Henry Fujii oral history interview and related material, 1965-1971

Overview of the Collection

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Biographical Note

Mr. Fujii was born on August 17, 1886 in Kureashi, Japan as the youngest of four brothers and two sisters. His father was a farmer and Fujii attended an agricultural high school in a nearby village. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1906 and eventually worked for the railroad in Nampa, Idaho.

Content Description

Tape-recorded interview conducted by Dolores Goto on April 3, 1971.

Fujii traces the history of anti-Japanese sentiments in Idaho back to 1892 when 1,000 Japanese immigrants went to work for the railroad and an Oriental Protection Association was started to counter the movement of local citizens. In 1892, the Japanese government sent a counselor to investigate the problem. In 1915 an anti-Japanese land law was first introduced in the Idaho legislature. While the bill failed every year, no one worked to help the Japanese. Mr. Fujii was the head of a group working against the Land Law. Due to the efforts of churches and the sugar companies, most Japanese were able to lease land by 1923. Mr. Fujii described the resurgence of anti-Japanese sentiments after Pearl
Harbor. He married in 1911 and later gave up a partnership in a business in Emmett so his children could attend school in Nampa, Idaho. Mr. Fujii had good recommendations so he was not picked up by the FBI during wartime. After retiring from farming in 1965 he took up rock collecting as a hobby.

Includes family papers and a newspaper article on the history of the Fujii family.

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Organized into 2 accessions.

Accession No. 0938-001, Henry Fujii oral history interview, 1971
Accession No. 0938-002, Henry Fujii papers, approximately 1965-1970

Acquisition Information


Detailed Description of the Collection

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1 sound cassette (60 min.)
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Acquisition Info: Donor: Henry Fujii: Nampa, Idaho

Description

Henry Fujii oral history interview

Accession No. 0938-002: Henry Fujii papers, approximately 1965-1970

1 vertical file

Scope and Content: Papers relating to the Fujii family, including a newspaper article on the history of the family.

Separated Material: Dee Goto Oral History Project (Mss 2647)

Restrictions on Access: No restrictions on access.

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Acquisition Info: These materials appear to have been collected as part of an oral history project conducted by Dolores "Dee" Goto in the early 1970s.

Description

Henry Fujii papers

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :
Japanese Americans--Civil rights--Idaho--Nampa
Japanese Americans--Idaho--Nampa
Japanese Americans--Legal status, laws, etc.--Idaho--Nampa

Personal Names :
Fujii, Henry, 1886-1976--Archives
Fujii, Henry, 1886-1976--Interviews

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