

Mr. Nakayama Mataichi Ozeki Akino Ozeki Mrs Nakayama



Hanae Nakayama

Hatsuyo Ozeki

Min Nakayama

Given her age and outfit, this is Hatsuyo's 1912 trip from Alameda to Japan at age 5. She will remain in Hiroshima until she is 17 years and 2 months old. Hanae and her brother, Min, also went to Japan on this same voyage. All three children went there to be educated in Japan. It is unknown how long they stayed there. Perhaps the unknown man at far left assisted the children, as the parents did not go to Japan on this trip. Given Hatsuyo's expression, she appears apprehensive at the prospect of leaving her Alameda family behind, for a country she knows nothing about. She will live with her grandmother in Hiroshima.

**Kakunojo
Nakayama**

**Mataichi
Ozeki**

**Akino
Ozeki**

**Tane
Nakayama**

sometimes
misspelled
as Jane



Akiko Nakayama

Hatsuyo Ozeki

Yutaka Nakayama

A voyage to Japan would be a joyous occasion for most people, but not for five-year-old Hatsuyo Ozeki, of Alameda, CA. This is her 1912 trip from Alameda to Japan.

Born in Alameda in 1907, Hatsuyo was sent back to Japan after her grandfather died there. Because of his death, the Hiroshima family wanted a girl around their house, perhaps to give Hatsuyo's grandmother someone to care for, or to keep her company. It would also give Hatsuyo a Japanese education, which is likely why the Nakayama children are on this trip. Hatsuyo would return to Alameda in 1924 when she was around 17. She spent 12 years in Japan.

We don't know how long that Akiko Nakayama (born 1908), and her younger brother, Yutaka (born 1909), stayed in Japan. The Nakayamas and Ozekis families were great friends as their relationship began long before they immigrated to America.

Given Hatsuyo's expression, she appears apprehensive at the prospect of leaving her Alameda family behind, for a country she knows nothing about. No one appears happy here, except the man in uniform. Perhaps he assisted the children, as the parent's did not go on this trip.

Hatsuyo would live with her grandmother in Hiroshima. Unfortunately, Akiko did not live long, dying in 1928. Hatsuyo would later contract Tuberculosis. Perhaps for that reason, she never married, which was common for Japanese who survived the deadly disease.

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