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- "VISIT RELATIVES OF DEAD FATHER"
- "GEORGE VISIT DEAR YAMAGATA"
- "FIRST MET HIS AUNT"
- "PLEASANT MEETING IN FATHER'S HOME"

Relatives of dead father can be found with the aid of our paper. A second generation Japanese-American, George T. Rockrise, 40 years old, who lives in San Francisco, came to Japan recently and met his aunt, Etsu Kobayashi (Ei may be correct...Katsuhiko), 78 years old, who is the mother of the head of the fire house of Yamagata, for the first time in his father's home in Kaji-machi, Yamagata City.

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Iwakichi Tsumanuma (Iwahiko is correct...Katsuhiko), George's father, was born in Yamagata City, went to U.S. 60 years ago and was managing an architectural design office. He got married with an American lady, Agnes, and they got George. He came back Japan twice and was exchanging letters with his relatives in his life, but after he passed away in 1936, Japanese relatives didn't have any news of his family. And this time, George has an opportunity to visit Japan for his work, he asked our paper for the investigation, "I will visit Yamagata and want to see my father's relatives." Then we wrote the article on a morning paper of the 19th of this month, Etsu, his father's real sister, declared and they got to meet for the first time.

George is an architect and is now managing an architectural design office in San Francisco, following his father, came to Japan on the 2nd last month to design a U.S. consulate in Fukuoka. After his work he visited Yamagata in late afternoon yesterday with Mr. Takuo Endo, his cousin, who lives in Tokyo and is a doctor of the royal family. After he visited us, he arrived at Shige Tsumanuma's house, which is his father's home, in Kaji-machi, Yamagata City. That evening his aunt, Etsu and many other relatives gathered in the house and they welcomed her foreign nephew or their cousin who was new for them. On the other hand, George

showed scenery of many places with a projector which he brought with him, and they spent a joyful time.

George is going to go back to Tokyo on the 8th's evening and will leave Japan on the 11th.

George: "I have been anxious to see my relatives in Japan for a long time, so I am very happy to see such a lot of relatives. My aunt looks smart and she is a wonderful lady. She has very gentle eyes."

Aunt Etsu: "It is the first time to see him, he resembles his father. Such a wonderful nephew I have.... I am just glad to see him."

(PHOTO: George is talking with his aunt, Etsu Kobayashi, with poor Japanese in his father's home.)