

T O P A Z

TOPAZ REUNION 1988

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Topaz Trek, June 1943



Sunset, Topaz, Utah

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515



Dear Friends:

It's with great pleasure that I send greetings to all who are attending the first all-Topaz Relocation Center Reunion. I welcome those from across the nation who have joined here to renew old friendships and reminisce of times shared together.

This is undoubtedly a most significant time for not only Americans of Japanese ancestry, but for all Americans. With the enactment of H.R. 442, the Civil Liberties Act of 1987, a sad chapter is closed in American history and a reaffirmation has been made to our country's commitment to the preservation of liberty and justice for all.

I take this opportunity to thank all who supported this effort. I'm sure with its positive conclusion, your celebration this year will have greater significance.

My best wishes to you all.

Warmest regards,

Norman Y. Mineta
Member of Congress



Winter Scene, Topaz, Utah



Welcome to Topaz Reunion '88!

The Committee has enjoyed planning the first All Topaz Reunion for you, your family and friends. Please take this opportunity to reminisce about Topaz and to have a memorable and enjoyable celebration.

Topaz brings back many memories in our lives—World War II, evacuation, horse stalls at Tanforan, dust storms, inclement weather, military service, schools, work, relocation; but best of all, making many friends. We hope you take this opportunity to meet old friends, make new friends, talk about camp life and the past 46 years. We'll miss our loved ones and friends who have passed away.

Have a great time, and thanks for coming. We wish you happiness and success in your future endeavors, and many more happy years.

Sincerely,

Mas Kawaguchi

Fumi Hayashi

Mas Kawaguchi and Fumi Hayashi
Co-chairpersons



Chiura Obata

Personal Profile

KIYOKO (DATE) ABE
[redacted]

Spouse: Akira; children: Vivian Ikeda, Dr. Kenneth Abe, Steven Abe •**Topaz:** High school teacher •**Now:** Medical social work •**Future:** Retirement •**Relaxation:** Gardening, handcrafts, seeing family and extended family happily united at our gatherings. Closeness in family is so important this day and age. •**Proudest moments at Topaz:** As the original education instructors were chosen with care to start Topaz High School seriously, a few of us became concerned re our students obtaining credits toward legitimate high school diplomas. We all needed teacher's credentials although we all had degrees in our respective fields. Dr. Carlisle, the then superintendent of schools, was approached and because of caliber of the chosen instructors, with the permission of Board of Education, he was given permission to allow us a crash course toward secondary education. He was surprised we passed the exam with such "flying colors." Our next concern was to educate our students to be able to enter colleges and universities of their choice and to keep up easily. We were carefully monitored, as well as our classes. Our proudest moment was when the first class graduated and we were told that this class had the highest standard and were well prepared for the future. Of course the fact that we had a captive audience, good parent participation and little discipline problems and smart students helped.

LILY TANI ABIKO **Block 31**
[redacted]

3 daughters, 2 sons, 4 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Public health "nurse" in Jr. & High School •**Now:** Retired •**Topaz story:** The Topaz High School faculty included me as one of theirs and I enjoyed all their activities, but I was employed by the hospital and enjoyed their activities, too.

ROBERT T. AKAMATSU **Block 11**
[redacted]

Topaz: Born there •**Now:** Artist/photographer •**Relaxation:** Sports participation

BETTY ANN HARANO AKIYAMA **Block 28**
[redacted]

Spouse: Frank M.; children: Bruce N., Donald G., James S., Grace E., Ruth A., Anne F.; 1 grandson •**Topaz:** Jr. high student •**Now:** Homemaker, R.N. but not working •**Relaxation:** Read, watch TV •**Proudest moment:** When children graduated from college. The boys all graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis. •**Topaz story:** Some men in the block made a fish pond in front of the dining hall and stocked it with 3 or 4 carp or catfish. In winter when the water started to freeze they would run a hose from the D.H. and run hot water so the fish wouldn't freeze. •**Comments:** My dad George Harano died '83; mother Chieko is 75 and lives in Nebraska.

PAUL E. BELL **Block 2; Adm. Housing**
[redacted]

Spouse: Janet; son: David; 1 grandchild •**Topaz:** High school student •**Now:** Professor of Science Education •**Future:** Consulting in education •**Relaxation:** Reading, walking, photography •**Proudest moment:** Being selected as the speaker for a Topaz High Reunion, class of '45. •**Embarrassment:** After having been invited to dine in my friends' dining halls and participate in their block recreation activities, not being allowed to invite them to play pool one evening in the administrative staff recreation facility. •**Topaz story:** I was an usher at the Protestant English Church service. Frequently, when little children (sansei) attended church for baptism, they would burst out crying as I walked by them. •**Comments:** I am pleased you are having this reunion. I will be in the throes of teaching fall semester classes, and will have to be there in spirit, represented by my father, Roscoe. I have continued through our class reunions to be proud in being accepted by my classmates, a very accomplished group of people!

ROSCOE E. BELL **Block 2**
[redacted]

Spouse: Gladys; children: Paul, Earnest, Winifred, Gordon. All four attended school in Topaz. •**Topaz:** (Chief of Agr.) Asst. Project Director •**Now:** Retired-public land mgr. •**Relaxation:** Motor home travel •**Proudest moment:** When we received the announcement that residents could return to their California homes. Gladys and I were proud of the acceptance of our family by center residents. •**Embarrassment:** Having to conduct Leave Clearance interviews with Japanese Americans who were every bit as much American as I was. •**Topaz story:** Many stories were written by Gladys and me as we recalled our many outstanding experiences with our many Japanese and Japanese American friends and associates through a very difficult time. •**Comments:** I am very sorry that my wife Gladys will not be able to attend reunion because of crippling arthritis.

MARIE HARRIS BUSSARD **Staff Housing**
[redacted]

Spouse: Robert Harris (died '54). He taught Math, English and Auto Mechanics at Topaz High '44-'45. When we arrived in Topaz we had a 9-month old baby boy. Our second child, Rose Marie, was born at the Topaz hospital. We made many friends among the high school girls who baby-sat for us in exchange for sugar, tea and family picnics to Topaz Mountain. Rose Marie, who now lives in Idaho Falls, is coming with me to the reunion. •**Topaz story:** Went up to the administration building to pick up our mail. On the way back, the wind was blowing so hard that when I came out from behind the protected side of the barracks the wind caught the baby stroller (with 9-month old son in it) and blew it out across the opening between the buildings. I looked like a screaming banshee running after it with my coat and skirt swirling over my head. •**Comment:** I am now Professor Emeritus from Oregon State University having taught there for 25 years.

JOHN YASUTO DOAMI **Block 28**
[redacted]

Spouse: Koko; sons: David R., Daryl G. •**Topaz:** Elementary school •**Now:** Librarian, Buddhist minister •**Relaxation:** Read while listening to music •**Topaz story:** About all I can remember are playing with scorpions and ants, and Yosh Ihara being bitten right above his eye when he tried wrapping it around his neck. •**Comments:** Thought of attending the reunion, but couldn't remember anyone but my elder (by 9 yrs.) brother's friends' names.

SACHIE (TAKAHASHI) DOI **Block 19**
[redacted]

Spouse: Thomas; children: Thomas, Marcia, Michael; 3 grandchildren •**Topaz:** 6th grade teacher •**Now:** Retired •**Relaxation:** Craft, travel

MARTY OSHIMA EGAN **Block 13**
[redacted]

Spouse: Ferol •**Topaz:** Student, nurse's aide •**Now:** Develop courses for teachers/UC. Berkeley Extension •**Relaxation:** Gardening, reading, knitting •**Comment:** I'm delighted to attend reunion and see old friends.

GEORGE HIRO EGASHIRA **Block 37**
[redacted]

Spouse: Toie Katayanagi; children: Pamela, David, Robert, Tisha; 3 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Fireman; Toie (blk 26) was timekeeper, Ag. dept. •**Now:** Gardener, semi-retired •**Relaxation:** Golf, bowling, TV-sports

HIROSHI R. ENDO **Block 10**
[redacted]

Shizuko; 5 children, 6 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Truck driver •**Now:** Retired mechanic •**Relaxation:** To get out of the house •**Proudest moment:** Visiting grandchildren •**Embarrassment:** Sliding along in the snow with a load of coal.

SHIZUKO ENDO **Block 30**
[redacted]

Hiroshi Roy; children: Joyce, Janet, Kathy, Ken, Jeffrey; 6 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Block nurse •**Now:** Avon rep. •**Future:** Retire, take trips •**Proudest moment:** Visiting grandchildren •**Comments:** Everything we learned at school was false - liberty, freedom was none.

TAKAKO TSUCHIYA ENDO **Block 9-11-E**
[redacted]

Spouse: Takeshi Gish; children: Paul, Lexie Kitayama; 4 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Taught at nursery school •**Now:** Writer •**Comments:** Will we ever have a memorial trek to Topaz?

FRANK K. ETO **Block 7**
[redacted]

Spouse: Amy (Morizono); daughter: Susan; 1 granddaughter •**Topaz:** Fire dept. •**Now:** Retired •**Future:** Keep active •**Relaxation:** Fishing, reading •**Proudest moments:** Birth of daughter; birth of granddaughter •**Topaz story:** Met my wife in Topaz.

Personal Profile

GEORGE SAT FUJINAGA **Block 41**

[redacted]

Topaz: Left for sugar beet •**Now:** Retired

GEORGE M. FUKUI **Block 26**

[redacted]

Spouse: Yuri Kenmotsu; children: Lisa Jo, Tenley Kay •**Topaz:** Cowboy on cattle ranch •**Now:** Retired medical research •**Future:** International consultant in microbiology •**Relaxation:** Garden, fish, bonsai, travel to Japan •**Proudest moments:** Earning a Ph.D. from Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY; wedding Yuri and having two daughters. •**Embarrassment:** Walking to the UC Davis Library one Sunday afternoon with my dark suspenders hanging down over my light slacks below my sport jacket. •**Topaz story:** Established Boy Scouts of America Troop 712 within Topaz, an extension of Troop 12 from San Francisco and was Assistant Scoutmaster. Also reorganized Troop 12 Drum and Bugle Corps in Topaz which played at many functions in Topaz and Delta. •**Comments:** Topaz was a wonderful experience in realizing the meaning of being an American and what Freedom of Speech, etc., meant as a birthright.



ICHIO FUKUNAGA **Block 9**

[redacted]

Spouse: Aiko; children: Yukio, Michiko; 2 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Topaz Hi, farming in Idaho •**Future:** Attending reunion events of all sorts, both in USA and Japan. •**Relaxation:** Drinking and watching TV, traveling •**Proudest moment:** Graduation from Topaz High School •**Embarrassment:** Could not understand or speak any English after landing in S.F. in 1939 even though took English lessons in Japanese middle school for five years. •**Topaz story:** Attended Topaz High School; worked as an assistant to block manager, Mr. Okada, for a short period of time, and went to Caldwell, Idaho for topping sugar beets.

ABU (KEIKOAN) GUILDAY **Block 42**

[redacted]

Spouse: John; children: Cathleen, Patrick •**Topaz:** Student •**Now:** Secretary •**Future:** Retire in 2-3 years and travel with hubby •**Relaxation:** Swimming, watching Japan videos, take up golf when I retire •**Proudest moment:** When I adopted my two kids.

JOHN J. HADA, Ph.D. **Block 35**

[redacted]

Spouse: Mitzi; children: Elayne, Matthew, Sterling, Leslie Anne; 1 grandchild •**Topaz:** High school student •**Now:** Retired Colonel US Army, Educational Consultant •**Future:** Writing my memoirs with grace and pungency •**Relaxation:** Watching the San Francisco Giants at the ballpark •**Proudest moment:** Witnessing our eldest son receive his diploma at the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY. •**Embarrassment:** Forgetting to hook up my static line while parachuting in Vietnam. Made free fall parachute jump with my reserve parachute. Landed in a mine field. •**Topaz story:** Lost my mother immediately prior to entering Tanforan Assembly Center and lost my grandmother while in Topaz. •**Comments:** I believe that our heritage from the past contains values worth conserving as we approach the end of the twentieth century. I also happen to believe those values will be rediscovered, for as mankind time and again does forget old lessons it always relearns them, as children do those of their fathers.

BETTE R. HAMACHI **Block 9**

[redacted]

Single •**Topaz:** Student •**Now:** Phys Science Tech.

YURI HANAMOTO **Block 37**

[redacted]

Spouse: "Max" deceased; 2 sons •**Topaz:** Worked at Cost Unit engineer section as cost accountant clerk •**Now:** Part-time bookkeeper •**Future:** Retire and keep attending classes •**Relaxation:** Listen to music, attend art classes, walk with friends •**Proudest moment:** Left family from Topaz to Chicago (of course with help from friends) •**Embarrassment:** Many

ROBERT NOBU HANAMURA **Block 5**

[redacted]

Topaz: Recreation dept. •**Now:** Designer •**Future:** Develop a craft shop with Japanese objects •**Relaxation:** Beach, camping •**Embarrassment:** At 11 years of age, introduced to the Japanese "furo" without any advice and soaping myself *in* the "furo" preventing others from using it.

KAY (KAI) & MIKE HANANOUCHI **Blocks 16 & 30**

[redacted]

4 children; 5 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Students •**Now:** Mike: construction manager •**Future:** Retire •**Proudest moments:** When all four graduated from universities.

HAROLD S. & CHIYE YOSHIMORI HARADA **Block 13-1-D & Block 12-3-A**

[redacted]

Children: Dr. Ken & Jane Harada, Naomi, Paul, Dr. Don & Kathleen Harada; 2 grandchildren •**Topaz:** H.S.H. orderly; nurse's aide •**Now:** Dentist; B.S. in nursing. •**Future:** Retire, travel, raise orchids •**Relaxation:** Watch TV, sumi-e, flower arranging •**Proudest moments:** When we became grandparents; watching children graduate from grad school and going into their own professions; the tender and compassionate way they took care of grandpa, who died at 96 years. •**Embarrassment:** Getting ticket for running red light on way to honeymoon. The arresting officer saying, "You've got enough troubles, I won't give you a ticket." •**Topaz story:** Met wife Chiye (nurse) who was scrubbed and gowned for surgery at Topaz hospital. Introduced to her by Dr. Masaatsu Harada (bro.) who was performing an appendectomy.



Suiko Mikami

Personal Profile

CHIKO HARAMAKI **Block 36**

[redacted]

Topaz: Student •**Now:** Prof. Emeritus Penn State •**Future:** To continue traveling throughout the U.S. in my motor home. •**Topaz story:** It was when two of the Tsumori brothers, Jimmy Ushijima, my brother, Shozo and I went looking for Sevier Lake. The Lake was considerably further than we had expected and it was dark when we got back. We had to figure a way of getting back in between the watch towers and flood lights without being seen. We crawled through the fence and across the open field and were surprised and embarrassed when we found the entire block waiting for us at the edge of the field. •**Comments:** I want to thank all of the people and organizations who are making this reunion possible.

GENE HASHIGUCHI **Block 26**

[redacted]

Kathleen Haruyo Toda Hashiguchi, sons: Erik, Burt •**Topaz:** Camp baby •**Now:** Chemical engineer •**Future:** Early retirement, travel, writing •**Relaxation:** Photography, stamp collecting-US and Japan •**Proudest moments:** Yet to come; however, past include graduation from Cal-Berkeley, Eagle Scout Award •**Embarrassment:** Not being able to speak Japanese •**Topaz story:** America must never forget what happened. As the last surviving members of our family to have gone through the camp experience, my sister, Ellen, and I feel an obligation to keep the memories alive for future generations of all Americans.

FUMI MANABE HAYASHI **Block 19**

[redacted]

Spouse: Tad (block 22); children: Steve, Liz, Sue •**Topaz:** Student •**Proudest moment:** I felt proud to be a part of the very large group of nisei in Washington D.C. for the Smithsonian opening. I am proud to be Japanese and American. Nisei can take pride in their heritage, their sense of community, their families and in themselves.

BENJ. E. "TETS" HIRANO

[redacted]

Spouse: Lois •**Topaz:** Hospital kitchen help •**Now:** Florist-owner •**Future:** Retirement, travel •**Relaxation:** Snooze in front of TV •**Topaz story:** Stay was very brief. Went to Provo, UT, then to Cleveland, OH, then back to San Francisco. Resident of Washington state 40 years.

GEORGE M. HIROSE **Block 6**

[redacted]

Spouse: Toshiye; children: Elizabeth Afshari, Laura Olson, Peter, John •**Topaz:** Worked in social service dept.; one of first to leave Topaz for college; on summer vacations returned to Topaz and helped in work of the Protestant Christian Church. •**Now:** Retired minister (Presbyterian Church, USA) •**Relaxation:** Watching sports on TV, traveling.

NORMAN I. HIROSE **Block 14**

[redacted]

Spouse: Hisako; son: Paul •**Topaz:** High school student, student body president '43-'44, worked in hospital (surgery) •**Now:** High school teacher •**Future:** Retire and return permanently to Berkeley •**Relaxation:** Photo, stained glass, wood-working, cars •**Proudest moment:** Son's birth •**Comments:** Sorry, I can't be at the reunion — must return to Japan in August. Wish all a very happy get-together, meeting, chatting, re-living old times.



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FRED HOSHIYAMA **Block 3**

[redacted]

Spouse: Irene; children: Donna, Matthew •**Topaz:** Social worker •**Now:** YMCA executive •**Future:** Serve the community •**Relaxation:** Sports •**Topaz story:** Helped build the hospital and sewer system.

BURO HOSOUME **Block 38**

[redacted]

Spouse: Chizu (Yamada); children: Kimi, John •**Topaz:** Farm laborer •**Now:** Civil engineer • **Future:** To enjoy the finer things in life and live to 101 years of age •**Relaxation:** Gardening and sports fan •**Comments:** Looking forward to the reunion — to seek out friends from 40-50 years past.

TED IIDA **Block 20**

[redacted]

Spouse: Hiroko; children: Carey, Eleanor, Douglas, Allan; 1 grandchild •**Topaz:** Optometrist, rec. dept. •**Now:** Optometrist •**Future:** Retirement, traveling •**Relaxation:** Ballroom dancing, gardening.

ROBERT S. IKI **Block 1 or 5**

[redacted]

Spouse: Fumi Katsu (also Topaz); daughters: Frances Peck, Margaret Leichtman; 3 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Robert: chief of community gov't; Fumi: camp receptionist •**Now:** Chrmn of Board of Robyn Int'l; homemaker •**Relaxation:** Robert, golf; Fumi, visiting with grandchildren • **Proudest moment:** Robert: When I was in the group who convinced Dillon Myer and Charles Ernst that the internees should be relocated throughout the U.S.

JOSEPH T. INATOME

[redacted]

Spouse: Atsuko Nan; children: Rick, Lisa, J. Corwin •**Topaz:** Attended high school, class of '43 •**Now:** Chairman, Inacomp Computer Center •**Future:** Start up another company and taking it public by 1992. •**Relaxation:** Swimming •**Proudest moment:** Changing career from engineering to starting up a computer store in 1976 and taking it public in 1984. We now employ 650 people and gross $250 million annually with 82 stores located in 8 states. •**Embarrassment:** Being transported to a work farm in an open truck (Provo, UT)

LILY ANN Y. INOUYE **Block 20**

[redacted]

Spouse: Mitsuo, M.D.; children: Jon, Sharon Helfand, M.D., Bradley, Caron; 1 grandchild •**Topaz:** High school student •**Now:** Hosp. director of volunteers •**Future:** Run a successful hosp. volunteer gift shop; enjoy grandchild •**Relaxation:** Watch TV, attend movies, talk with friends, dine out at fine restaurants. •**Proudest moment:** When daughter graduated from UCSF medical school first in her class. •**Topaz story:** While my mother was the head cashier at the canteen and I was her assistant cashier, I enjoyed making friends and sharing thoughts and feelings with fellow inmates. •**Comments:** Although camp experience was tragic and traumatic to a budding teenager, I had some happy moments that I will cherish, especially the friendships.

Personal Profile

MARIKO (TAKETOSHI) INOUYE **Block 34**
[redacted]

Spouse: Chikateru; daughter: Gail Chase; 2 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Taught 6th grade Desert View School •**Now:** Retired •**Future:** Travel •**Relaxation:** Watch Japanese film on VCR, gardening, enjoy the grandchildren •**Comments:** Would like to meet the pupils in the 6th grade class at the Topaz Reunion.

KIKO NAKAGIRI ISHIDA **Block 11-3-B**
[redacted]

Spouse: Sodie; son: David Matthew •**Topaz:** Student, nurse's aide •**Now:** Retired RN •**Relaxation:** Camp, fish.

SODIE ISHIDA **Block 29-6-A,B**
[redacted]

Spouse: Kiko Nakagiri; son: David Matthew •**Topaz:** Student, motor pool •**Now:** Retired, UAL •**Relaxation:** Camp, fish.

YASUKO ANN (ISHIDA) ITO **Block 30**
[redacted]

Spouse: Hiroshi; children: Linda, Jacquelyn Woo; 1 grandchild •**Topaz:** Worked in diet kitchen, secretary in the Interfaith Office, teacher in Block 8 school, 2nd grade •**Future:** When I finish my term as a member of the San Mateo City School District Board of Trustees, I am looking forward to relaxation and enjoying my granddaughter. •**Relaxation:** Hope to find time to read—lots of catching up to do. •**Proudest moment:** In the 1985 November election, I was one of 5 candidates for 3 seats on the San Mateo Elementary School Board. My proudest moment was when I received the most votes out of the 5 candidates. I was proud to be a Japanese American. •**Embarrassment:** Too numerous to list! •**Topaz story:** The tragedy of a group of very proud people forced into living under welfare conditions with all citizenship rights taken away.

YONE KATO ITO **Block 13**
[redacted]

Children: Kathy, Scott •**Topaz:** Student, class of '44; cannery work in Ogden, UT during summer •**Now:** Typographer •**Future:** After 28 years in business, semi-retirement comes to mind; continue sumi-e, travel, make better use of my Dahon portable bike •**Relaxation:** Go to my beach condo for a whiff of ocean breeze while enjoying the view. •**Proudest moments:** When Scott was accepted to Stanford; his graduation; Kathy's graduation from UC Davis. •**Comments:** Drove to Topaz in 1976 with my children. It was gloomy and very windy just as it was in the early '40s. Would like to revisit Topaz on the 50th anniversary.

TOM K. IWAHASHI **Block 33**
[redacted]

Spouse: Jean; daughter: Dale Fields; 1 grandchild •**Topaz:** Worked in Block 40 mess hall •**Now:** Retired from Federal Gov't •**Relaxation:** Just taking life easy.

RITSUKO NAKAHIRA IWASA **Block 35-6-EF**
[redacted]

Spouse: Yoshio; children: Keiko Ellen Watanabe, Kenneth, Arthur, Robert •**Topaz:** Student, office worker •**Now:** State office worker •**Future:** Travel after retirement •**Topaz story:** Christmas '44, sang in the Messiah; went caroling and watched snow silently falling under the guard tower; cold. I waited the fate of Topaz draft refusers happening in Salt Lake City Federal Court. It was the passing of carefree youth to responsibility being left with a younger brother and parents in my senior year; waiting for the West Coast to open, even though nothing was there.

SHIG IYAMA **Block 11**
[redacted]

Spouse: Mary; son: Steven •**Topaz:** Student •**Now:** Architect

RHODA AKIKO IYOYA **Block 12**
[redacted]

Spouse: Nick; children: Susan, Martin, Calvin, Janet, John (dec.), Carolyn; 2 grandchildren •**Topaz:** High school student •**Now:** Retired school teacher; volunteer •**Future:** Nick will retire 8/89; we will move to Monterey, CA where we have a home. •**Relaxation:** Gardening •**Proudest moment:** Birth of first child. We were also proud of others; somehow first was special. •**Comments:** Regret very much missing another reunion but have had a long standing commitment to be in Philadelphia that week-end. Thank you to those who have worked so hard to plan this event.



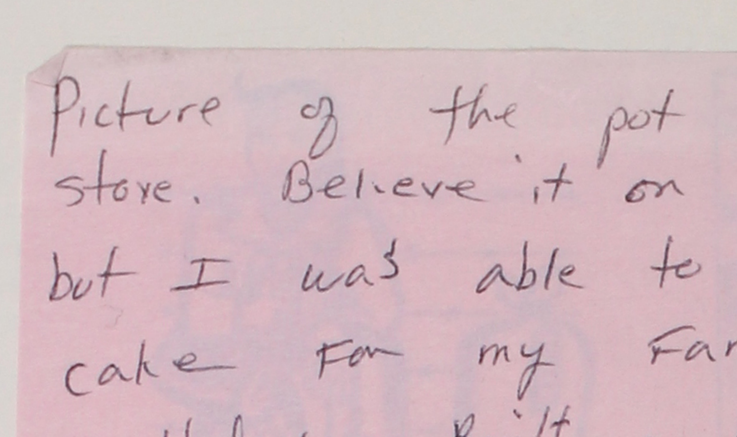
Hisako Hibi

Picture of the pot Bellied stove. Believe it or not but I was able to bake cake For my Family Birthday. Built a cover over the top & made an over. We had to be ingenious to make life more comfortable my mother did a lot of cooking — extra party.

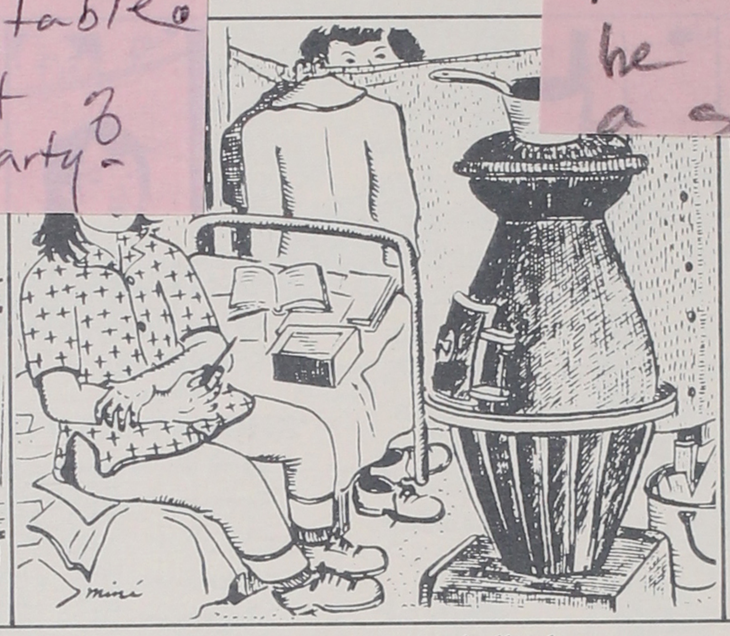
Food type stuFF. When I think back it's totally amazing. People picked up old lumber & orange Apple crates & made desk. Aunty massie had one. Was really neat. After Uncle keig. bought himself a new desk he broke it up. What a shame.



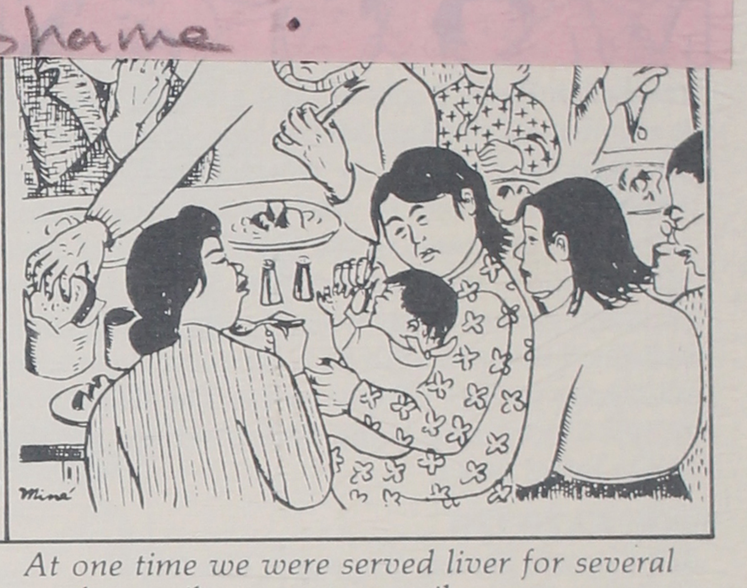
Topaz.



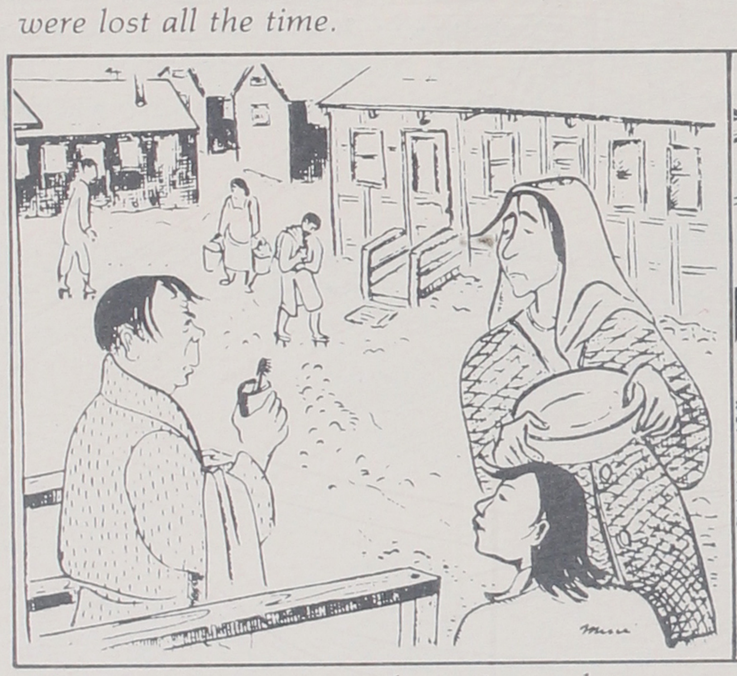
All residential blocks looked alike; people were lost all the time.



Each family was given a pot-bellied stove.



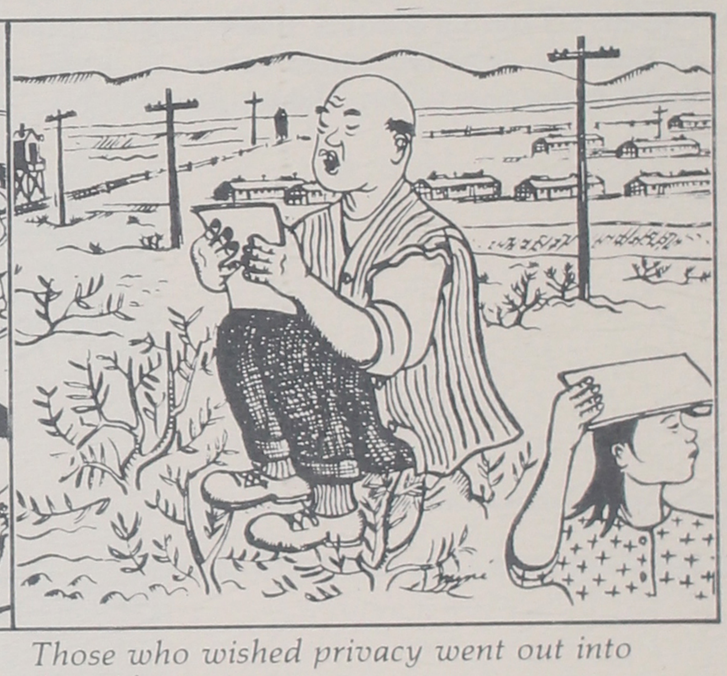
At one time we were served liver for several weeks, until we went on strike.



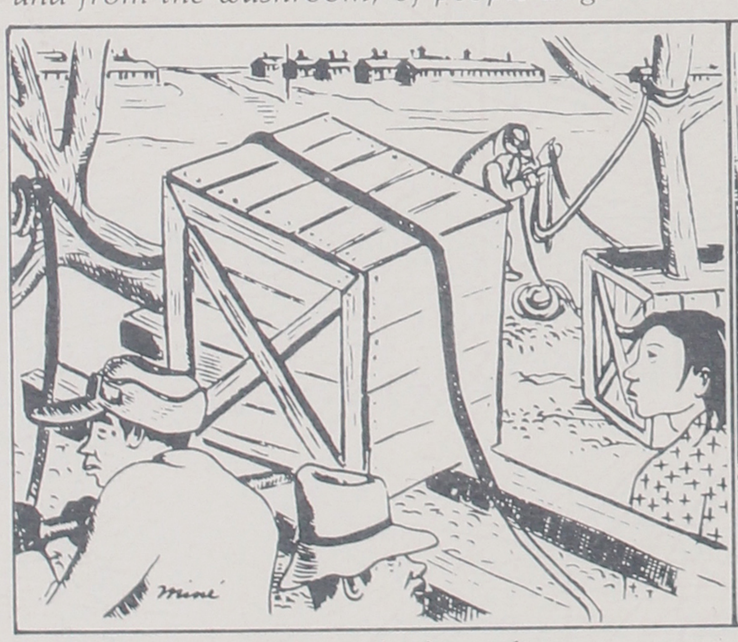
There was a morning and evening rush to and from the washroom, of people in getas.



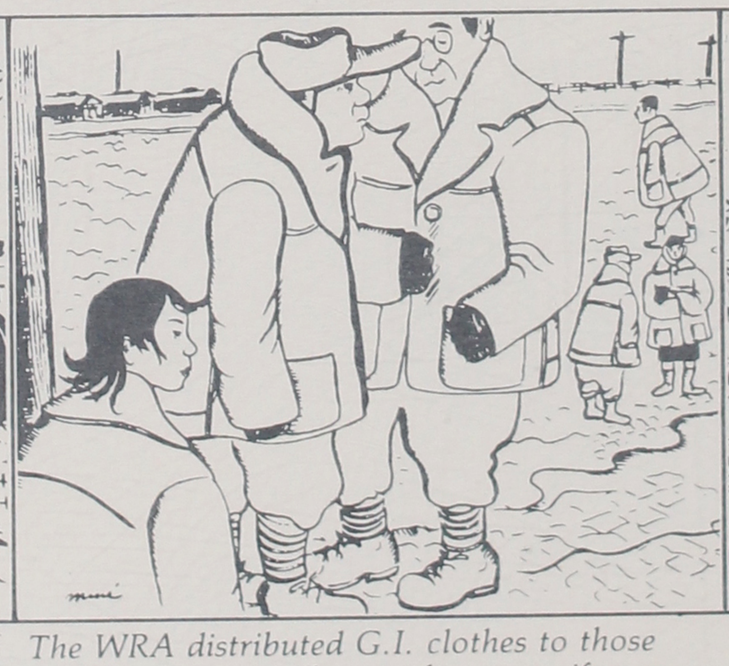
Each block had a laundry complete with washboards and clotheslines.



Those who wished privacy went out into the wide open spaces.



Hardy trees were brought from distant mountains and transplanted in camp.



The WRA distributed G.I. clothes to those employed—pea jackets and army uniforms.



The first Christmas was sad. Some families made a brave attempt to celebrate.

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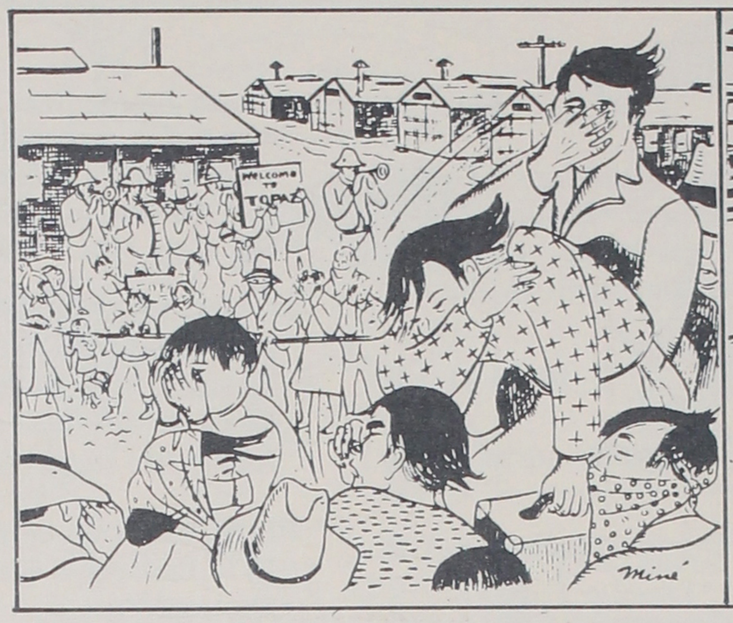
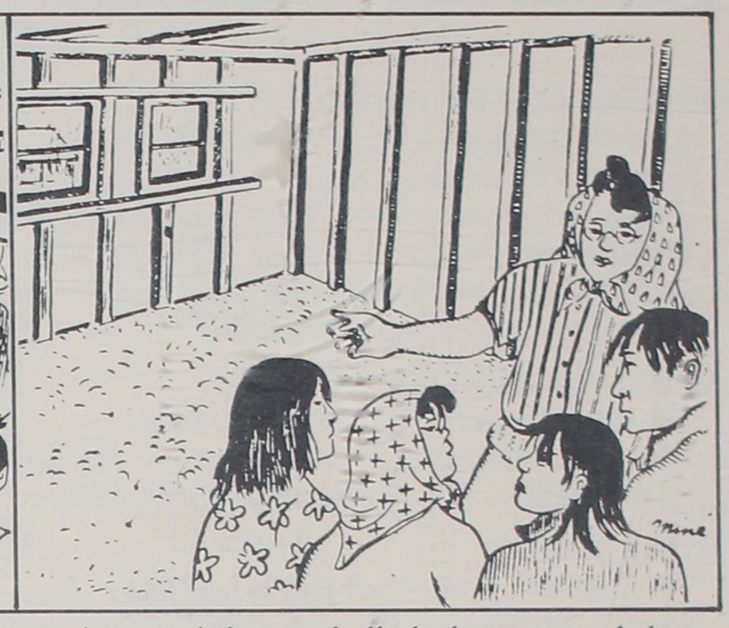


Welcome to Topaz.



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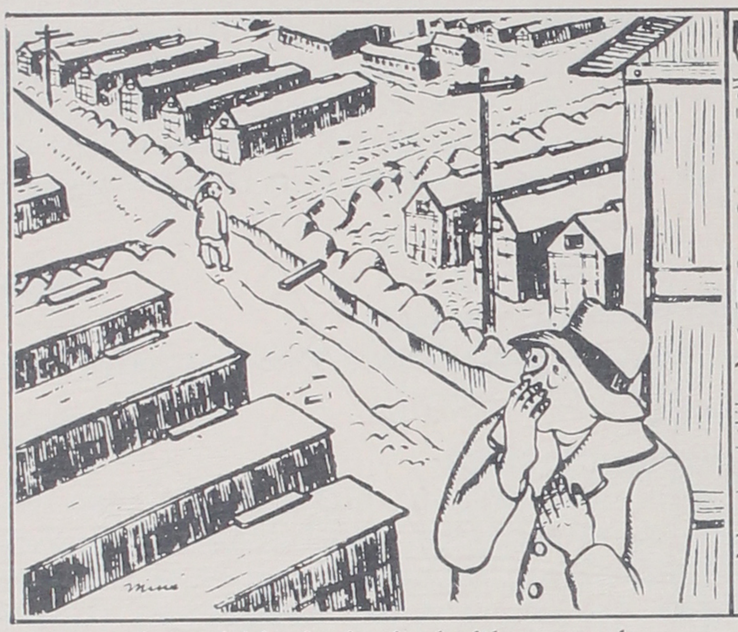

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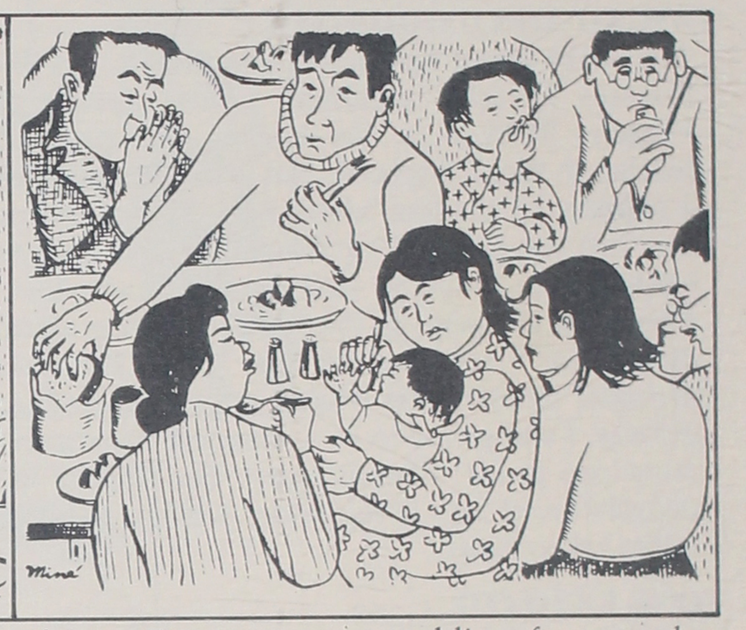
Each family was given a pot-bellied stove.



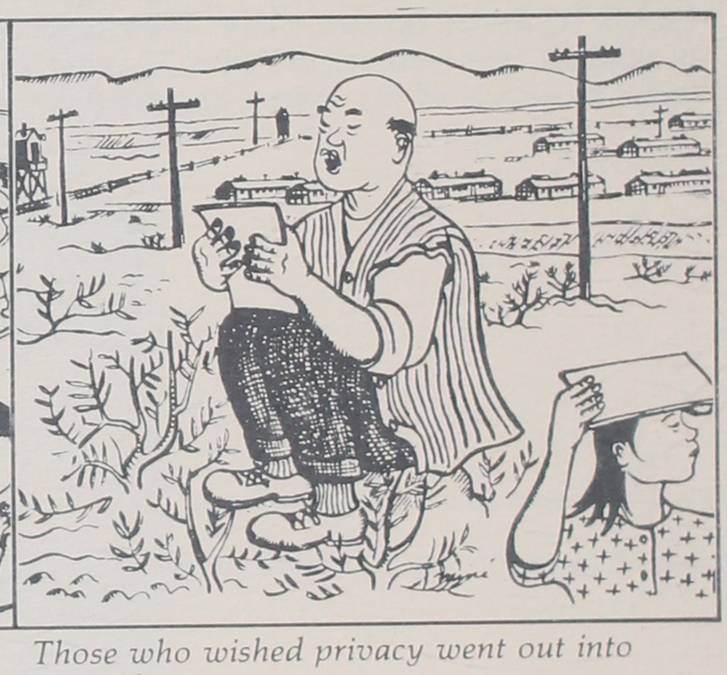
At one time we were served liver for several weeks, until we went on strike.



There was a morning and evening rush to and from the washroom, of people in getas.



Each block had a laundry complete with washboards and clotheslines.



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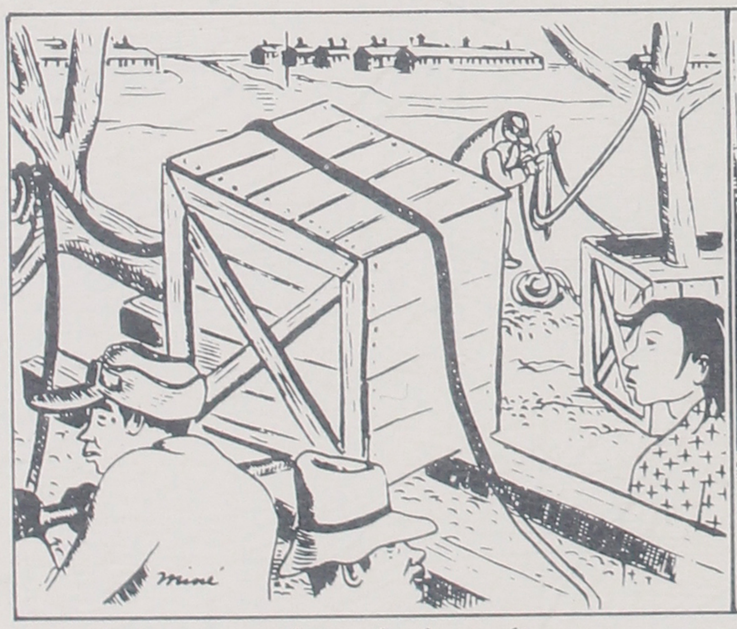

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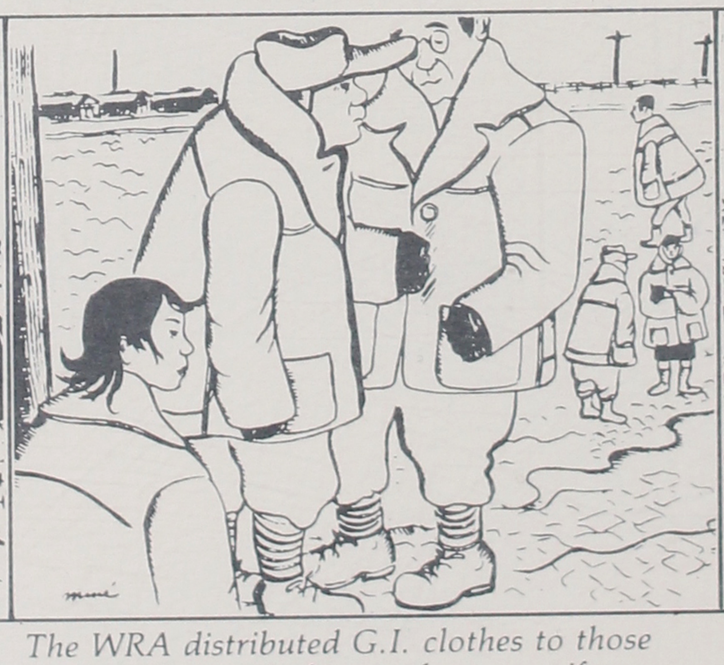

The WRA distributed G.I. clothes to those employed—pea jackets and army uniforms.



The first Christmas was sad. Some families made a brave attempt to celebrate.

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Personal Profile

JAMES KAJIWARA **Block 3**
[redacted]

Spouse: Nobu; children: Ted, Beth; 5 grandchildren; 1 great grandson •**Topaz:** Commissary •**Now:** Retired •**Future:** Travel, volunteer work •**Relaxation:** Fishing

SACHI KAJIWARA **Block 9-8-E**
[redacted]

Single •**Topaz:** Nurse's aide •**Now:** Executive staff, Women's Division, United Methodist Church •**Future:** Retirement, effective Aug. 1, 1988 •**Relaxation:** Reading, knitting, baking •**Proudest moment:** To be voted in as one of four directors (volunteer) to the Women's Division in 1972 from the whole Western Jurisdiction. •**Embarrassment:** Not for me, personally—I was refused admission to nursing school by the Director of Nursing because she was afraid my presence on duty would prove to be embarrassing as many patients had sons and daughters fighting in the South Pacific. Ironically two weeks prior to the interview our family received a notice from the War Dept. that our only brother was killed in Italy while a part of the 100th Battalion as a replacement from the 442nd. He had volunteered from Topaz. I tried to muster up all the dignity I could, and apologized to her for taking up so much of her time. •**Topaz story:** My father liked chrysanthemums. He managed to take a flat of plants to Tanforan, eventually took three potted plants to Topaz. With all the dust flying around upon our arrival, my father managed to get a pail and a gallon jug of fresh well water from the opposite end of camp to water the plants, while us humans had nary a drop. •**Comments:** Because of my present job, I've had so many opportunities to share the relocation experience with friends in the midwest, and being the Asian-American presence where ethnic is thought to be black or "other."

ARTHUR KAKU **Block 26**
[redacted]

Spouse, 7 children, 2 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Truck driver, motor pool •**Now:** Retired Boeing engineer •**Relaxation:** Salmon fishing •**Proudest moment:** Getting outside employment unloading sheetrock at Topaz, summer '42. •**Topaz story:** During fuel shortage, winter '42, brought in coal from Castledale Mines. Coal practically unloaded self when parked in Block 26 overnight.

JOHN KAMADA
[redacted]

Spouse: Atsuko; sons: Ray, Cyrus; 1 grandson •**Topaz:** High school •**Now:** Industrial hygienist •**Future:** Retire in '90 and work as a consultant •**Relaxation:** Reading •**Proudest moment:** Seeing smiling faces of satisfied people I serviced was heartwarming. The paper I presented on the subject I believe was the bonus they gave me. •**Embarrassment:** Not being able to keep the promise on giving an on-the-job-type of course stands out as a good one. It revised my prioritization policy toward more interesting and rewarding pursuits in life. •**Topaz story:** Gone are the days of Shogi-playing issei seen in block rec-rooms, and restless nisei pursuing whatever they could and waiting for the day to leave Topaz that hosted us a few or several years. But, the memory endures and the story persists beyond Burlingame into history.

SHIG KAMIYA **Block 20-10-E**
[redacted]

Spouse: Shiz; children: Elaine, Wayne; 3 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Movie manager •**Now:** Retired •**Future:** Enjoy life (what's left of it!) •**Relaxation:** Make monthly trip to Las Vegas •**Proudest moment:** Having my ideas made into ceramic pieces by factory artist in Japan for the American market. The best items were music boxes which hundreds of Hallmark Card Shops bought. •**Topaz story:** By being the movie manager, I was able to date out different girls to the Co-op movie previews.

FRANK KANAI **Block 9-9-B**
[redacted]

Spouse: Toshiko; children: Irene, Lilian •**Topaz:** Drove farm tractor, attended mechanic class •**Now:** Gas station •**Future:** Last October I reached 65 years, so planning to retire.

TERU KANBA **Block 29**
[redacted]

Topaz: High school, asst. librarian •**Now:** Retired •**Future:** Travel •**Relaxation:** Read, walk, travel, attending ballet, museum browsing, seminars/workshops.

MIYE OSHIMA KASHIWASE **Block 13**
[redacted]

Spouse: EJ; children: Linda, David; 4 grandchildren, another on the way •**Topaz:** Helped in dietetic dept. •**Now:** Retired •**Future:** To do more traveling •**Relaxation:** Gardening •**Topaz story:** I did not stay long in Topaz. As soon as weekend passes were available I left for Salt Lake City. I stayed with Kinny Tabata and found a job. The Parsons helped me get my father out and eventually encouraged me to finish school. I started at St. Olaf but left for Minnesota Business College. Just to leave was a "big" step. But I'm glad I did. I visited Topaz in spring of '45 on my way home to Oakland. War was not over, but I had a place to stay at the church.

NOBY KATSU
[redacted]

Spouse, 3 children, 3 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Kitchen •**Now:** Retired •**Relaxation:** Reading fiction, watching football on TV •**Proudest moment:** Retiring from Navy Dept. after 30 years. •**Topaz story:** Left Topaz early for agriculture leave.

CHRIS KATSURA
[redacted]

Comments: I am Tomio Katsura's daughter. I am attending on his behalf to video record the reunion for him. He suffered a big stroke in Dec. 25, 1987 and cannot attend although he would like to. He is recovering but cannot walk or talk well, yet. So, I'm taking memories of the reunion to him when I return to see him.

MAE (FURUZAWA) KAWAGUCHI **Block 27**
[redacted]

3 sons; 1 granddaughter •**Topaz:** Student •**Now:** Word processor at DeAnza College.

MAS KAWAGUCHI **Block 16**
[redacted]

Spouse: Ida; children: Todd, Jeffrey, Mari •**Topaz:** High school •**Now:** Senior transportation engineer •**Future:** Looking forward to retirement and traveling to Japan. •**Relaxation:** Watching the S.F. Giants baseball •**Proudest moment:** Chosen to build Caltrain passenger cars in Japan that are running between San Francisco and San Jose. •**Embarrassment:** In Japan, I returned to an important business meeting wearing the red slippers that belong in the toilet only. •**Topaz story:** After graduating from Topaz High School, I went to Provo, UT to try to make a living picking fruits. I never worked so hard for so little. I returned to Topaz with a brand new pair of Florsheim shoes. •**Comments:** I wish you all a joyful and memorable reunion and I enjoyed planning it with the Topaz Reunion Committee.



Personal Profile

MOMOYE KAWAKAMI **Block 29**
[redacted]

Topaz: Community council office •**Now:** Medical assistant

ADA KAWAMOTO **Block 11**
[redacted]

Spouse: Isao; children: James, Ann •**Topaz:** High school student •**Now:** Housewife

SUE (HONDA) KAWANO **Block 35**
[redacted]

Spouse: Jerry; children: Mona, Marcia •**Topaz:** High school student •**Now:** Registered nurse •**Embarrassment:** For Senior Girl Reserves initiation, I had to wear pajamas to school. Fortunately it was cold weather season so I wore a makinaw over it.

KATHY (ASANO) KEATING **Block 33**
[redacted]

Divorced; children: Ken, Kimi •**Topaz:** Student •**Now:** Executive secretary •**Relaxation:** Walking, reading, going out with children, getting together with friends. •**Proudest moments:** With all modesty set aside, I am very proud of my two children, Ken who is now a handsome 23 year old and Kimi who is now a beautiful 20 year old. It was an uphill climb raising them as I pretty much had to do it single-handedly but it was worth all the effort — and more!

AKIO KIMURA **Block 27**
[redacted]

Spouse: Wilma; 4 children; 3 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Taught P.E. •**Now:** Retired •**Relaxation:** Hunting and fishing •**Proudest moment:** Got married to the only girl that would put up with me. •**Embarrassment:** Joined the Joie Chetwood stunt show as a stuntman from Japan. No one would believe me. They were all right. One guy said I was an Indian with makeup on. This was back in '50-'53. •**Comments:** Should have left sooner.

AIMEE KISHI **Block 12**
[redacted]

Spouse: Arthur; 3 sons •**Topaz:** High school •**Now:** Retired •**Relaxation:** Golfing

JUNE (MATSUDA) KISHI **Block 42**
[redacted]

Spouse: James; children: Ken, Karen, Donna

YOSH "KITTY" KITAGAWA **Block 36**
[redacted]

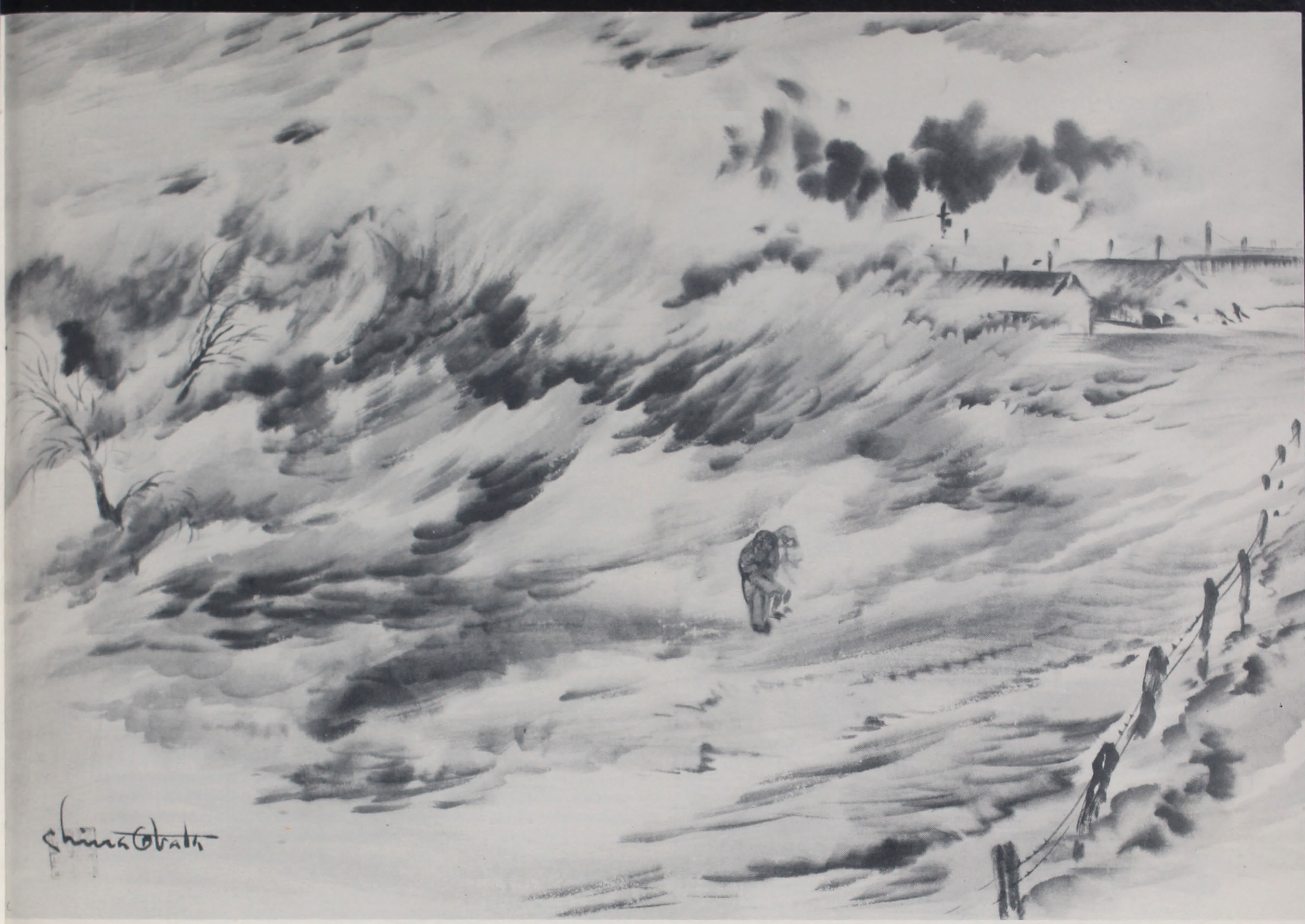
Spouse: June (Kiyomoto); sons: Larry, David; 1 granddaughter •**Topaz:** Worked in commissary •**Now:** Retired •**Relaxation:** Bowling, fishing, Reno •**Proudest moment:** When my granddaughter was born. •**Embarrassment:** Falling into a ditch. •**Comments:** Suggest LARGE print on name tags. There were some families from Bay Area that went to Tanforan but not to Topaz. They should also be included.

MEHIKO KATSU KITAMATA **Block 35**
[redacted]

Spouse: John Takeo; children: Gene, Richard, Wendy •**Topaz:** Night shift Topaz Times •**Now:** Homemaker •**Future:** Travel •**Relaxation:** Photography, working with stained glass •**Proudest moment:** Being honored by Quota Club as Richmond's "Woman of the Year" '71 •**Topaz story:** My father, Miyahei Katsu, was working on the farm at Topaz. He came home and told us that some cute little piglets had been born and looked just like puppies. We had always had pets at home so several of us trudged two or three miles to see these piglets. What a disappointment! They were so ugly and didn't look like Porky Pig or puppies. I cried and cried!

Chiura Obata





Chiura Obata

"The storms were so strong; people cannot stand straight in that wind. You can't move. You can't walk. You'd never think desert country is like this. We had a hard time. To take a shower we have to walk back about one block. When the wind blows so much I tell Yuri, you better put the towel over your face, and we bend over, almost crawl, because the wind is so hard. I fell over twice."

Haruko Obata, 1986

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HARRY KITANO **Block 34**

[redacted]

Topaz: High schooler •**Now:** Professor, UCLA •**Comments:** Just finished a new book titled *Asian Americans* co-authored with Roger Daniels.

LILY NOMURA KIYASU **Block 12**

[redacted]

John Y., Patricia Blossom, Anne Murdock, Lynn Hartwell, John T. •**Topaz:** Student •**Now:** Medical secretary •**Future:** LIVE... •**Proudest moment:** Seeing my children graduate from college. •**Embarrassment:** Many!

YOSHIO & SACHI KUME **Block 4 & 12-4-B**

[redacted]

Michael, Rhonda, Jody Wheeler; 1st grandchild '89 •**Topaz:** Ambulance driver •**Now:** Self-employed •**Future:** Retire •**Relaxation:** Tinkering with vintage automobile •**Proudest moment:** Driving across the Golden Gate Bridge in the oldest vintage auto (1925 Chevy) during the 50th anniversary cavalcade of cars.

RURIKO (MARUBAYASHI) LEE **Block 9**

[redacted]

Spouse: Edison •**Topaz:** Attended school •**Now:** Clerk

JIM MACHIDA **Block 36**

[redacted]

Spouse: Kay; 2 children; 2 grandchildren •**Topaz:** High school senior; commissary group

MICHI (KAJIWARA) MASUNAGA **Block 9-8-E**

[redacted]

George; children: Leslie, Kenneth, Gary •**Topaz:** Taught piano •**Now:** Retired, housewife •**Future:** To continue my activities in the community as long as I can. •**Relaxation:** Bridge, concerts, plays, TV specials. •**Happiest moment:** When our children (my step-children) honored us with a big surprise anniversary party. •**Topaz story:** I was there for only 5 months and then got clearance to go to Lincoln, NE with my sister. It is like a vague dream and not a real part of my life. However, it all becomes real when I think of my brother who was one of the 442nd volunteers who never came back. He really wanted to prove the loyalty of the nisei.

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MITSUE KONO MATSUI **Block 28**
[redacted]

Spouse: Takashi; 2 children; 3 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Admin. secretary, Finance •**Now:** Homemaker, retired from Fed. Civil Ser. •**Future:** Travel, attend self-improvement courses, continue to be involved in community service-oriented activities •**Relaxation:** Reading, writing (personal history, genealogy), music, sewing •**Proudest moment:** When daughter and son completed their respective fields of study and received their degrees from the Univ. of Washington. •**Topaz story:** To be released from the confines of the concentration camp and return to the mainstream of society so that I could contribute my share in the war effort was uppermost in my mind ever since I set foot in the God-forsaken country in the Sevier Desert. The day a job offer came from the War Dept. to work as Japanese typist at the Military Intelligence Service Language School in Camp Savage, MN. It was a God-send and a turning point in my life. There I had the privilege of serving under the late John F. Aiso, the then Dir. of Academic Training.

MARY McMILLAN **Block 2**
[redacted]

Topaz: Taught high school •**Now:** Retired! •**Future:** One more visit to Japan (have had 3 since retirement). •**Relaxation:** Yard work, using weed-eater, riding mower. •**Proudest moment:** When made a "special honorary citizen of Hiroshima" before my retirement in 1980. •**Topaz story:** I guess it was the first Christmas there, when, with the "choir," on a truck, wasn't it, I helped serenade at the camp hospital. Seem to recall a little baby had recently died there. •**Comments:** With many issei and nisei, I was challenged as well as angry, sad, puzzled. Should love to see everyone, but wonder if I'm up to it. Decided I'm too tired at this point. *Yoroshiku* to all!

KIYOSHI ROBERT MIDZUNO **Block 28**
[redacted]

Spouse: Kumeko Ruth; children: Gayle Fusae, Barbara Etsuko, Robert Yutaka •**Topaz:** Mess mgr., weather reporter •**Now:** Federal retiree-35 years •**Future:** Visit Japan and relax; live day to day. •**Relaxation:** Read Japanese articles; enjoy grandchildren •**Proudest moments:** Teaching Japanese language at Yale University (Military Government School); having children; retiring from Federal Civil Service. •**Topaz story:** One day, April 23, 1943, I decided to leave Topaz about 10 a.m. and was on my way to the National Youth Admin. Automotive School in Provo, UT. By 2 p.m. I was the first nikkei there and it was uncomfortable the first week, till some fellows arrived from Topaz and Hunt, ID. In a few months the school closed for the nikkei due to the lack of funds. Went on to Salt Lake City.

SHUICHI & HISAKO RUTH MIHO **Block 8**
[redacted]

Daughter: Jane •**Topaz:** Acc't dept.; Hisako: assistant block mgr. •**Now:** Retired •**Relaxation:** Tennis

YOSHI HARAMAKI MILLER **Block 36**
[redacted]

Daughter: Tracy, 2 grandsons •**Topaz:** High school student, part-time nurse's aide •**Now:** Medical Laboratory technologist •**Relaxation:** Fly fishing.

GRACE (NOMURA) MITSUI **Block 12**
[redacted]

Spouse: Naouki •**Topaz:** Student, play •**Now:** Retired •**Relaxation:** Golf •**Topaz story:** Learned to participate and enjoy all sports. •**Comments:** Sorry to be missing the reunion - will be in Florida golfing.

YOSHIE MITSUYASU **Block 12**
[redacted]

Topaz: Secretary, admin. bldg. •**Now:** Retired

MASAKO KUSAYANAGI MIURA, M.D. **Hospital**
[redacted]

Formerly ex- James Goto, M.D.; Kiyoshi Miura •**Topaz:** Physician (dermatologist) •**Now:** Dermatologist, retired •**Relaxation:** Travel, gardening •**Proudest moment:** Being able to walk without crutches or cane. •**Topaz story:** One year after being in Manzanar, transferred to Topaz in 8 months of pregnancy to find M.D.s on strike to boycott us. Therefore daughter was born in Salt Lake City. Patients were seen from 1943 to closing of the camp in 1945 in general medicine as well as in dermatology, with limited supplies and medication. As the men left for the army, replacements were made by Jewish immigrants from Germany.

WATARU MIURA **Block 39**
[redacted]

Sachiko Helen; son: Bruce •**Topaz:** Timekeeper •**Now:** Retired from Cal-Trans •**Future:** Waiting to die •**Relaxation:** Relaxed all the time.

BETTY (NAKASO) MIYAKE **Block 12**
[redacted]

Spouse: deceased; 3 children •**Topaz:** High school, Co-op, hospital •**Now:** Run the farm and semi-retired •**Future:** Travel •**Relaxation:** Visit with friends, play cards, travel •**Proudest moment:** When my children graduated from the university and college. •**Topaz story:** My greatest enjoyment was the wonderful friends I made with people from the Bay Area. •**Comments:** I hope we can get together more often.

FLORENCE NAGANO MIYASHIRO **Block 23**
[redacted]

Spouse: Stephen; children: Gary, Stephanie, Laura; 2 grandchildren •**Topaz:** High school student •**Now:** Retired teacher •**Future:** Travel, have fun • **Relaxation:** Crafts •**Topaz story:** Just saw the *Topaz Story* on TV and realized that the story was "true" and vididly shown, but my own memory of Topaz has so many "shining, bright, lovely" moments. •**Comments:** Very late in committing to coming to Reunion because health problems had to be considered.

STEPHANIE KAZUKO MIYASHIRO
[redacted]

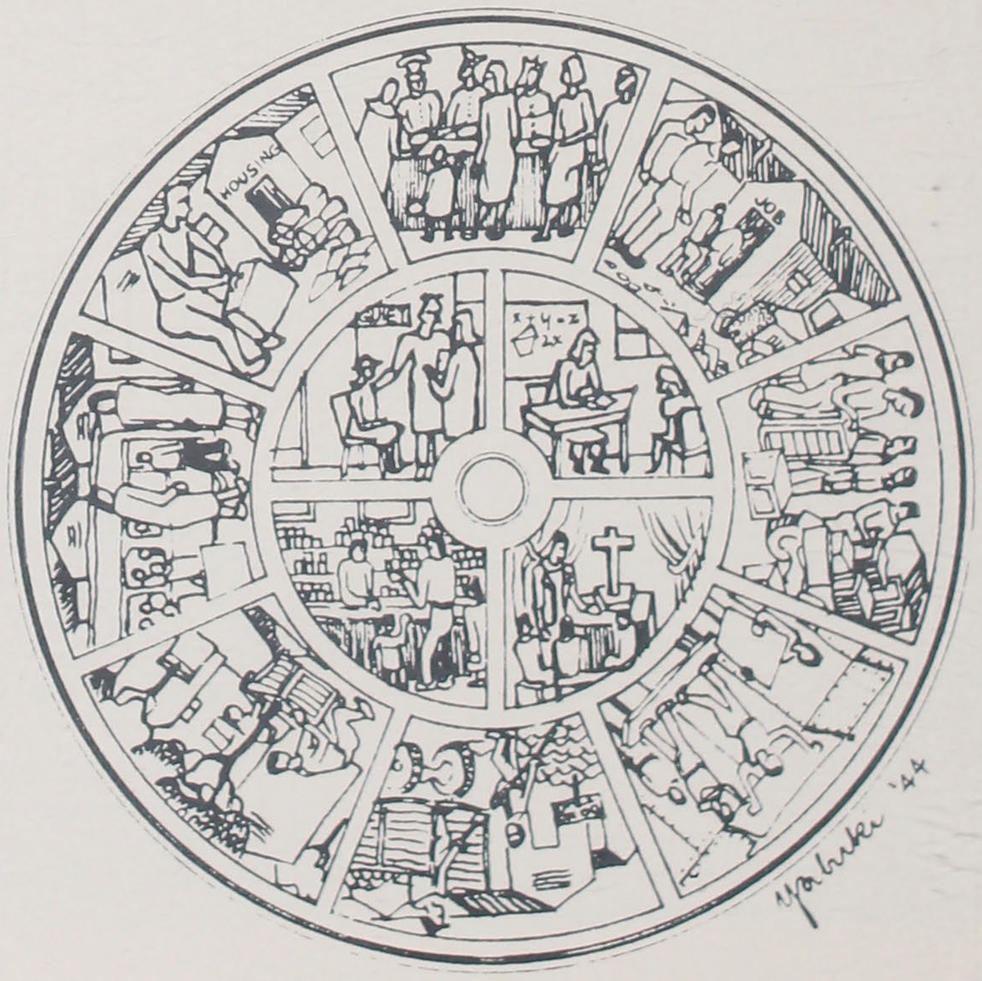
Was born after camp; daughter of Topaz internee Florence (Nagano) •**Now:** Graduate program doctoral candidate in clinical psychology •**Future:** Private practice; play therapy with children • **Relaxation:** Talking to friends, listening to friends •**Proudest moments:** Being active in Japanese American redress movement and having President Reagan sign Civil Liberties Act on August 10—my mother's birthday. Happy Birthday, Mom! •**Topaz story:** Follow-up story for many years later: I joined the NCRR (National Coalition for Redress/Reparations) in 1985 and have been working actively to pursue passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1987 which was signed August 10, 1988! •**Comments:** I got to be part of a group of 120 Nikkei who went to Washington D.C. in July '87 to lobby for H.R. 442. I am so proud of the Japanese American community. The USA is lucky to have us as citizens.

JAMO JIM MOMII **Block 5-8-B**
[redacted]

Topaz: Hospital •**Now:** Retired •**Future:** Travel, see old friends •**Relaxation:** Go to sporting events •**Embarrassment:** Remembering names.

HISAYO (YOSHIWARA) MORI **Block 9**
[redacted]

1 son •**Topaz:** Beauty work •**Now:** Nutrition aide at Sr. Center •**Future:** Retire •**Relaxation:** Watch movies •**Proudest moment:** My husband's writing being recognized by the public. My son worked as the photographer for *Farewell to Manzanar* movie.



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JOSEPH H. MORI
[redacted]

Spouse: Emma Yukawa; children: Christine Chiyo Fayad, David; 2 grandsons •**Topaz:** Land survey team, high school teacher (algebra, physics) •**Now:** Electrical eng., retired •**Future:** Consulting •**Relaxation:** Swim, read, sleep

ALICE (NOMURA) MORITA **Block 12**
[redacted]

Spouse: Ray C., deceased, was cartoonist for Walt Disney Prod.; children: Susan K. Chen, Kenneth H. •**Topaz:** Student •**Now:** Teacher, elementary •**Future:** Retire •**Relaxation:** Golf •**Topaz story:** The families that lived in Block 12 were a warm cohesive group. The children dined and played together as in one big, happy family. Many life-long friendships were formed. •**Comments:** The LAUSD re-opens on Sept. 12, therefore, the timing of the reunion makes it inconvenient for me to attend. Best wishes for a most successful reunion.

EIKO (SASAKI) MORITANI **Block 9**
[redacted]

Widowed; 2 daughters; 1 granddaughter •**Topaz:** Clerk, social welfare •**Now:** Retired

MIKE M. MORIZONO
[redacted]

Callie; children: Deanne Myers, John, Elaine Hinkson, Mark; 2 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Procurement •**Now:** Clergy •**Future:** Write that great American novel •**Relaxation:** Golf •**Proudest moment:** Spouse receiving M.A. at Fresno State University at age 62. •**Embarrassment:** Failure to show up at wedding I was to officiate.

GEORGE MURAKAMI **Block 27-7-E**
[redacted]

Betty, Wayne, Douglas, Lorraine, Marcia; 9 grandchildren •**Topaz:** High school student •**Now:** Produce buyer •**Future:** Retire •**Relaxation:** Go to Las Vegas •**Proudest moment:** Graduating high school

MAY S. MURATA **Block 30**
[redacted]

Spouse: George; children: Carol, Pearl, Rachel, Clifford; 2 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Student •**Now:** Owner of May's Coffee Shop •**Future:** Continue my business •**Relaxation:** Swimming, relaxing at home.

ANNA KAZUKO KAKU NAKADA **Block 26**
[redacted]

Spouse: Yoshinao; children: Marian Tomoko, Peter Kazunao, Paul Takenao •**Topaz:** Child, age 4-7 •**Now:** Fund-raising mgr. (Dir. Corp. & Foundation Support, YMCA of Greater NY) •**Future:** Enjoy family as they grow up; develop my own late career •**Relaxation:** Swimming

KAORU KAWAHATA NAKAMURA **Block 35**
[redacted]

Spouse: Yoshi; Norman & Susan; Eric & Ryan, Wayne & Sharon; Audrey & Kenneth • **Topaz:** File clerk •**Now:** Housewife •**Relaxation:** Read •**Proudest moment:** When grandchildren were born.

TOM & TERRY MITSUYASU NAKASHIGE **Block 13 & 11**
[redacted]

Children: Steve, Lori Leihenseder; 1 grandson •**Topaz:** CAS/CES •**Now:** Retired •**Future:** Enjoy retirement and grandson •**Relaxation:** Golf •**Topaz story:** Played in band.

VIRGINIA TOMIE NAKASO **Block 12**
[redacted]

Topaz: Nurse's aide •**Now:** Retired, registered nurse •**Future:** Travel; have another reunion? •**Relaxation:** Giants baseball games, crafts, knitting •**Proudest moments:** Graduated 1951 from Children's Hospital Nursing School, S.F., CA. Recent trip to Washington, D.C., especially attending the memorial services at the cemetery — very impressive and memorable. •**Topaz story:** I recall our family being together for the last time at Blk 12-6-CD. My experience as a nurse's aide at Topaz Hospital had helped me pursue my nursing career. •**Comments:** My sister Katherine Nakaso Fennessey d. '59 in Japan; brother Shiro d. '81; mother Mrs. Iku Nakaso '83.



SHIG NAKAYAMA **Block 37**
[redacted]

Spouse: Nancy; 2 children; 3 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Commissary •**Now:** Retired •**Relaxation:** Golf, bowling

JUNE (KANEKO) NISHIKAWA **Block 11**
[redacted]

Spouse: Hiroshi; 5 children; 1 granddaughter •**Topaz:** Student, internal security •**Now:** Housewife •**Relaxation:** Bowling, travel

TAKEKO (ADACHI) NOMIYA **Block 7**
[redacted]

Children: Karen, Scott •**Topaz:** Nurse's aide •**Now:** Accts/Payable coordinator •**Future:** Semi-retire next year •**Relaxation:** Be with friends •**Embarrassment:** When fellow workers hired a male stripper for my birthday last February.

KAZ NOMURA **Block 12**
[redacted]

Spouse: Sumi; daughter: Karen •**Topaz:** Survey crew •**Now:** Retired, middle school teacher • **Relaxation:** Golf, gardening, vactioning

SHUN OCHI **Block 27**
[redacted]

Topaz: Student •**Now:** Retired

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FRANK H. OGAWA **Block 10-1-C**

[redacted]

Spouse: Grace; son: Alan; 2 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Block manager •**Now:** City councilman, Oakland •**Future:** Retire •**Relaxation:** Play golf, go to summer home in Lake Tahoe, travel •**Proudest moments:** Being elected six times to City Council; having grandchildren. •**Embarrassment:** Not being able to conquer game of golf. •**Topaz story:** Learned how to play "Bridge" and making new friends. Hardship of the severe cold winters and blistering hot summers. •**Comments:** Memories of my daughter who passed away in camp will always be on my mind.

SUMI (OHYE) OKAHARA **Block 33, I think**

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Spouse: Tom, retired; children: Linda, Anne; 1 grandchild •**Topaz:** Office mgr. Ag. Dept. •**Now:** Retired school teacher, elem. math consultant •**Future:** Keep healthy, do a few workshops, volunteer work •**Relaxation:** Play with granddaughter, swim •**Proudest moment:** Wedding of daughters •**Embarrassment:** Can't remember former students' names. •**Topaz story:** When Mr. Bell held his arm out, I could walk under his arm and get my errands done. •**Comment:** Delighted that you thought of having the reunion.

EVELYN TEIKO (KIRIMURA) OKAMOTO

[redacted]

Widow; sons: Mel, Neil, Norm; 2 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Topaz Times columnist, historian •**Now:** Retired •**Future:** Watch grandchildren grow •**Relaxation:** Writing •**Proudest moment:** Seeing eldest son, Mel, conduct Juvenile Court sessions in Denver, CO •**Embarrassment:** Candid remarks of infant sons •**Topaz story:** It was my first opportunity to witness the unerring accuracy of Topaz whirlwinds, or dust devils, as the dictionary calls them, which seemed to be able to find you, the unfortunate walker. We zigged and we zagged, to no avail. •**Comments:** The reunion, coming as late as it does, finds many of our friends gone.

SABURO OKAMOTO **Block 42**

[redacted]

Spouse: Aiko Alice Takahashi; 2 children; 4 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Accountant, hospital; Aiko: Co-op hairdresser •**Now:** Retired •**Embarrassment:** Married in Topaz

JANE NOBUKO (KUWAMOTO) OKUMURA **Block 9**

[redacted]

Spouse: John; children: Jerry, Joyce Eng; 1 granddaughter •**Topaz:** Timekeeper, worked in photo lab Utsumi-Kido •**Now:** Retired nurserywoman.

JOHN OKUTSU **Block 42**

[redacted]

Spouse: Jane; children: Janice, Jim; 2 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Cook, truck driver •**Now:** Retired gardener •**Relaxation:** Fishing, playing cards •**Topaz story:** I worked at Price, UT, Asphalt Mine, at elevation 9500 ft. high. While there I experienced for the first time thunder shower creeping up the mountain. Every afternoon in August, I saw thunder shower clouds forming below us, and could hear thunder and see showers coming up to our elevation.

MIYO (MORITOMO) ONODA **Block 30**

[redacted]

Spouse: Tok; 4 children; 9 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Student •**Now:** Retired, housewife •**Relaxation:** Golf, go to Las Vegas, gardening •**Topaz story:** Graduated Topaz High School '44; went to Cleveland, OH for one year before camp was closed. •**Comments:** Married 37 years; husband is a very successful insurance agent for 34 years.

ALICE OSHIMA **Block 33**

[redacted]

Spouse: George; children: Ron, Gerry, Kathleen, Suzanne; 2 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Student •**Now:** Teacher at City College of San Francisco and author •**Future:** Write, travel, and enjoy life in general •**Relaxation:** Swimming, walking, reading •**Proudest moment:** Becoming a grandmother.



Suiko Mikami

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BILL OSHIMA **Block 13**

[redacted]

Spouse: Helen; 3 children; ex-herb farmer •**Future:** About to solo in a Piper Tomahawk •**Topaz story:** Mary Mac enjoyed riding the bike smuggled into camp as luggage. •**Comments:** Mary McMillan and Sachi Yamada visited our farm recently. Mary retired missionary from Hiroshima Girls' School.

ALICE HARUKO (NOZAKA) OTSUKA **Block 28**

[redacted]

Spouse: Paul; children: Julie, Mike, David •**Topaz:** Student, grades 6-8 •**Now:** Part-time pediatrics office •**Future:** Hope to do some traveling •**Relaxation:** Eat out at a favorite restaurant; relax at home with some good music and nice magazines. •**Embarrassment:** When I carelessly backed up at the same time as a car behind me in a parking lot and we hit each other. •**Topaz story:** One winter day after a snow storm our whole sixth grade class agreed to return *early* from lunch to meet outside of our Block 41 classroom. The ground was full of melted snow puddles. We all worked quickly to build a moat around the porch to the classroom. Throwing boots back and forth, we all managed to get into the classroom, and waited for the teacher. Did we ever know when she arrived! It was the fastest clean-up any of us had done! •**Comments:** Memories of Topaz include struggling to walk home in a dust storm; being scared of scorpions and red ants; rushing to get in line at the mess hall when the dinner bell rang; ordering mail-order clothes; enjoying talent shows; movies and bon-odori; watching the mochi-tsuki before New Year's Day, and going to camp in the nearby mountains-Antelope Springs Summer Camp.

FRANK ITSUO & KIMIYE OZAWA **Block 14**

[redacted]

Topaz: Frank was block janitor captain; Kimiye was storeroom clerk •**Now:** Retired •**Future:** Trips •**Relaxation:** Read, TV; knitting, go to church •**Proudest moment:** All three children graduated from college •**Embarrassment:** When visitors came to Tanforan *umagoya* •**Topaz story:** Most times spent going to the hospital to see my father and mother-in-law and my husband and two of my boys got hurt and went to the hospital. Hospital was too far - walked miles and miles. Lost father and mother there.

WINIFRED BELL PAYNE **Block 2**

[redacted]

Spouse: Charles; 3 children •**Topaz:** Student, grade 4,5,6 •**Now:** R-nurse •**Future:** Hope to travel abroad someday •**Relaxation:** Canoeing, camping, bird watching •**Proudest moments:** Our children's happy times •**Topaz story:** Went to 4,5,6th grades at Mountain View School; 3 brothers went too (Paul, Earnie & Gordon). I made good friends at Topaz and hope to see a few again.

KEIKO HIRABAYASHI QUAN **Block 11**

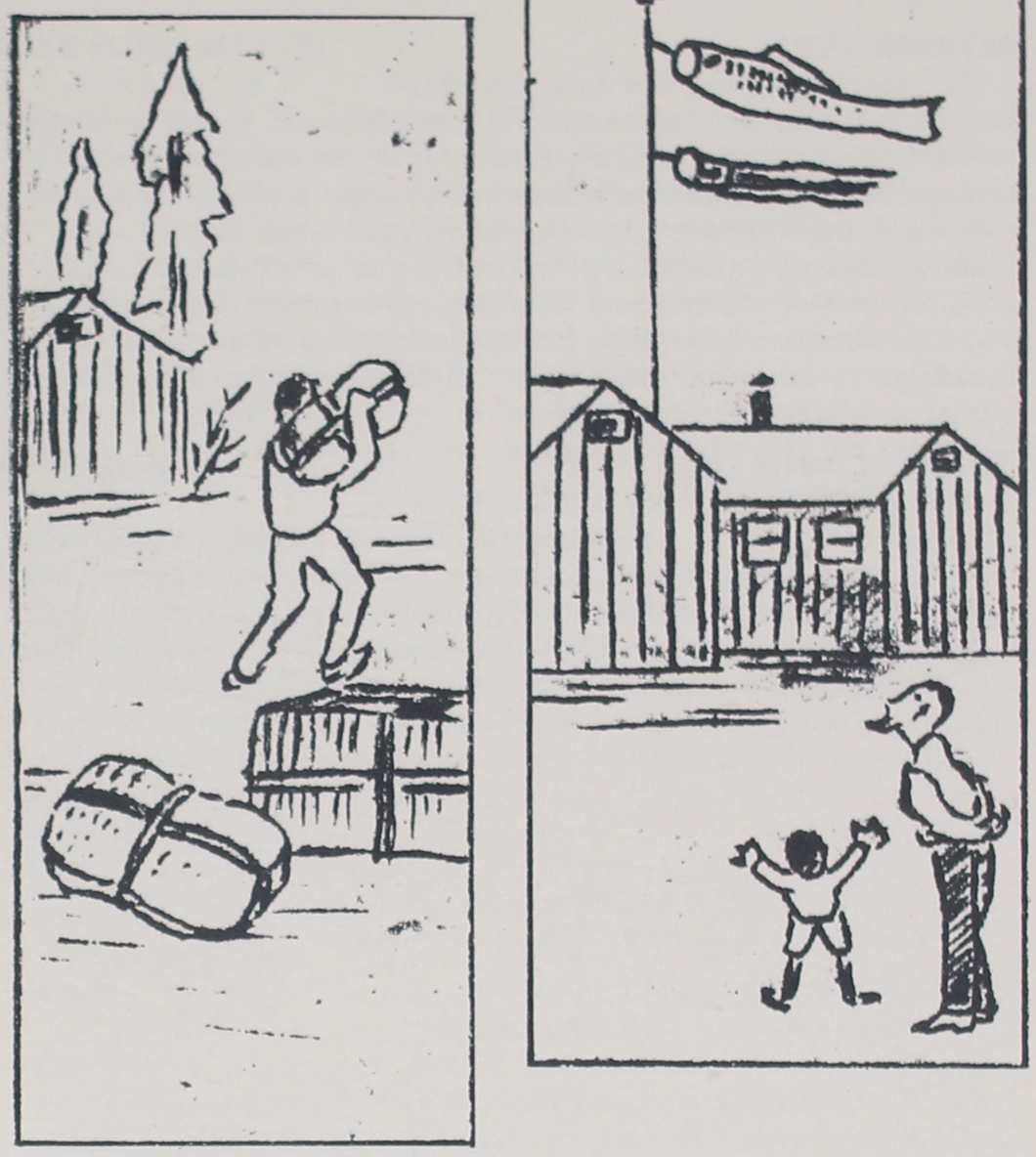
[redacted]

Topaz: Jr. Hi student, employed in Co-op office •**Now:** So. S.F. Rec & Comm Svcs, recycling ctr. mgr. bldg. att. office •**Future:** So. S.F. Police Dept./Comm Svcs •**Relaxation:** Tennis, golf, umpiring tennis matches •**Proudest moment:** Won a tennis match (singles) against an 18 year old after 3 hours of playing (open tournament) •**Embarrassment:** Being discriminated by an evaluator for a tennis tournament. •**Topaz story:** I wrote a paper on *What I Think Democracy Is* and wrote of the injustice of camp; interrupting our education. My father was arrested by the Internal Security, Mr. Roof, whose wife was my civics teacher, for placing roof nails on the tire tracks of the jeep making sentry rounds.

TORU SAITO **Block 4**

[redacted]

Topaz: I won an art contest at age 7. •**Now:** Counselor •**Future:** To become a nationally known singer. •**Relaxation:** Making music with my band. •**Proudest moment:** Coming in first in a 2-mile run. •**Embarrassment:** Playing Santa Claus for a group of Asian children with a pillow for a belly in a cheap outfit where the mustache kept falling down. •**Topaz story:** As an 8 year old kid I used to climb up into the guard towers, pick up the phone and swear insults to whomever answered and then run off to the next guard tower. I was never caught. •**Comments:** I wish my older sister would have lived long enough to come to this reunion. She died last year in August.



HARLAN SANO **Block 5**

[redacted]

Spouse: Barbara; children: James, Julie •**Topaz:** High school student •**Now:** Retired •**Future:** Enjoy retirement •**Relaxation:** Golf, fish, house projects

EUGENE S. SASAI **Block 40**

[redacted]

Spouse: Mikiko •**Topaz:** Student •**Now:** Branch office manager •**Future:** Retire •**Relaxation:** Listen to music, watch TV •**Topaz story:** An all male home economics class—don't know if we learned anything but the bakery products were great, yum-yum!

JOHN J. SASAKI **Block 41**

[redacted]

Spouse: Cecelia (Yamanashi) •**Topaz:** Jr. High •**Now:** Retired

HENRY "SEIBO" SERATA **Block 37**

[redacted]

Adelina "Tak" (Mizutani); Teresa Kagay, Louise; 1 granddaughter •**Topaz:** Student •**Now:** Retired from post office •**Future:** Have fun •**Relaxation:** Jog, travel, play with granddaughter •**Proudest moment:** Birth of grandchild •**Embarrassment:** Gave wrong answer on "Family Feud" '81.

KENBO SERATA **Block 37**

[redacted]

Wife •**Topaz:** Student •**Now:** Man of leisure •**Future:** To become a yo-yo master •**Relaxation:** Self improvement and expression •**Proudest moment:** Too modest to mention. •**Embarrassment:** Too embarrassing to mention. •**Topaz story:** I remember the good times and sad times in camp and all my friends.

SHIMAKO SHIBATA **Block 28-7-E**

[redacted]

Spouse: Ichiro, deceased '88; children: Keiji, Eichi, Naomi Yamamoto; 9 grandchildren

VINCENT SHIJO **Block 39**

[redacted]

Married; daughter: Deborah Naomi •**Topaz:** Asst. cook •**Now:** Retired from Aerojet General Corp. as engineering design checker •**Relaxation:** Golf, bowling, fishing •**Proudest moment:** All City Bowling All Events Championship both in scratch and handicap '82. •**Topaz story:** First class to graduate from Topaz High. A member of Thespian Club; all-star basketball team.



ROY SHIMADA **Block 3 & 34**
[redacted]

Topaz: Youngster, fool around •**Now:** Physical therapist •**Future:** Retire •**Relaxation:** Read, travel, shop, part-time actor •**Proudest moment:** Yet to come •**Embarrassment:** My weight problem •**Topaz story:** My experience in camp, put me in good stead in my military time. The chow line, barrack living, physical and climate conditions, etc. I had the biggest comics collection in camp. My relatives sent them to me from the outside (Salt Lake City, Minneapolis, etc.). •**Comments:** My experience in camp was not negative, it developed my sense of humor, adaptability and perseverance.

FRANK M. SHIMAMOTO **Block 36-9-A**
[redacted]

Spouse: Chizuko I.; children: Alan, Sandra •**Topaz:** Truck driver, welder •**Now:** Retired serviceman; now: flower grower •**Future:** Grow green foliage/flower •**Relaxation:** Gardening, aerobic exercise, swimming for health purposes •**Proudest moment:** In Tanforan or Topaz none; in Japan after war, helped Nishi-honganji Temple hdqs in Kyoto get food supply. •**Embarrassment:** Arriving at Tanforan Race Track, I didn't move fast enough through the checkoff station, soldier with bayonet shoved it at my buttocks to get me to move faster. •**Topaz story:** None - miserable - want to forget about it. After one week, left for Salt Lake City to haul U.S. mail; went to Chicago worked as welder for defense contractor; fired as suspected enemy agent; returned to Topaz; volunteered for U.S. Army Military Intelligence Service.

GEORGE GENTOKU SHIMAMOTO **Block 36**
[redacted]

Spouse: Masayo; children: Dr. Teruko Neuwalder, Lily Tashima, Ph.D.; 6 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Resident chief, construction & maintenance •**Now:** Retired, architect-prof. engineer •**Relaxation:** Golf and study history of Japanese abroad •**Proudest moments:** In 1975, having been spoken to by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan; 1983, when over 7,000 public school children gathered at esplanade of Cherry Blossom Festival at Brooklyn Botanic Garden, NY, named me and all called me "Uncle George." •**Embarrassment:** When migrating to Calif. from Japan as a child of 13, and went to local rural grammar school failed to answer the questions "What is your name?" I answered all questions, "I don't know." •**Topaz story:** As chief of construction and maintenance, I was able to institute winterizing the barracks and partitioning the rooms plus also able to construct community auditorium. •**Comments:** At camp, learned much about human behavior also how some changed their mind and outlook to suit their own interest rather than the interest of the entire community.

YUSEN SHIMIZU **Block 6**
[redacted]

Topaz: Co-op warehouse •**Now:** Retired

HARRY SHIN **Block 37**
[redacted]

Mary Kiyono (blk 9 & 36); 3 children; 1 grandson •**Topaz:** Student •**Now:** Lead radio mech. •**Future:** Retire from United Airlines •**Relaxation:** Play piano, swim, read, fly, biking, travel •**Proudest moment:** Getting my pilot's license and buying my Citabria plane. •**Embarrassment:** Rather forget about it. •**Topaz story:** Dull, dusty, hot, cold place •**Comments:** Things turned out all right anyway.

MARY KIYONO (WADA) SHIN **Block 36 & 9**
[redacted]

Spouse: Harry Katsumichi; children: Diana, Harry, Gloria; 1 grandson •**Topaz:** Student •**Now:** Retired, state emp. intvr. •**Future:** More traveling, stay healthy and happy •**Relaxation:** Playing piano, swim, read, paint, fly with Harry •**Proudest moments:** When children all graduated college and becoming a grandma, and many more. •**Topaz story:** Amid the sage brush, stately mountains, barbed fences and towers, I met some nice friends. I'm glad they were part of my life. •**Comments:** Because so many of us were young we were shepherded into camp. I'm glad to see so many nisei and sansei fighting for our rights now, and I thank them all.

JOHN T. & EMIKO (SASAKI) SHINAGAWA **Block 42 & 23**
[redacted]

Children: Robert T., Susan M.S. Smith, Arthur M. & James Y. •**Topaz:** Equip. operator •**Now:** Retired; Home craft business - Emi Enterprises •**Future:** Stay retired, and is it great! •**Relaxation:** By traveling and doing the things I want to do. •**Proudest moment:** Building of private camp road access to Mt. Swazey, and also grading of block 42 baseball diamond in spring '43. •**Embarrassment:** When this same baseball diamond became a source of a giant dust storm in the year '43. •**Topaz story:** It was a dry and dusty place, plenty of scorpions. During working time, was able to visit Drum Mtn., Sheepherder's Camp, Mt. Topaz, Delta, Spanish Canyon, etc. - interesting. •**Comments:** Member and past president of S.F. Nikkei Lions Club and also Board Member and Past President of the Japanese American Services of East Bay (Senior Citizens Service Group).

JOHN H. SHINKAI **Block 14-C**
[redacted]

Single •**Topaz:** Faculty, Topaz Jr. High, 8th grade Math/Science •**Now:** Emeritus Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Rutgers Univ., College of Pharmacy •**Future:** Just retired on June 30th. Will move to San Francisco next year. •**Relaxation:** Listen to classical music, read, sports.

LLOYD ARATA SHINKAI **Block 14**
[redacted]

Spouse: Sachi Grace; children: Janet Yoko, Philip Hikaru, Susan Emiko •**Topaz:** Optometrist •**Now:** Optometrist •**Future:** Keep working •**Relaxation:** Trying different restaurants •**Proudest moment:** When our children got into college. •**Topaz story:** My parents, brother and I lived in harmony in one room barrack. Friends I made in base hospital especially personnel in medical lab, dental dept., and x-ray.

MIN SHINODA **Block 29**
[redacted]

Spouse: Takiko Nonaka; children: Janet McElhaney, Joyce; 2 grandsons •**Topaz:** Orderly, commissary •**Now:** Retired nurseryman •**Relaxation:** Fishing

EIKO HONDA SUGIHARA **Block 11**
[redacted]

Topaz: Topaz Times •**Now:** Rose growning business

SUMI (OZAWA) SUGIHARA **Block 28**
[redacted]

Spouse: Frank; children: Corinne, Michael •**Topaz:** Jr. high student •**Now:** Retired •**Relaxation:** Travel •**Proudest moment:** Arriving safely home from taking 25 Girl Scouts to Japan. •**Topaz story:** A special thank you to the older nisei who were youth leaders in Topaz. The "older" nisei who worked with us "younger" ones to make our lives as normal as possible by providing enriching experiences for us such as camping, sport tournaments, recreational activities, art appreciation, etc. inspired me to work with young people. I have enjoyed being a Scout leader for 12 years and a District Rep. for AFS International working with exchange students from all over the world for 15 years. These were the most rewarding years of my life.

HENRY IWAO SUGIYAMA, M.D. **Hospital Wing**
[redacted]

Spouse: Masako Margo; 4 children; 2 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Practiced medicine •**Now:** Retired M.D. •**Future:** Relax, enjoy my family •**Relaxation:** Music, ballroom dancing, bowling, travels, reading, family doings •**Proudest moments:** My present marriage and my retirement party •**Topaz story:** Left Tulelake camp immediately following completion of segregation and transferred to Topaz. Altho' the work was long and arduous, I fully enjoyed the hospital work with Drs. James Goto and Masako Kusayanagi. I often wondered about the personnel at the hospital and what they did after leaving Topaz and returning to the Bay Area to resume their life and work. •**Comments:** Sorry, I can't attend reunion since we will leave Sept. 13th for Korea and the full 17 days of Olympics.

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MARION OISHI SUZUKI **Block 29**
[redacted]

Spouse: Frank; daughters: Lori, Heidi, Tami, Teri, Wendy Horikoshi; 2 grandsons •**Topaz:** Class of '43; worked in church office, housing dept. •**Now:** Registered physical therapist • **Future:** Retire in few years then work and play with husband.

CHIKARA TAKAHA **Block 30**
[redacted]

Spouse: Lilyan; children: Lawrence, Marc, Cary, Cara; 7 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild •**Topaz:** Firefighter, kitchen help •**Now:** Retired illustrator •**Future:** Grow old! •**Relaxation:** "Couch potato" •**Proudest moment:** When my mother and father decided to mark the internment for what it was and not something that was participated in by *all* as a willing act of some sort that was justified because the "government" decreed it. My parents were in the last contingent to leave Topaz. In response to an ordered directive to leave, they marked the incident with a non-violent protest. •**Embarrassment:** The mass/group experience of diarrhea with limited toilet facilities. •**Topaz story:** Dust, friendship, cold, first love, disillusionment, anxiety, wing-spreading, pals, growth...

YONEJI TAKAHA **Block 30**
[redacted]

Son: Andrew •**Topaz:** Commissary driver •**Now:** Retired, US Army '44-'65, US PO '65-'87 •**Future:** Win a big one in the Lottery •**Relaxation:** Gardening, fishing, hunting, rock-hounding with son. •**Proudest moment:** Won't know til ???? •**Topaz story:** On Sundays enjoyed taking groups out to Antelope Springs to dig in the shale beds for trilobite and fern fossils and to Topaz Mountain to pick up or dig for Topaz. Also had some spooky moments climbing around that cave near Antelope Springs — nothing is as pitch-black as in that cave! •**Comments:** Family resided near end of Gum Tree Lane bordering Frenchman's Creek in the canyon in Half Moon Bay at the time of internment. Frenchman's Creek was the boundary between Half Moon Bay on the South and Miramar on the North.

EVA S. TAKAHASHI **Block 28-A**
[redacted]

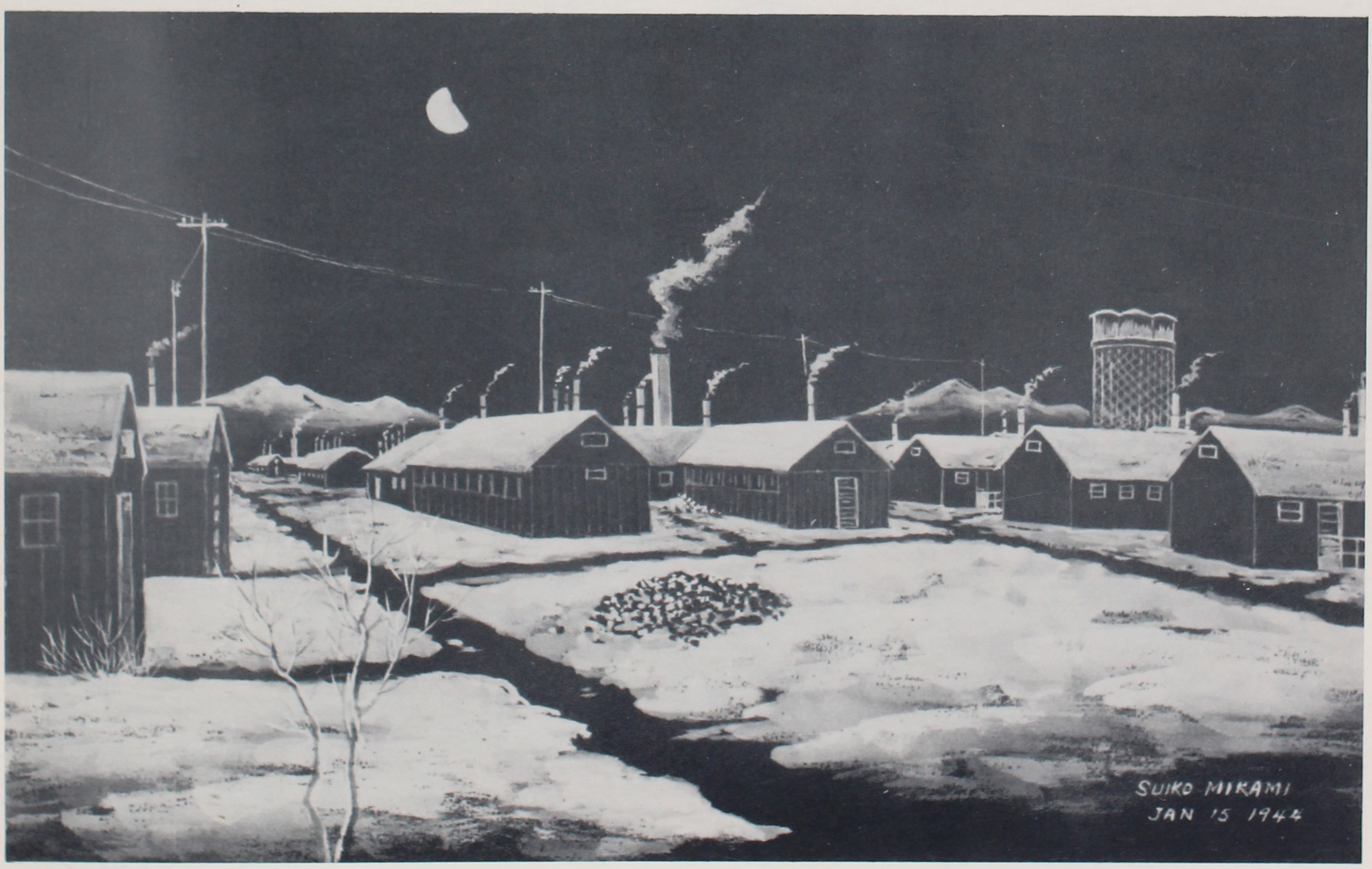
Spouse: Harry H., deceased; children: Gerald & Roberta •**Topaz:** Worked half day in office •**Now:** Retired housewife •**Relaxation:** Watch TV, knit, crochet, music, sing •**Proudest moment:** When I left camp. •**Topaz story:** We were situated at the end of our block 28-A which is the shortest, so we knew how much space was allotted outside the barrack; Harry counted "x" no. footsteps from where his head rested to the outside and he built a clothes pole for me. In 1963, our family went back to visit Topaz and we found the triangle that made the base of that clothes pole still standing (about 1 foot high was all that was left) and we recounted the footsteps back and told the kids that is where Harry's head would lay to sleep. A weed was in its place.

MACHIKO (MATSUOKA) TAKAHASHI **Block 40**
[redacted]

Spouse: David; children: Alan M., Lois M., Joanne M. •**Topaz:** I was a child •**Now:** Staff Asst/Admin. •**Future:** Travel agent (outside sales) if possible •**Relaxation:** Bowling, tennis, reading •**Comments:** I do not really remember too much about the relocation experience so I would like to meet others who remember more — both the good and the bad.

MARY (MATSUMOTO) TAKEDA **Block 5**
[redacted]

Spouse: Bill; children: Carol, Mark, Janice, Ken, Dale, Cindy; 2 grandchildren •**Topaz:** High school, part-time placement office •**Now:** Housewife •**Future:** Travel •**Relaxation:** Go out with the girls, and bowling •**Proudest moments:** Babysit and taking care of my grandsons •**Embarrassment** and disappointment was when a group of us went to Ogden, UT for seasonal work in summer. I told my mother just how much I was going to make. Before leaving for home I cashed all my checks from the cannery and went shopping with my chaperon. Later found out I left my wallet at one of the stores and came home with nothing. •**Topaz story:** I'll always remember the time I was in the school choir. For Christmas we would sit on open truck and go caroling by teachers barracks. They would give us food as we go along and we would bring it back to mess hall and have a great party. •**Comments:** I'm so grateful I made so many friends during my four years in camp.



Suiko Mikami

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HARRY H. TANABE **Block 11**
[redacted]

6 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Movie projectionist •**Now:** Retired •**Future:** Stay active in the Veterans Entitlement Programs VFW •**Relaxation:** Gardening, attend VFW conventions, travel •**Proudest moment:** Recognized by the National Commander in Chief of the VFW as a recipient of all-state District Commander and appointment to National Comm. and attend the national committee meeting held in Washington D.C. •**Topaz story:** I was one of those who came from Tulelake, and Tuleans were looked upon as different. I worked for the motor pool by day, movie projectionist by night. I was determined to get my leave from camp, and Shiz worked up at the leave office, and my quest for official leave became my daily visits. Left the camp, joined the army, married Shiz. Still together for 43 years. Don't plan to change anything.

SHIZUE (MORITOMO) TANABE **Block 30-9-B**
[redacted]

Spouse: Harry; 6 children; 6 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Student, waitress, leave office •**Now:** School lunch helper (part-time) •**Future:** Retire in 2 years •**Relaxation:** Knit, crochet, travel, going to conventions •**Proudest moments:** When I had 6 healthy kids, all doing well at the moment. •**Topaz story:** After graduation from Topaz High, I was hired to work at the Leave Office doing filing and taking pictures of the future "parolees" as they came in. •**Comments:** After what we all endured, something good came out of it - when I met and married Harry Tanabe 43 years ago.

SHIN TANAKA **Block 7**
[redacted]

Spouse: Susan Hellerud; children: Mariko, Taro, M.D. •**Topaz:** Jr. high student •**Now:** Retired physician (urologist) •**Future:** Travel, pursue hobbies, write •**Relaxation:** Piano, graphic art, photography, cooking •**Proudest moment:** I'm still waiting! •**Topaz story:** At Tanforan the store was so poorly stocked, my mother told me to buy anything I could find which seemed worthwhile. Not knowing what it was, I came home with a huge box of Kotex. (I was 13 at the time.) Mom laughed.

TATSUO TANAKA **Block 37**
[redacted]

Spouse and 2 children •**Topaz:** Student •**Now:** Retired •**Relaxation:** Read, travel •**Comments:** Want to thank everyone that worked hard in making this reunion possible. I'm looking forward to meeting many friends.

KIYOSHI TANAMACHI **Block 5-3-C**
[redacted]

Son: Ian •**Topaz:** High school student •**Now:** Engineering geologist •**Future:** Retire •**Relaxation:** Fishing •**Proudest moment:** When my son was born •**Comments:** Best wishes to all with many more years of good health and productive years.

PAUL Y. TANI **Block 36**
[redacted]

Spouse: Sumiko Janet Watanabe; sons: Thomas, James •**Topaz:** Student, clerk at Co-op •**Future:** No plans to retire, yet •**Relaxation:** Classical music, read, TV •**Proudest moment:** Graduation of Tom from Drew Univ., and Jim from Cornell •**Embarrassment:** In November '44, about 140 of us rookies in Company B (232nd Battalion, Camp Blanding, FL) lined up for our first day of basic training. Captain: All those with ROTC experience, take two steps forward! Two men did. Captain: Is that all? Tani: I played a horn in the school band which played for ROTC parades. Captain: Two steps forward, soldier! Penalty for volunteering: Became one of twelve squad leaders. PS. Allen Funt (later of Candid Microphone and Candid Camera) was one of three platoon leaders in our company. •**Topaz story:** Some of us sneaked out and hiked toward Topaz Mountain. MPs spotted us, picked us up and returned us to camp. (Am I dreaming this up? At any rate, I've often told this story.) •**Comments:** I got my Social Security card while working at the Topaz Co-op. No one else in my current circles can claim they received their Social Security Number behind barbed wires.

DAVE M. TATSUNO **Block 41**
[redacted]

Spouse: Alice; children: Rod, Arlene, Valerie, Sheridan, Melanie; 4 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Co-op Dry Goods mgr; taught pub. speaking Topaz High •**Now:** Mgr. Nichi Bei Bussan •**Future:** Keep busy, travel, RVing, scuba trips, writing, keeping in touch with friends. •**Relaxation:** Swimming, RVing, reading •**Proudest moment:** Recognition of the heroic exploits of the 442 and the MIS. •**Embarrassment:** On the way to the Delta station for our train to return to San Francisco, we stopped for ice cream at the drugstore and almost missed the train...all our luggage was left behind excepting for one bag of diapers. Felt like a tramp arriving in S.F. •**Topaz story:** A YMCA camp in the shadow of Mt. Swazey in the summer of '43; a movie camera brought into Topaz by a WRA official making it possible to document some of the life in Topaz. •**Comments:** Would like to give a big "pat on the back" to those who have taken the initiative and the hard work to finally put on this All-Topaz Reunion — many thanks.

NORMA SHIMADA TAZOI **Block 4**
[redacted]

Topaz: Student •**Now:** Registered nurse •**Relaxation:** Listen to music, go to the mountains, fishing, traveling.



Miné Okubo

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KENJI TOMITA **Block 28**
[redacted]
Spouse: Mary (Nakata); children: Paul, Donna •**Topaz:** Pot washer •**Now:** Retired •**Future:** Travel, golf, some volunteer work, many catch-up projects •**Relaxation:** Read, golf •**Proudest moment:** First Asian American Division Director at Calif. P.U.C., also first Administrative Law Judge at PUC •**Topaz story:** At Christmas time in '44 it was memorable to me to be a part of the 100+ voices in the Topaz Chorus that sang the Hallelujah Chorus. It sounded real great.

DORIS UYEDA TONO **Block 9-10-ABC**
[redacted]
Harry Y. Tono; •**Topaz:** Practical nurse & baby food dispenser at mess hall •**Now:** Homemaker, 39 years •**Future:** Travel •**Relaxation:** Visiting friends and dining out •**Proudest moment:** Being auntie to 55 nieces & nephew; 15 grandnieces & grandnephews; 1 great grandnephew •**Topaz story:** Mr. N. (from Hawaii) was a patient in the Communicable Disease (CD) ward with T.B. Since the CD ward patients stay for months, the confinement gets very boring day after day. So, one day, while changing linens, I thought I'd have some fun by short-sheeting his bed while he stepped out. He came back and tried to get into his bed and was so frustrated, he called me and said, "Miss Uyeda, I no can get inside—wha'sa matta?" His two roommates and I just couldn't keep a straight face and laughed.

WILL TSUKAMOTO **Block 31**
[redacted]
Spouse: Myrna; daughters: Lisa, Miya •**Topaz:** Jr. High •**Now:** Real estate broker •**Future:** Keep working •**RELAXATION:** Jog, read, vacation trips, skiing •**Comments:** Stayed in Topaz from 10/42 - 10/43.

JOY (OKAHARA) TSURUI
[redacted]
Spouse: Fred; children: Bob, Pat, Sandra; 5 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Housewife, had children •**Now:** Retired •**Future:** Take it easy. •**Relaxation:** Crochet, knit, read

SUMI (KATO) UYEDA **Block 13-3-EF**
[redacted]
Spouse: Arthur A; children: Stanley Kei, Susan Asako •**Topaz:** Elementary school office •**Future:** Retire

ISAMU SAM UYEHARA **Block 13**
[redacted]
Spouse: Teruko Terry Uyeda; children: David, Mark, Wesley •**Topaz:** Surveyor •**Now:** Structural engineer (retired) •**Future:** Enjoy retirement •**Relaxation:** Music, TV sports, friends, golf.

FUMIKO SUGIHARA WADA **Block 28**
[redacted]
Spouse: the late Henry Wada; children: Ellen Matsuo, Ada, Anne Mitsutome; 4 grandchildren •**Topaz:** High school faculty member •**Now:** Semi-retired •**Future:** Investments •**Relaxation:** Visit with old friends •**Topaz story:** Students cornered me in a friend's apartment during first snow — I escaped via a back window — leaving disappointed students with unused snow balls.

YOSHIO WADA **Block 14**
[redacted]
Topaz: Office boy, hospital attendant •**Relaxation:** Painting •**Topaz story:** Each living day in that camp, I had a fear of lining up and getting shot by machine gun. •**Comments:** I'm still waiting for a letter from the Government, an apology and a reimbursement, the sum of 20,000 dollars. I suppose the Government is holding back, till all of us dies.

ASAKO NARAHARA WATANABE
[redacted]
Spouse: Arnold; children: Martha, Thomas •**Topaz:** Student

MARGERY WATANABE **Block 10-5-C**
[redacted]
Spouse: Hiroshi; sons: Gregry, Richard; 2 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Student •**Now:** Retired •**Future:** Enjoying retirement with spouse and enjoying grandchildren •**Relaxation:** Reading, crocheting •**Proudest moment:** Having grandchildren

MARIAM WATANABE **Block 33**
[redacted]
Spouse: Bob; 4 children; 4 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Attend school •**Now:** Babysit the grandchildren •**Relaxation:** Do crossword puzzles •**Proudest moments:** To see all the children marry •**Topaz story:** For our block 33's Christmas program one year, the young people were asked to perform. Some of the gals did the can-can dance together and there were others that performed also. But I am picked to sing "White Christmas" all by myself — no music — nervous!



TADASHI YAMADA **Block 9**
[redacted]
Single •**Topaz:** There only two weeks •**Now:** Retired

CHIYE KUWANO YAMAGATA **Block 22**
4 children •**Topaz:** Worked as nurse's aide •**Now:** Retired Calif. State Employee

NAOMI SHIBATA YAMAMOTO **Block 28-7-E**
[redacted]
Spouse: Kiyoshi; children: Ko, Holly Smith, Victor Ken •**Topaz:** Jr. high student •**Now:** Teacher, resource specialist •**Future:** Do more of my hobbies •**Relaxation:** Golf, read browse in antique shops •**Embarrassment:** Not being able to remember close childhood friends at the recent Jr. High Reunion. Names were familiar but the faces didn't match. •**Topaz story:** Remembering the group sitting at the Rec Hall telling ghost stories, intimate stories, secrets in a darkened room; going to Girls Reserve Camp from camp and the forest fire; going to help pick tomatoes from camp - throwing more than picking them. •**Comments:** Topaz for me was a very exciting time but my parents suffered greatly.

Personal Profile

SAM YAMANAKA **Block 9**

[redacted]

Lily; 3 stepchildren; 7 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Commissary •**Now:** Retired •**Relaxation:** Golf

ALICE NEMOTO YAMANE **Block 36**

[redacted]

Spouse: Dr. George Yamane; 3 children; 4 grandchildren •**Topaz:** High school •**Now:** Homemaker •**Future:** Looking to husband's retirement •**Comments:** '44 to '88 has been an interesting, exciting adventure.

CHIYOKO (YOSHII) YANO **Block 5 & 29**

[redacted]

Spouse: James; children: Dr. Joyce Yano, Doris Lundquist, Eugene, Lawrence; 3 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Central statistics •**Now:** Retired

JAMES YANO **Block 29**

[redacted]

Spouse, 4 children, 3 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Councilman, translator •**Now:** Retired, US Army translator

KATSURO KAY YASUHIRO **Block 5-3-C**

[redacted]

Yaeko, Connie Saito, Joyce Lee, Philip •**Topaz:** Post office, main gate attendant, truck driver •**Now:** Retired, Landscape contractor, nurseryman •**Relaxation:** Fishing, bowling, travel •**Proudest moment:** Finding the two lost men at Topaz Mountain. •**Embarrassment:** At the end I was black listed and MP came after me at the Delta town. •**Topaz story:** It was O.K.

AIKO (MARUOKA) YOSHIDA **Block 42**

[redacted]

Widow; children: Carol Minami, Jo Ann Rotock, Michael; 5 grandchildren •**Topaz:** Gen. clerk, office services •**Now:** Retired •**Future:** Enjoy life, travel, renew acquaintances, make new friends •**Relaxation:** Read, write, watching TV, visiting, telephone •**Proudest moments:** When children and grandchildren honored for their respective accomplishments.

MIYE YOSHIMORI YOSHIDA **Block 12**

[redacted]

Spouse: Ronald "Tubby"; children: Ron (Kelly), Douglas, Karen; 1 grandchild •**Topaz:** Student •**Education:** Adelphi University '50; UCLA-MS '56; currently employed by L.A. Unified School, librarian •**Future:** Continue work •**Relaxation:** Making baskets, knitting, traveling •**Topaz story:** After Topaz, moved to New York City to finish high school and attend college. Moved back to California in 1950.

RONALD Y. "TUBBY" YOSHIDA **Block 4**

[redacted]

Spouse: Miye; 3 children; 1 grandchild •**Topaz:** Student, class of '45 •**Education:** MIT '52 (BS); UCLA '60 (MS); currently employed as engineer, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Calif. Inst. of Tech. •**Future:** Continue working • **Relaxation:** Woodworking, travel •**Topaz story:** High school education all at Topaz; member of first contingent of students to attend U.C. Berkeley from camp in 1945.

KAZUO YOSHII **Block 5**

[redacted]

Spouse: Hannah; children: Katherine K., Kurt S. •**Topaz:** P.T. community activities •**Now:** Architect

MIKE YOSHIMINE **Block 3 & 42**

[redacted]

Spouse: Florence •**Topaz:** CAS-fireman, asst. high school football coach •**Now:** Retired •**Relaxation:** Bowling, watching sports, gardening •**Proudest moment:** Bowling my first 600 series! •**Embarrassment:** Going to "community" hot springs in Japan •**Topaz story:** A dirty, dusty, windy life; surviving on tongue, kidney, liver, tripe, and horsemeat! Final chapter being drafted into the army. •**Comments:** Growing up going through school thinking I was a loyal American. A very rude awakening—Tanforan/Topaz! "Enuff" said!

SABURO YOSHIZAWA **Block 10**

[redacted]

Spouse, step-daughter, grandson •**Topaz:** Finished high school •**Now:** Designer •**Future:** Retire soon •**Comments:** The two years spent in Topaz was an unforgettable experience.

On a clear night
Topaz, Utah



A Topaz Rap

Went to Topaz in '42
An internment camp — without a clue
The dust and desolation was very cruel
We followed orders — like a ghoul
Yasui, Hirabayashi and Korematsu
Min — died fighting for me and you
For our dignity and civil rights
Bringing our dark past into the lights
May the souls of all who died
Smile down on us — well satisfied
It's half a century minus four
That our government did restore
The birth rights of our citizenship
So, never let your memory slip
On August 10th, we got our reparation
Thanks to one and all — for their oration
Put sadness, hardships and heartaches behind
Let's go forward — our time's arrived
Because our freedom was denied
Let no one ever be again deprived
From our injustices — we are free
We finally got our liberty
Come on and join the celebration
For winning our rights and exoneration.

Doris Uyeda Tono
August 22, 1988
Daly City, California



Topaz The Gem Of The Desert

Oh, Topaz the gem of the desert
The home of the Bay region Jappies
Our bare barren desert will be blooming
And in time it will be a place to see.
But our city is still but an infant
Diarrhea rampant everywhere
Deadly scorpions, rattlesnakes and coyotes
Crawl in bed with us all every night,
every night.
Every night, every night snakes in bed,
snakes in bed
Every night, every night makes me scared,
makes me scared
But with all these lousy conditions
We hope you'll like it here we think it's swell.
Like Hell!

Sung to: Columbia the Gem of the Ocean
Words by Tats Nakamoto
Sung at Topaz in 1942-43 by the Damn Cossack Chorus
Led by Goro Suzuki (Jack Soo)



此の度、みな皆様にはご多忙中この意義あるトパーズ　リユニオンにご参加頂き役員一同非常に感謝しております。

思えば時の過ぎるは早きもの、あの不幸な体験より既に四十数年、再会の機会が与えられましたこと感無量ものが御座居ます。この機会に我々が話し合いを通じて心分ち合い楽しき一時をもちこれからの人生の原動力の一部になればと思っております。

何分にも至らぬところありましょうが、ご容赦のほど御願い申し上げます。

最後にみな皆様の平安にて健康な余生を心から御祈り申し上げます。



TOPAZ 1942-1946

SITE OF TOPAZ, A WORLD WAR II INTERNMENT CENTER

In the never ending struggle for human dignity, there was enacted on this spot an event of historic significance for a nation and its people.
During World War II
this was the site of an internment camp, complete with barbed wire fence and armed sentries, for 8,000 of the 110,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry, who for no justifiable reason, were uprooted from their homes and interned by their own government. They were the victims of wartime hysteria, racial animosity, and a serious aberration of American jurisprudence.
That a nation dedicated to
the principle of individual freedom and justice through law would, under the stress of war, allow this to happen - and then recognizing the injustice of this action, hastened to soften the effect of this action and make restitution.
And that a whole generation of a people, whose life and spirit was shattered and marred, would with courage and hope and perseverance, fight back to re-establish themselves in the American stream of life and were successful - are facts of sufficient historic importance to be remembered forever.
So in this Bicentennial Year 1976,
we dedicate this site as a reminder that the lessons of history need always be heeded in forging a more perfect form of human relationship.



In 1976 the Japanese American Citizens League erected a monument just outside the Topaz site. Along with this plaque, pictures of the camp show what the camp looked like when it was in operation.

City of Topaz

By Miné Okubo
Reprint from Trek, June 1943



Every block built alike. All Laundry Latrine & shower in the middle

Dining "Mess Hall" on one end & fuel supply for our pot belly stove on the other

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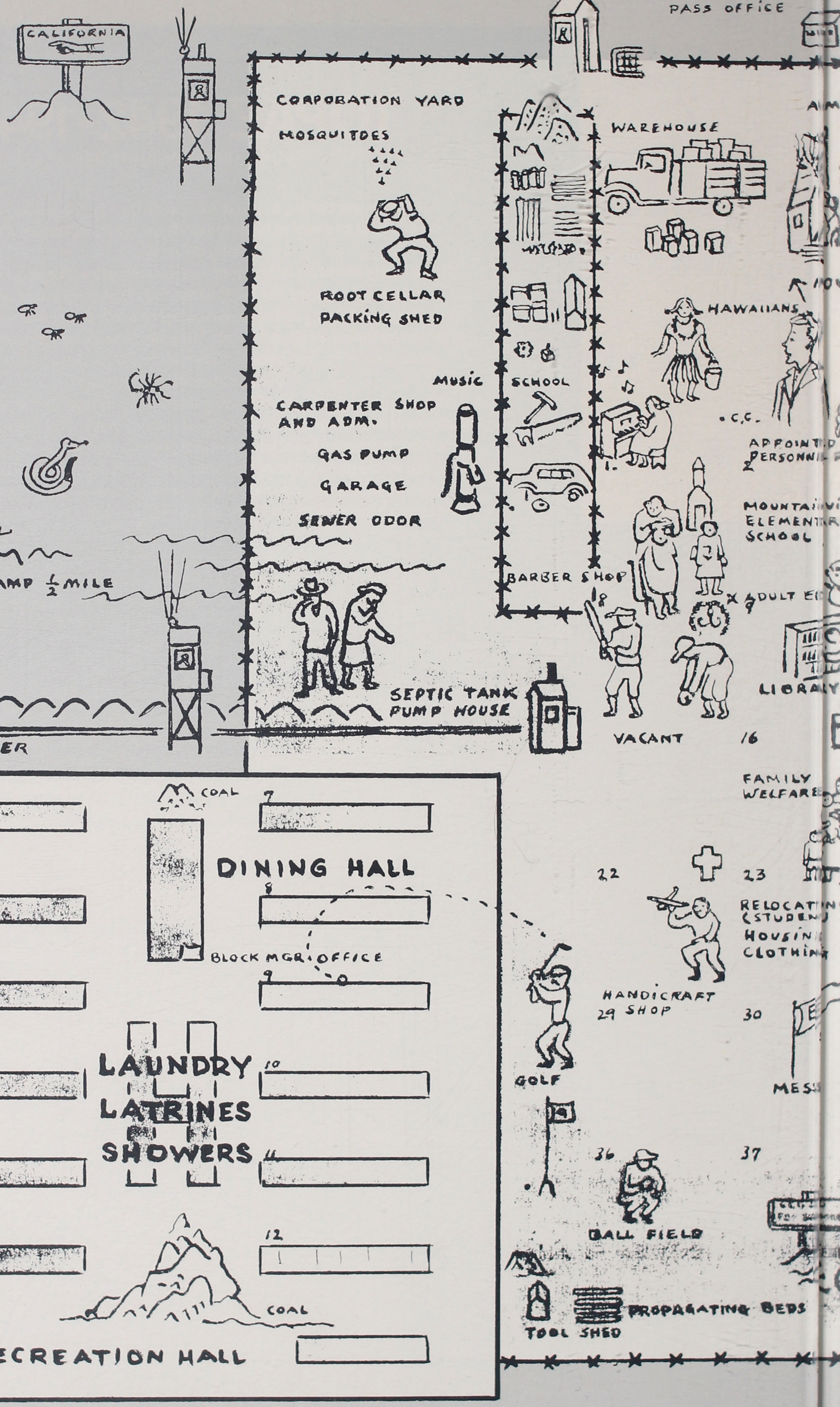
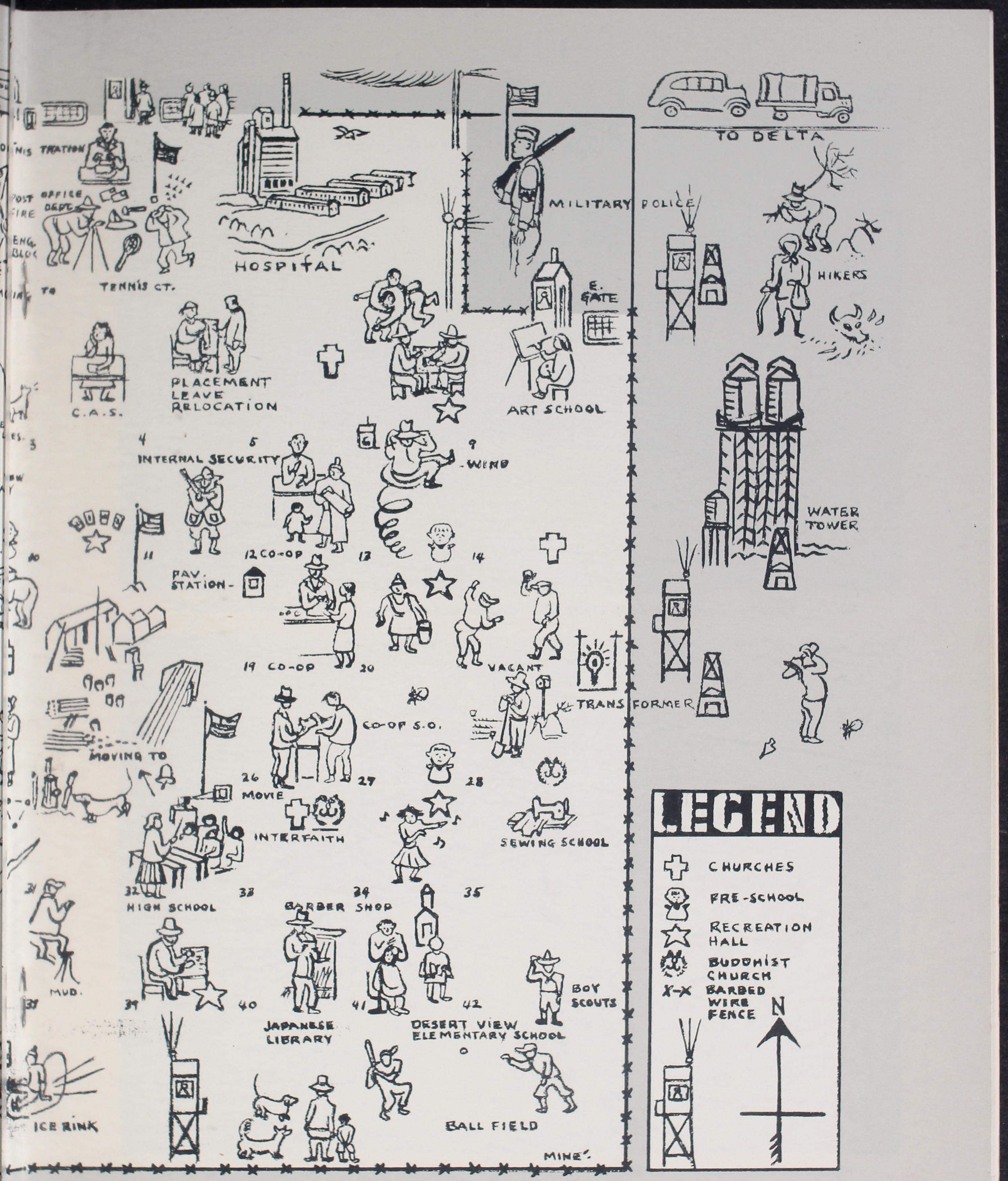




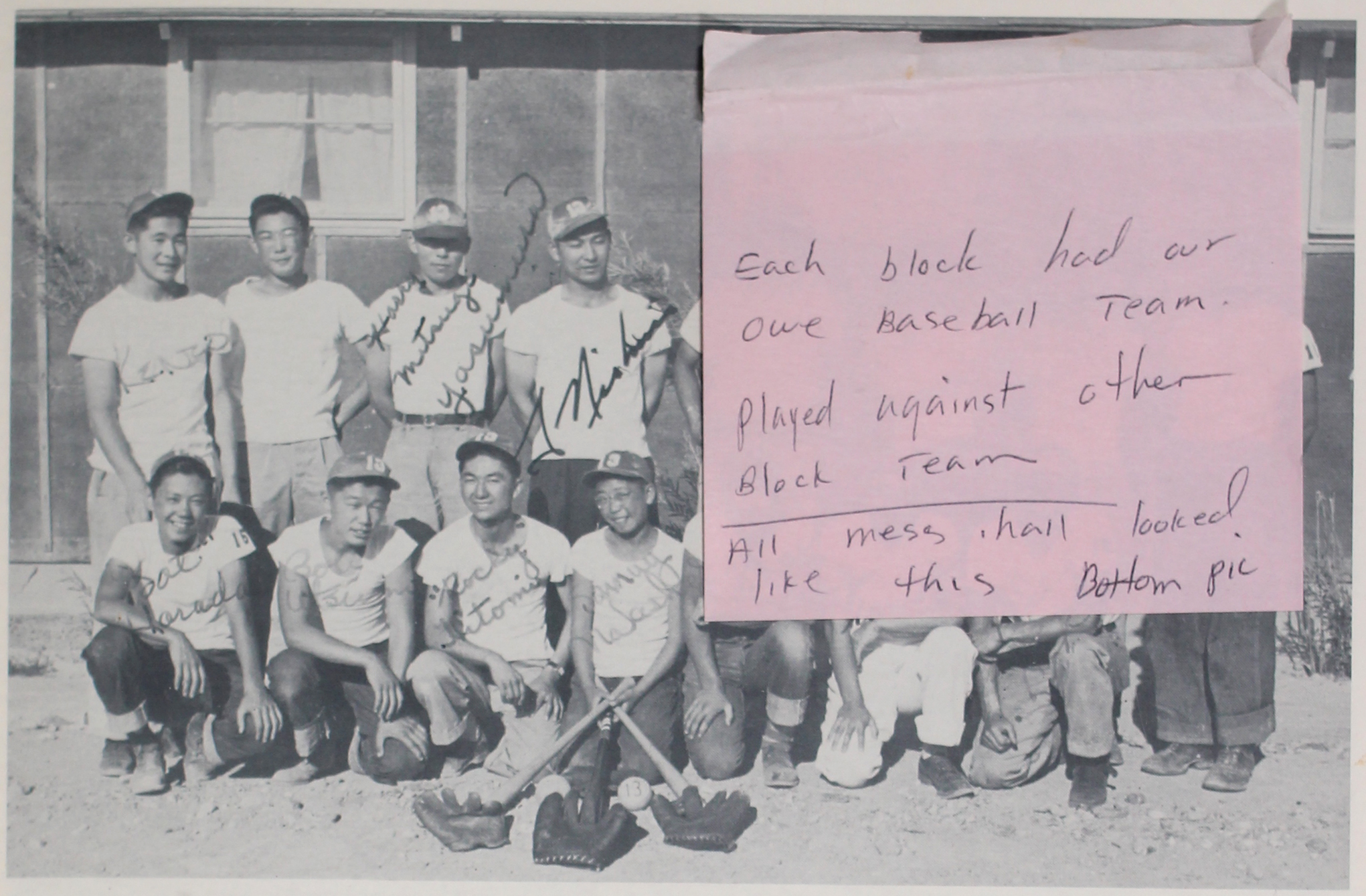
CITY OF TOPAZ



Arrival of Japan Red Cross Wartime Relief Goods to Topaz Relocation Center.



Topaz Consumer Cooperative Enterprises



Each block had our owe Baseball Team.

Played against other Block Team

All mess hall looked like this Bottom pic

Block 13 baseball team.



Block 22 mess hall. The Yuto family (foreground), Hashimoto family in back.



Block 13 baseball team.



Block 22 mess hall. The Yuto family (foreground), Hashimoto family in back.



Topaz Co-op picnic.





Topaz students.



A SAD PLIGHT
October 8th, 1942
Topaz, Utah

No roof,
No electricity,
No stove.
The ground is frozen at this elevation.
The cold pierces the skin.
The rain has become sleet
And not enough bedding.
Forced to travel,
Broken in mind and spirit
are these people from Santa Ana.

Yane mo naku
Dento mo naku
Tsuchi kouru kogen no
Yoru mo samusa hada o sasu
Yagu mo tarazu
Mizore furu tetsuya
Choto no toraware no tabi ni
Shinshin tomo ni tsukara hateraru
Santa Ana yori no hitobito
42 nen 10 gatsu.



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"City Map"
we lived in Blk 9

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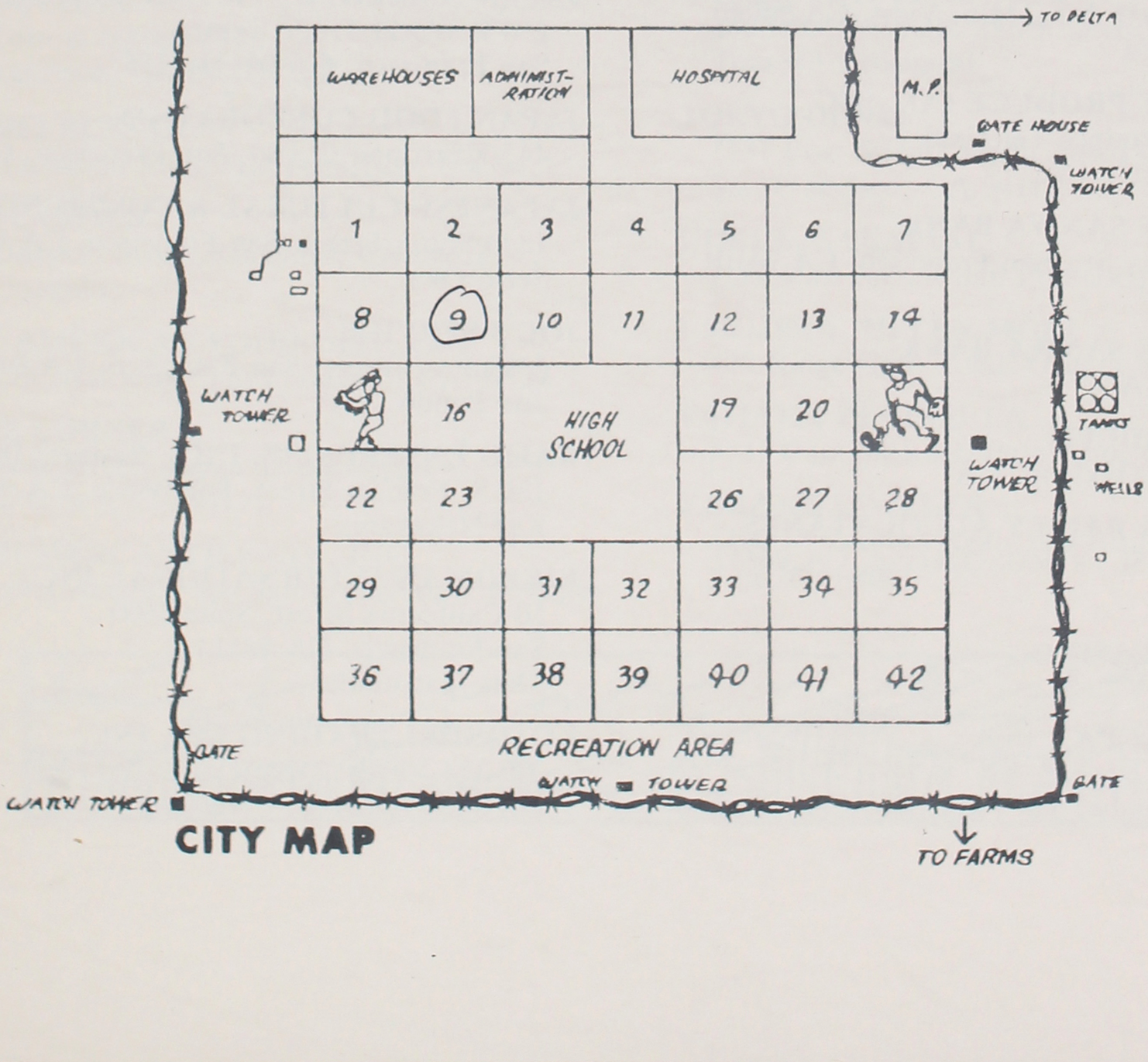

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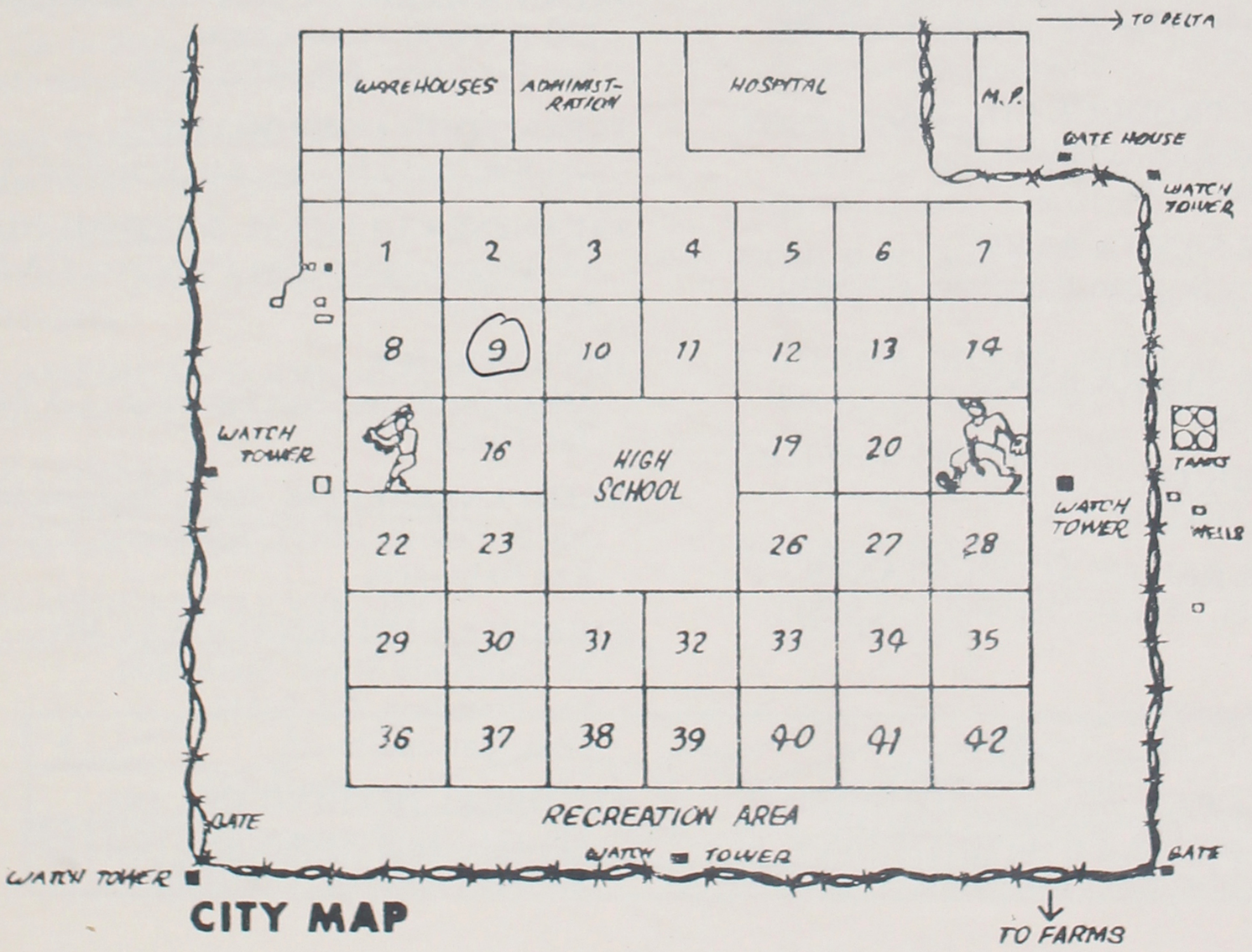

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	Aizawa, Seiji
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	Akagi, Hiroshi
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	Anderson, Stanley
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12	Ashizawa, Masao
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9	Baba, Isao
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20	Dairiki, Jun Nakahara
	Dairiki, Jack
	Date, Kazuo
	Date, Etsu Yoshida
28	Doami, Junji
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19	Doi, Sachie Takahashi
	Doi, Thomas
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	Doiguchi, Bessie Wada
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	Egan, Ferol
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37	Egashira, Pamela

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9 Endo, Takako Tsuchiya
Endo, Takeshi Gish
Endo, Henry H.
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30 Endo, Shizuko Matsuzaki
Endo, Joyce
31 Eshima, Takane
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Fuwa, Tane Amemiya

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39 Gyotoku, George

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Hagiwara, Alvin
9 Hall, Keyko Tsuchiya
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9 Hamachi, Roy Mike
Hamachi, Leah Okamoto
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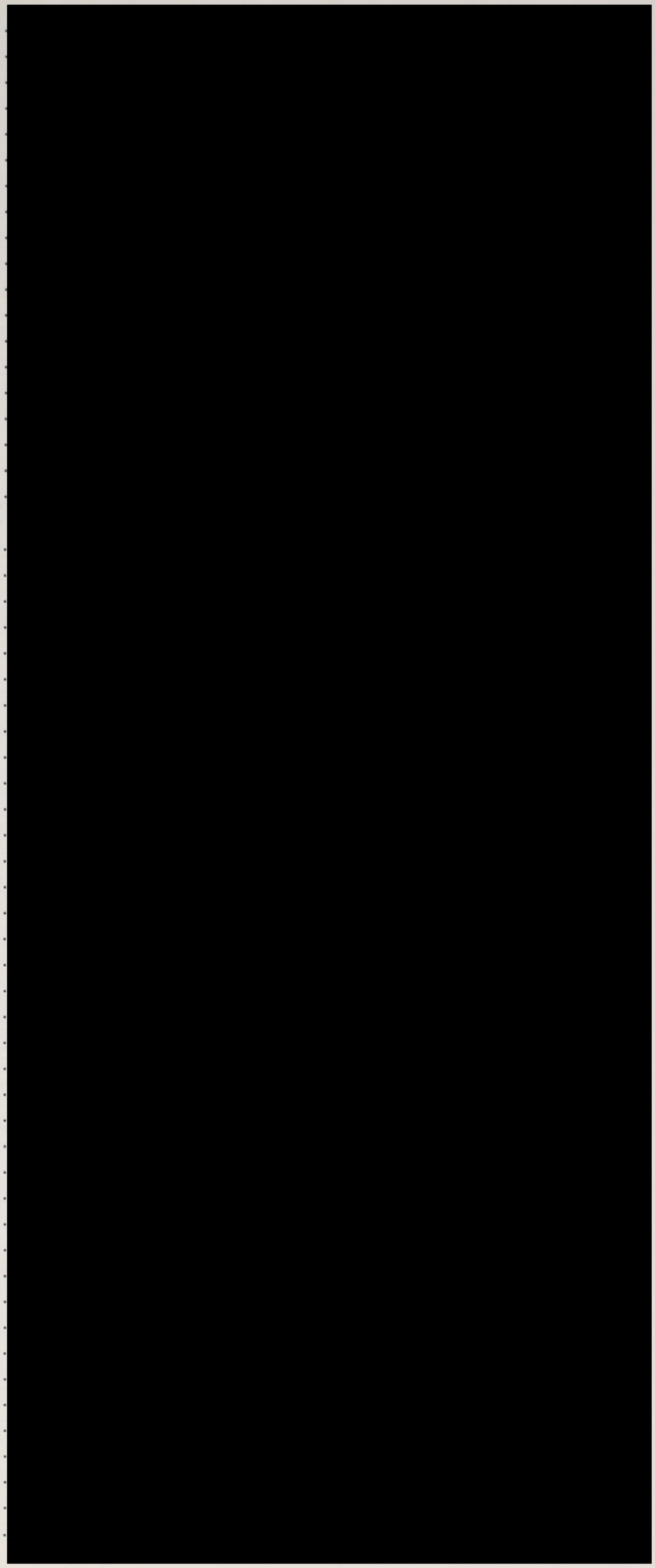

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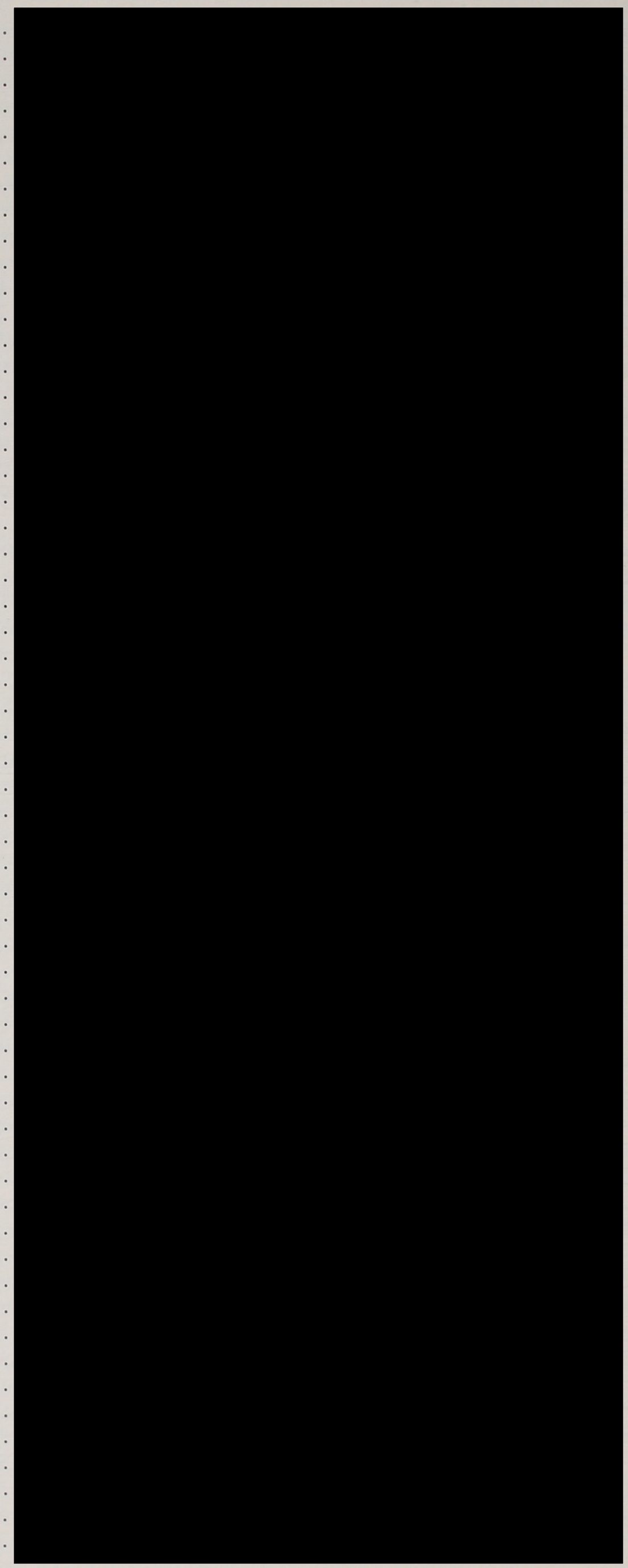

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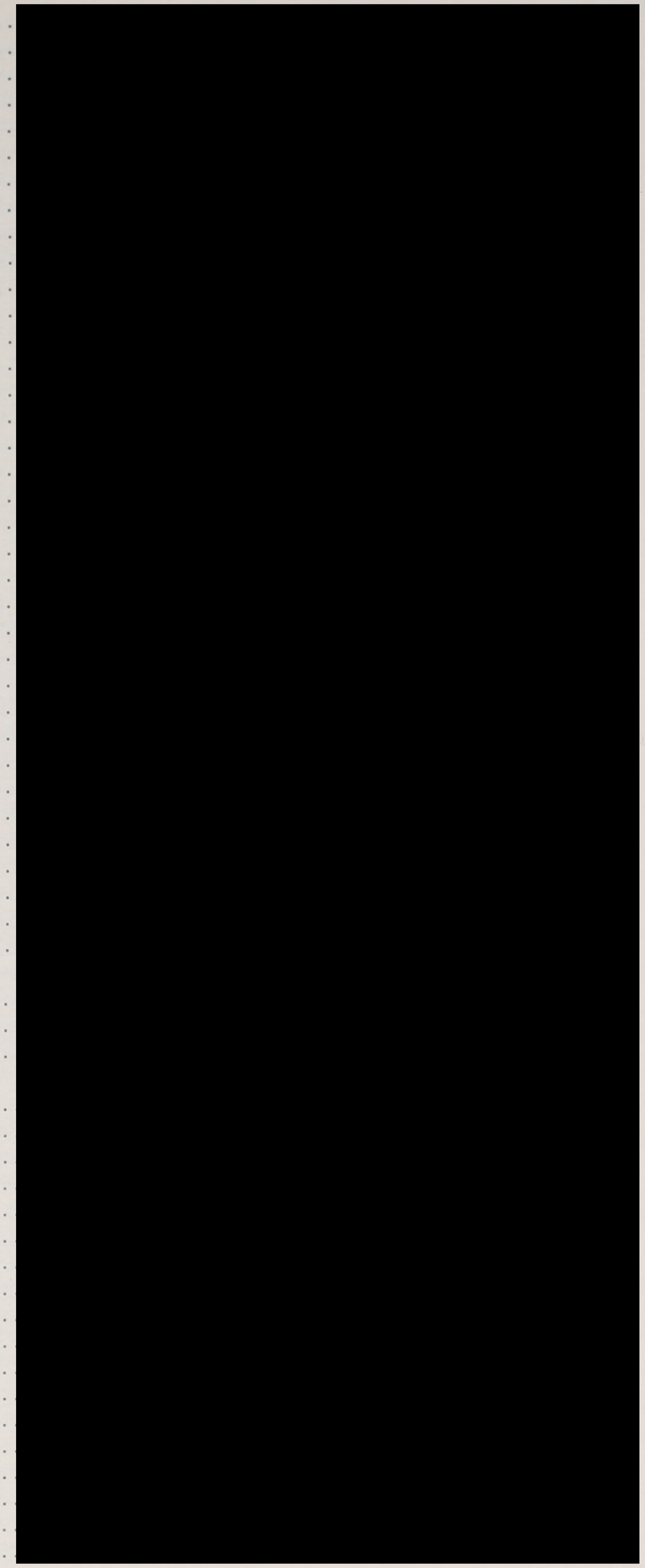

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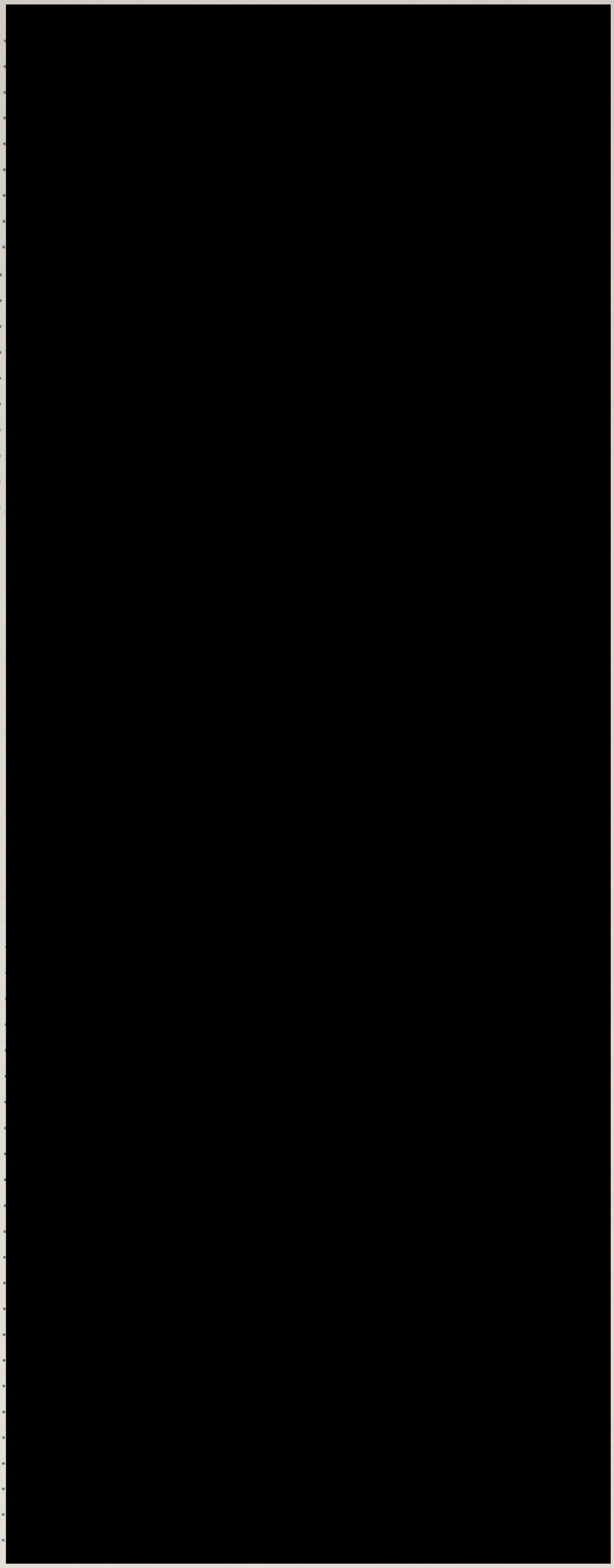

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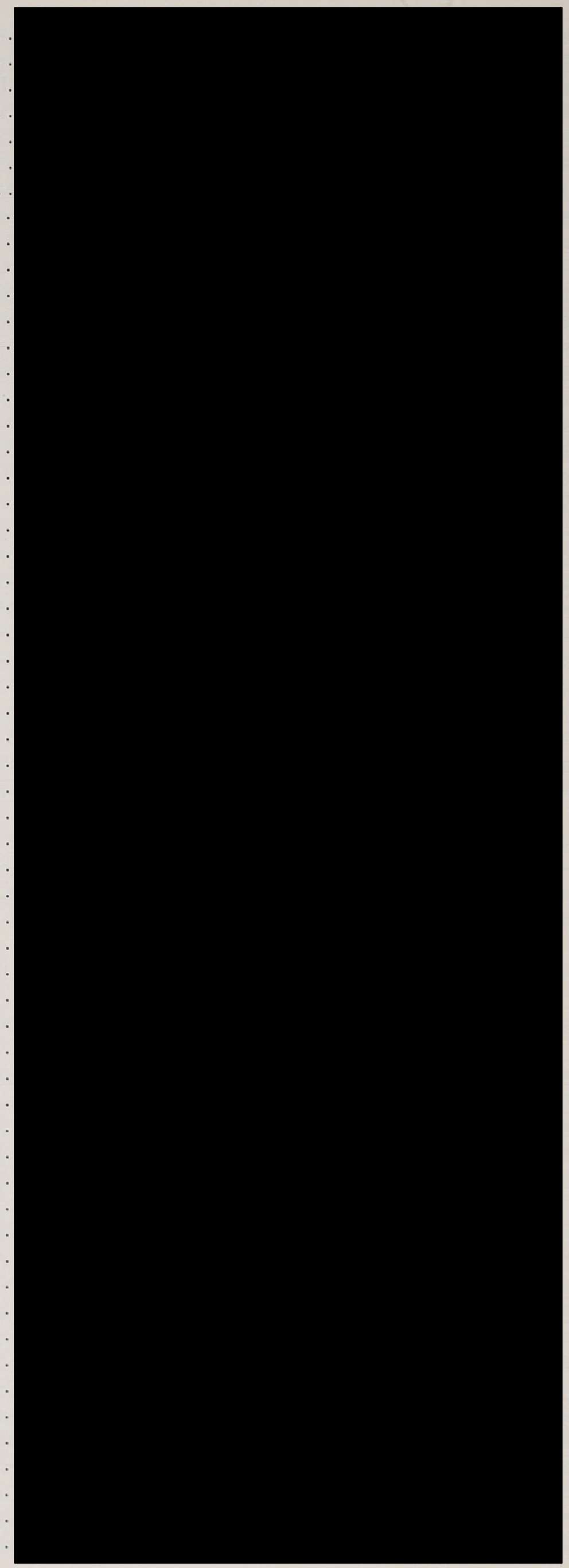

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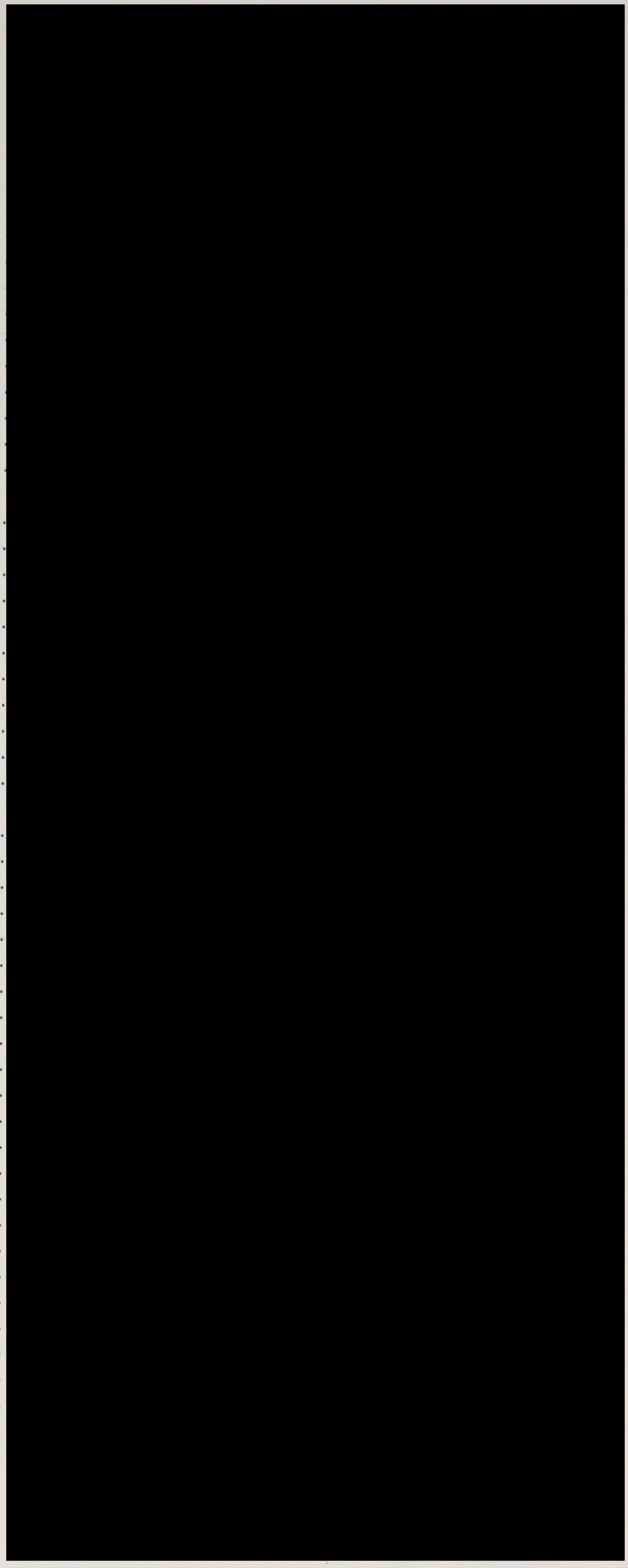

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	Yano, Cora Asaye
20	Yedlosky, Yae Kami
19	Yokomizo, Shichiro
	Yokomizo, Sally
28	Yokota, Yuriko Sugihara
	Yokota, Masao
	Yoshida, Makoto
	Yoshida, Bertha Yonamine
4	Yoshida, Ronald Y. Tubby
12	Yoshida, Miye Yoshimori
42	Yoshida, Aiko Maruoka
	Yoshida, Min
5	Yoshii, Kazuo
	Yoshii, Hannah Tajima
20	Yoshii, Tad
	Yoshii, Lily Sakamoto
3,42	Yoshimine, Mike
	Yoshimoto, Tsuneyo Irene
	Yoshino, Shizuko
28	Yoshiwara, Tee Hashimoto
14	Yui, Noriko
4	Yui, Etsu Ogi
	Yui, N. Henry
	Yuto, Tom Spider
	Yuto, Kayoko

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Late Registrants

	Akamatsu, Donald
11	Akamatsu, Robert T.
16	Akinaga, Yun
20	Akiyoshi, Minoru
	Akiyoshi, Ruby
	Akiyoshi, Yoshino
	Akiyoshi, Minoru
	Akiyoshi, Jo Ann
	Barreto, John
	Beckwith, Jane
	Cooper, Jack
	Cooper, Tracy
	Doami, Pat
10	Fukuda, Saburo
	Fukuda, Lucille
23	Fukushima, Yosh
	Fukushima, Mitsuko
	Furuichi, James
4	Furuichi, Satoko Sugiyama
13	Futagaki, Shig
31	Futagaki, Chiyo Sonoda
38	Goto, George T.
38	Goto, Yoshiko Inuzuka
35	Hanyu, Noboru
	Hanyu, Yaeko Sakai
	Hara, Taiko
9	Haraguchi, Kazuo
9	Haraguchi, Tatsue
	Haramaki, Gordon
	Haramaki, Todd
	Haramaki, Earl

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	Hattori, John
	Hayashida, Tetsuo
	Hernandez, Kumiko
	Hongo, Mas
	Hongo, Florence
39	Ihara, Tets
1	Ikenoyama, Carl
29	Imamura, Frank
37	Imamura, Noye
29	Imamura, Tsutomu
	Imamura, Judy
29	Imamura, Sam
	Imamura, Toni Gayle Brady
8	Imura, Jane Kawaguchi
9	Ishii, Motomu
	Ishii, Hatsumi Wada
9	Ishiyama, Toaru
	Ishiyama, Miyako Rose Miyama
	Iyoya, Rhoda Nishimura
29	Johnson, Ruth Imamura
13	Kamio, Toshiharu
13	Kamio, Tomoye
28	Kanzaki, Helen
5	Kato, Yae Shimotsu
	Katsura, Yoshiro
	Katsura, Kiyomi
	Kawahara, Jane
	Kazato, Hugo
7	Kazato, May Toda
5	Kimura, Mary
5	Kimura, Bill
	Kimura, Sally Sasai
	Kimura, Donna
	Kimura, Patricia
	Kimura, Mary
3	Kitagawa, Masao
28	Kitano, Lil Miyachi
	Krul, Buffey
	Lampert, Alyssa
	Manako, Ken
9	Maniwa, Amy Kajiwara
	Marr, Calvin
	Marr, Corinne
4	Matsuhara, Minoru
4	Matsuhara, Aki
FC	McColm, George
	McColm, Elizabesth
38	Mihara, Etsumi M.
	Miyake, Richard
	Miyake, Mary Hayashida
	Miyashiro, Stephanie K.
	Mizote, Hisashi, E
31	Mizuhara, Maya Kataoka
	Mizuno, Craig
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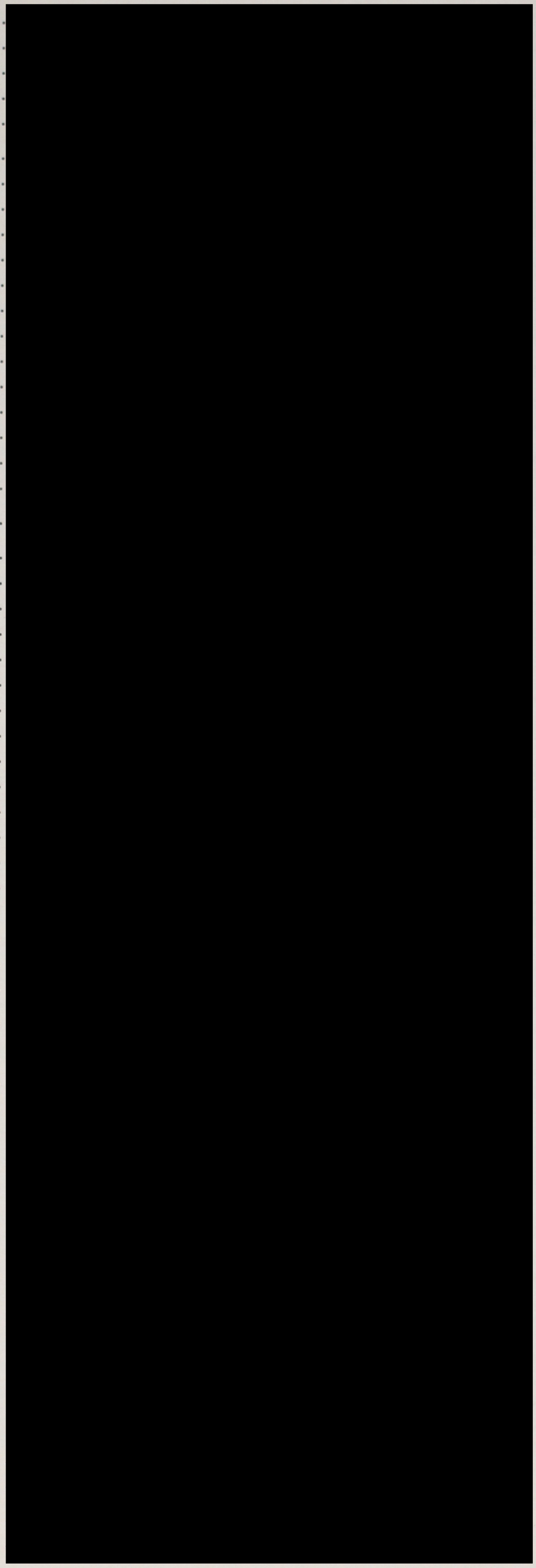
	Murakami, Betty
20	Murakami, Carol Nobe
13	Nabeshima, Ian Albert
26	Nakagawa, Nobori Bud



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	Nakai, Mitsuko
	Nakanishi, Richard
	Nakanishi, Doris
	Nao, Yoshino
9	Nihei, Ken
	Nihei, Masie Imai
12	Nishimura, Dwight
	Nomura, Emi
	Ozawa, Carol
	Ozawa, Donna
	Ozawa, Iwao
	Ozawa, Ayako
29	Patridge, Naomi Imamura
9	Sakuma, Nellie
34	Sato, Fumi Nagamoto
28	Shibata, Shimako
40	Shigio, Shigetoshi
	Shigio, Mary
4	Shimazaki, Kiku
	Shirasawa, Tak
	Shirasawa, Fudge
	Shiro, Joseph
11	Shiro, Fumi Saiki
	Sugihara, June Uyeda
23	Sumimoto, Masaru (Wacky)
	Suto, Violet
	Suyehiro, James
	Suyehiro, April
6	Suzuki, Mike
	Suzuki, Nami
	Suzuki, Linda
	Tsugawa, Jim
	Tsunekawa, Alice Yonekura
	Tsunekawa, Lou S.
11	Uchida, Frank
11	Uchida, Yuri Yamadera
37	Uchiyama, Archie
	Uchiyama, Yuri
38	Ujihara, George
36	Ushijima, Harry
1	Ushijima, Kay Tatsuguchi
	Utsumi, William T.
	Utsumi, Mary Ann Yoko Shimasaki
	Yamada, Sachi
13	Yamagami, Sumiko
	Yamagami, Dick
	Yamagami, Jan
27	Yamaguchi, Kunio
27	Yamaguchi, Grace Honda
39	Yamano, Tom
39	Yamano, Somekichi
39	Yamano, Harry
39	Yamano, Henry
4	Yoshida, Toshiko Sagimori