

NOTES-INTERMENT OF JAPANESE-AMERICANS

1. SAKURA FAMILY HISTORY

TOYOZO SAKURA

1869-BORN IN TSUWANO SHEMANE PREFECTURE; BECAME A CHRISTIAN; ATTENDED MEIJI UNIVERSITY; LOVED WRITING POETRY

1899

1899-MIGRATED TO THE US
FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH
1919-DIED DURING SPANISH FLU EPIDEMIC

MISA SAKURA

1880-BORN IN AKITA PREFECTURE;
1900-ARRIVED IN SEATTLE
24,000 JAPANESE IN THE US BY 1900
1964- DIED

2. JAPANESE IMMIGRATION

1882-CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT
1885-2,000
1900-24,000
1907- TREATY WITH JAPAN TO SET QUOTA SYSTEM
1924-180,000; ANY FURTHER IMMIGRATION BANNED BY ASIAN EXCLUSION ACT

3. GROWING UP IN SEATTLE

1905-TOYOZO BUILT FAMILY HOME IN SOUTH SEATTLE; NINE CHILDREN; CHESTER WAS FIRST TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL; FIRST NISEI EAGLE SCOUT;
LULU AND GRAYCE WERE SALUTORIAN AND VALEDICTORIAN, RESPECTIVELY
1919- TOYZO WHEN ASKED ON HIS DEATH BED: "IF JAPAN AND AMERICAN SHOULD EVER GO TO WAR, WHO SHOULD I FIGHT FOR? YOU ARE AN AMERICAN, YOU FIGHT FOR AMERICA"

4. EATONVILLE DURING THE DEPRESSION

PLENTIFUL JOBS AT EATONVILLE LUMBER COMPANY SINCE 1910
100 JAPANESES, INCLUDING MANY SFAMILIES
MOST OF THE SAKURA FAMILY LIVED IN EATONVILLE
MANY FRIENDS IN THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE EDITOR OF THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER, EUGENE LARIN

5. FEBRUARY 1942 EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066 AND CAMP HARMONY

STATEMENT OF LOYALTY AFTER PEARL HARBOR
15 TEMPORARY DETENTION CAMPS

(7,400 persons)

Minidoka
10,000
330,000 acres

Plymouth NH 6,000
PFO 6,700

18,000
KOREA

Camp Harmony 7500

ORDERED TO PUYALLUP FAIRGROUNDS ("CAMP HARMONY") WITH ONE SUITCASE EACH
LIVED IN ANIMAL STALLS BEHIND BARBWIRE FENCES AND LOOKOUT TOWERS
110,000 PERSONS; 30,000 CHILDREN; 2,000 LATIN AMERICANS;

6. MINIDOKA INTERNMENT CAMP-AUGUST 1942-OCTOBER 1945

10 PERMANENT DETENTION CAMPS, 7 US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HIGH SECURITY CAMPS
33,000 ACRES, 600 BUILDINGS, ORGANIZED INTO 36 BLOCKS ; 200 PERSONS PER BLOCK; 6 ROOMS PER BARRACK
DUST, HEAT, COLD (-21 DEGREES), BARBED WIRE AND GUARD TOWERS
RATTLE SNAKES

5 miles 8

7. TRAIN RIDE TO MINIDOKA

EXHAUSTING 30 HOURS FOR A 800 MILE TRIP

8. LIVING CONDITIONS

10,000 INTERNEES; 6,600 CHILDREN
MINIMAL LIVING CONDITIONS; NO HOT WATER FOR TWO MONTHS
LACK OF PRIVACY; LOSS OF COHESIVE FAMILY STRUCTURE
DEPRESSION; FEAR
DUST, HEAT, COLD (-21 DEGREES), BARBED WIRE AND GUARD TOWERS
RATTLE SNAKES
TEMPORARY RELEASE: SUN VALLEY WITH REV BROOKS ANDREWS (FATHER: EMERY ANDREWS)

9. VOLUNTEER INTO US ARMY (JAUARY 1943)

1200 FROM CAMPS; OVER 10,000 HAWAII; 1000 FROM MINIDOKA ALONE
MEETINGS IN CAMPS WERE CONTENTIOUS; MISA AND GRANDFATHER'S PREDICTION
IF WE VOLUNTEER CAN WE GO HOME:? NO, NOT YET
63 HEART MOUNTAIN DRAFT RESISTERS INDICTED SENT TO FEDERAL PRISON
442ND RCT:10,000 PURPLE HEART; 18,000 CITATIONS; 700 DIED; 54 FROM MINIDOKA; 21 MEDAL OF HONORS

10. MOVE TO THE MIDWEST IN 1944

INCIDENT IN WYOMING EN ROUTE TO WISCONSIN
AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS SPONSORSHIP
3 DAYS ON TRAIN AND BUS ARRIVED IN OREGON, WISCONSIN
ONE WEEK LATER MOVED TO MILWUAKEET

11. REDRESS

1980-COMMISSION ON WARTIME RELOCATION AND INTERNMENT
1983-RECOMMENDATION FOR 60,000 SURVIVORS
1988- PRESIDENT REAGAN SIGNS HR 422 INTO LAW
1990-FIRST PAYMENT AND LETTER SIGNED BY PRESIDENT BUSH

2001-ESTABLISHMENT OF MINIDOKA INTERNMENT NATIONAL MONUMENT BY PRESIDENT CLINTON

12. LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

2001- USA PATRIOT ACT-RACIAL PROFILING, REGISTRATION, EXPULSION, INDEFINITE DETENTION

2011-NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT- SECTION 1021 INDEFINITE DETENTION (WAIVED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA)

Densho Notes 1/23/22

- JANE 1978-79 May 7, 1978
- Picnic Aug 1978 Glen Fukushima suggested
- * Dec 3, 1978 Swire Alex Lerner
- Feb 1979 JACL Pro AOSI Meeting Glen
- Membership 29-90

Re-established MAY 4, 1980 Friends Meeting House
 Feb 25 1979 Key: Ron Ikejima
 Form June, 1979 SA Brother, Lowell Dyatt
 Feb 21, 1981 (2) AARW @ Harvard Sect

Ken Kameda

(Coraice Uyehara)
sister

Day of Remembrance

Behind Enemy Lines

July 1980

Election of Officers

Sept 18, 1980 Commission
Signature Law

Oct 16, 1980

Commission Hearings in Boston

Nov 1980 (London) Nov 1980

Alan Coates

Footnote

Dec 9, 1981

1946
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Feb 1981 "Behind" --

April 1981 Hiro Hara

Sept 1981 Proposed List

Sept 1981 Kiyas Letter