

Finding Home in Our Histories

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National Japanese American Historical Society



ABOUT PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS RESEARCH VISIT SUPPORT NJAHS STORE



NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS)
 is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to the collection, preservation, authentic interpretation, and sharing of historical information of the Japanese American experience. NJAHS plays a significant role in the health and vibrancy of San Francisco's Japantown and its programs. Our work includes ground-breaking exhibitions and educational events for the public, historical research, and development of educational resources for teachers and students. Learn more about the [history](#) of the organization, its [mission](#) and [work](#).

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Rosalyn's Background

PRACTITIONER. 38 YEARS WITH NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SERVING AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PROJECT DIRECTOR, CURATOR, ORAL HISTORIES, RESEARCHER FOR MANY EXHIBITIONS, PUBLICATIONS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS. GETTY MUSEUM MANAGEMENT TRAINING. WORKED WITH VETERANS, ARTISTS, RESEARCHERS, TEACHERS & COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS.



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Grant's Background

30+ YEARS WITH NONPROFITS, SERVING AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY RESOURCES DIRECTOR, CONSULTANT. WORKED WITH FAMILIES, INDIVIDUALS, VOLUNTEERED ON MANY COMMUNITY HISTORICAL PROJECTS. SERVED AS A GENEALOGIST, INSTRUCTOR, AND RESEARCHER FOR PROJECTS LIKE THE SIX, A FILM ABOUT THE CHINESE SEAMEN WHO SURVIVED THE TITANIC. ON BOARDS INCLUDING THE CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

LOVES TO SHARE HIS KNOWLEDGE



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What makes a good researcher?




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Questions Authority

- ✓ Strong sense of local, interpersonal & historical context through the eyes of the ancestor
- ✓ Logical AND Intuitive Thinking
- ✓ Likes to gather, sort & decipher Data
- ✓ Thrill of the Hunt! /Talk Story
- ✓ Puzzle-solving
- ✓ Plays well with others (sharing)
- ✓ Goal-oriented



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Get Organized



GO PAPERLESS?

Best Practices For Organizing Your Genealogy Files

- Skip the Desktop. Never ever store **files** on **your** Desktop.
- Skip Downloads. Don't let **files** sit in **your** Downloads folder. ...
- Move all your documents to the Documents folder. ...
- File things immediately. .../ Sort often. ...
- Use descriptive names. ...
- Search is powerful. ...
- Don't use too many folders. ...
- Stick with it.
- Back up efficiently. (cloud-based, or hard drive system)



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Tools of the Trade



- Smart phone
- Photo Scanner
- Back up Drive/Virus protection
- Screen Clipping Tool

[CMD] +[Shift] +[4]

Apple Mac



Snip & Sketch (Microsoft)



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Start with What You Have

family
member
photos, birth
records,
death
certificates,
passports,
etc.



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Document What You Have

- Write it all down
- Use a spreadsheet
- Copy the url source
- Back up!



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Pedigree Charts & Family Group Sheets

FREE DOWNLOADS

<https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/free-resources/charts/>

(not on-line versions)

Pedigree charts -organize information on your ancestors. (up to great-grandparents per page)

Family group sheet - information per one family – the parents and children.



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On-line Family Trees

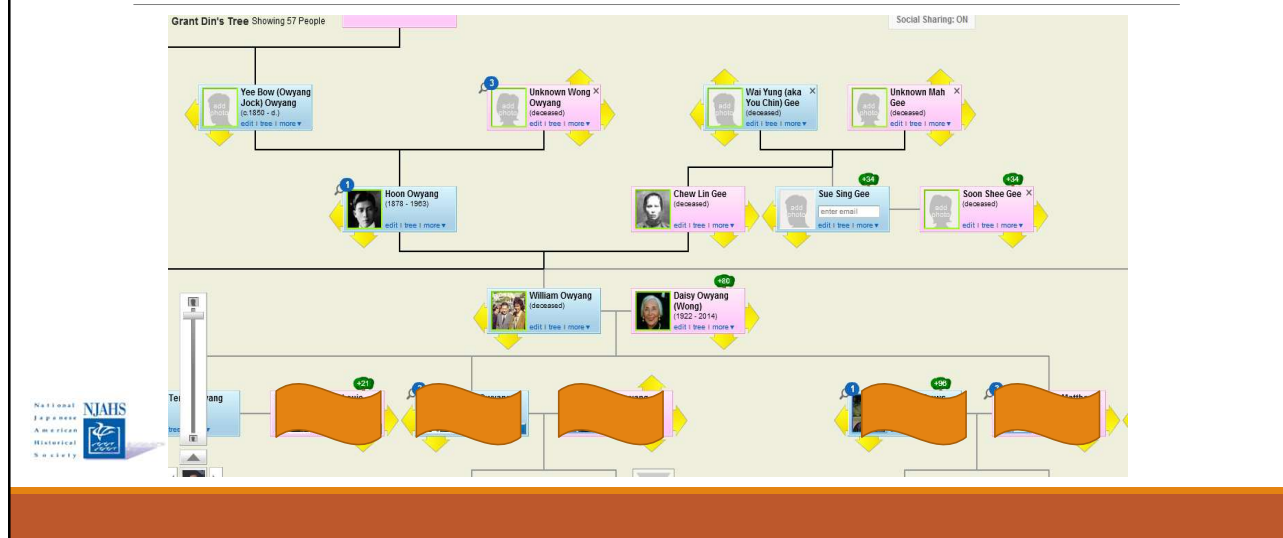
Geni.com basic version is free, allows collaboration, has privacy settings if you want to share your tree.

Familysearch.org run by the LDS has a free family tree that is shared universally.



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Family Tree -Geni.com



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Desktop Family Trees

Privacy concerns? These programs stay on your desktop.

Roots Magic—popular, user friendly, good reports (\$29.99) www.rootsmagic.com. User group on Facebook, also shared interest groups like the Southern Calif. Genealogical Society.

Family Tree Maker—popular, integrates with Ancestry.com (\$79.99) <https://www.mackiev.com/ftm/>. User group on Facebook, and CGS.

Other packages are available, can export and share with other programs using GEDCOM files.



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Rootsmagic Family Tree

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FREE ON-LINE SOURCES

www.familysearch.org - a free but less complete competitor to Ancestry.com

- ❖ Birth Index, Marriage, Death Data
- ❖ Passenger Arrivals (Ship Manifests)
- ❖ U.S. Census Records (Address, names of family unit, age)
- ❖ US Japanese Americans Relocated During WWII (Archives.gov)
- ❖ **F.A.R. –US War Relocation Authority - Final Accountability Rosters. 1942 - 1946 -New (NARA)**



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Familysearch.org Documents You Can Find Online about Life in the US

- The classics: Birth, Marriage, Death records
- Census documents are important and have different information from year to year.

California State Board of Health
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

Local Registered No. 1743

County of LOS ANGELES
City of LOS ANGELES
District San Pedro
No. 1001 Center St. Ward

FULL NAME OF CHILD YURI NAKAHARA

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX OF CHILD Female
Twin or other of BIRTH 1
DATE OF BIRTH May 19 1921

FATHER: S Nakahara
MOTHER: Teuwa Sawaguchi

RESIDENCE: San Pedro Calif
CITY: San Pedro STATE: Calif

RACE: Japanese
AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY: 35
RACE: Japanese
AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY: 28

BIRTHPLACE: Japan
OCCUPATION: Wholesale Fish Market Proprietor
OCCUPATION: Housewife

Was a prophylactic for diptheria, membranous croup? Yes
If so, what? Argrol
Number of children born to this mother, including present birth: 2

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE:
I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was born alive on 3:45 P.M. on the date above stated.
(Signature) WM. A. WEIDON
Dated 5-19-21 P & S
Address 328-4th St. San Pedro
Filed May 25 1921

Image from familysearch.org

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Marriage and Death Information

LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	SEX	AGE AT DEATH	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH	LOCALITY NUMBER	STATE FILE NUMBER
TOMSICK	FRANK	NEILL	SHERRY	J	60	21	6	2858	75360 2349
TONAI	ICHIRO	ITO	GRACE	F	39	328	4	1958	45870 9308
TONAI	YUYAKA	IANO	MARIANE	F	70	3724	9	1758	58702 4998
TONOFF	WILBUR	DEBRINLEY	MARIANE	F	12	3534	0	148	58702 4998

Danzabur Okawa
California Death Index, 1940-1997

Tools

Name: Danzabur Okawa
Sex: Male
Death Date: 19 Sep 1964
Death Place: Alameda, California, United States
Death Place (Original): ALAMEDA
Mother's Name: Kurasawa
Birth Date: 13 Jan 1879
Birthplace: Japan



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On Ancestry Documents You Can Find Online about Immigration

- Immigration: Ship manifests
- Asians often had special records as well which were required when they immigrated
- Links to Case Files



THE PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY
OATH TO INWARD PASSENGER LIST

Second class for Americans from Hongkong July 16th 1914

No.	NAME	AGE	SEX	MARRIED	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF ARRIVAL	DATE OF DEPARTURE	STATUS
14900	Hong Sun Lee	1 23	M					
14901	Hong Sun Lee	2 27	M					
14902	Hong Sun	3 27	M					
14903	Lee Ah Lung	4 27	M					5 Amoy
14904	Ty Ah Lung	5 26	M					4 Amoy
14905	Chen Ah Lung	6 26	M					3 Amoy
14906	Hong Sun Lee	7 25	M					2 Amoy
14907	Chen Ah Lung	8 25	M					4 Amoy
14908	Ch. Ah Lung	9 24	M					3 Amoy
14909	Chen Ah Lung	10 24	M					2 Amoy
14910	Hong Sun Lee	11 24	M					3 Amoy
14911	Chen Ah Lung	12 24	M					4 Amoy
14912	Hong Sun Lee	13 24	M					3 Amoy
14913	Chen Ah Lung	14 24	M					2 Amoy
14914	Hong Sun Lee	15 24	M					4 Amoy
14915	Hong Sun Lee	16 24	M					3 Amoy
14916	Hong Sun Lee	17 24	M					4 Amoy
14917	Hong Sun Lee	18 24	M					3 Amoy
14918	Hong Sun Lee	19 24	M					4 Amoy
14919	Hong Sun Lee	20 24	M					3 Amoy
14920	Hong Sun Lee	21 24	M					4 Amoy
14921	Hong Sun Lee	22 24	M					3 Amoy
14922	Hong Sun Lee	23 24	M					4 Amoy
14923	Hong Sun Lee	24 24	M					3 Amoy
14924	Hong Sun Lee	25 24	M					4 Amoy
14925	Hong Sun Lee	26 24	M					3 Amoy
14926	Hong Sun Lee	27 24	M					4 Amoy
14927	Hong Sun Lee	28 24	M					3 Amoy
14928	Hong Sun Lee	29 24	M					4 Amoy
14929	Hong Sun Lee	30 24	M					3 Amoy
14930	Hong Sun Lee	31 24	M					4 Amoy
14931	Hong Sun Lee	32 24	M					3 Amoy
14932	Hong Sun Lee	33 24	M					4 Amoy
14933	Hong Sun Lee	34 24	M					3 Amoy
14934	Hong Sun Lee	35 24	M					4 Amoy
14935	Hong Sun Lee	36 24	M					3 Amoy
14936	Hong Sun Lee	37 24	M					4 Amoy
14937	Hong Sun Lee	38 24	M					3 Amoy
14938	Hong Sun Lee	39 24	M					4 Amoy
14939	Hong Sun Lee	40 24	M					3 Amoy
14940	Hong Sun Lee	41 24	M					4 Amoy
14941	Hong Sun Lee	42 24	M					3 Amoy
14942	Hong Sun Lee	43 24	M					4 Amoy
14943	Hong Sun Lee	44 24	M					3 Amoy
14944	Hong Sun Lee	45 24	M					4 Amoy
14945	Hong Sun Lee	46 24	M					3 Amoy
14946	Hong Sun Lee	47 24	M					4 Amoy
14947	Hong Sun Lee	48 24	M					3 Amoy
14948	Hong Sun Lee	49 24	M					4 Amoy
14949	Hong Sun Lee	50 24	M					3 Amoy
14950	Hong Sun Lee	51 24	M					4 Amoy
14951	Hong Sun Lee	52 24	M					3 Amoy
14952	Hong Sun Lee	53 24	M					4 Amoy
14953	Hong Sun Lee	54 24	M					3 Amoy
14954	Hong Sun Lee	55 24	M					4 Amoy
14955	Hong Sun Lee	56 24	M					3 Amoy
14956	Hong Sun Lee	57 24	M					4 Amoy
14957	Hong Sun Lee	58 24	M					3 Amoy
14958	Hong Sun Lee	59 24	M					4 Amoy
14959	Hong Sun Lee	60 24	M					3 Amoy
14960	Hong Sun Lee	61 24	M					4 Amoy
14961	Hong Sun Lee	62 24	M					3 Amoy
14962	Hong Sun Lee	63 24	M					4 Amoy
14963	Hong Sun Lee	64 24	M					3 Amoy
14964	Hong Sun Lee	65 24	M					4 Amoy
14965	Hong Sun Lee	66 24	M					3 Amoy
14966	Hong Sun Lee	67 24	M					4 Amoy
14967	Hong Sun Lee	68 24	M					3 Amoy
14968	Hong Sun Lee	69 24	M					4 Amoy
14969	Hong Sun Lee	70 24	M					3 Amoy

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Familysearch.org Ship Manifests are Full of Info!

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
List 40

LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES

ALL ALIENS arriving at a port of continental United States from a foreign port or a port of the insular possessions of the United States, and all aliens arriving at a port of said insular possessions from a foreign port, of a port of continental United States (This table is for the listing of)

S. S. SAIYO MARU Passengers sailing from YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, JUNE 22nd, 1927.

No.	HEADLINE No. (The upper number is the serial number of the alien only)	NAME IN FULL	Age	Sex	Calling or occupation	Place of birth	Nationality (Country of birth or adopted)	Place of birth	Issued	Date	Last permanent residence
1		U.S. CITIZEN									
2		H. TAX									
3		H. TAX									
4		H. TAX									
5		H. TAX									
6		H. TAX									
7		H. TAX									
8		H. TAX									
9		H. TAX									
10		H. TAX									
11		H. TAX									
12		H. TAX									
13		H. TAX									
14		H. TAX									
15		H. TAX									
16		H. TAX									
17		H. TAX									
18		H. TAX									
19		H. TAX									
20		H. TAX									

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General research page for National Archives

<https://www.archives.gov/research>

The screenshot shows the National Archives website's research page. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation tabs. The main content area is titled "Research Our Records" and contains several sections: "Research in the National Archives Catalog" (with "Search the Catalog" circled in red), "Other Online Research Tools", "Operating Status", "What's New?", and "Research Events".

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FREE ON-LINE RESOURCES

www.Archives.gov – **National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)**

▪ **Access to Archival Databases (AAD)**


1) Lists Japanese Americans in WRA Camps

<https://www.archives.gov/research/japanese-americans/wra#basic>

▪ 2) **Case Files Requests** – on how to order them on-line


- A) WRA Case Files “ ... /order
- B) Alien Enemy Detention & Internment Case Files “.... /order
- C) Compensation & Reparations Case Files “’... /order
- D) Redress Testimonies (Commission on the Wartime Relocation Internment of Civilians) “ ... /order

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FREE IN-PERSON LA RESOURCES

HeritageQuest Online
Contact Sales
Downloads ▾



HeritageQuest Online® resources is a comprehensive treasure —rich in unique primary sources, local and family histories, convenient research guides, interactive census maps, and more.

Discover the amazing history of you with HeritageQuest Online. With more than 5 billion records, it delivers an essential collection of genealogical and historical sources—with coverage dating back to the 1700s—that can help people find their ancestors and discover a place's past.

Short Description

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NARA World War II Files

<https://www.archives.gov/research/aapi/ww2/genealogy>

Asian American and Pacific Islander Records

Home > Research Our Records > Asian American and Pacific Islander Records at the National Archives > WWII Incarceration > Genealogy

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Military and Civilian Service

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Federal Courts

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National Archives Catalog

National Archives Catalog Search Tips

Online Research Tools and Aids

World War II Japanese American Incarceration: Researching an Individual or Family

Conducting genealogical research on formerly incarcerated Japanese and Japanese Americans can present a challenge for even the most adept researcher. Due to the involvement of multiple federal agencies in detaining and documenting individuals of Japanese descent (U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and those taken from U.S. territories and from Allied held nations), records may be found across several different record groups and at a number of National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) facilities across the country. The process of identifying individual or family records can be complicated due to the **absence of any official master index** and the fact that some of the formerly incarcerated were transferred between multiple camps.

This guide provides an overview of the types of records available for genealogical research and offers guidance on how to navigate them. You can continue your research with records at NARA by [visiting us](#), [contacting us online](#), or by [hiring an independent researcher](#).

Additional Resources for Genealogists

Looking for more information on your family members? Other genealogical resources such as census, immigration, and naturalization records may be available. [Start Your Genealogy Research here.](#)

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NARA Department of Justice files

NOW ONLINE! Many can be found in the general Archives catalog (see handout). These internment cards are now digitized and online.

ALIEN ENEMY DOCKET		WARRANT		DATE	REMARKS	
b. 3-27-87		File No. (146-13) 2-12-44-775		12-9-41	TONAI, Gengoro Tony	#2. 12-775
NAME (Surname) (Given name) (Initials) Tony		Requested _____		1/31/42	Dossier #100000	
ADDRESS (No. & St.) (City or town) (State) 3138 West 27th Street Los Angeles California		Issued _____		1/31/42	Immigration Service memo of Dec. 23 re. change in place of detention of alien.	
CUSTODY RECORD		Denied _____		2-9-42	FBI report dated 1-27-42	
Apprehended at Los Angeles, Calif. date 12-7-41		BOARD RECOMMENDATION R-12-27-43		2-25-42	(encl) Report and recommendation for internment. Alien enemy questionnaire.	
Detained at Interned Santa Fe, N.M. date 8-7-43		Release DIG 12-8-43			Notice of hearing: 2-16-42. Letters and affidavits.	
Transferred to GRANADA RELO CENTER, COLO date 3-3-44		Parole 2-17-42		5-15-42	FBI Report for period 5-11-42	
Interned Fort Sill, Okla. date 4-10-42		ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ORDER		3-17-43	conduct report fr Camp Livingston	
RELOCATING: L's Angeles, Calif. 10-1-45		Release _____		12-4-43	I&N Conduct report fm Santa Fe, N.M.	
DISPOSITION: Alien Enemy PROCEEDINGS TERMINATED ON 11-15-45		Parole _____		2-25-44	Ir to Toyone: Subj. paroled to be reunited with his family when the necessary arrangements have been completed by WRA. JJS	
Not deportable.		Interned _____		2-11-44	Ir to Kelly fm Stauber: Arranged. made for subj's acceptance at Granada Relo Center.	
Paroled _____		CHANGE OF STATUS		3-11-44	Ir to Kelly fm Stauber: Arranged. made for subj's acceptance at Granada Relo Center.	
Interned 4-18-42		Released _____		4-12-44	FBI Report for pd. 4-10-44.	
		Paroled _____				
		Interned _____				
		A.G.'s amended order _____				

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Sample of what you can find (Case file requested)

BASIC PERSONNEL RECORD
(Alien Enemy or Prisoner of War)

ISN-24-4-J-91-C1
TONAI, Gengoro
Male
Height 5 ft. 6 1/2 in.
Weight 161
Eyes - Brown
Skin - Yellow
Hair - Gray
Age - 56
Distinguishing marks or characteristics:
Pit scar left forehead

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS TAKEN FROM INTERVIEW

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

The above is correct:

Right Hand (Illustrative of Intensity)

1. Thumb 2. Index finger 3. Middle finger 4. Ring finger 5. Little finger

Left Hand (Illustrative of Intensity)

6. Thumb 7. Index finger 8. Middle finger 9. Ring finger 10. Little finger

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FILES NOT ON-LINE

Make the Request

❖ **WRA Case File Request Form (NARA,DC)– submit on-line**

- Family Number
- NA Identifier or Case Record helps

❖ Person Still Alive? – subject submits directly, or gets permission, signed notarized affidavit, relationship in a letter.

❖ Person Deceased? – proof of death



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FILES NOT ON -LINE

Make the Request

❖ **Alien Enemy Detention & Internment Case Files (NARA, College Park MD)– submit on-line**

- Alien Registration Number
- NA Identifier or Case Record helps

Person Still Alive? – get permission, affidavit relationship

❖ Person Deceased? – no need to explain



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OTHER ON-LINE SOURCES



Google Maps



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Directories from Public Libraries

son Arington av
 " Mary Mrs h 602 22d
 " Michl mtrmn r 450 51st
 gh- " Thos J pkr r 4022 Telegraph av
 Okawa Dan shoe repr 1835 San Pablo
 O'Keane Hugh *(Bridget) janitor h 5482
 Taft av
 " H Mrs (Claremont Apts) h 5482 Taft
 o r O'Keefe Agnes (wid Michl) r 1525 Fruit-



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Newspaper Articles -Library of Congress (loc)

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/>



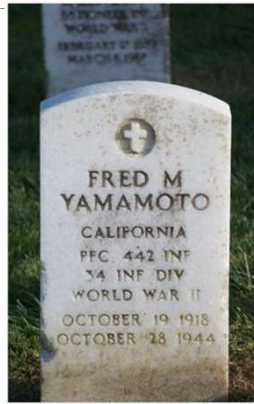
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Google Maps/Street View



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FIND A GRAVE



Added by Tom Brocher



Photo added by Hudson Louie

442nd RCT, KIA Epinal France

PFC Fred M. Yamamoto

BIRTH	19 Oct 1918
DEATH	28 Oct 1944 (aged 26)
BURIAL	Golden Gate National Cemetery San Bruno, San Mateo County, California, USA
PLOT	SECTION C SITE 478
MEMORIAL ID	3547965 · View Source



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Other On-Line Records

MILITARY

- Registers of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1880762>
- U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1968530>



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Other On-Line Records

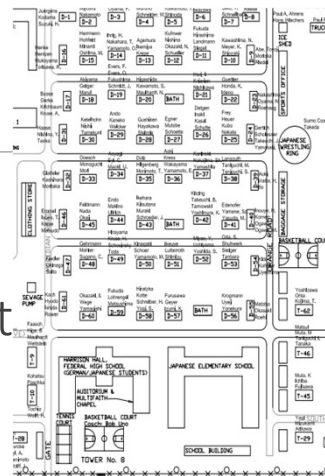
HAWAII

- Honolulu, Hawaii Index to Passengers 1900 -1952
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1913398>
- Honolulu, Hawaii Passenger Lists, 1900 -1953
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2141044>
- Hawaii, Passenger Lists of Airplanes Departing Honolulu, 1942-1948
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2427245>
- Hawaii, Military WWI Selective Service System Draft registration cards, 1917-1918- includes National Guard
<http://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/751145?availability=Family%20History%20Library>
- Hawaii Internee Directory (Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii)
<https://interneedirectory.icch.com/>



Other On-line Records (link in handout)

Crystal City (DOJ) Internment Camp Layout family residences by name



(2018) annotated by former internee Werner Ulrich. Courtesy of German American Internee Coalition.

<https://gaic.info/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Crystal-City-Internment-Camp-07012018.pdf>



Case Study # 1 : Terue Tonai

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LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL.

ALL ALIENS, in whatsoever class they travel, MUST be fully listed and the master or commanding officer of each vessel carrying such passengers must upon arrival deliver lists thereof to the immigration officer. This (yellow) sheet is for the listing of SECOND CABIN PASSENGERS ONLY.

S. S. "Tengo Maru" sailing from Port of Kobe, April 16th, 19 Arriving at Port of San Francisco, Cal. MAY 6 - 1918

No. on List	HEAD TAX EXEMPTIONS	HEAD TAX DEPOSITS	NAME IN FULL		Age	Sex	Calling or Occupation	Able to— Read Write	Nationality (Country of which citizen or subject.)	Race or People	Last Permanent Residence		The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came.							
			Family Name	Given Name							Country	City or Town								
1	431-50/176	TAX	Kobayashi	Teugio	19.11. M.	S.	Student	Yes. Yes.	Japan	Japanese	Hyogo-Ken.	Kobe-Shi.	Mrs. Ika, Shimoga (Grand Mother) #38. Daikai-dori, Itosone, Hyogo-shi.							
2	7443, 1129	TAX	Tonai	Teruyo	28. 5. F.	W.	House WIFE	Yes. Yes.	Japan	Japanese	Wakayama-ken.	Wakayama-shi.	Mrs. Ika, Tonai (mother) #140. Iseami Mura, Wakayama-shi.							
<p>Final Destination: (Usual future permanent residence.)</p> <p>Whether arriving in U.S. to such final destination</p> <p>By whom was passage paid? (Whether alien paid his own passage, whether paid by self or other person, or by any corporation, society, association, or government.)</p> <p>Whether ever before in the United States; and if so, when and where?</p> <p>Whether going to join a relative or friend; and if so, what relative or friend, and his name and complete address?</p> <p>Whether a Polygamist.</p> <p>Whether or Anarchist.</p> <p>Condition of Health, Mental and Physical.</p> <p>Deformed or Crippled. Nature, length of time, and cause.</p> <p>Height. Feet. Inches.</p> <p>Color of— Hair. Eyes.</p> <p>Place of Birth. Country. City or Town.</p> <p>Marks of Identification.</p>																				
San-Francisco, Cal.	Yes.	Father	\$50.	No.	-	-	Mr. Tetsutaro, Kobayashi (Father) #1551. Laguna St., San Francisco, Cal.	Mr. Gengoro, Tonai (Husband)	No.	No.	No.	No.	Good.	No.	5.	1.	Dark. Black. Black.	Boar on the nose. Boar on the	Hyogo-Ken. Wakayama-ken.	Kobe-Shi. Iseami-

TONAI TERUE

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH October 22 1918
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Oct 21 1918, to — 191—
 that I last saw h~~er~~ alive on Oct 21 1918
 and that death occurred on the date stated above at 7³⁰P m.
 The CAUSE OF DEATH * was as follows:
Broncho Pneumonia

(Duration) Influenza. years—months—days
 Contributory

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS
 PLACE OF BIRTH: California State Board of Health
 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 CITY OF LOS ANGELES
 DISTRICT OF: San Gabriel
 FULL NAME: Teresa Tomica
 SEX: Female
 AGE: 25
 OCCUPATION: Housewife
 BIRTHPLACE: Japan
 NAME OF FATHER: F. Tommige
 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER: Japan
 NAME OF MOTHER: K. Tommige
 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER: Japan
 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE: 6 months
 WILL ABOVE DETAILS BE USED BY AN INSURANCE COMPANY?
 (Yes/No) Yes
 DATE OF BIRTH: Oct 23 1911
 PLACE OF BIRTH OR RESIDENCE: San Gabriel, Cal
 STATE AND COUNTY OF BIRTH OR RESIDENCE: California
 REGISTERED ADDRESS: 187 S. Riverside

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
 DATE OF DEATH: October 22
 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Oct 21 1918 to —
 that I last saw h~~er~~ alive on Oct 21
 and that death occurred on the date stated above at 7³⁰P m.
 The CAUSE OF DEATH * was as follows:
Broncho Pneumonia
 SPECIAL INFORMATION TO REGISTER, INCLUDING TOMBING OF A GRAVE AND PLAIN OF BURIAL:
 PLACE OF BURIAL OR RESIDENCE: San Gabriel, California
 DATE OF BURIAL: Oct 23 1918
 REGISTERED ADDRESS: 187 S. Riverside

DEAN C. LOGAN
 REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

JUN 11 2009
 100003893716

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Case Study #2: Kane and Kunisaku Mineta

Kane Mineta
 in the California, U.S., Chinese Arrival Case Files Index, 1884-1940

Name: Kane Mineta
 Age: 20
 Gender: Female
 Birth Date: 1894
 Birth Place: Japan
 Arrival Date: 16 Jan 1914
 Box Number: 00772
 Case Number: 13191/015-06
 Ship: CHIYO MARU

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Kane and Kunisaku Mineta on Angel Island



From the National Archives, San Bruno, CA

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Kane and Kunisaku Mineta

Q When where and how were you married? A. Married in Japan by photograph in April, 1912.
 (presents copy of family register which interpreter states shows registration of marriage in May, 1912)
 (presents photo of alleged husband)

Q Were you ever married before? A. No.

Q Was your husband ever married before? A. No

Alleged husband appears and is sworn:- (aliens identify each other as husband & wife)
 My name is Kunisaku Mineta; age 25 yrs. 3 mos.; subject of the Emperor of Japan; ama farmer at R.F.D. 1, Box 96-A, Salinas, Cal.; have one partner, Clarence S herwood, who is an American citizen; have about \$1700. invested in the business personally; have about \$500. in bank; have check for \$500. with me; have been a resident of the U.S. for about 7 yrs.
 (presents consular certificate)
 (presents passport 66330 dated Dec. 24, 1906 to California, U.S.A.)
 (presents articles of copartnership between himself and said Sherwood, covering 140 acres of land leased from R. Sherwood of San Francisco) land situated at Salinas, Cal.)

Q When where and how were you married? A. By photograph in Japan on May 8, 1912.
 (presents copy of family register which ~~intappee~~ interpreter states shows registration of marriage to applicant on date given)

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From the National Archives, San Bruno, CA

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Kane and Kunisaku Mineta

... contents of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me, and that the same are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this petition is signed by me with my full, true name: SO HELP ME GOD.

ALIEN REGISTRATION NO. 2119465
19-11073-5

Kane Mineta
(Full, true, and correct signature of petitioner, without abbreviations)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; or that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law; or that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: SO HELP ME GOD. In acknowledgment whereof I have heretofore affixed my signature.

Sworn to in open court, this 20th day of July, A. D. 1953
By *T. J. Calamini* Clerk
By *Kane Mineta* (Signature of Petitioner)

NOTE:—In recantation of title or order of ability, add the following to the oath of allegiance before the words "I have heretofore been a subject or citizen": "I further renounce the title of (give title or titles) which I have heretofore held," or "I further renounce the order of nobility (give order or orders) which I have heretofore received."
Petition granted: Line No. _____ of List No. 4056 and 488 issued.
Petition denied: List No. _____

From Ancestry.com

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Norman Mineta

NORMAN MINETA
AND HIS LEGACY
AN AMERICAN STORY

REBROADCAST MAY 2020

Meet the man who served as cabinet secretary for Presidents Clinton and George W. Bush. [MORE](#)

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Meet the statesman who served as cabinet secretary for Presidents Clinton and George W. Bush. Imprisoned by the U.S. during World War II for his Japanese ancestry, Mineta rose to become the first Asian American to serve in a presidential cabinet.

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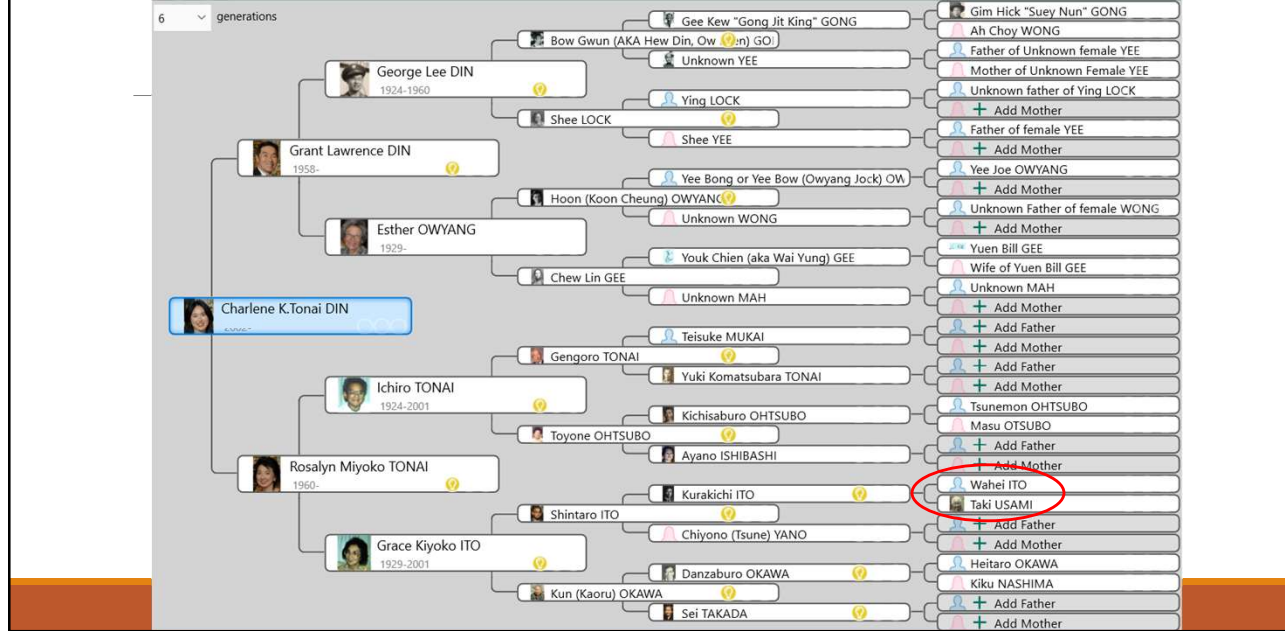
Norman Mineta's Political Beginnings
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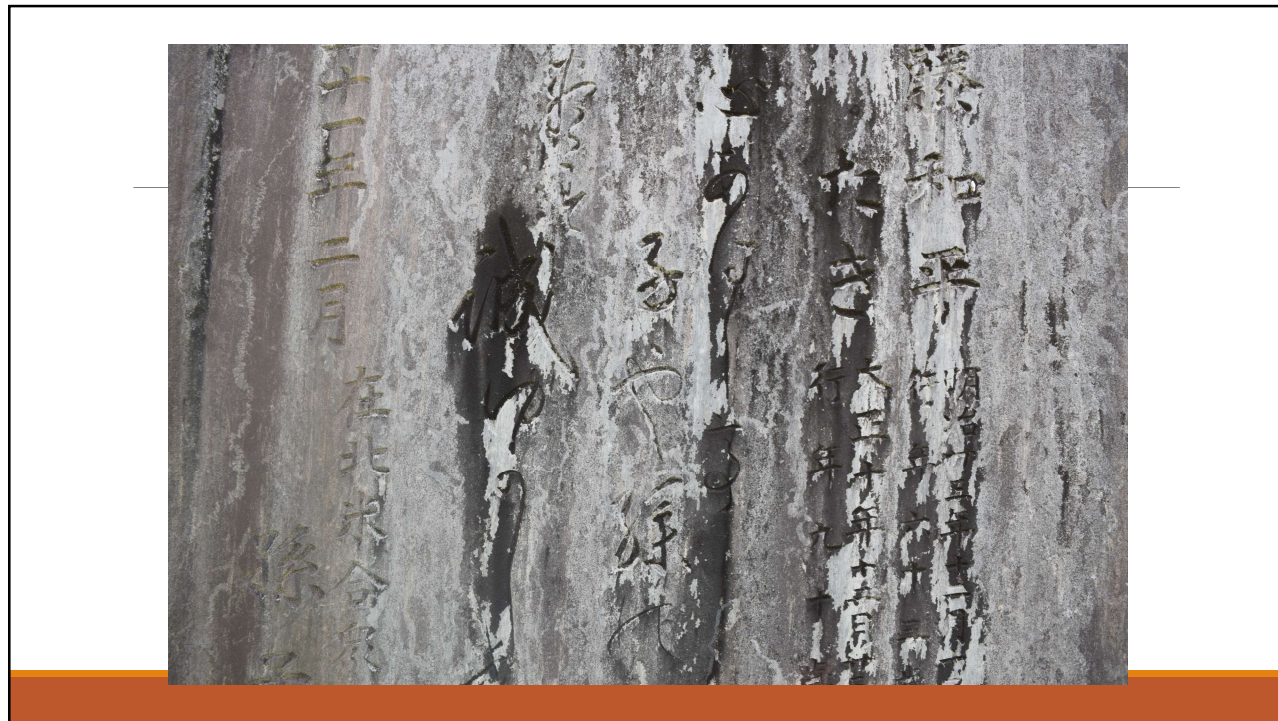
Case Study #3: Taki Usami Ito, Charlene's 3x great grandmother



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表面 (front)

伊藤和平	Ito Wahei
たき	Taki
行年 大正 10 年 12 月 23 日	Taisho 10 (1921) Dec. 23
90 才	90 years old
	Meiji 13 (1880) Dec. 13
	63 years old

裏面 (back)

大正 11 年 2 月	Taisho 11 (1922) Feb.
在北米合衆	Residing in U.S.A
孫子建立	Children & Grand children built
伊藤新太郎	Ito Shintaro
伊藤勝治	Katsuji
伊藤勝太	Masaru
伊藤勝三	Nobuyuki
伊藤勝一	Torakichi
伊藤勝二	Hayashi Ijuro
伊藤勝四	Yagi Yoshizo
伊藤勝五	Sugiura Mitsuji
伊藤勝六	Suzuki Shino
伊藤勝七	Hayashi Toki
伊藤勝八	
伊藤勝九	
伊藤勝十	
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A COVID Challenge:
Yonsei Tonais
wondering about their roots

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WHERE IN THE U.S. IS GENGORO TONAI?
THE TONAI FAMILY TREASURE HUNT!



The slide features a blue background with a geometric pattern of overlapping squares. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo for Carmen Sandiego. The logo depicts a woman in a red coat and hat, looking to the right. The text "WHERE IN THE WORLD IS" is written in a circle around her, and a yellow banner below the circle reads "CARMEN SANDIEGO?". At the bottom of the slide, a dark grey rectangular box contains the text "WHERE IN THE U.S. IS GENGORO TONAI?" in large white letters, with "THE TONAI FAMILY TREASURE HUNT!" in smaller white letters below it.

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1. OBJECTIVE: re-create the timeline & map that answers the question: Where in the US is Gengoro Tonai?
2. Team = household
3. Every team will get clues.
4. One team member reads one clue.
5. Discuss answer(s) among team.
6. Give educated guess.

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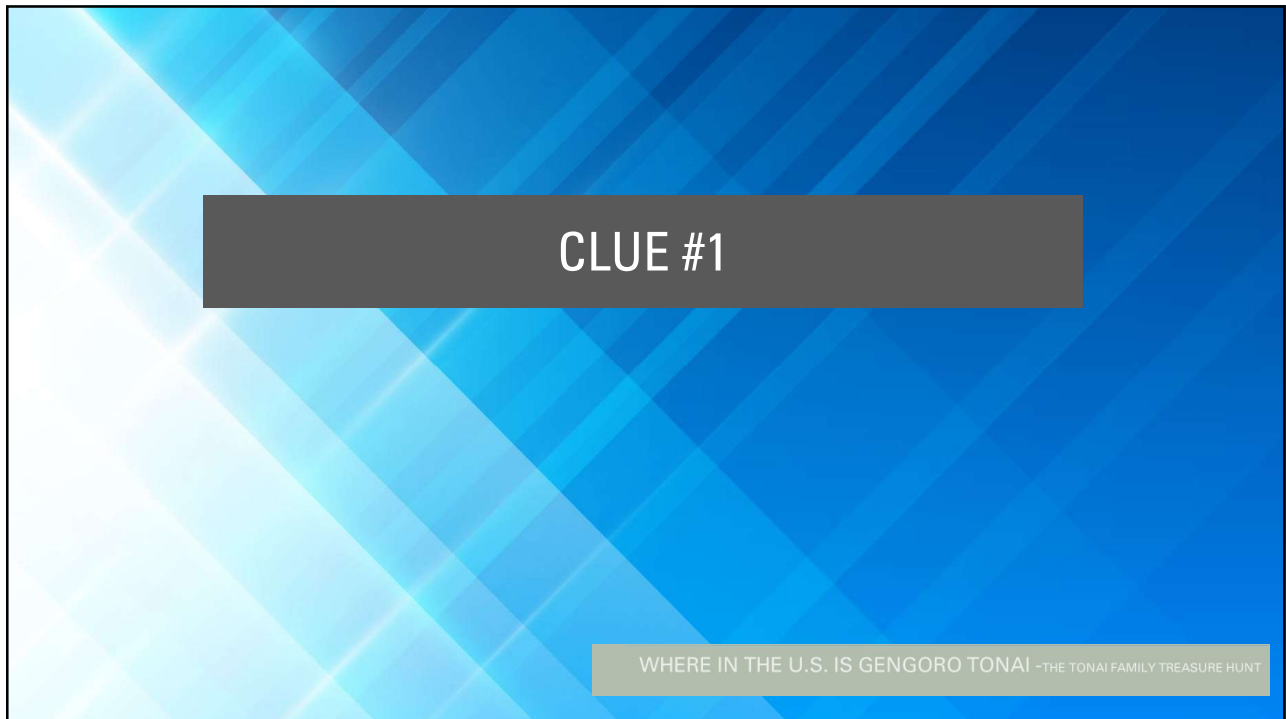
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 SO, *NO FIGHTING,* 
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Clue 1

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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#2559150

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER _____, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Los Angeles, Calif.	John Doe #49	12-7-41	enroute to Fed. authorities.	3-2-42 interned for the duration of the war by the US Atty Gen. on chg. of Alien Enemy
SD, Los Angeles, Calif.	Tony Gengoro Tonal #354642	12-12-41	enroute to Fed. authorities.	

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CLUE #2

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Clue 2

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION												
Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT		FILE NO.										
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA		100-7133										
REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY									
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	1/27/42	12/7/41; 1/5/42.	R. A. GARVEY									
TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE										
TONY GENGORO TONAI, with aliases Gengoro Tonai Tony Gengoro Tonai Tonai Gengoro		INTERNAL SECURITY - J ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL										
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:												
<p>TONAI, Subject of Custodial Detention Memorandum, was born in Wakayama Prefecture, Japan; is regular member of Nippon Kaigun Kyokai; was apprehended at Los Angeles 12/7/41 by LAPD. Presently in custody of Immigration and Naturalization Service. No criminal record in Los Angeles. Description set forth.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>												
REFERENCE:												
Bureau teletype dated 12/20/41.												
DETAILS:												
<p>Los Angeles Subject file #100-7133 reflects that a Custodial Detention Memorandum relating to Subject was submitted to the Bureau and a photostatic copy of a Custodial Detention Card received from the Bureau on December 8, 1941.</p> <p>Subject was born in Wakayama Prefecture, Japan, and is a regular member of Nippon Kaigun Kyokai, as evidenced by membership records found in the possession of ITARU TACHIBANA upon his arrest June 7, 1941, at Los Angeles. These records were seized by virtue of a search warrant issued by the United States Commissioner for the Southern District of California. This information was reflected in Los Angeles file #65-1322, entitled ITARU TACHIBANA, with aliases, ET AL, Exhibits 1, 1A, 2, 3, 5-1A.</p>												
<p>Further proof of Subject's membership in the Nippon Kaigun Kyokai is contained in serial 207 of Los Angeles file #65-449, which reveals that Subject is a regular member of Nippon Kaigun Kyokai and a native of Wakayama Prefecture, Japan. This was in a report from Confidential National Defense Informant L.A. 10-2, dated August 8, 1941.</p> <p>The Nippon Kaigun Kyokai is an organization of 202,287 people with headquarters in Tokyo, Japan. The list of members of the Los Angeles office of the organization is found in the effects of ITARU TACHIBANA, Commander of the Imperial Japanese Navy, who on June 8, 1941, confessed to A. D. HERRI and A. P. LE GRAND, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, his part in a conspiracy to obtain Navy secrets from Honolulu, Hawaii.</p> <p>Booklets setting forth the regulations of the organization were found in the possession of TACHIBANA and indicate that one task of the Nippon Kaigun Kyokai is the establishment of investigative agencies for study and research of domestic and foreign navies, marine transports, and other maritime matters. This information is reflected in Exhibit 36-6A of Los Angeles file #65-1322, entitled ITARU TACHIBANA, with aliases, ET AL.</p> <p>Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. J. HOLMES at Los Angeles, dated August 26, 1941, entitled DR. TAKASHI FURUSAWA, with aliases, ET AL, Los Angeles file #65-449-200. This report sets forth the residence, occupation, citizenship, personal data, background, and criminal records of the members of the Nippon Kaigun Kyokai, which information was obtained from the following sources: Japanese and Los Angeles City Directories, files of the Los Angeles Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Confidential National Defense Informant L.A. 10-2, Los Angeles and San Pedro offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Contact A, and the Identification Divisions of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office.</p> <p>On page 269 of the above mentioned report the following information relating to Subject is set forth:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>DESCRIPTION:</td> <td>Name</td> <td>GENGORO TONAI</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Residence</td> <td>925 West 24th St. San Pedro, California</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Birthplace</td> <td>Wakayama Prefecture, Japan</td> </tr> </table> <p>ORGANIZATION: Regular member of Nippon Kaigun Kyokai</p> <p>LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPT.: Search of the files regarding Subject proved negative.</p> <p>LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Search of files proved negative.</p>				DESCRIPTION:	Name	GENGORO TONAI		Residence	925 West 24th St. San Pedro, California		Birthplace	Wakayama Prefecture, Japan
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CLUE #3

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Clue 3

TONAI, GENGORO, wa (Alien)
Gengoro, Tonai

452 West 17th St. (Res.)
or 935 -24th St.
San Pedro, California (11/17/41.)

Born in Wakayama Prefecture Japan. Is a regular member of Nippon Kaigun Kyokai (Japanese Naval Ass'n.) (Exhibits 1, 1a, 2, 3, 5-1a, -membership lists contained in L. A. File 65-1322; 6/7/41; 100-40123-1.) (See following paragraph)

The Nippon Kaigun Kyokai (The Japanese Navy Association) has headquarters in Tokyo, Japan. Organized branches extend throughout Japan and Asia, and the North American Branch is located at Los Angeles, California. Objects are the dissemination of knowledge concerning navies, and the contribution to the development of Japanese naval strength. Investigative agencies for study and research in domestic and foreign navies and maritime transportation have been established. Branch organizations will, when necessary, furnish assistance to the Navy and perform other tasks necessary for the carrying out of the objects of the organization.

It appears from the records that members of the North American Branch of the Japanese Navy Association have been, in fact, working in collaboration with the language officers of the Imperial Japanese Navy to support the expansion

TONAI, GENGORO, wa -1a-

of Japanese naval power. (Records of North American Branch of the Nippon Kaigun Kyokai (Japanese Naval Association) obtained by a search under power of warrant of Olympic Hotel, Los Angeles, on 6/7/41, room belonging to Commander Iitaru Tachibana of the Imperial Japanese Navy; 65-4246-25, 28.) *CSH*

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CLUE #5 (#4 HAS BEEN MOVED BACK)

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Clue 5

AFFIDAVIT

I, **TOYONE TONAI**, wife of **GENGORO TONAI**, duly sworn and deposes, says:

That **GENGORO TONAI** was born in Wakayama-ken, Japan in 1888. That he came to the United States in 1906 at the age of eighteen and went to Burlingame, Washington. There he worked in a restaurant and attended night school during the evenings. On Sundays he attended a Christian church and was affiliated with the Y. M. C. A. in that city. Four years later he received a letter stating that his father was critically ill in Japan and requesting that he return to Japan at once. However, en route to Japan he received the sad news of his father's decease. After probating the estate of his father and while making arrangements to return to this country, he was drafted by compulsory military training in Japan and served for three years. During the World War in the year 1914 he returned to America and again went to Burlingame. Soon thereafter he came to Terminal Island and went into the fishing business by buying a boat. While World War I was still in progress he bought several Liberty Bonds and willingly donated to the Red Cross. Again in 1920 at the age of 32 he went to Japan to be married to Miss Toyone Otsubo and immediately returned to this country. Having worked industriously and saved his money, he accumulated sufficient funds to start operation of a retail fruit and vegetable business with Mr. T. Shintani. Again in 1934, he received the news of the critical illness of his mother in Japan, and he with the affiant and their five children, all of whom are American citizens, visited Japan to aid his sick mother.

Affiant is sure that her husband has been loyal to this country and that he would never do any act which would be in any way detrimental to the best interests of the United States. While in business, he contributed unselfishly to many philanthropical and charitable organizations. Most of his efforts have been spent in providing for the welfare of his family of five children.

Affiant asks that the Board carefully weigh the case of Gengoro TONAI and that he be given the utmost consideration.

Toyone TONAI
Affiant

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

At this day of Jan 23 1942, 1942, before me,
M. H. [Signature] a Notary Public in and for the said
County and State, personally appeared Toyone TONAI, known to me to
be the person whose name is subscribed to the within Instrument,
and acknowledged that she executed the same.

FITZSIMMONS STORES, Ltd.
Nationally Known Groceries for Less
1449 West Washington Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

January 20, 1942

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I have known Gengoro TONAI since 1929.

I know Gengoro TONAI to be a good honest and reputable resident of this Country.

In my many business dealings with him, I have always found him to be perfectly honest, straight forward and trustworthy.

I have no reason to doubt his loyalty to the United States from anything that has transpired during our period of association lasting over the past twelve years.

Very truly yours,
Ray M. G. Train
R. M. G. Train

RMS:mf

Jan. 17 - 19 42

To Whom this may concern -

I have known Mr. TONAI this passed year. They have been our neighbors, living next door to us. I have found Mr. TONAI and family to be exceptionally good neighbors. We have never had cause to doubt their being good Americans.

Mrs. Mae M. [Signature]

U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service
RECEIVED
JAN 25 1942
Fort Missoula, Montana

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GENGORO TONAI'S STATUS

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BASIC PERSONNEL RECORD
(Alien Enemy or Prisoner of War)

ISN-24-4-J-91-C1
(Intersect serial number)

TONAL, Genoro
(Name of interest)

Male
(Sex)

Height 2 ft. 4 1/2 in.
Weight 121
Eyes Brown
Skin Yellow
Hair Gray
Age 54

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS TAKEN FROM INTEREST

1. *Handwritten: 1. 1944 - 1945*
2. *Handwritten: 2. 1946 - 1947*
3. *Handwritten: 3. 1948 - 1949*
4. *Handwritten: 4. 1950 - 1951*
5. *Handwritten: 5. 1952 - 1953*
6. *Handwritten: 6. 1954 - 1955*
7. *Handwritten: 7. 1956 - 1957*
8. *Handwritten: 8. 1958 - 1959*
9. *Handwritten: 9. 1960 - 1961*
10. *Handwritten: 10. 1962 - 1963*

Distinguishing marks or characteristics:
Pit scar left forehead

Fort Missoula, Montana
(Date and place where processed (Army enclosure, naval station, or other photo))

Right Hand
1. Thumb
2. Index finger
3. Middle finger
4. Ring finger
5. Little finger

Left Hand
6. Thumb
7. Index finger
8. Middle finger
9. Ring finger
10. Little finger

W. D., P. M. G. Form No. 2
December 7, 1941

F. P. C. * 7517116
Reference * 51701

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1. (Grade and arm or service)
2. (Hostile unit or vessel)
3. (Hostile serial number)
4. March 27, 1887 - Japan
(Date and country of birth)
5. 3133 - W. 27th St., Los Angeles, Calif.
(Place of permanent residence)
6. Toyone Otsubo - Wife
(Name, relationship of nearest relative)
7. 3133 W. 27th St., Los Angeles, Calif.
(Address of above)
8. 4 - wife and 3 children
(Number of dependents and relationship)
9. 3133 W. 27th St., Los Angeles, Calif.
(Address of above)

ADDITIONAL DATA:

10. December 7, 1941
(Date of capture or arrest)
11. Los Angeles, Calif.
(Place of capture or arrest)
12. Los Angeles Police Department
(Unit or vessel making capture or conveying prisoner)
13. Retailer of fruits and vegetables X-04
(Occupation)
14. 8 years in Japan
(Education)
15. English and Japanese
(Knowledge of languages)
16. Good
(Physical condition at time of capture or arrest)
17. Married
(Married or single)
18. (Religious preference)

Transferred from	Date attached	Transferred to	Date received	Official signature of receiving officer	Personal effects not transferred
Fort Missoula, Montana	4/11/42	pt. 517, Okla	4/10/42	<i>Raymond [Signature]</i>	
		Comp. 517, Okla	5-29-42	<i>[Signature]</i>	

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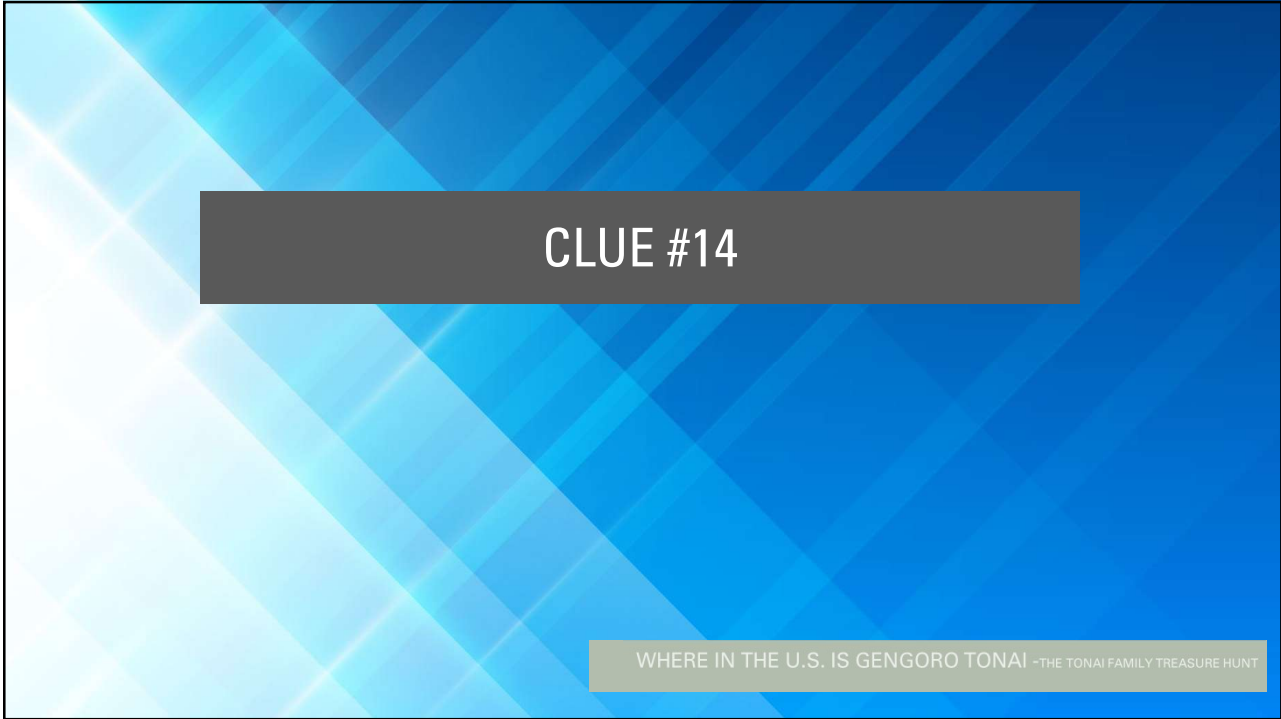
* If no relative, nearest person to be notified in case of emergency.
* If personal effects taken from individual are not transferred, give quantities and place of storage or deposit.

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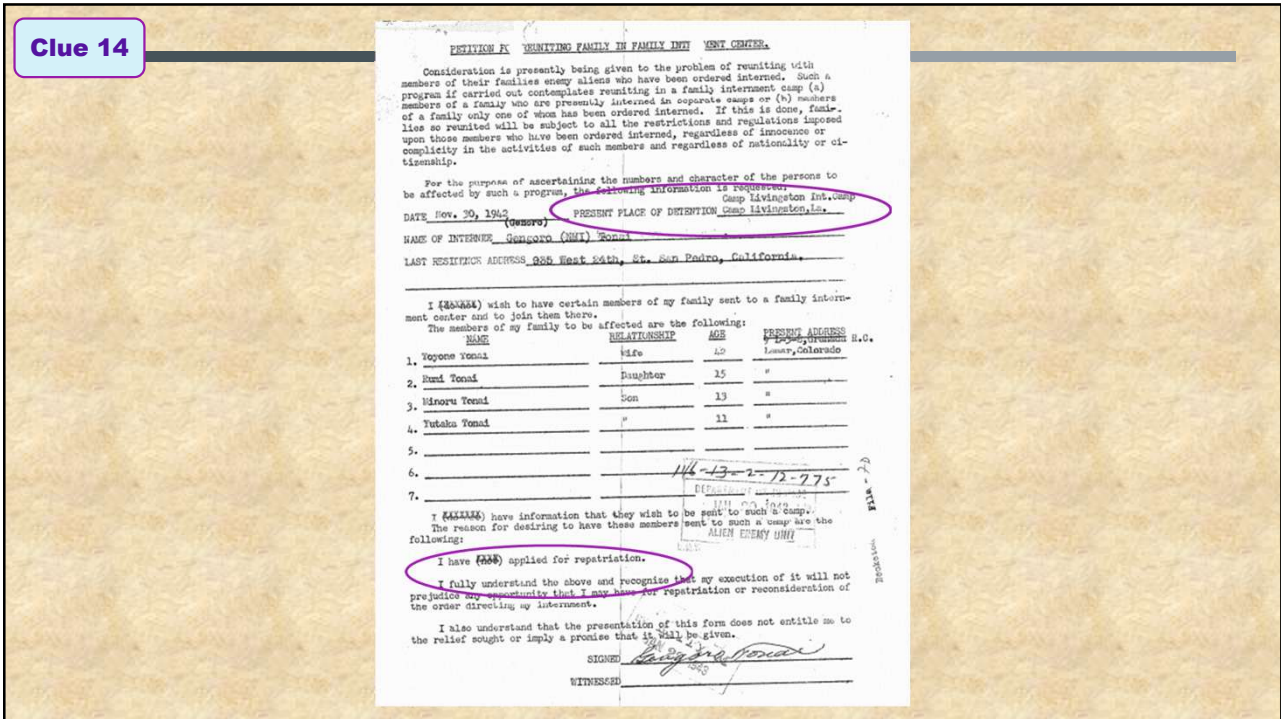
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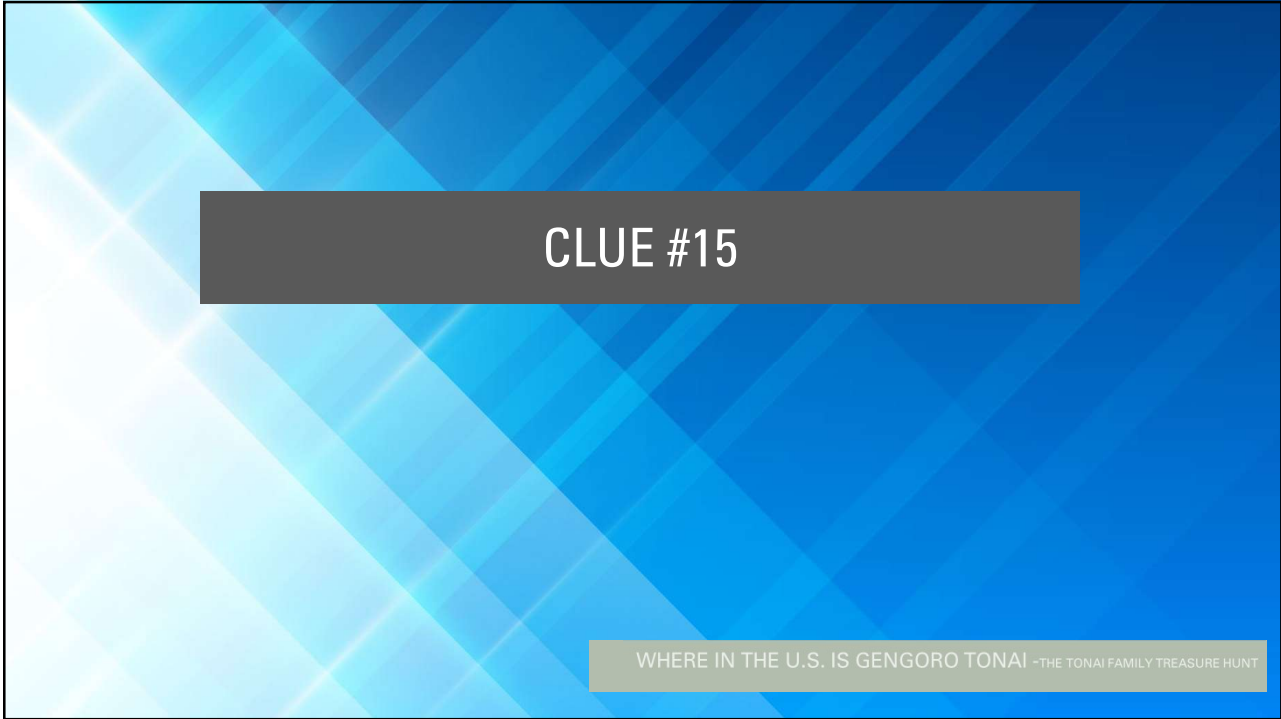
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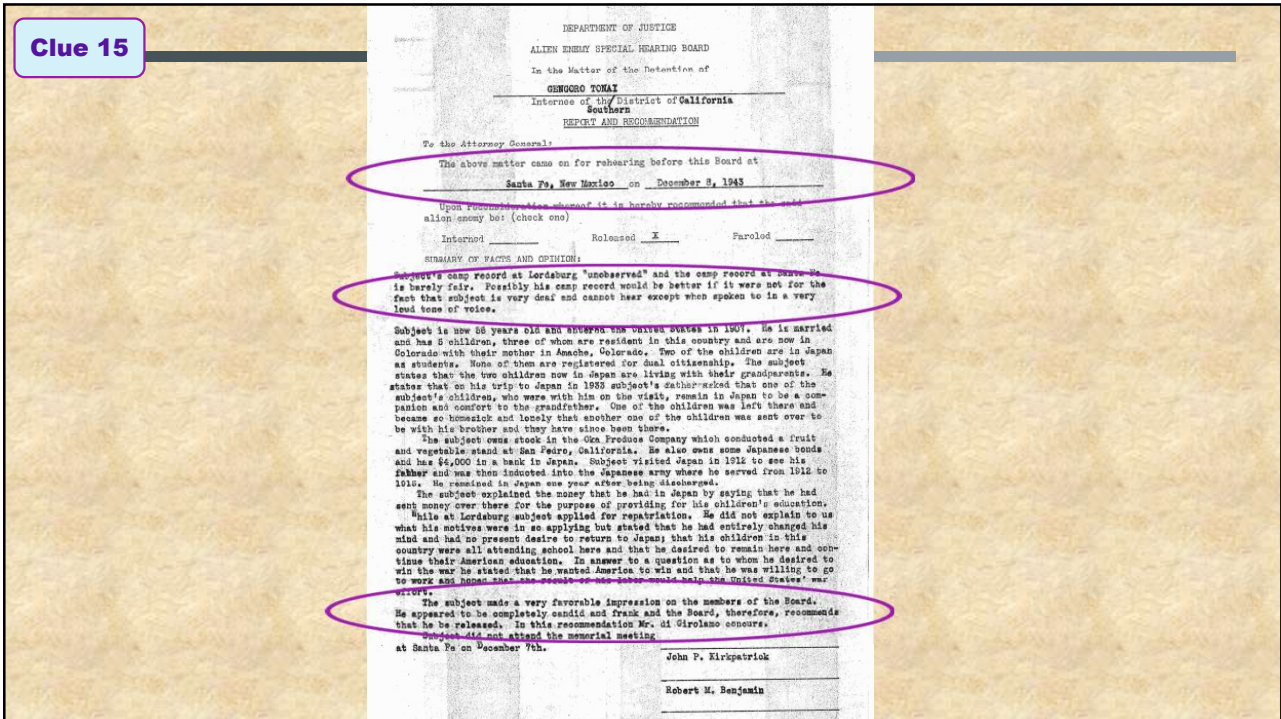
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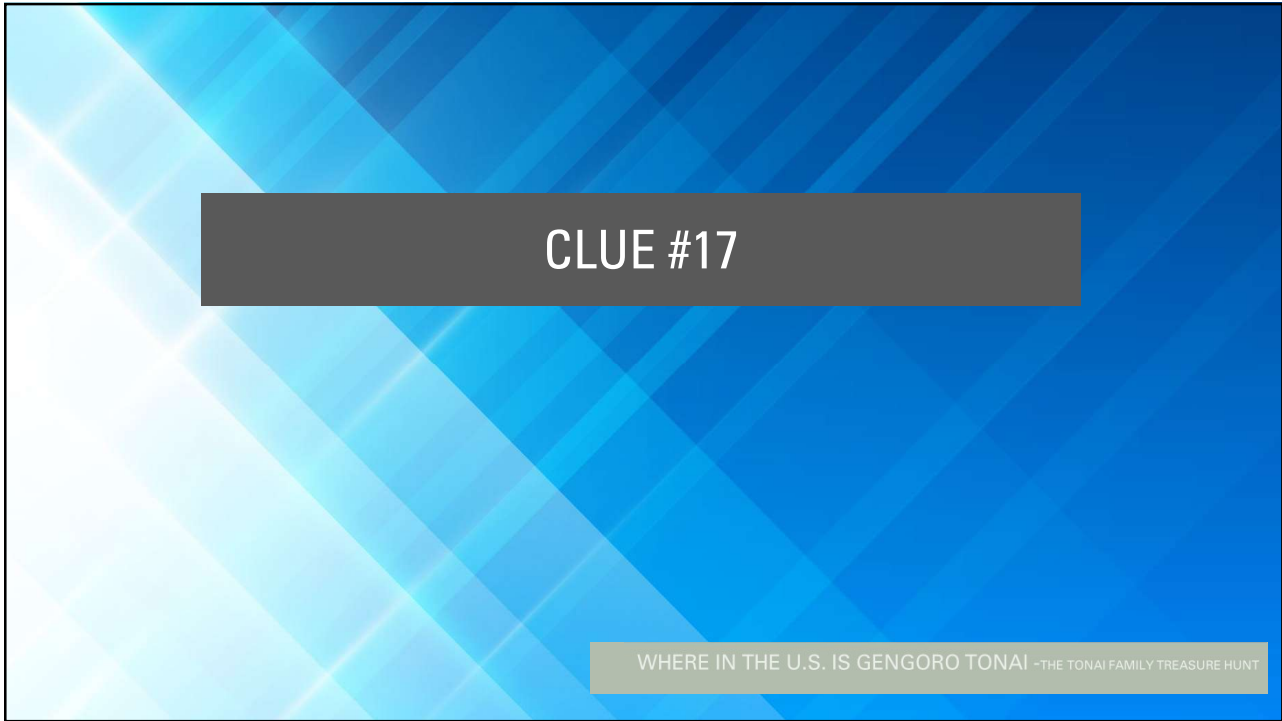
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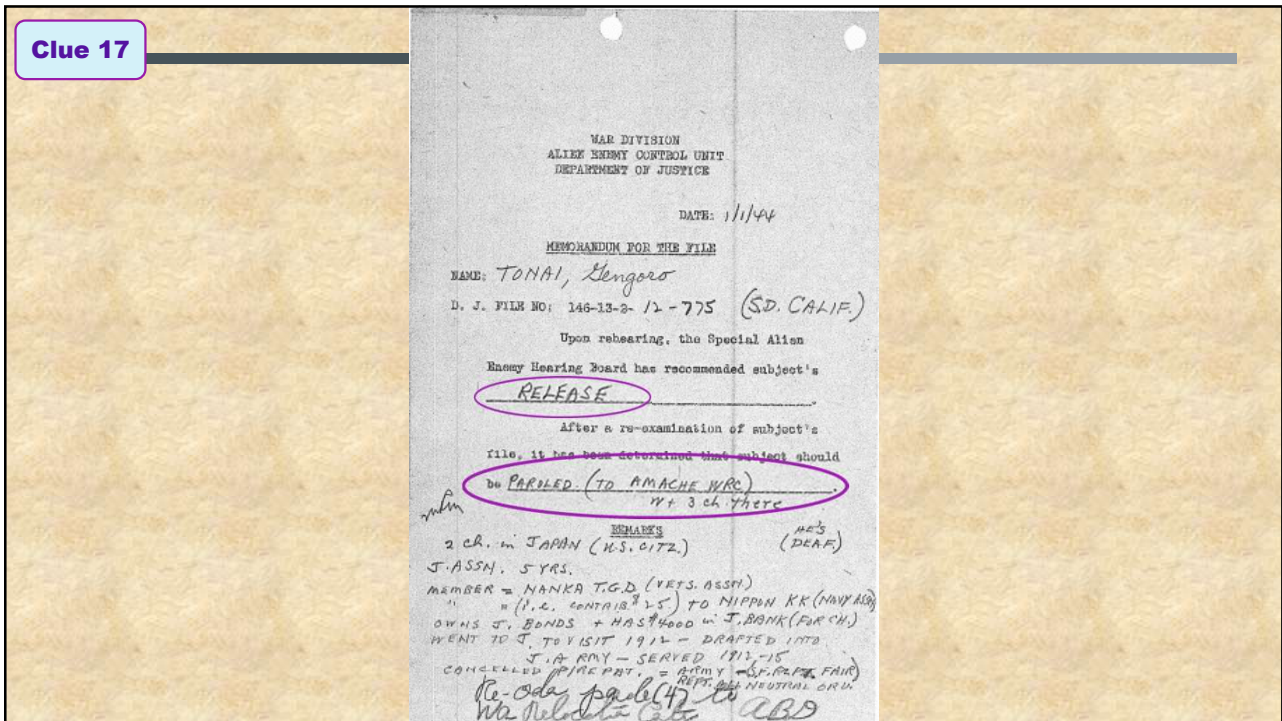


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Clue 17

WAR DIVISION
ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL UNIT
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DATE: 1/1/44

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

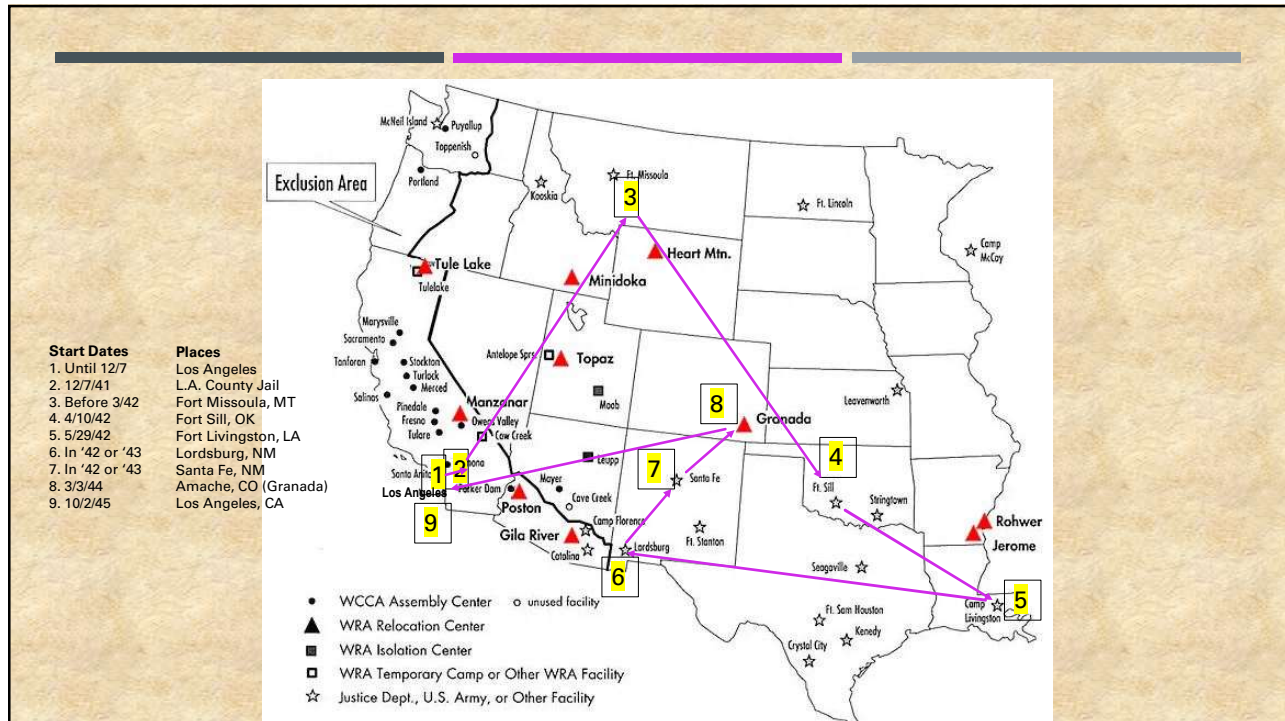
NAME: TONAI, Gengoro
D. J. FILE NO: 146-13-2- 12-775 (SD. CALIF.)

Upon rehearing, the Special Alien Enemy Hearing Board has recommended subject's RELEASE

After a re-examination of subject's file, it has been determined that subject should be PAROLED (TO AMACHE WRC) w/ 3 ch. there

REMARKS (DEAF)
 2 ch. in JAPAN (W.S. DITZ)
 J. ASSN. 5 YRS.
 MEMBER = NANKA T.G.D (VETS. ASSN)
 " = (I.C. CONTRA 25) TO NIPPON KK (NAVY ASSN)
 OWNS J. BONDS + HAS \$4000 in J. BANK (FOR CH.)
 WENT TO J. TO VISIT 1914 - DRAFTED INTO
 J. IN ARMY - SERVED 1913-15
 CONCEALED W/ REPR. = ARMY - W/ REPR. FAIR
 RE-ODD PROB (4) to 269
 W.S. DITZ

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ALL THE ATTENDEES! FAMILY GROUP PHOTO!



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This is the Tonai Family Tree (a little more like ground cover). We descend from Teisuke and Yuki Komatsubara Tonai. Yuki was adopted by the Tonai family to carry on the family name and Teisuke became a Tonai in the Japanese tradition of Yo-shi where the man takes the women's surname to continue the family name. Gengoro was the first male heir in generations. You'll be able to see the family in more detail as we explore the branches.




This is part of an amazing slide show showing how all the Tonais are related by cousin Teresa Tonai

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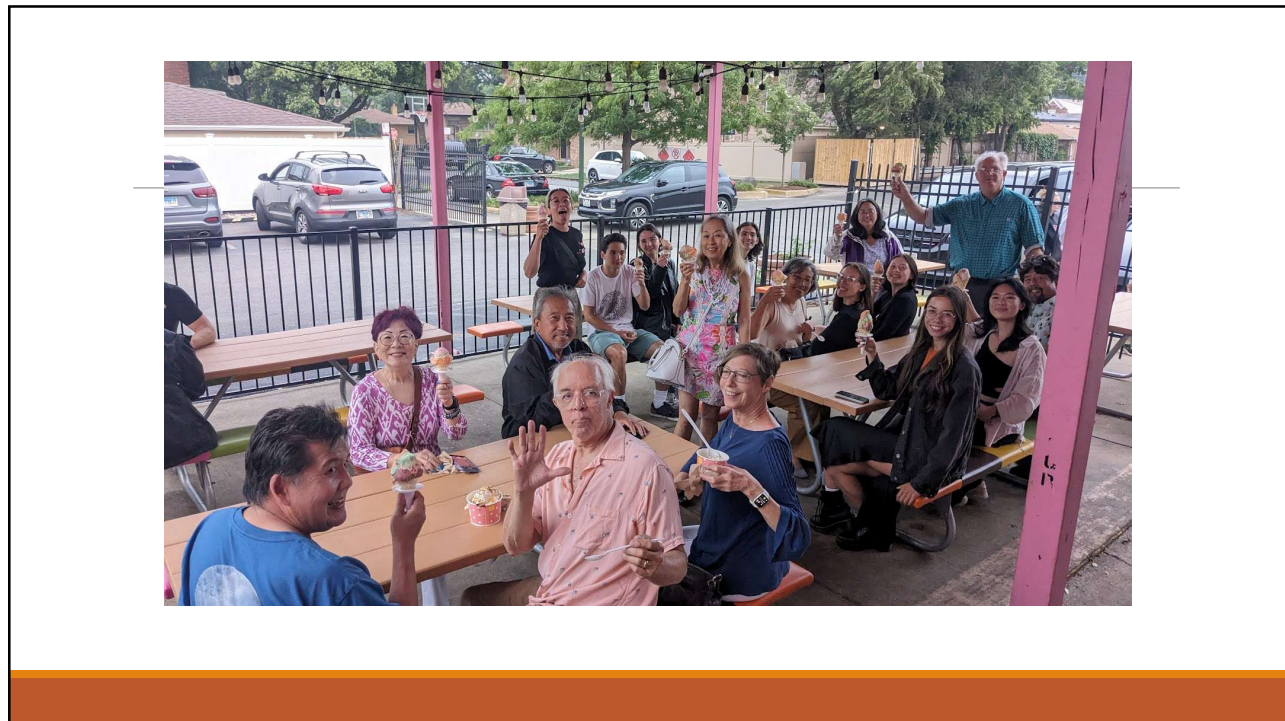
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藤内 源五郎	和歌山縣牟婁郡江住村	農産商	9L-3E	57	935 W. 24th St. San Pedro, Calif.
Tonai, Gengoro	妻 Tomone, Rumi, Minoru, Yutaka				
寅川 順	廣嶋縣安佐郡飯室村	農	12F-5A	22	Sebastopol, Calif.
Torakawa, Sunao					
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Tonai "A-files" found




Through the Freedom of Information Act, we have been able to obtain the wartime files for Genjuro Tonal. A produce merchant in San Pedro, California, he was arrested by the FBI on December 7, 1941. The files show an odyssey throughout Department of Justice camps throughout the American west and his only "crime" appeared to have been a donation to an organization that supported Japanese maritime causes. Despite this harsh treatment, Mr. Tonal became a naturalized citizen in 1955. More details to follow.

Ouyang family roots




On November 8, 1905, Hoon Ouyang (later also known as Ouyang Koon Cheung when he got married) disembarked from the SS Empress of China in Vancouver, BC. He took

Celebrating 100 years of the Din family in the United States on August 15, 2012!



One hundred years ago, Gong Bow Oun or his family bought papers of a man named Ow Luen in order to come to the United States. Unlike other immigrant groups, Chinese immigrants were restricted by a law called the Chinese Exclusion Act, which was in effect from 1882 to 1943. In June 2012, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in expressing "regret" for this discriminatory legislation.

Ow Luen came over from China on the SS Manchuria, which docked in San Francisco on August 15, 1912. He was questioned by government officials and detained on Angel Island for three weeks. Finally receiving his Certificate of Identity on September 7, 1912, allowing him to remain in the United States. Like many Chinese immigrants trying to come over during the Chinese Exclusion Acts, he came over as a son of a native born American citizen, which if true would mean he was immigrating legally. In reality, he was a "paper son," claiming he was the son of a US native. To see his immigration papers, scanned from the US National Archives, visit



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Words of inspiration

- Talk to relatives, even if they aren't on your direct lines
- Find relatives who are interested in family history and share information and trips
- Find groups that research in the same areas as you
- Use reunions to share and learn, both in-person and online
- Don't give up!

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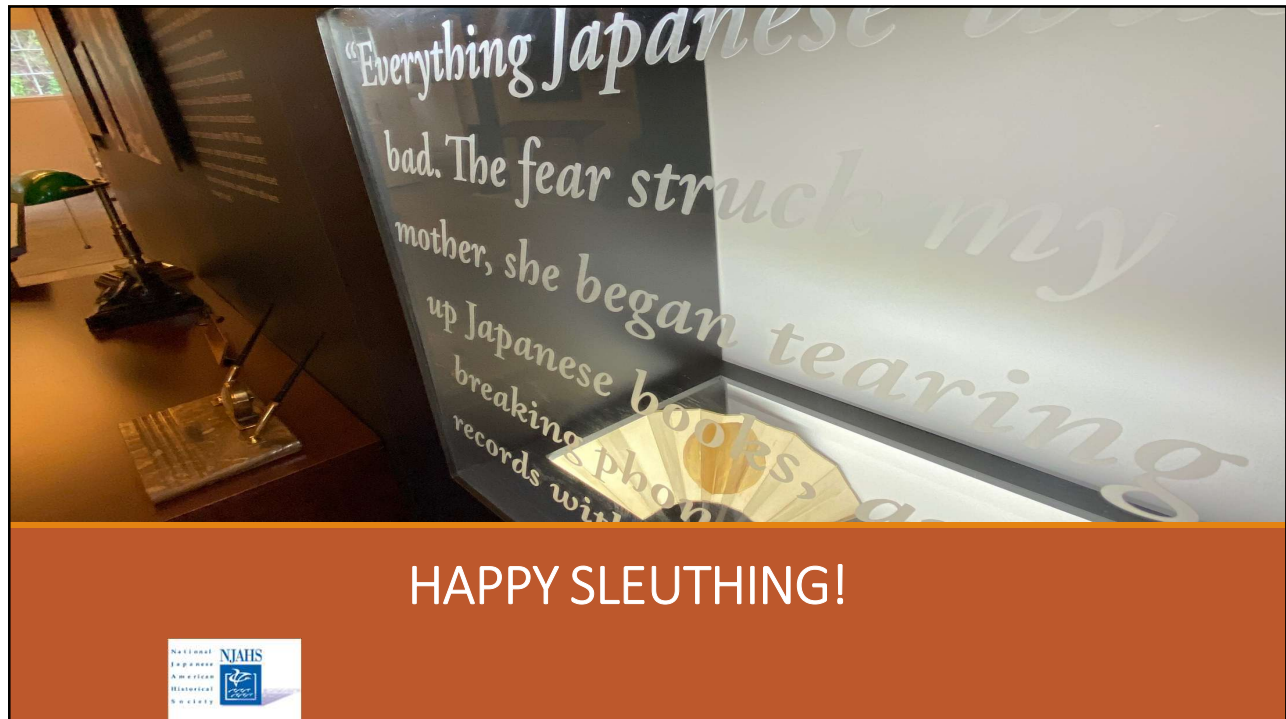
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