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Ms. Yukiko Minnie Iseri
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Dear Ms. Iseri:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you, because Jack Ouchida, of Gresham, Oregon informed me that you might be the only known living relative of the late Robert Takaki. By way of introduction, let me say that I had written to your Uncle Robert, in Couer D'Alene, Idaho back in June of this year, in connection with an article that I was writing about the Issei pioneers in Oregon. I am the current president of the Portland Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. On September 30, this year, together with many other Nikkei organizatins in the greater Portland area, we sponsored a very highly successful Issei Appreciation BaNquet. Your uncle had written in response to my letter of inquiry about the old days in the Gresham-Orient area. In additon to that, however, he sent me two photgraph albums which were the special possession of your Aunt Margaret, who died in 1929

I was greatly saddened to learn of your uncle's sudden and violent death on September 24, not only because it had been my intention to invite him to the banquet, but also because he and your father, Max, must have been some of the oldest Nisei born in Oregon. Jack Ouchida, who must be an uncle-in-law of yours, tells me that he believes that your father is still living, but that no one knows where he is. Jack suggested that Max Takaki might be living in either San Diego, or possibly in Los Angeles. In any event, since your father's address is unknown, I am writing to you as the next of kin to Robert Takaki, to find out what your desires might be as to the disposition of the two photograph albums mentioned above.

I feel that these old photographs are of considerable historical value for our area, bat of course they would no doubt be even more meaningful to you, inasmuch as they also contain old photgraphos of your great grandmother, Miyo Iwakoshi, and possibly even one of her brother, Rikichi. Of course there are pictures of your grandmother, as well as those of your father and yournow all-deceased aunts and uncles.

Please advise me as to your wishes regarding these albums. I am sure that the Oregon Historical Society, and for that matter, JACL, would treasure these volumes highly in the event that you are willing to forego first claim to these items.

Sincerely yours,

Homer Yasui

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