in the United States and now residing here. He and his family attend the Japanese Congregational Church at Fresno, California. One of his sons, aged 21, has been for some time in the Army of the United States and is now stationed in the middle west. The children speak English and none has been sent to Japan for education, although they attended Japanese language school on Saturdays for several years. The subject said that his children at one time had been registered with the Japanese Consul, but that this registration had been canceled. He himself had registered every year for military deferment until he reached the age of 37 years. The subject has relatives in Japan, but stated that he was not in touch with them. His parents are dead. From information submitted to the Board by the Federal Bureau of Investigation it was shown that the subject is a member of the Japanese Association at Fresno and at one time had been a director of the Japanese language school there. It was also shown that he was a member of the Hokubei Butoku Kai and had at one time been treasurer of the Fresno Division. His picture appears in the book entitled "History of Japanese People in America", and the subject admitted that he had paid \$5.00 for this.

Although the Board recognizes fully the potentially dangerous character of the Hokubei Butoku Kai Society and similar radical nationalistic societies, it felt in the case of the above subject that there were countervailing circumstances, such as having a son in the United States Army, and the fact that no evidence was submitted to show that the subject had ever taken part directly, other than paying local bills for rent, for light and for food for the Hokubei Butoku Kai in Fresno during the time in which he was treasurer. The Board was impressed with the apparently truthful attitude and demeanor of the subject.

The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, No. 100/12775, and the Allen Enemy Questionnaire, Immigration No. 12044/971, were introduced in evidence and form part of this recommendation.

Fowler California, May 27/1942

To whom it may concern:-
This is to certify that I have known
Seijiro Osaki
for twenty five years. He lived as my neighbor for that time. His conduct at all times has been that of a law-abiding citizen, honest, he is honest and fair in all his dealings with his fellow men, to the best of my knowledge.

In my long acquaintance with him I have never known of his saying or doing anything to indicate that he was not loyal to our government.

Signed
C. G. Adlberg.

175th 13441A
Fowler Calif.

State of California } ss
County of Fresno }
Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 22 day of May/1942
H. W. McCallister
Notary Public

My Commission Expires February 20, 1944

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Accessing DOJ Files for Japanese Nationals

1. Review digitized [World War II Japanese Internee Cards, 1941–1947](#) (RG 60, Entry UD-UP 4) to locate card
1. Email archives2reference@nara.gov; include name and link to the digitized index card
1. Reference staff will locate DOJ file and search for other files we may hold on the individual

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Expedite	Appreh.	Warrant	Pending	Closed
B.8-26-32												FILE NO. <u>146-13-2-11-1187</u> NIF				
NAME <u>SAIKI, Tsurumatsu</u>												Item _____ Date of Item _____				
Alias <u>Saiki, Esurumatsu</u>												PRES. WARRANT				
Address <u>206 South Delaware Street</u>												Requested _____				
<u>San Mateo, California</u>												Denied _____				
CUSTODY RECORD												Issued <u>2-20-42</u>				
Place <u>San Mateo, Calif.</u> Date <u>2-24-42</u>												Cancelled _____				
Apprehended at <u>Pt. Lincoln, N. D.</u> Date <u>2-26-42</u>												HEAR. NOTICE _____				
Transferred to <u>Lordsburg, N. M.</u>												QUESTIONNAIRE <u>3-20-42</u>				
Transferred to <u>Santa Fe, N. M.</u> Date <u>6-23-43</u>												BOARD RECOMM. Rec'd 7-22-42 rec'd 8-31-43				
Reapprehended												Release _____				
Transferred to <u>AE PROCEDINGS TERM</u> 11-15-45												Parole _____ 8-25-43				
Transferred to <u>Legal resident</u>												Intern _____ 5-1-42				
Paroled-2234 Emerson St., Denver, Colo. 6-26-45												FBI REPORTS				
INTERIM ACTION												Period: _____				
Authorized _____ Effected _____												<u>2-21-3-2-42</u> <u>4-4-42</u>				
Release _____												<u>10-24-42</u> <u>11-20-42</u>				
Parole <u>For travel to Topaz - - - 10-28-45</u>												<u>11-5-43</u> <u>11-8-43</u>				
Intern _____												A. G. ORDER				
FILE CHARGED												Release _____ 9-24-43				
To _____ Date _____ To _____ Date _____												Parole _____ 8-6-42				
<u>5-311</u> <u>9-21-43</u> <u>Sand</u> <u>6-4</u>												Intern _____				
<u>files</u> <u>2-6-43</u> <u>5-311</u> <u>1-14</u>												DISPOSITION				
_____ _____ <u>Tells</u> <u>8-14-43</u>												Released _____				
_____ _____ <u>Pearce</u> <u>9-1-43</u>												Paroled _____ <u>WRC-10-30-43</u>				
_____ _____ <u>Jay</u> <u>3-13-43</u>												Interned _____ 8-10-42				

“[Japanese Internee Card for Tsurumatsu or Esurumatsu Saiki](#),” RG 60, Entry UD-UP 4, National Archives at College Park, MD, National Archives Identifier: 1094351



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FBI (Record Group 65)



FBI Investigatory Files

The FBI played major role in identifying, investigating, and arresting Japanese nationals.

FBI Case Files

- Primarily in [Classification 100 \(Domestic Security\)](#) case files
- Classification 100 case file series are classified
- Researchers must submit FOIA request for FBI records to specialaccess_foia@nara.gov
 - Include name of individual, date of birth, and FBI file number (if known)
 - All FBI case files need to be requested through FOIA, not just Classification 100
- Copies of some records from FBI files often present in DOJ alien enemy files

Location: National Archives at College Park, MD



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FBI Report Examples

Copies of FBI reports from:

File 146-13-2-12-2678 (Seijiro Osaki),
RG 60, Entry A1-COR 13, Box 222,
National Archives at College Park, MD,
National Archives Identifier: 636309

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Authority NND 978084

RECEIVED
MAY 2 1964
U. S. ATTORNEY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAY 2 1964

Form No. 1
This Case Originated at LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA File No. 100-18776

Report Made At LOS ANGELES	Date when Made 4/30/48	Period For Which Made 3/26; 4/16/48	Report Made By W. J. MCCORMICK
Title SEIJIRO OSAKI, alias S. Osaki		Character of Case INTERNAL SECURITY - J ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL	

Synopsis of Facts:

Subject apprehended as enemy alien under emergency authorization of United States Attorney, Los Angeles, on **March 26, 1942**. Presently in custody of Immigration and Naturalization Service. Subject is member or supporter of HOKUBEI BUTOKU KAI (Military Virtue Society of North America). Records of this organization reflect its purpose to be the dissemination of Japanese national spirit through the world and to direct Japanese expansion overseas. Heads of organization are high Japanese government officials, including MITSURU TOYAMA, reputed head of the Black Dragon Society.

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DETAILS:

Subject on **March 26, 1942**, was apprehended as an enemy alien upon emergency authorization granted on the same date by Assistant United States Attorney LEO SILVERSTEIN, who advised that Presidential warrant was being requested from the Attorney General. Subject is presently in custody of Immigration and Naturalization Service, being held for hearing before the Alien Enemy Hearing Board.

Subject's name appeared as a member or supporter of HOKUBEI BUTOKU KAI (Military Virtue Society of North America) on the records of this organization.

Approved and Forwarded	Special Agent in Charge
Copies of this Report	
3 - Bureau	
1 - Immigration & Naturalization, L.A.	
1 - G-2 San Francisco	
1 - G-2 Los Angeles	
1 - ONI San Diego	
1 - ONI Los Angeles	
② - USA Los Angeles	
2 - Los Angeles	

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lion. This group is ostensibly interested in Kendo, Japanese fencing. However, in connection with Kendo, the leaders attempt to inculcate into the members the ideals of military honor and the spirit of the Japanese warrior.

Records of this organization obtained from KUGIHI IZUMI, 107 Terminal Way, Terminal Island, California, on December 8, 1941, include a diary entitled "The Twenty-six Hundredth Anniversary Trip of HOKUBEI BUTOKU KAI to the Mother Country", in which it is stated that the writer, together with twenty other officers of HOKUBEI BUTOKU KAI, in 1940 accompanied a group of thirty-six Kendo students of that organization to Japan, the stated purpose of which trip was to engage in Kendo matches in Japan. The diary reveals that while in Japan, the group was received by numerous high Japanese officials and were conducted by them to the Imperial Palace, the Military Staff College, the Yokosuga Naval Base, where they dined aboard a battleship, various shrines of the Emperors and many other national monuments.

On July 19, 1940, the group participated in a fencing contest which was attended by Prince KASHIMIRO and MITSURU TOYAMA, reputed head of the Black Dragon Society. At that time the group had its picture taken with TOYAMA. According to the diary, the officers of HOKUBEI BUTOKU KAI include MITSURU TOYAMA as honorary adviser, Baron TSUBURUICHI MARUYAMA, who was a member of the Imperial Diet as Director, and other high Japanese government officials. The director of HOKUBEI BUTOKU KAI is FUKIICHI NAKAMURA.

On March 3, 1942, from YOSHITARO MAEDA of Livingston, California, photographs were obtained showing TOYAMA, MARUYAMA and NAKAMURA with a group that appears to be composed of the Kendo students who bear an emblem on their coats which contains the United States and Japanese national flags. This picture is probably the photograph referred to in the above paragraph. It was taken before a building in Japan bearing a sign reading: "HOKUBEI BUTOKU KAI KODO GAKUIN" which, translated, means "Military Virtue Society of North America Imperial Way Institute".

There was obtained from TOSHIO FUJII, instructor of HOKUBEI BUTOKU KAI at San Pedro, California, a booklet printed in 1940 entitled "HOKUBEI BUTOKU KAI KODO GAKUIN, Rules and Regulations". This was written by NAKAMURA and states that he was establishing the Imperial Way Institute of Military Virtue Society in Tokyo in order to spread the teachings of the Japanese national spirit and to direct Japanese racial expansion overseas. The pamphlet sets forth the regulations of this Institute showing that in the American division of the school is taught the Japanese spirit, the spirit of the warrior and the spirit of Imperialism for the purpose of making American students good leaders overseas. In this booklet is set forth the officers of the Institute and it is significant that MITSURU TOYAMA is an adviser, Baron MARUYAMA, the supervisor, and NAKAMURA, the principal, of this HOKUBEI BUTOKU KAI KODO GAKUIN.

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Office of the Provost Marshal General (OPMG) (Record Group 389)

Records Relating to Japanese Civilian Internees During World War II, 1942–1946 (RG 389, Entry A1 466-F)

- Documents internment in Army-operated camps
- Personal information (marital status, work history, and address history), basic personnel card (may include photo), listing of the various camps, information about any legal proceedings, and the resolution of the individual's status
- Includes individuals arrested in United States and overseas (primarily Philippines)
- No name list, but files arranged alphabetically
- Helpful to consider these supplemental to DOJ file

Location: National Archives at College Park, MD

Examples of OPMG Records

From: File: Saiki,
Tsurumatsu, RG 389, Entry
A1 466-F, Box 84, National
Archives at College Park,
MD, National Archives
Identifier: 872144

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Authority *AWD 747020*

BASIC PERSONNEL RECORD
(Alien Enemy or Prisoner of War)

ISN-23-4-J-908-CI
(Interment serial number)
SAIKI, Tsurumatsu
(Name of internee)
Male
(Sex)

Height 5 ft. 2 in.
Weight 132
Eyes brown
Skin yel.
Hair gray
Age 59
Distinguishing marks or characteristics:
scar on left thumb

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS TAKEN FROM INTERNEE

1. Alien Rec. Receipt Card #543250
2. _____
3. Alien Ind. Book
4. Social Security Card
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

The above is correct:
Tsurumatsu Saiki
(Signature of internee)

8/6/42 Fort Lincoln N.D.
(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

Note amputations in proper space

* Do not fill in.

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1. _____ (Grade and arm or service)
2. _____ (Hostile unit or vessel)
3. _____ (Hostile serial number)
4. Sept. 26, 1882 Japan
(Date and country of birth)
5. 206 Delaware St., San Mateo Calif.
(Place of permanent residence)
6. Mitsashi, Saiki, Son
(Name, relationship of nearest relative)
7. 26 So. Claremont St., San Mateo Calif.
(Address of above)
8. none
(Number of dependents and relationship)
9. _____
(Address of above)

10. Febr. 21, 1942
(Date of capture or arrest)
11. San Mateo, Calif.
(Place of capture or arrest)
12. FBI
(Unit or vessel making capture or arresting agency)
13. Private teacher 0-32
(Occupation)
14. 12 years
(Education)
15. Japanese English
(Knowledge of languages)
16. app. good
(Physical condition at time of capture or arrest)
17. widowed
(Married or single)
18. Dud.
(Religious preference)

ADDITIONAL DATA:

Transferred from	Date depart	Transferred to	Date received	Official signature of receiving officer	Personal effects not transferred*
<u>Ft. Lincoln N.D.</u>	<u>Feb 11 1942</u>	<u>Santa Fe, N.M.</u>	<u>13 1942</u>	<u>JAMES E. HUGHES</u> 2nd Lieut. Infantry Custodian Officer	<u>Alien Enemy</u>
<u>Lordsburg, N.M.</u>	<u>6-23-43</u>	<u>Santa Fe, N.M.</u>			

REMARKS:

* If no relative, name person to be notified in case of emergency.
* If personal effects taken from individual are not transferred, note exceptions and place of storage or deposit.

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Additional Records: Residents of Hawai'i

Document individuals arrested in Territory of Hawai'i

- Photographs of the internees, forms containing personal background information, fingerprints, Alien Hearing Board transcripts, reports, lists of personal items

Office of the Provost Marshal General, [Subject Files, 1942–1946](#) (RG 389, Entry A1 461)

- Individual case files part of “[Hawaii, Civilian Internees](#)” subseries
- Names are listed in National Archives Catalog

Military Government of Hawai'i, [Internee Case Files, December 15, 1941–1945](#) (RG 494, Entry A1 19)

- No name list, but files arranged alphabetically

Location: National Archives at College Park, MD

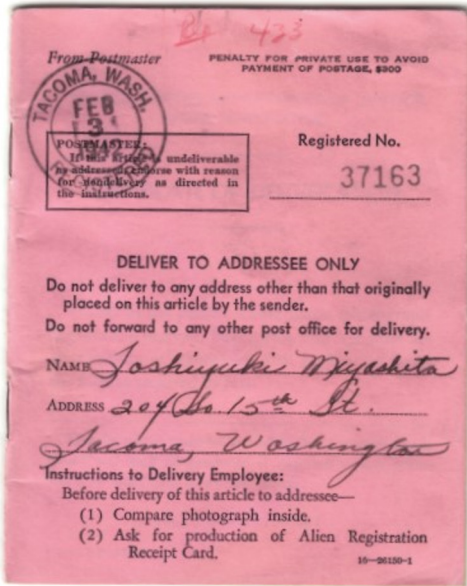


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INS (Record Group 85)

INS Enemy Alien Camp Records at the National Archives in Washington, DC (Archives 1)



Cover, certificate of identification of Toshiyuki Miyashita. File 1300/B-433, box 43, entry 308, RG 85, National Archives in Washington, DC. National Archives Identifier: [5633980](https://www.iaid.org/iaid/5633980).

Montana

- [Fort Missoula](#)

New Mexico

- [Fort Stanton](#) (two series)
- [Old Raton Ranch Camp](#)
- [Santa Fe](#)

New York

- [Camp Upton](#)

North Dakota

- [Fort Lincoln](#)

Pennsylvania

- [Bedford](#)

Texas

- [Crystal City](#)
- [Kenedy](#)
- [Seagoville](#)

West Virginia

- [White Sulphur Springs](#) (name index, no case files)

Virginia

- [Staunton](#) (name index, no case files)

INS Enemy Alien Records in the Subject and Policy Files (Entry 9)

Subject and Policy Files (AKA "Entry 9")

- Contains INS central office (Washington, DC) correspondence from 1906 to 1957; over 22,000 boxes of material total
- File 56125/General-999 - 142 boxes of records on INS camps
 - Contains lists of deportees/those being repatriated and other categories
 - Contains some case files removed from individual camp case file series

SANTA FE INTERMEDIATE CAMP, SANTA FE, N.M.		SAILING LIST--REPATRIATION GROUP OF DECEMBER 26, 1945				STATUS	LOCATION	SHEET NO. 11
NO.	NAME	ALIEN NO.	AGE	SEX	BIRTH DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH		REMARKS
✓ 201.	WISHIURA, Tatsam	2869818	40	M	3/5/05	Kumamoto-Ken, Japan	I	Santa Fe, N.M.
202.	WISHIZAWA, Hidesato	6138912	26	M	12/5/19	Yokima, Wash.	R	Santa Fe, N.M.
203.	WUJIMA, Hiroaki		19	M		Waco, Calif.	R	Santa Fe, N.M.
204.	WUJIMIRO, Bichi		19	M		Glendale, Calif.	R	Santa Fe, N.M.
205.	WUJIMIRO, Masaru	4674966	41	M	7/27/04	Hiroshima-Ken, Japan	I	Santa Fe, N.M.
206.	WUJIRA, Isami	6140720	25	M	8/25/20	Stockton, Calif.	R	Santa Fe, N.M.
207.	WU, Isamu	6138742	30	M	5/5/15	Christopher, Wash.	R	Santa Fe, N.M.
208.	OGATA, Suso	1893821	50	M	2/1/55	Kumamoto-Ken, Japan	I	Santa Fe, N.M.
209.	OHATA, Sawato	2321565	45	M	4/10/00	Hiroshima-Ken, Japan	I	Santa Fe, N.M.
210.	OHATA, Shigetoshi	unknown	18	M	3/3/27	Lodi, Calif.	R	Santa Fe, N.M.
211.	OHYA, Gontaro	4034073	63	M	3/22/82	Wakayama-Ken, Japan	I	Santa Fe, N.M.
212.	OKA, Junpei	4738607	55	M	1/21/86	Okayama-Ken, Japan	I	Santa Fe, N.M.
213.	OKA, Takeo	4340846	54	M	2/20/91	Okayama-Ken, Japan	I	Santa Fe, N.M.
214.	OKAZAKI, Chojiro	3214982	45	M	8/17/00	Fuku-Ken, Japan	I	Santa Fe, N.M.
215.	OKUDA, Itsumi	unknown	31	M	11/23/14	Laguna, Calif.	R	Santa Fe, N.M.
216.	OKUDA, Takemasa	2099815	55	M	5/14/86	Kumamoto-Ken, Japan	I	Santa Fe, N.M.
217.	OKUYAMA, Hiroji	3949207	57	M	5/12/88	Mie-Ken, Japan	I	Santa Fe, N.M.
218.	OKUMURA, Seisuke	3201202	62	M	2/23/83	Mie-Ken, Japan	I	Santa Fe, N.M.
219.	OKUNO, Kenzo	6138822	23	M	6/5/22	Terminal Island, Calif.	R	Santa Fe, N.M.
220.	OKUSHI, Katsuji	3599663	49	M	4/30/96	Kobe, Japan	I-D	Santa Fe, N.M.

List of people being repatriated to Japan from Santa Fe enemy alien camp on December 26, 1945. File 1300/B-3270, box 208, entry 308, RG 85, National Archives in Washington, DC. Personally identifiable information redacted. National Archives Identifier: [5633980](https://www.foia.gov/5633980).

INS Enemy Alien Camp Case Files: Contents

Alien Registration No. 5699016

Name Toshiyuki Miyashita
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

RIGHT INDEX FINGERPRINT

Birth date Feb 6 1912
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Born in Kawakami Ehime-ken Japan
(City) (Province) (Country)

Citizen or subject of Japan
(Country)

Length of residence in United States 13 yrs., 7 mos.

Address of residence 204 So 15th St.
(Street address or rural route)
Tacoma Pierce Washington
(City) (County) (State)

Height 5 ft., 1½ in.
 Weight 118 lb.
 Color of hair Black
 Distinctive marks Scar on right cheek

Eleanor Levi
(Signature of Immigration Official)

Application filed in Alien Registration Division. Copy filed with Federal Bureau of Investigation office at Seattle, Wash.

Toshiyuki Miyashita
(Signature of holder)

16-98130-1

Interior page, certificate of identification of Toshiyuki Miyashita. File 1300/B-433, box 43, entry 308, RG 85, National Archives in Washington, DC. National Archives Identifier: [5633980](https://www.iaarchives.gov/iaid/5633980).

Internment camp case files can include:

- Photos and negatives
- Correspondence
- Administrative forms containing family history
- Lists of internees moving between camps or subject to deportation/repatriation
- Deportation orders
- Interview transcripts
- Property lists
- Medical information
- Alien registration cards and certificates of ID
- Records from other camp internments

Finding INS Enemy Alien Case Files

Search the individual's name in the index
[World War II Japanese Internee Cards, 1941–1947](#) (RG 60, Entry UD-UP 4)

- Contains most, but not every, person interned as an enemy alien
- Card may not list every internment
- Card may list WRA camps
- File is usually held in the final INS camp where individual was interned


Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Expedite	Appreh.	Warrant	Pending	Closed
B. 2-6-42												FILE NO. 146-13-2-82-650		AR5699016		
NAME MIYASHITA, Toshiyuki (JAP)												Item		Date of Item		
Alias _____												PRES. WARRANT		Requested _____		
Address 204 South 15th Street												Denied _____		Issued 4-16-42		
Tacoma, Washington												Cancelled _____		HEAR. NOTICE		
CUSTODY RECORD												QUESTIONNAIRE 5-19-42		BOARD RECOMM recd. 6-15-42 Rec'd 11-27-43		
Apprehended at Tacoma, Washington 5-9-42												Release _____		Parole _____		
Transferred to Seattle, Washington 5-9-42												Intern 5-21-42		11-11-43		
Transferred to Ft. Missoula, Mont. 5-25-42												FBI REPORTS		(di-g)		
Transferred to Camp Livingston, La. 8-2-42												Period:		3-23-42 4-8-42		
Transferred to Santa Fe, N.M. 8-31-43												4/30/5/16/42		5-18-42		
Transferred to Kooskia, Idaho 8-27-43												A. G. ORDER		XXXXXX CLOSED: 8/12/49		
Transferred to Santa Fe, N.M. 8-25-45												Release _____		12-27-45		
Transferred to Fort Stanton 8-25-45												Parole _____		7-10-42 12-18-43		
INTERIM ACTION												DISPOSITION		Released _____		
Release Santa Fe, N.M. 11-20-45												Paroled _____		8-2-42		
Parole REPATRIATED SS. GEN. GORDON 12/20/46												Interned _____		_____		
Intern _____																
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To Parole 11-27-45																
To Parole 11-27-45																
To Parole 12-28-45																
To Parole 12-19-43																
To Parole 3-24-47																
To Parole 7-26-46																

Internee card for Toshiyuki Miyashita. World War II Japanese Internee Cards, 1941–1947, Entry UD-UP 4, RG 60. National Archives Identifier: [1093006](#).

Finding INS Enemy Alien Case Files

Fielded Search

File unit: [Japanese-American Internee Data File], 1942 - 1946
in the Series: Records About Japanese Americans Relocated During World War II, created 1988 - 1989, documenting the period 1942 - 1946 - *Record Group 210* ([info](#))

 You may wish to [View the FAQs](#) for this series.

Search this file

[Advanced Search](#)

Enter values below to search within fields. [show more fields](#)

Field Title	Enter Values	
LAST NAME	with all of the values ▼	<input type="text" value="nishiura"/> Sample Values
FIRST NAME	with all of the values ▼	<input type="text" value="tatsuma"/> Sample Values
MIDDLE INITIAL	with all of the values ▼	<input type="text"/> Sample Values
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ASSEMBLY CENTER	Select from Code List	
LAST PERMANENT ADDRESS	Select from Code List	
INDIVIDUAL NUMBER	with all of the values ▼	<input type="text"/> Sample Values
YEAR OF BIRTH	with all of the values ▼	<input type="text"/> Sample Values

More ways to find files

- Check name in [Japanese-American Internee Data File, 1942–1946](#) and [Densho Names Registry](#) to see whether individual was imprisoned by WRA. WRA case file may mention INS camp internment.
- Ask family members; review any existing documents and letters.

(left) Screenshot of search page for [Japanese-American Internee Data File, 1942–1946](#).



Differences: INS vs. WRA Case File Series

INS case files

- Can be an individual or a family
- Usually within a camp's general files, arranged by file number - not arranged alphabetically by name
- Must consult specific camp's name index for file number; file number allows access to case file
- No single index to all case files for all camps
- Not every internee will have a case file, even if interned by INS

WRA case files

- Each individual usually has their own file
- Case files from all WRA camps combined as one series, alphabetically by name
- Can consult single index ([Japanese-American Internee Data File, 1942-1946](#)); generally, incarceration at a WRA camp means a case file exists

INS Case Files: Tatsuma Nishiura

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO *File*

BASIC PERSONNEL RECORD P. P. C.
(Alien Enemy or Prisoner of War)

1300/B-3270
(Registration serial number)

NISHIURA, Tatsuma
(Given name and surname)

male (Sex)

Height 5 ft 8 in. Reference *
Weight 105 INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS TAKEN FROM INTERNEE

Eyes brown
Skin yellow
Hair black
Age 40
Distinguishing marks or characteristics:
small deep scar left
adam's apple; faint l
out scar inner
right forearm

Immigration Internment Camp, Santa Fe, New Mexico
July 2, 1945
RIGHT HAND
LEFT HAND

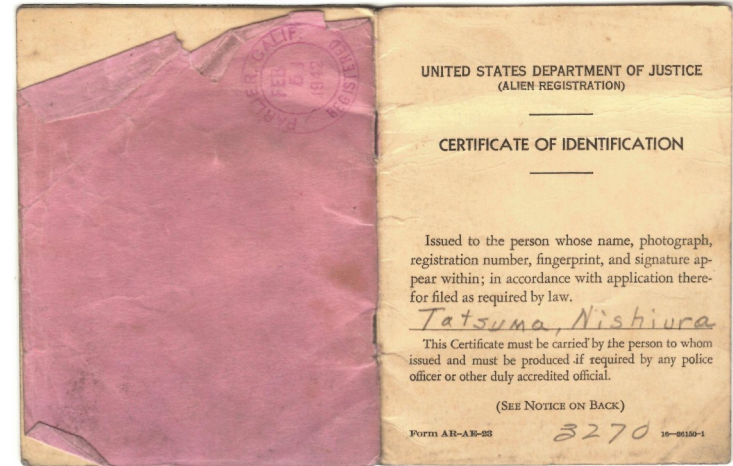
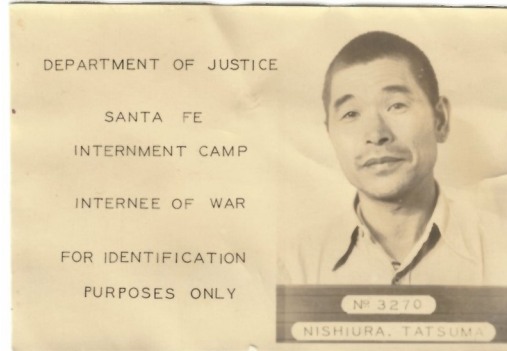
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W. D., P. M., G. Form No. 4
1-1-40 (Rev. 1-1-40) Note Amputation in Proper Space * Do not fill in.

Interdiction at Byrne, Calif. date unknown Nov 1940
Registration filed July 1945
Registration (continued) Robson WMA, Ark.

Relationships:

Nishiura Masaki	mother	Robson WMA, Ark.
Nishiura Heigo	father	Robson WMA, Ark.
Nishiura Tsuyoko	wife	Tule Lake WMA, Calif
Nishiura Kiyotatsu	brother	W. Okeez, Ark.
Nishiura Fuziko	daughter	Tule Lake WMA
Nishiura Naomi	daughter	"
Nishiura Tsuechi	son	"



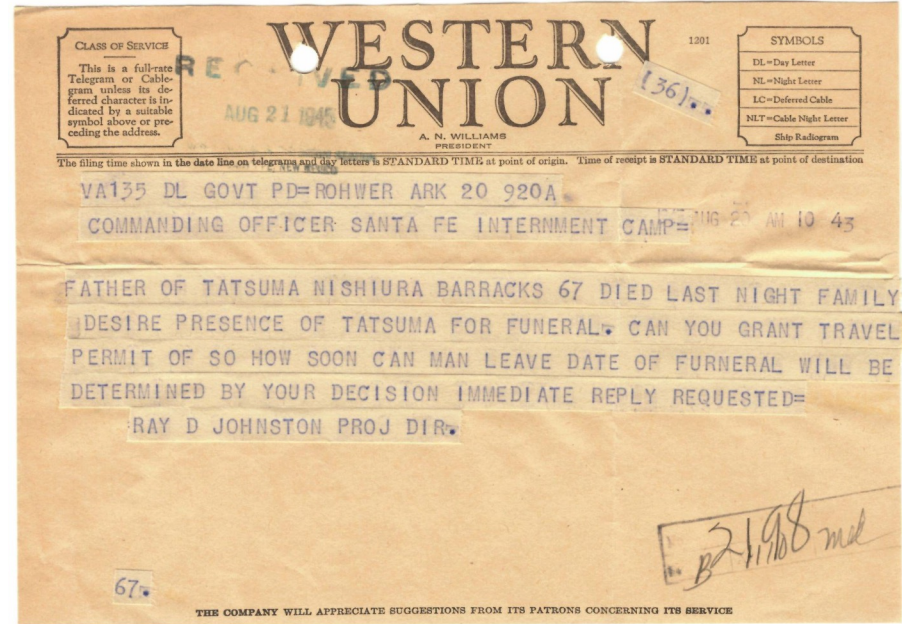
Material from the INS enemy alien case file for Tatsuma Nishiura. File 1300/B-3270, box 208, entry 308, RG 85, National Archives in Washington, DC. National Archives Identifier: [5633980](https://www.foia.gov/5633980).

INS Case Files: Tatsuma Nishiura

Tatsuma Nishiura was interned at Santa Fe Internment Facility when his father, incarcerated at Rohwer, died. His family requested that he be allowed to come for the funeral.

His INS case file contains the telegram announcing his father's death and requesting he come quickly. His WRA case file contains the INS's letter refusing him permission to attend.

(right) Telegram. File 1300/B-3270, box 208, entry 308, RG 85, National Archives in Washington, DC. National Archives Identifier: [5633980](https://www.iaid.org/iaid.aspx?id=5633980).





Accessing RG 85 Enemy Alien Case Files

1. Determine INS camp(s) where the person may have been interned.
 - a. Review digitized [World War II Japanese Internee Cards, 1941–1947](#) (RG 60, Entry UD-UP 4). Card may exist with name of camp(s).
 - b. Check name in [Japanese-American Internee Data File, 1942–1946](#), and [Densho Names Registry](#) to verify WRA incarceration. If WRA case file exists, Archives 1 reference staff can check to see if it references a period of internment in an INS camp.
 - c. Ask family members; review any existing documents and letters.

1. Email the Archives 1 reference division: archives1reference@nara.gov.
 - a. Include internee's name, date of birth, proof of right to access (death, notarized permission, or looking for own record), link to index card above (if found), and any other relevant information.

1. Reference staff will use information provided to locate case file. If located, they will screen file and make unrestricted material available.



Research Services

Alien Files (A-Files)

Record Group 566
U.S. Citizenship and Naturalization Service



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A-Files: A Short Overview

A-Files are name and/or A-Number searchable in the [National Archives Catalog](#).

A-Files are located at the:



National Archives at Kansas City



National Archives at San Francisco



Alien Files (A-Files): Researching Immigrant Ancestors at the National Archives

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A-Files: Enemy Alien Related Documents

Copies from DOJ, INS, or Army records:

- Fingerprint cards
- Summary Reports from the Enemy Alien Board Hearings
- Orders - summary of the decision made by the Board
- Parole cards and travel documents
- Petitions for Reuniting Family in Family Internment Centers

Sample pages from A-File for Asataro Yamada, A1299938
(National Archives Identifier: [24577724](#))

FILE NO. 100-238

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORT OF ALIEN ENEMY

Name: YAMADA, Asataro
 Birth: 05-20-1908, Himeji, Japan
 Occupation: Printer
 Address: 814 N. Washington, San Jose, Calif.

Summary of activities:
 This investigation was conducted to determine if the subject is an enemy alien as defined in the Espionage and Sabotage Laws. The subject was born in Himeji, Japan, and arrived in the United States in 1931. He was employed as a printer in San Jose, California, and was active in the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). He was interviewed on May 10, 1950, and his activities were reviewed. He was found to be an enemy alien and was ordered to report to the nearest War Relocation Authority (WRA) center within 30 days of the date of this report.

Decision:
 The Enemy Alien Board has ordered that I report to your office on May 13, 1950, regarding the parole of Asataro Yamada, ISN-19-4-J-90-01, who is in the War Relocation Authority at the Los Angeles, California, Center.

In compliance with the above, this office has sent an air mail letter to the Commanding Officer of the Los Angeles, California, Center, which requests that this letter be placed on file and that the subject be placed in the custody of the War Relocation Authority at the Los Angeles, California, Center. The subject's release from the War Relocation Authority will be effective immediately.

Honorable yours,
 R. N. Rogers, Major General, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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 MAY 13 1950
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

D.J. File No. 146-15-2-12-2400

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A-Files: Enemy Alien Related Documents

Form AR-AE-22
 Alien Registration Receipt No. 1299938
 Indicate if registered by Consular Officer or as Alien Seaman

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION
 (Aliens of Enemy Nationalities)

I hereby apply for a Certificate of Identification and make the following statements and affirmations under oath or affirmation:

1. Name: Asataro Yamada
 2. Registered Name: Asataro Yamada
 3. Present residence: 504 East Washington Street, San Jose, California
 4. Employment since January 1, 1951: Conkayo Church, Inc, 504 E. Washington, San Jose, Calif.

2. Date of birth: February 4, 1919
 3. Relative (see instructions) living in the United States:
 (a) Yoshi Yamada Yamada, Son, 671-361
Samuel Suyeo Yamada, Son, Camp 50
Satayo Yurh Hoshimoto, Daughter, 504 E. San Jose
Yasu Yamada, Wife, 504 E. San Jose
 (b) None

3. Do you have any children serving in the armed forces of the United States?
Samuel Suyeo Yamada, Military

4. Relative (see instructions) living outside the United States:
 (a) Haruko Helen Yamada, Daughter, 70
 (b) None

I solemnly swear (or affirm) that all the above statements and answers have been read by me and are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Asataro Yamada
 PHOTOGRAPH

HEIGHT 5 feet 02 inches. Weight 145 lbs.
 Eyes Blue Hair Black Complexion Fair
 Distinctive marks: None

One copy of this Application sent to Alien Registration Division. Duplicate sent to Police Bureau of Investigation office at _____

Form AR-AE-22 (Rev. 1-1-51)

Form AR-11 (Rev. 5-1-51)
 ADDRESS RECORD CARD—ALIEN REGISTRATION
 (This card will be used for each change of home address or on the day of first arrival)

Name (print or type): YAMADA, ASATARO
 My last address was: INTERNMENT CAMP, ROSELAND, N.M.
 My present address is: 504 EAST WASHINGTON STREET, SAN JOSE, CALIF.
 I work for: CONKAYO CHURCH, INC.
 Whose address is: _____
 Date: Feb 27, 1954 Signature: Asataro Yamada

Form AR-11 (Rev. 5-1-51)
 ADDRESS RECORD CARD—ALIEN REGISTRATION
 (This card will be used for each change of home address or on the day of first arrival)

Name (print or type): ASATARO YAMADA
 My last address was: RIK, 2130 WYOMING ST., SAN JOSE, CALIF.
 My present address is (print or type): 504 E. SAN JOSE, SAN JOSE, CALIF.
 I work for: _____
 Whose address is: _____
 Date: Feb 27, 1954 Signature: Asataro Yamada

Documents unique to A-Files:

- Address change cards
- Application for Certificate of Identification (Form AR-AE-22)
- Post-camp Parole Investigative Reports

Sample pages from A-File for Asataro Yamada, A1299938
 (National Archives Identifier: [24577724](#))



Research Services

A-File for Tsurumatsu Saiki, A3543250

Born in Kasuya-gun, Fukuoka-sen, Japan
 Residence at time of arrest: San Mateo, CA
 Employment: Japanese Language Teacher
 Affiliated Membership:

- Secretary for the Japanese Association of San Mateo

Internment:

- DOJ-INS Camps: Fort Lincoln, ND; Santa Fe, NM
- Army Camp: Lordsburg, NM
- WRA Camp: Topaz (Central Utah), UT

Post-internment:

- Denver, CO, and then to San Francisco, CA

The image displays several key documents from the A-File for Tsurumatsu Saiki, A3543250:

- Federal Bureau of Investigation Form 1:** Application for Certificate of Naturalization, dated 11/20/42, filed in San Francisco, California.
- United States Department of Justice Form 1:** Application for Certificate of Denaturalization, dated 11/20/42, filed in San Francisco, California.
- Basic Personnel Record:** A record card for Tsurumatsu Saiki, born 11/20/1882, with a photograph and physical description.
- Report of Periodic Conduct and Activity Investigation:** A report dated 11-21-42, detailing the alien's activities and conduct during his internment and subsequent residence in San Francisco.

Sample pages from A-File for

Tsurumatsu Saiki, A3543250

(National Archives Identifier: [40333993](https://www.foia.gov/40333993))



A-File for Tsurumatsu Saiki, A3543250

11-83
11-5-44

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Immigration and Naturalization Service
555 Post Office Building
Denver 2, Colorado

Sub-Office File
District File No.
C. O. File No.
AR No. 3543250

Central Office
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

ATTENTION: Chief, Alien Parole Section

(THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS)

Report of periodic conduct and activity investigation conducted by TSURUMATSU SAIKI, Alien Enemy Parolee by FRANK H. PARR, Assistant Inspector, in accordance with Section 600-2(7) of Operations Instructions: at July 11, 1945.

SUMMARY

The aforementioned Japanese alien enemy was apprehended at February 21, 1942 at San Mateo, Calif. and delivered to a San Francisco on February 22, 1942 and temporarily detain Detention Station, Fort Lincoln, Elmerick, North Dakota. The Attorney General issued an order directing the said alien interned and he was delivered to the Army for internment and transferred to Lordsburg, New Mexico. On June 23, 1943 delivered to our Service and transferred to the Allen Det Santa Fe, New Mexico. On September 24, 1943 the Attorney an order directing said alien enemy be transferred to a U and paroled and on October 26, 1943 he was released from station for the purpose of proceeding to the Central Utah Topas, Utah where he arrived on October 30, 1943 and was that Center. On May 2, 1945 he applied for permission to residence in the Central Utah War Relocation Center which was granted and he arrived in Denver on June 26, 1945 at 2234 Emerson St. During the course of this investigation secured for him and he was released to Dr. John A. Foote, Denver, Colo., a legal citizen of the United States, on the

From the investigation conducted it appears that this par complying with the provisions of his parole and the regul alien enemies.

It is respectfully recommended that parole be continued a

DETAILS

TSURUMATSU SAIKI, the parolee, resides at 2234 Emerson St. is employed as a houseman at the Mills Hotel, 132 that he has been reporting regularly each week to the office. (Use continuation sheets, as required.)

Mrs. MAY HANNUM, housewife, citizen of the United States, 2237 Emerson St., stated that she sees the parolee almost every day. However, she is not personally acquainted with him; that she has from time to time spoken to him but has never conversed with him; that he appears to be a very law-abiding, pleasant sort of a person; tends strictly to his own business and does not bother anyone; she believes he is complying with the regulations governing alien enemies.

Officer in accordance with the terms of h was not acquainted with any U. S. citizen be willing to act as his sponsor and when was willing to act in that capacity he wa he was employed as a houseman at the Mill board and room for his services; that he fellow employees but stated that he was g the work was not quite as arduous as he s rather difficult for him because of his a easier job. He stated that he has made n Denver since his arrival here; that his a Japanese race; that he has not been here with any people of the Caucasian race. H organizations or societies of any kind an bonds as he has no funds with which to p contributed to the Red Cross every year s presented membership cards substantiating

He stated he was never registered for the old as he was born in Fukuoka-ken, Japan he did not care to join the Armed Forces to remain strictly neutral. However, he sent of Japan and address the Government does not like war. He maintains his ayp and that he would like to see Japan defe with the regulations governing alien enem

Dr. JOHN A. FOOTE, 1220 Corona St., Denver church and native born citizen of the United States, stated that he is willing to act as sponsor for the and parolee's agreements were duly signed taken to the home of Dr. Foote for the pu sponsor. The sponsor retains approximately residence and six blocks from his present

Mrs. PEARL SHANE, native born citizen of Mills Hotel, 1321 Logan St., Denver, wha that his services had been very satisfact per month, board and room, from which not of war bonds; that he appears to get alien, of which there are only two. She stated abiding, quiet, courteous sort of a perso assigned to him willingly and well. She employ approximately two weeks. She beli regulations governing alien enemies.

Mrs. EAY KURATOMI, housewife and native born citizen of the United States, resides in an apartment at 2234 Emerson St., where the parolee resides, stated that she has known the parolee since his arrival in Denver on June 26, 1945; that he appears to be a very law-abiding sort of a person and makes an excellent neighbor. She believes he is complying with the regulations governing alien enemies.

He at present residing with her parents at the aforementioned address; that her father's name is Tajiro Howard Mori; that their family are voluntary evacuees from the West Coast.

Mr. MORRIS HANNUM, citizen of the United States and defense worker, residing at 220X Emerson St., which is directly across the street from the parolee's residence, stated that he does not know the parolee personally but has noticed him coming and going to work; that the parolee appears to be a law-abiding, quiet sort of a person, tends strictly to his own business and does not bother anyone; that he is a very good neighbor in that he does attend to his own business.

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Mrs. FLORENCE McFADEN, (Colored), housewife, 223 volunteered the information that she is a native States and during the school season is employed schools of Denver; that she is not personally ac has seen him coming and going from work; that to be a very law-abiding and orderly sort of a heard any complaints from anyone concerning him and she believes he is complying with the regulations governing alien enemies.

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Police Officer Elmer L. Rotsford of the Denver City Police Department informed me that they have no record of any kind concerning the parolee.

Agent DAVID BARBEN of the Denver Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation informed me that a review of their files fails to disclose any derogatory information concerning the parolee since his release on parole.

It will be noted that this parolee claims he was not registered in accordance with the law and this matter is being taken for such action as they say

A-File for Seijiro Osaki, A5853794

Born in Hiroshima, Japan
 Residence at time of arrest: Fresno, CA
 Employment: Farmer
 Affiliated membership:

- Japanese Association of Fresno
- Treasurer for Hokubei Butokukai (North American Military Virtue Society)

Internment:

- DOJ-INS Detention Center: Sharp Park, CA
- WRA Camp: Gila River (Colorado River)

Post-internment: Returned to Fresno

The image displays several pages from an immigration file for Seijiro Osaki. The top left page is a 'REPORT OF PAROLE INVESTIGATION' from the United States Department of Justice, dated October 28, 1942. It details Osaki's background, including his birth in Hiroshima, Japan, and his residence in Fresno, California. The report notes that he is employed as a farm laborer by his son, Frank, and that he has no relatives in the United States. The bottom left page is a 'REPLY TO PAROLE INVESTIGATION' from the Chief District Parole Officer, dated November 11, 1942. It states that Osaki is a qualified and willing worker and is recommended for parole. The top right page is a 'FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION' report, dated February 17, 1942, which provides further details about Osaki's activities and affiliations. The bottom right page is a letter from the United States Department of Justice, dated December 12, 1944, addressed to Mr. William H. Hays, Director of the United States Department of Justice, regarding Osaki's application for parole.

Sample pages from A-File for Seijiro Osaki, A5853794
 (National Archives Identifier: [24604150](#))



A-File for Seijiro Osaki, A5853794

13 - 63 (REPORT OF INVESTIGATION)
10-26-43 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF Immigration and Naturalization San Francisco District Office

Date of Report February 3, 1945
Office Fresno, California

Name and Address	Character of Case
SEIJIRO OSAKI Gila River War Relocation Center Rivera, Arizona	Relocation of Alien Enemy Parolee

BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION:
Under date of January 8, 1944, the El Paso District investigation be conducted in the case of the above was any objection to the proposed relocation of it appearing that the subject desires to return to El Paso, California.

DETAILS:
At Rt. 3, Box 621, Fresno, I found that the subject returned there. He advised me that he had returned days ago having been permitted to do so by the landowner who is a citizen of the United States by reason is the owner of the property located at that address about 40 acres of land, 20 of them in alfalfa and a large, fairly modern house. Frank stated rest of his family return, they are going to open a farm. I questioned Frank as to whether he had encountered any difficulty here. He advised me that he had encountered none whatsoever. He advised me that his father would have any difficulty here.

After interviewing Frank Osaki I contacted several persons in the vicinity of the Osaki farm in an attempt to ascertain to the return of this Japanese family to their home. They were almost practically unanimous in their disapproval to this vicinity. Without revealing that the subject was in this vicinity, I attempted to ascertain from the persons in the vicinity. All of them were aware of the fact that the subject was in this vicinity.

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS:

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by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1942, and each of them had a different story to tell me as to why he was apprehended, these stories ranging from rumors that he was a general in the Japanese Army, that he was a spy, a blackshirt, a head of the Japanese Association, etc. They all stated that they had known him for many years and all had believed him to be a fine man up until the outbreak of war. However, their general reaction as to his possible return here was the same as to the other Japanese; although they objected strenuously to their return, if the Government sees fit to return them, the subject may as well be permitted to return also.

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Mr. George J. Overholt, Sheriff of Fresno County, was next contacted. He stated that he had no objection whatsoever to the return of the subject to this county. He has known the subject for a good many years and had employed the subject's daughter, Martha, as a servant in his household, until their relocation from this county. Mr. Overholt further advised that there has been no organized attempt in this county so far as he has been able to ascertain to prevent the return of the Japanese here. He has attempted several times to ascertain whether there is any such action underway in order that he may stop it at its inception, but as previously stated, he has found none.

As to a sponsor for this subject, Mr. Thomas F. Lopez, a well-known attorney here in Fresno who is acquainted with the subject, has advised that he is willing to be the subject's sponsor. It is the belief of the undersigned that Mr. Lopez will be acceptable to this Service as a sponsor.

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Conduct Parole Report: Return to California
(National Archives Identifier: [24604150](https://www.foia.gov/24604150))



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Enemy Alien Records: Wait, there's more!



Enemy Alien Records: INS and State Department

Record Group 85, INS field offices:

- Enemy Alien Case Files, 1941–1948 (National Archives Identifier: [6217699](#))
 - at the National Archives at Riverside
- Enemy Alien Case Files, ca. 1942–ca. 1948 (National Archives Identifier: [43434825](#))
 - at the National Archives at San Francisco



59-RAG-131 photograph from repatriation activities and the SS *Gripsholm*, 1943–1944 (National Archives Identifier: [518082](#))

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Records Relating to Japanese and
Japanese Americans During WWII

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Record Group 59, State Department, records related to:

- interned Japanese diplomats and their families
- Japanese Latin Americans (policy and administrative records)
- civilian internee exchanges

RG 59 is held at the National Archives at College Park



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