

Motonoshim (Henry) Nov. 10 1943

Kanetako Demoto

Born - June 10 - 1867^{6?} Died 1943 - Oct. 30.

Married " 29. 1899. Jan B. 1876 - Dec 1929

Came to U.S at age 16¹⁸⁸². Arrived in Seattle.

Later - to San Francisco. - 1883?

Worked as kitchen of Old Palace Hotel.
water in gardens of Suto's

Imported Satsuma oranges from Japan
1st shipment OK
lost shirt 2nd " arrived rotted.

Started small nursery in Oakland - at what
is now 3rd & Grove St. - &c

Purchased property on Central Ave (now 55th St.)
about 4 acres. added 4 more later
Main business was growing nurms and carnations
some potted plants,

Importing plants from Japan during the
winter dormant season. Later plants from
Belgium and bulbs from Holland.

Nov 11

Purchased property about 1902 in Fitchburg
district of Oakland 78th ave Olive St.

In 1913-1917. Permit for import obtained by Mr. Chas W Ward of Cottage Gardens Co. from the War Trade Board, made it possible for Tom to buy the first big lot of Kerume azaleas and import them to U.S. He had obtained exclusive sales agency for these azaleas from the Kerume azalea growers Ass. when Quarantine 37 killed this opportunity.

Plants imported by Special Permit for growing azaleas, camellias, chonae, pair aspidistra

Lily bulbs were imported ~~and~~ and even after Quar. 37 was a important item - coming in boxes holding 100-300 bulbs packed in yellow clay. Mostly Easter lily of the giganteum strain. This eventually stopped forcing of L. candidum for Easter trade.

Domestic Bros became Domestic Bros. Inc. about 1917. due to "Anti-Alien Land Law" restrictions

approximately 48 acres. - "New Ranch" used to grow cut roses and carnations.

Moved in 1910 from 55th Ave to "New Ranch"

Early importation of camellias - name "Pink Perfection" was given to "Uss Stone or Hime Stone" by Tom Donato.

Catalog of 1892 - lists many plants which are considered uncommon today.

Persimmons, ~~Etsu~~ samplings, chestnuts ^{orange} and Japanese pears were some of the early fruits imported. in 1890 - 1900. -

Plants - camellia, azaleas, daphne, ardisia, aspidistras, Bonsai Trees, fern, specimen garden conifers.

Plant Quarantine act of 1917 stopped regular imports. Had been stopped before due to restriction of World War I.

Last heavy import was in 1913 & 1914 for use in the B. P. I. E. expos of 1915.

Hydrangea domolovi imported in 1913. and exhibited at 1915 Expo. Given Gold Medal

Plants from Belgium. new *Indica* gables
 for forcing mainly, *Rhododendrons*,
Araucarias, flowering crab apples, Beeches,
 Bay Trees, in formal shapes as well as Boxwood,
Shies and *Piceas*.

Urbanization forced selling parts of property
 and closing of ~~these~~ firms ^{in 1914} after the depression.

Toichi Donato Born Dec. 11, 1902
 Graduated Lockwood Grammar School 1917
 " Fremont High " 1921
 Entered Stanford 1921-1923,
 Graduated Univ. of Ill. Feb 1926.
 Married in Aug 1940.

Purchased present location in 1927.

Worked for my father's ~~firm~~ nursery until
 it closed. marketed all plants thru them

Started selling directly after that.

Grew mostly camellias, some azaleas
 tree peonies, daphnes, branched into
 specimens after 1930.

Double white, ^{#701} ~~Double~~ patented June 1944
 Double Red #700

Camellia Flowerwood #1074 in Feb. 1952.

" Shiro Chan 1958

Cho. Cho-San 1936

Acadefield 1959

Sweet Sixteen 1949

Destiny 1955

Imported peonies from Japan and France.
1929-

Planted seeds. - Had over 50,000 composites
bloom in 1943-1947 - Selected from this block.

Gerbera - strain before and after evacuation
Jag Dis "before evacuation."

Apples - new seedling forms -

Director - Central Chapter Calif Ass. of Nurseries
1953

President - Central Calif Nurseries Ass.