

Betty Fukuyama papers, 1940-1992

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Fukuyama, Betty
Title	Betty Fukuyama papers
Dates	1940-1992 (inclusive) 1940 1992
Quantity	7.09 cubic feet (10 boxes and 1 package)
Collection Number	4411
Summary	Papers of a Washington poet who also participated in a church mission project at the Camp Minidoka internment camp in Idaho.
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	The papers are open to all users.
Additional Reference Guides	
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was partially provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Biographical Note

Betty Fukuyama (1922-1992) was a Tacoma, Washington, poet. She was born Betty Marie Adkins in Heppner, Oregon, and came from an Oregon pioneer family of Scottish descent. Betty met her future husband, the Reverend Tom (Tsutomu Tom) Fukuyama at Camp Minidoka in Hunt, Idaho, while she was a college student on a church mission project. They were married as soon as Tom left the camp, in August 1945. They had five children.

Betty Fukuyama attended Willamette University and Boston University, graduating in 1947 with a degree in English language and literature. She received a Master of Arts degree in creative writing from the University of Washington in 1972, and an M.A. in psychology from Antioch University, Seattle, in 1986. Fukuyama co-founded the Washington Poets Association in 1971, serving as secretary from 1971 until 1975 and president from 1975 until 1978. The association published an anthology entitled *Pierce County Poetry*, for which Fukuyama was editor. She also published a chapbook of her own poems that year, entitled *25 Poems*. Fukuyama's poetry has been published in numerous periodicals and newspapers, including the *Alaska Review*, the *Christian Century*, *Crosscurrents*, the *West Coast Poetry Review*, the *Seattle Times*, the *The Oregonian* and the *Tacoma News Tribune*.

Tom Fukuyama, the son of pioneer Japanese immigrants, was born on Bainbridge Island, Washington, in 1915. He was educated at Seattle Pacific University and at Berkeley Baptist Divinity School.

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Fukuyama began his ministry while incarcerated in Idaho at Camp Minidoka during World War II. He served as one of several pastors of the Federated Christian Church of Hunt, Idaho. After the war he directed Brotherhood House in Denver and later held pastorates in Iowa, Idaho, and Washington State (primarily United Church of Christ congregations). He died of cancer in 1988.

Content Description

The Betty Fukuyama papers document her life as a writer and her husband's career in the ministry. The papers include writings, diaries, sermons, sound cassettes, clippings, and related records. Portions of the papers provide intimate insight into one young couple affected by the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II. The bulk of the correspondence is between Betty and Tom Fukuyama while he was serving as a clergyman at Camp Minidoka, Idaho, 1944-1945. Their letters describe their daily thoughts and activities -- Tom's as a Baptist minister living at Minidoka, Betty's as a young woman making plans for college and marriage. They speak also of the challenges they expect to face as an interracial couple.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Betty and Tom Fukuyama's literary rights have been transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

Arranged in 2 accessions:

Accession No. 4411-001, Betty Fukuyama Papers, 1940-1989

Accession No. 4411-002, Betty Fukuyama Papers, 1957-1992

Processing Note

Thirteen 11 x 14 inch, black and white U.S. War Relocation Authority photographs were relocated to the Minidoka Relocation Camp Photograph Collection, PH Coll. 384, which is also available in the Special Collections division of the University of Washington Libraries.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Accession No. 4411-001: Betty Fukuyama Papers, 1940-1989

6.25 cubic feet (8 boxes and 1 package)

Arrangement: Arranged in 5 series:

Personal Papers, 1940-1989

Betty Fukuyama papers, 1940-1992

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Tacoma Pierce County Civic Arts Commission, Pierce County Artists in Motion Program Subject Files, 1975-1976
Washington Poets Association Records, 1975-1978
Tom Fukuyama Papers, 1942-1989
Adkins Family, 1942-1982

Scope and Content: This accession documents Betty Fukuyama's life as a writer and her husband's career in the ministry.

Betty Fukuyama's personal papers include a variety of diaries and notebooks. Many contain her poetry, others contain personal journal entries, and some contain class notes. Betty Fukuyama was diabetic from age four. During the early 1980s she took classes with the hope of becoming a counselor for diabetics and their families. She also had an interest in dreams and kept several dream journals during that period of her life.

A large portion of the correspondence in this accession consists of the letters written between Betty and her future husband, Tom Fukuyama, while he was incarcerated at Minidoka (dated January 1944 to July 1945). These provide rare, intimate insights into the experience of a young couple directly affected by the incarceration of Japanese Americans. Their letters to each other describe their daily thoughts and activities -- Tom's as a young Baptist minister living at Minidoka, Betty's as a young woman attending college and making plans for marriage. They also write of the challenges they expect to face as an interracial couple. Tom's letters to Betty are found in Box 1 (approximately 200 letters). Betty's letters to Tom are found in box 6 (approximately 300 letters).

Sound cassettes include a poetry reading by Betty Fukuyama, and a sermon and a church service conducted by Tom Fukuyama in the 1980s.

The Tacoma Pierce County Civic Arts Commission, Pierce County Artists in Motion Program series includes transcripts of interviews with pioneers. Betty Fukuyama worked with illustrator Carol Sheldahl to produce an anecdotal history of Pierce County based on oral history interviews. Funding ran out before the project was completed. Although Betty Fukuyama was able to acquire the rights to publish the book on her own, it does not appear to have been completed. Tapes of the oral history interviews are not included. These were kept by the Tacoma Pierce County Civic Arts Commission (no longer in existence).

The Tom Fukuyama series contains letters from Betty Fukuyama and various records documenting his career as a protestant minister. Included are sermons and other writings, and a variety of subject series reflecting his particular interests.

The Adkins Family series includes Betty Fukuyama's letters to her mother and extensive genealogical information on Fukuyama's family. Her mother, Miriam Luella Brown Adkins (born 1895), came from an Oregon pioneer family from the Gresham area. Her father, Jesse Albert Adkins (born 1889) was of Scottish immigrant descent.

Restrictions on Access: The papers are open to all users.

Acquisition Info: Source: Mary A. Fukuyama in 1993.

Processing Info: Processed in 1993.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Personal Papers	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Incoming Letters		
Box	Accession	
1	4411-001 Fukuyama, Tom	1944-1968
1	4411-001 Miscellaneous	1944-1982
Box	Accession	
1	4411-001 Biographical Materials	1976
1	4411-001 Outgoing Letters	1980-1982
1	4411-001 Personal Documents	1940-1981
1	4411-001 Clippings	undated
1	4411-001 Ephemera	1944-1987
1	4411-001 Newsletters	1944-1945
2	4411-001 Writings	1962-1989
2-3	4411-001 Diaries and Notebooks	1940-1989
Speeches and Writings of Others		
Box	Accession	
3	4411-001 Lohmann, Jean Ruth Ackley	1978
3	4411-001 Stevens, Pameler	undated
Box	Accession	
3	4411-001 Sound Cassettes	undated
3	4411-001 Photographs	undated
3	4411-001 Literary Publications	1976-1987

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3	4411-001 Historical Publications	1970-1987
3	4411-001 Psychotherapy Publications and Articles	
3	4411-001 Miscellany	undated

Subject Files

Box	Accession	
3	4411-001 Issei Story Material	
3	4411-001 Tacoma-Pierce County Artists Cooperative	1976
3	4411-001 Tom Fukuyama's Death	1988

Box	Accession	
8	4411-001 Yearbook	1942
8	4411-001 Envelopes	1944-1982

Tacoma Pierce County Civic Arts Commission, Pierce County Artists in Motion Program Subject Files

Box	Accession	
3-4	4411-001 "Pierce County: In Those Days"	1975
5	4411-001 School Visits	1975-1976

Box	Accession	
5	4411-001 Washington Poets Association Records	1975-1978

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Incoming Letters

Box	Accession	
6	4411-001 Fukuyama, Betty	1944-1959

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Accession	
6	4411-001 General Correspondence	1944-1979
5, 7	4411-001 Sermons	undated
7	4411-001 Speeches and Writings	1942-1989
7	4411-001 Sound Cassettes	1987
Subject Files		
Box	Accession	
7	4411-001 Anger	undated
7	4411-001 Book Reading	undated
7	4411-001 Brotherhood House	1948-1951
7	4411-001 Conflict	undated
7	4411-001 Death	undated
7	4411-001 Encouragement	undated
7	4411-001 Evacuation - Japanese Americans	1942-1945
7	4411-001 Publicity	undated
7	4411-001 Relaxation Exercises	undated
7	4411-001 Resources	undated
7	4411-001 Shyness	undated
7	4411-001 Support Community	undated
Box	Accession	
7	4411-001 Certificates	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
7	4411-001 Program	undated
7	4411-001 Photographs	undated
Package		
9	4411-001 Photographs	undated
Adkins Family		
Incoming Letters		
Box	Accession	
8	4411-001 Fukuyama, Betty	1944-1963
8	4411-001 Miscellaneous	1976-1982
Box	Accession	
8	4411-001 Family Information	undated
8	4411-001 Adkins Reunion	undated

Accession No. 4411-002: Betty Fukuyama Papers, 1958-1992

.84 cubic feet (2 boxes)

Arrangement: Arranged by type of document.

Scope and Content: This accession contains materials related to Betty Fukuyama's writing and some personal correspondence. Here are found typescripts of mostly unpublished poetry, publications containing her poetry, clippings, and other memorabilia such as certificates and awards.

Restrictions on Access: The papers are open to all users.

Acquisition Info: Source: Mary Fukuyama, July 1999.

Processing Info: Processed by Michelle Seim in 2001.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Accession	
1	4411-002 Biographical Materials	1986-1989, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1	4411-002 Incoming Letters	1968-1990
1	4411-002 Outgoing Letters	1961-1986
General Correspondence		
Box	Accession	
1	4411-002 Stafford, William	1982, 1986
1	4411-002 Miscellaneous	1977-1990
Box	Accession	
1	4411-002 Bibliography	1960-1962
Writings <u>Scope and Content:</u> Typescripts.		
Box	Accession	
1	4411-002 Poems with "Directories"	1944-1992, undated
1	4411-002 Poems	1957-1991, undated
1	4411-002 Chapbook: "Growing Up"	1983-1987
1	4411-002 Thesis: "The Moment In and Out of Time"	1972
1	4411-002 Research Project: "Evaluation of Dreams"	1984
Box	Accession	
1	4411-002 Subject File - Fukuyama Poetry Readings	1963-1992
Clippings		
Box	Accession	
1	4411-002 Published Poems	1947-1987

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1	4411-002 Miscellaneous	1947-1982
Box	Accession	
2	4411-002 Publications - with Fukuyama Poems	1958-1990
2	4411-002 Awards and Honors	1972-1987
2	4411-002 Certificates	1972, 1975
2	4411-002 Programs	1965-1983
2	4411-002 Bulletins	1966, 1986-1988, undated
2	4411-002 Notes	undated
2	4411-002 Photographs from Album Page - Unidentified 2 photographs	undated

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

American poetry--Washington (State)--20th century
Church work with prisoners of war--Idaho--Hunt
Diabetes--Psychological aspects
Interracial marriage--United States
Japanese Americans--Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945
Women poets, American--20th century--Archives
World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--Idaho--Hunt
World War, 1939-1945--Japanese Americans

Personal Names :

Fukuyama, Betty--Archives
Fukuyama, Tom (Tsutomu Tom), 1915-1988

Corporate Names :

Minidoka Relocation Center
Pierce County Artists in Motion Program
Tacoma-Pierce County Civic Arts Commission
United Church of Christ--United States--Clergy
Washington Poets Association

Family Names :

Adkins family

Form or Genre Terms :

awards
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
correspondence
Diaries
notes
Photographs
poems
Publications
sermons
Sound recordings
typescripts
writings

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

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