

NJIN KAI (Prefectural Clubs)

Life of Japan have always emphasized the place of origin of one's should not be surprising, therefore, that among Japanese immigrants (kai) (prefectural associations) such as the Hiroshima, Okayama, Ichi, Fukuoka, and Kagoshima Kenjikai had great significance. The prefectural komatobito helped each other immigrate to America, get employment or business, introduced newcomers into social circles, and each other in adversity, celebrated births and weddings together, and stood together. The Nagano-ken group shown here was one of the smallest of their behavior was typical of ken groups. Around 1908 pioneers from them acquired undeveloped land in Ponsiac (today, Windermere and Mt. north of Laurelhurst) and brought other kensin to the area. They each other clear the land, build homes, and start a church. In many cases the ken group was seen as like an extension of the family.



The Nagano-ken group in Ponsiac, 1908



Members of the Nagano-ken group in Ponsiac, 1908



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