

Officers of The Japanese Hotel Association of Seattle-Circa 1920

The association was founded in 1910. Chojiro Fujii was elected as the first president of the association.

M. Miyagawa, President

Mampeï Miyagawa (Abt 1871 in Kumamoto-ken - ?) was married to Mitsuye Miyamoto (1883 in Kumamoto-ken - ?). They were the parents of the following: Toki Miyagawa Nakamura (5 Jan 1903 in Seattle, WA - ?), Tae Miyagawa Okamura (1904 in Seattle, WA – 1942 in Seattle, WA), Teiji Miyagawa (1906 in Seattle, WA – 1907 in Seattle, WA), S Miyagawa (abt 1908 – bef 1910), Shinichiro “Frank” Miyagawa (1908 in Seattle, WA - ?), and Chizu “Dorothy” Miyagawa Iino (1916 in Seattle, WA – 1993 in Sausalito, CA).

In the 1910 Federal Census of Seattle the family is living at 655 ½ Weller Street (The New Central Hotel) in Seattle. Mampei is listed as hotel proprietor.

In the 1917 Seattle City Directory Mampei’s places of business are listed as Hotel Puget Sound, Dearborn House and Hotel Tokiwa. Addresses of hotels: Hotel Puget Sound – 718 – 6th Ave So; Hotel Tokiwa / Evergreen Apartments – 655 So Jackson Street; Dearborn House – (? Probable NOT the Henry H Dearborn House)

In the 1920 Federal Census of Seattle the family is living at 1773 – 14th Ave So and Mampei is listed as a lodging house keeper.

In the 1920, 1922, 1926 Seattle City Directories Mampei’s place of business is listed as the Hotel Puget Sound

In the 1930 Federal Census of Seattle the family is living at 1330 Ninth Ave and Mampei is listed as hotel proprietor

C. Fujii, Vice President

Chojiro Fujii (1878 in Yasu-mura, Hiroshima-ken – 1937 in Hiroshima-ken) was married to Kana Inaba Fujii (abt 1886 – 1971). They had no children. See ChojiroFujii.pdf for more information.

In the 1920 Federal Census of Seattle Chojiro and Kana and Chojiro’s half-brother, Yoshito, are living at 423 Maynard Ave – The Fujii Hotel. Chojiro is listed as hotel owner. He first leased the Rainier Hotel circa 1899 and changed the name to The Fujii Hotel.

In the 1925 and 1926 Seattle City Directories Chojiro’s businesses are listed as Hotel Fujii, Hotel Yakima (811 Maynard Ave), and Lincoln Laundry as well as a confectionary at 622 So King Street. In 1929 the business at 622 So King is listed as a grocery.

In the 1930 Federal Census of Seattle Chojiro and Kana are still listed as living at 423 Maynard Ave and Chojiro is listed as a hotel proprietor.

In the 1931 Seattle City Directory Chojiro's businesses are listed as the Fujii Hotel and the grocery at 622 King and he is listed as vice president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Japanese Association of North America.

M. Kimura, Chairman

Masatsugu Kimura (abt 1871 in Kasada-mura, Wakayama-ken - ?) was married to Toraye Okamatsu Kimura (abt 1869 in Japan - ?). They were the parents of T K Kimura (abt 1896 in Japan - ?), Yoshio Kimura (1897 in Kasada-mura, Wakayama-ken – 1920 in Riverton, WA), Yukie Kimura (abt 1898 in Japan - ?) and Kaoru Kimura (1913 in Seattle, WA - ?)

In the 1915, 1917 and 1918 Seattle City Directories Masatsugu's place of business is listed as the Rex Hotel at 657 King Street

In the 1920 Federal Census the family is living at 1231 East Spruce and Masatsugu is listed as a hotel proprietor

In the 1922 Seattle City Directory Masatsugu's business is listed as The Regina Hotel and he is listed as second vice president of the Japanese Association of North America. The address of the Regina Hotel was 304 – 2nd Ave South.

In the 1924 Seattle City Directory Masatsugu's businesses are listed as The Wiltshire Hotel and The Regina Hotel. He is listed as the president of the Japanese Association of North America. The address of the Wiltshire Hotel was 1934 – 7th Ave at Virginia Street

In the 1925 Seattle City Directory Masatsugu's business is listed as The Regina Hotel. He is listed as the treasurer of the Northwest Japanese American Association.

Sometime before 1930 the family moved to Kasada-mura, Wakayama-ken. Masatsugu made a trip to Seattle in 1931.

T. Nagai, Treasurer

In the 1917 and 1918 Seattle City Directories **T Nagai's** business is listed as the New Central Hotel and his residence is listed as 657 Weller

T Nagai is mentioned in a July 24, 1919 news article of The Seattle Star. The article mentions that Nagai owns 51 percent of the stock of the corporation that owns the Hotel Congress.

ASKS RECEIVER FOR HOSTELRY

Woman Charges Company Is Ruining Hotel

Declaring that the earnings of the Hotel Congress are being misused by the manager, and the reputation ruined by the allowing of persons of bad character, particularly women, to establish themselves therein, Adeline Fox, who claims she owns 33 per cent of the stock in the holding corporation, filed suit in the superior court for \$9,000 damages against the other two stockholders Wednesday.

T. Nagai, who says she is a foreign-born Japanese, owns 51 per cent of the stock in the corporation, and A. P. Templeton, declared by her to be another foreigner, owns the remaining 16 per cent.

She values the business and assets of the corporation at \$30,000. Templeton is the manager, she asserts, and he is not turning in the funds. Permanent guests are leaving, she further declares, because the manager is allowing bad characters to live in the hotel.

She asks that a receiver be appointed and the corporation will be required to show cause July 26 why one should not be so appointed.

C. Hashiguchi, Executive Secretary

Chosaku “Henry” Hashiguchi was the son of Isaku Hattori and Risa Hashiguchi. He used Hashiguchi as his surname. He was born on 6 Dec 1875 in Obi-machi, Minami-Naka-gun, Miyazaki-ken and died in Seattle on 6 Jun 1963. He married Riku Hashiguchi. She was the daughter of Zenkichi Toshisada Hashiguchi and Tome Kawano. Riku was born on 8 Oct 1879 in Obi-machi, Minami-Naka-gun, Miyazaki-ken and died in Seattle on 27 Sep 1962.

They had the following children: Haruo (1896 – 1960), Daughter (1899 – 1899), Kenji (1902 – 1947), Hiroshi (1908 – 1925), Shiro (1908 – 1938), Shugo (1911 – 1944), Mutsuo (1913 – 1965), Nasuo (1917 – 1999), Hachiro (1920 – 2001) and Thomas Ikuo (1922 – 1922)

Chosaku had several occupations during his working years: clothing store clerk, clothing store proprietor, dyer, proprietor of Jackson Dye Works, proprietor of American Furniture Company, hotel manager, real estate agent and owner of Nippon Hakushin Sha, a real estate and investment company. Between 1915 and circa 1921 he held manager positions at various hotels in Seattle.

In the 1915 Seattle City Directory Chosaku is listed as a manager of the Hotel Washington. Was this the New Washington Hotel?

<https://historylink.tours/stop/new-washington-hotel/>

In the 1916 Seattle City Directory Chosaku is listed as a manager of the Hotel Milwaukee. The Hotel Milwaukee was located at 668 King Street.

In the 1917 Seattle City Directory Chosaku’s business is listed as the Delmar Hotel. The Delmar Hotel was located at 118 – 1st Ave South.

On Chosaku’s WWI Draft Registration Card (12 Sep 1918) his occupation is listed as hotel business.

In the 1920 Federal Census of Seattle the family is living at 1107 Washington Street and Chosaku’s occupation is listed as hotel manager.

In the 1925 Seattle City Directory Chosaku and Riku’s home address is now 1231 East Spruce – where the Kimura Family used to live – see above.

T. Mayeda, Secretary

Tetsunosuke Mayeda (1886 in Yoshino-mura, Hiroshima-ken - ?) was married to Misuyo Morikawa Mayeda (abt 1897 in Hiroshima-ken - ?). They had at least one child: Takuso Mayeda born 19 Mar 1918 in Seattle.

In the 1916 and 1917 Seattle City Directories Tetsunosuke’s business is listed as Europe Hotel. The Europe Hotel was described as being located at First Avenue and Bell Street in a 25 May 1913 Seattle Post – Intelligencer article. In a 12 Dec 1919 Seattle Union Record news article the hotel’s address is given as 916 – 8th Ave South. In a 22 Sep 1920 Seattle Star news article, the address is

given as 501 ½ Main. Based upon City Directory listings for Tetsunosuke the 501 ½ Main address is the correct address for the hotel that he managed.

Tetsunosuke's WWI Draft Card (12 Sep 1918) states that he was the proprietor of The Panama Hotel located at 605 ½ Main Street.

The 1918 Seattle City Directory lists Tetsunosuke's business as the Europe Hotel.

In the 1920 Federal Census of Seattle the family is living at the Panama Hotel (605 ½ Main) and Tetsunosuke is listed as the hotel manager

The 1926 and 1927 Seattle City Directories list Tetsunosuke's business as the Panama Hotel