

NOTICE TO PERSONS REQUESTING APPOINTMENTS

Until all persons who now desire to return to the United States as soon as possible, and are willing and able to accept transportation to the West Coast or Hawaii whenever offered, have had an opportunity to make passport applications, it will not be possible to make further appointments to establish citizenship for persons who plan to remain in Japan for the time-being.

Fares are subject to change without notice and vary according to ship and availability of accommodations. At present a maximum adult fare from Japan is \$325 to the West Coast or \$200 to Hawaii, with reductions of 50% for children who have not yet reached their 12th birthday, or 90% for infants less than one year old. Fares must be paid in United States funds; yen may in no case be exchanged into dollars.

You are requested to complete the attached form, "Request for Appointment to Establish Claim to American Citizenship", and return it to this office. If you indicate that you will return by the first available transportation, you will be given the earliest available appointment, either at this office or at Kobe, in order to make a passport application. If you indicate you do not now plan to return, your request will be kept on file here until registration applications can again be accepted, at which time you will be informed of your appointment date.

As it will be impossible to reply to individual inquiries, it is requested that you do not call at or further communicate with this office concerning this matter until requested to do so. You should, however, promptly inform this office of any change in your address.

All communications to this office should be addressed as follows: if you are permitted to use the military mails, "American Consular Service, c/o HQ 8th Army, APO 343"; or otherwise, "American Consular Service, 6 Yamashita-cho, Naka-ku, Yokohama".

American Consular Service,
Yokohama, Japan,
January 2, 1947.

AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE
Yokohama, Japan

Military Address: c/o HQ 8th Army, APO 343
Local Addresses: American Consulate Building,
6 Yamashita-cho, Naka-ku, Yokohama
Telephone: Octagon 2-1844 or Honkyoku 1344.

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Memorandum: American Citizenship of Persons of Japanese Ancestry
Resident in Japan

Persons of Japanese ancestry who are resident in Japan and who desire either to return to the United States or to receive the protection of the US Government while they continue to reside in Japan must establish their claims to American citizenship by making formal application for passport or registration at an office of the American Consular Service. Offices are located at Yokohama and Kobe, with office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. (Until public announcement is made of the opening of the office at Kobe, all correspondence should be sent to Yokohama.)

In order to make an application a person (1) must fulfill all the requirements listed below; (2) must obtain a definite appointment by filling out and sending in the attached sheet entitled "Request for Appointment to Establish Claim to American Citizenship (Note that only this one sheet should be sent, and that all other papers should be brought at time of appointment); and (3) must appear in person at the time of appointment, bringing all the required items.

The following items are absolutely essential, and it will not be possible to take the applications of persons who do not fully meet the requirements:

1. Before coming here every applicant who is 18 years of age or over must fill out in full and bring with him at time of appointment the attached affidavit form, "Supplement to Form 213 or 213a". Particular attention must be paid to those sections concerning places of residence and places of employment or schooling; be sure to give the full address of each residence and the inclusive dates of each period of residence, employment or schooling; be sure to bring the information up to date, including activities since the surrender.
2. Evidence of citizenship in only one of the following forms:
 - a. An American passport, whether current or expired. (Note that by a passport is meant only that document issued by the Department of State or an American Consulate in the form of a small book with green or maroon covers.)
 - b. Letters or other documents which show the applicant has been previously registered at an American Consulate or had an American passport. (If he is certain that he was previously registered or issued a passport, this office will request verification thereof and no other evidence of citizenship will be necessary.)
 - c. Birth certificate.
3. Evidence of identity in only one of the following forms (Note that every applicant must present evidence both of citizenship and of identity):
 - a. Passport, current or expired.
 - b. "Certificate of Citizenship--Hawaiian Islands", issued prior to the applicant's leaving Hawaii.

- c. Lacking other evidence of identity, he must obtain a Certificate of Identity (shashin shomei) bearing his photograph under seal from the Japanese police of the locality where he resides, and must also be accompanied at time of appointment by an identifying witness. This witness must be a person who has known the applicant for several years and who (a) has an American passport or Card of Identity and Registration, or (b) is a member of the US Armed Forces, or (c) is an alien known to this office.
4. Four recent passport-style photographs. These should be not more than 3 by 3 and not less than 2½ by 2½ inches in size, unmounted, printed on thin paper on a light background, and showing full front view of face.
5. A certified copy of his parents' Family Register (koseki Tohon), whether or not his name appears therein; this must be a full copy and not an extract (koseki shohon) and must have been issued within the past 12 months. If the applicant has opened a new Register with himself as family-head, this too is required. If applicant is a married woman she should present the Register of both her father's and husband's families; the same applies to a man who has entered his wife's family.
6. Evidence in the form of letters from employers and/or schools which will conclusively establish everything the applicant has been doing since leaving the US, including exact details of any war-time service (kinro-hoshi, teishintai, choyo), and including all employment since the surrender. These letters must state the exact nature of employment and the inclusive dates of employment or schooling. If the applicant was unemployed during any long period, he must present documentary evidence of such fact.
7. IMPORTANT. If the applicant has had any employment whatsoever under any branch or organ of the Japanese or other foreign Government (including employment by the national, prefectural, or municipal governments, and by such agencies as public schools, railways, health services, etc.), he must present a certificate from the appropriate governmental authorities stating that his position was not one for which only a Japanese subject was eligible and that a non-Japanese could have occupied the same position, and also stating what Japanese law or regulation determine the nationality requirements of the position he held.
8. In the case of a male, evidence that he has not served in any way in the Japanese Armed Forces. A certificate from the appropriate Village or Ward Office will serve.
9. If the applicant claims that his name does not appear in any Family Register in Japan, he must present evidence of having been registered as an American with the Japanese police during the war, in the form of an Alien's Residence Permit (taiho-Kyokasho) or Residence Certificate (iju-shomeisho) which was valid at the time of the surrender in 1945, or proof that he formerly had such a document, or other evidence of his claim that his name does not appear in any Family Register. He must also be prepared to state positively whether or not he ever applied for and received permission to reacquire (kaifuku-suru) Japanese nationality.
10. Applicants who are over the age of 21 must prove that they have never voted in a political election in Japan, by presenting certificates to that effect from the appropriate Village or Ward Offices.
11. An applicant may include his or her minor children or brothers and sisters in his application, but only provided they too have a claim to American citizenship and are less than 19 years of age. Such persons should be included in a group photograph with

the applicant (item #4 above); they should appear here with the applicant; and evidence must be presented of their own citizenship (item #2) and identity (item #3).

(Note: in the case of a child born outside the US on or after January 13, 1941, of one American-citizen parent and one alien parent, the child does not have a claim to American citizenship unless before the birth of the child the American parent has resided for a total of 10 years in the US, at least 5 of which were after reaching the age of 16.)

12. If an applicant desires to include a minor child who was born in Japan and whose birth has never been reported to an American Consulate, it will be necessary for him to execute a report of birth at this office. For this purpose he should present a certificate from the attending physician, midwife or hospital, or some other document to establish the birth (an Expectant Mother's Handbook, "nimpu-techo", is satisfactory), and also evidence of the marriage of the child's parents. When making an appointment with this office, applicant should be sure to state the number of births he desires to report, in order that sufficient time be reserved for him.
13. Each applicant should be prepared when he comes here for an appointment to supply the following additional items of information:

- a. Dates of residence in US. *Oct. 29, 1915 to 1924.*
- b. Dates of residence in Japan or other countries. *June 1924 to 1947.*
- c. When he expects to return to the US for permanent residence. *as soon as possible.*
- d. Date of marriage. *May 27, 1941.* *Father. Matsumoto, Mother. Shigiri*
- e. Place and date of birth of father and mother. *Mar. 15, 1885. Sep. 3, 1894.*
NaganoKen, Japan.
- f. Place and date of birth of husband or wife. *Oct. 24, 1921. Toyoshina, NaganoKen, Japan*
- g. Dates of residence in US of father and mother.
Father - Oct. 1906 - June 1924. Mother. 1914 - 1924.
- h. Place and date of birth of children and of brothers and sisters. *Matsumoto Feb. 21, 1942. ^{son} Jan. 30, 1944. (2 children) 1 sister. Born in Matsumoto Feb. 9, 1925.*
- i. Names and full addresses of two persons in US who can furnish information concerning applicant's identity and who have personal knowledge of the place and date of applicant's birth. *Shigeji Kontani, 2750-2nd Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Tamari Tohyama, 214 - 3rd St., South Eminent, North Dakota.*
- j. Name of each school attended in US and during what years it was attended. *Berrygezart Grammar School, Seattle, Wash, (6 yrs. old to 8 yrs) 3rd grade.*