

Rev. Joshin Motoyoshi was the minister at the Buddhist Temple of Alameda, CA before World War II. Sometime around February 1942, he moved from Alameda island to the Washington Township, an area now known as Fremont.

It is there he is arrested by the FBI as a community leader and therefore, a man not to be trusted.

The August 3, 1942 petition was asking for his release from Sharp Park, so he could join his family. It was signed by friends and parishioners from Alameda and the Township, to no avail.

BASIC PERSONNEL RECORD
(Alien Enemy or Prisoner of War)

776.

ISB-19-4-J-174-01
(Internment serial number)

MOTOYOSHI, Joshin
(Name of internee)

Male
(Sex)

F. P. C.*

Reference*



Height 5 ft. 11 in.

Weight 145

Eyes Brown

Skin Yellow

Hair Gray-black

Age 45

Distinguishing marks or characteristics:

Scar left temple

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS TAKEN FROM INTERNEE

1. Aug. 14 1942 received by P.W.E. ANGEL ISLAND CAL, from Immigration service
- 3 & Internee, \$210.47

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The above is correct:

Joshin Motoyoshi
(Signature of internee)

U.S. Immigration Station, San Francisco, Calif. 8/14/42
(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.

DECLASSIFIED
Authority MWD 947620

This Basic Personnel Record, dated August 14, 1942, was not part of the original petition.

AUG 6 1942

Referred To *Henry*

August 3, 1942

The Honorable Frank J. Hennessy
United States Attorney General
Federal Building
San Francisco, California

My dear sir:

It is our understanding that the case of the Reverend Joshin Motoyoshi, now interned at Sharp Park, will receive a hearing very soon before the Alien Board. We would like to make an appeal on his behalf.

As minister of the Alameda Buddhist Church for the past ten years, he served well not only as a spiritual leader but as a leader in the community actively interested in the Americanization program for the young Americans of Japanese ancestry. Always in his sermons he expressed his desire to see us grow up to become loyal and upstanding American citizens. In bidding farewell to young selectees, his final instructions to them were always, "serve your country well and be proud of your responsibility."

We can vouch for the integrity of our reverend's character and we sincerely hope that he will be released in the very near future so that he may be able to join his wife and six children who are anxiously awaiting his return. We remain,

ALAMEDA Y. B. A. MEMBERS

Tomoe Oten
Daise Yoshimura
Alyce Kinoshita
Matsume Sugiyama
Tomiko Hashimoto
Yoshiko Murakoshi
Kikuko Naruo

Most respectfully yours,

J. J. [Signature]
Mrs. [Signature]
Maruko Abe
Shigetoshi Mikomi
Mitsue Ozeki
Mrs. Daise Okamoto
Katherine Nakaso

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