

# A Family Portrait... and a Self Portrait



Photographer **Takuritsu Morita** (above, standing at right) puts himself into a portrait he made of friends, possibly from Oakland, CA. He was fond of self portraits and there are many examples of it in his albums. He was Alameda's best Issei amateur photographer during his time from 1915-1933. This photo is likely 1915 to about 1919, when he was living in Oakland.



He moved to Alameda, CA., around 1919 and then left Alameda for Mountain View, CA., by 1933.

Other than professional photographer Mataichi Ozeki, who was working in Alameda at the same time, were there any other Issei better at photo composition than Takuritsu? Probably not. The family is unknown.