

Japanese Internment Camp photograph collection, circa 1942-1946

Overview of the Collection

Title	Japanese Internment Camp photograph collection
Dates	circa 1942-1946 (inclusive) 1942 1946
Quantity	18 photographic prints (1 folder) ; various sizes
Collection Number	PH0793
Summary	Photographs of Japanese Americans in an internment camp, possibly at Tule Lake, California
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	Entire collection can be viewed on the Libraries' Digital Collections website. Permission of Visual Materials Curator required to view originals. Contact Special Collections for more information.
Languages	English

Historical Background

The Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941 led to great fear within the United States. Residents along the Pacific Coast of the U.S. were particularly affected by this event and feared additional bombings. On February 19, 1942, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which decreed that residents of Japanese ancestry be evacuated from their homes and relocated to inland locations. Executive Order 9066, and the resulting War Relocation Authority evacuated, relocated and interned 120,000 American citizens and permanent resident aliens who were of Japanese ancestry.

The Tule Lake Relocation Center in California (the likely location for these photographs) opened in 1942. It was quickly turned into the camp for "disloyal" Japanese--those who answered "no" on the loyalty test. Because of this, Tule Lake was the longest running internment camp, remaining open until March 20, 1946.

Content Description

Photographs of Japanese Americans in an internment camp, possibly at Tule Lake, California. Most of the photographs are of groups or individuals outside; also included are children playing in the snow and views of the landscape and guard towers.

Use of the Collection

Alternative Forms Available

[View the digital version of the collection](#)

Restrictions on Use

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Source: Fairlook Antiques, 2006

Processing Note

Processed by Marion Brown, 2008.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Item		
1-2	View of landscape, fence and guard tower at an internment camp (possibly at Tule Lake, California) [view]	circa 1942-1946
3	Group of Japanese men and women outside a building [view]	circa 1942-1946
4	Group of Japanese men and women on a hill [view]	circa 1942-1946
5	Group of Japanese men and boys in the snow [view]	circa 1942-1946
6	Japanese men and boys having a snowball fight in front of barracks [view]	circa 1942-1946

Container(s)	Description	Dates
7-8	Group of Japanese men posing outside a building [view] Hiroki Nishimura is on the far right.	circa 1942-1946
9-10	Hiroki Nishimura and another Japanese man posing in snow [view]	circa 1942-1946
11	A smaller version of #10, cropped to only show Hiroki Nishimura [view]	circa 1942-1946
12	Hiroki Nishimura and another Japanese man outside a building [view]	circa 1942-1946
13-14	Hiroki Nishimura outside buildings [view]	circa 1942-1946
15	Hiroki Nishimura outside a building [view] "To Johnny Matsuda. Hiroki Nishimura"	circa 1942-1946
16	Hiroki Nishimura smoking next to an automobile [view]	circa 1942-1946
17	Young Japanese man leaning against an automobile [view] "To Mr. Matsuda, sincerely K."	January 1946
18	Man in a uniform standing outside a snow-covered building [view] "To John. Always Tom"	circa 1942-1946

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Concentration camp inmates--California--Photographs
 Concentration camp inmates--United States--Photographs
 Japanese Americans--California--Photographs
 Japanese Americans--Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945--Photographs
 Visual Materials Collections (University of Washington)
 World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--California--Photographs
 World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--United States--Photographs

Corporate Names :

Tule Lake Relocation Center--Photographs
 (subjecty)

Geographical Names :

California--Photographs

Form or Genre Terms :

Photographs

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