

Finding Aid

to

**Kauai WW II Morale Committee and Internment
1942-1945**

Kauai Historical Society

Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii

MS 69

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Title: Kauai World War II Morale Committee and Kauai WW II Internment

Extent: 0.5 linear feet (4 white binders)

Abstract:

This collection was compiled by Roy Miyake and consists of two parts, both having to do with Kauai during WW II. A folder on the Morale Committee includes posters and handwritten or typed statements used in an exhibit for the Kauai Museum in 2009. The Kauai Morale Committee was the chief liaison of the army with the Japanese community. The remaining three folders have to do with the detainment and interment of Kauai residents of Japanese ancestry during the war. Records of individuals, their professions, family members, and their internment locales are included.

Acquisition information: These records came to the historical society October 18, 2016. They were donated and compiled by Roy Miyake.

Access restrictions: There are no restrictions on these records.

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History:

In Oct. 1941 the US government declared Martial Law in Hawaii. In general all Hawaii residents were subjected to blackouts and gasoline and food rationing. Moreover, residents of Japanese ancestry, whose loyalty were questioned, were subjected to suspicion and scrutiny and were under the threat of internment. Japanese culture was dismantled; language schools, religious institutions, and business and social associations were closed. These records, compiled by Roy Miyake describe actions taken by the US Government on Kauai during the years 1941-1946. The Kauai Morale Committee of WWII served as the army's liaison with the Japanese community on Kauai. The goal of the committee was to alleviate fear and misunderstanding among the Japanese citizenry and to direct efforts toward the war effort and victory. Roy Miyake's grandfather was one of the founding members of the Kauai Morale Committee. These Kauai Morale Committee records were used as part of a 2009 exhibit "Nisei in Hawaii." Later Mr. Miyake undertook a larger project to identify those who had been detained and interred during the war years. The records detail names, families, reasons for detainment, internment sites, and movements following internment.

Scope and Content:

These documents are contained in 4 binders; one on the Kauai Morale Committee) and 3 on detainment and internment of Kauai residents in WWII. The first folder (#1) contains posters that were used in an exhibit (the Kauai Morale Committee) along with handwritten and typed notes. The three folders:

#2 Kauai Museum WWII Detainment/Internment Research Project;

#3 Kauai Museum WWII Kauai Internment Project, Content

1. Notes about project
2. Summary of Final Report (updated to 2/15/15)
3. Statistical Summary (updated to 2/15/15)
4. Master File (updated 3/1/12, 2/15/15)

#4 Kauai Issei Internees at DOJ Internment Camp, Santa Fe, NM, June 1943-Dec. 1945, Kauai Museum Photo ID Project.

These albums include photos, newspaper clippings, and lists of those who were detained and/or interred during WWII. The compiler sought to identify detainees by exhibiting their photos at various events on Kauai (O-bon festivals, etc.).

Related Materials:

Klass, Tim. *World War II on Kauai*, 1970.

World War II on Kauai Research & Working Papers, Tim Klass, MS 67

The Kauai Papers, v. 2, Book 8, "The OCD on Kauai During World War II," Charles J. Fern.

Container List

Binder #1

Title: The Kauai Morale Committee of World War II, Guest Curator Roy Miyake, A Kauai Museum Exhibit March 16-October 9, 2009

Contents:

Kauai Morale Committee: How this story evolved – the way things happen!! By Roy Miyake

[Poster #1]: Kauai Under Martial Law

Document: Speech Excerpt: By Mr. Kahei Otani to the Kauai Morale Committee. Yokohama Chamber of Commerce (1914) from the book, “Hawaii – End of the Rainbows” by Kazuo Miyamoto.

[Poster #2]: The Kauai Morale Committee: statements by Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, July 1944; Excerpt of a letter received by Hung Wai Ching, 1944, from an AJA soldier before he went into battle. Read at the Third Territorial Conference of the Morale & Emergency Service Committee, March 24-26-1945.

Handwritten Statement referring to the Summerall Report of 1923.

[Poster # 3]: Contributions to the War Time Prejudices; Life before WWII on Hawaii’s Plantations

[Poster #4]: Nisei – American Citizens, Scrapbook 1938-41; Family; School & Friends.

Handwritten statements re: Ni’ihau Incident

[Poster #5]: The Battle of Niihau: The Niihau Incident; A First Hand Account by Coast Guardsman George Larsen.

[Poster #6]: Kauai Under Martial Law: Military Takeover; Harsh conditions for residents; For Japanese Aliens and Citizens of Japanese Descent; Detainment Hearings.

Newspaper excerpt: Jukichi Senda: description of his internment at Kalaheo.

Handwritten statement re: Isuke Horikawa, from the book, “Detainment: One Man’s Story.”

Typed Statement: The Kauai WWII Internment Story – from 1929 – 1944. No references.

Statement: Proposed Change of Original “Mass Internment,” numbers detained. Credits Robert L. Shivers, Special Agent in charge of the FBI in Honolulu, with preventing mass internment of Japanese in Hawaii during WWII.

[Poster # 7]: Detainment: One Man’s Story; Mass Internment.

Statement: RE: 100th Battalion & 442nd Infantry Regiment, with an excerpt from a letter written by an AJA soldier before he went into battle and received by Hung Wai Ching in 1944.

[Poster #8]: AJAs In the Army: The Territory of Hawaii; The Draft; A Special Problem; 100th Battalion & 442 Infantry Regiment.

[Poster #9]: Citizen War Efforts on Kauai: Kauai Office of Civilian Defense (OCD);

[Poster #10]: The Kauai Election of 1942; Politics Kauai-Style; epilogue.

Statement: Kauai Morale Committee: Women's Auxilliary, 10/03/1942:

[Poster #11]: Organization of Kauai's Civilian War Efforts; Kauai Civilian Defense, Dec. 1941; Kauai Morale Committee, March 1942.

[Poster #12]: Kauai Morale Committee Formation: Morale work in the Hawaii's Japanese Community, August 1939 – June 1944; Kauai Morale Committee (KMC): May 1942.

Statement: Family Survey: Kauai Kiawe Commando Korps: Work involved the cutting of Kiawe (mesquite) trees along the shoreline, runways, military encampments. Lists dates and man days.

[Poster #13]: Activities of the Kauai Morale Committee: Survey of Japanese Community on Kauai.

Statement: KMC Organization; Notes on "Voluntary Enlistments"; Correction; Recruitment of Interpreters.

[Poster #14]: The KMC Organization: Family Survey; Kauai Kiawe Korps: Education Work; Financial Contributions; War Loan Drives; Blood Donors; Detainees' Welfare; Poster Distribution; Service Flag Rallies; Veterans Assistance; Liquidation; Voluntary Enlistment.

[Poster #15]: End of the Pacific War: Surrender of Japan, Tokyo Bay, 2 September 1945; Job Unfinished on Kauai;

Statement: "My Grandfather, the Renaissance Man" by Neal Miyake, 2 pages, RE: Noboru Miyake.

Bibliography

Items in pocket in back of Binder:

- Sensuikan: Imperial Japanese Navy: Submarine J-3 (Shiplog)
- Letter: from Roy Miyake to Chris (Faye?)
- Suggestion for Exhibits Display

Binder #2

Title: Kauai Museum WWII Detainment/Internment Research Project, Roy Miyake

Contents:

Items in front pocket of binder:

- Memo to Kauai Morale Committee from Asano Togioka
- National Archives Archival Database
- Instructions on how to use the index to the WWII Alien Enemy Detention and Internment Case Files.
- Handwritten Index
- Copy of Deed of Gift Form from Roy Miyake to Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, on March 24, 2012. Item donated: 1 Booklet Kauai Internees data.

[Page 1]: Excerpt of a Speech by Kahei Otani , Yokohama Chamber of Commerce, to a group of Hawai'i Nisei, in 1913. He describes citizenship.

[Page 2, 3, 4, 5]: Notes to Myself (for future reference)

[Page 6]: Definitions/Sources for the number of Hawai'i people impacted by internment.

[Page 7]: Kauai Museum WWII Kauai Internment Project: Background for establishing Internment Project.

[Pages 8, 9, 10]: The Kauai WWII Internment Story.

[Page 11]: Summary by Location and Generation of Kaua'i Internees/Dependents.

[Page 12, 13, 14, 15, 16: Kauai Japanese-American Internees and Dependents: by Last name, First name, MI, Relocation Project, Assembly Center, Last Permanent Address, Individual #, Year of Birth.

[Page 17]: Key to Abbreviations: Hawaii Military Gov't; WAR Relocation Ctrs (Dept. of Interior); Internment Camps (DOJ); Other Info; References; Birthplace; Generation; Immigration Year (to Hawai'i)' Return to Hono(lulu? could be Honouliuli) from Camp.

[Pages 18, 19, 20]: Revised pg. 1 of 3: Notes/References; Revised pg. 2 of 3: Groups, Places, Dates; Revised pg. 3 of 3: War Relocation Centers (Dept. of Interior); Internment Camps (DOJ); Hawaii Detention Camps (HI Military Govt.)

[Page 21]: DOJ Internee Shipments by Group, Place, Date.

[Page 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33]: Kauai Detainees, Internees of Japanese Ancestry Held During WWII by Name, Dependent, Locations, ID #, Last Residence, Occupation, Birth Place, Year, Generation, Immigrate Year, Return to Hono(lulu? Could be Honouliuli) Reference.

[Page 34]: Kauai DOJ (65 Issei/3 Nisei) Occupations.

[Pages 35, 36]: Kauai Nisei Occupations: 33 to WRC (25 Nisei-Kibei, 2 Issei, 6 Nisei (Mainland), Kauai Honouliuli (5 Nisei, 2 Issei 2 Nisei-Kibei)

[Pages 37, 38, 39, 40, 41]: Major Information Sources.

[Pages 42, 43]: Descriptions of: Sand Island/Honouliuli; Wailua Jail; Kalaheo Stockade.

[Pages 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49]: Letters Re Internment Camp inspections to Col. Erik de Laval, Counselor, Legation of Sweden, Washington, D.C., from Gustaf ? Olson, Vice-Consul. Letter #1 dated 19 June 1943, includes a list of Prisoners of War at the Honouliuli, Oahu, Internment Camp Letter #2 dated 23 September 1943.

[Pages 50, 51, 52, 53, 54]: Revue Internationale de la Croix-Rouge, in French, dated June 29, 1943, re inspections of camps in Hawaii: Sand Island, Hilo, O'ahu, Makaweli, Maui, Kaleo, Kauai, during September, 1942.

[Page 55]: Notes (3-16-2011) re: Detainees of the Waimea Jail. Others were listed on the Kauai Custodial Detention List and were residents of the Waimea district. Detainees of the Lihue Plantation Gym. His story is described on pg. 72 of "Gambare" by Saiki. His is the only known account of someone held at the gym.

[Page 56]: The Loyalty Question.

[Page 57, 58, 59]: The Loyalty Questionnaire.

[Page 60]: Interned Christian Ministers (from JCCH files)

[Pages 61, 62, 63]: Thoughts on Appropriate Terminology.

[Page 64 – 107]: Notes Pertaining to Selected Kauai Internees

[Pages 108 -112]: Notes: Add to Master File: 4 pages

[Page 113]: Notes: Follow up on B. Young (JCCH) conversation w/ Baker Taniguchi on 3/2/13

[Page 114]: Timeline: Kauai WWII Timeline: Nov. 1941 – Dec. 1945

Binder #3

Title: Kauai Museum, WWII Kauai Internment Project

Contents:

[Page 1]: Kauai WWII Internment Story. Notes on Starting Project – March 2012

[Page 2]: Kauai WWII Internment Story. Notes on Development of a “Custodial Detention List” – 2/15/15 – 2 pages

[Page 4]: Statistical Summary by Location

[Page 5]: Kauai Summary by Generation/Location

[Page 6]: DOJ Internee Shipments

[Page 7]: Summary Notes by Location/Generation: 6/1/14, 1/27/15m 2/3/15, 5 pages.

[Page 13]: Notes: Additions to Master File:

Born Kauai – on Mainland at detainment – Sent to WRC

Born Kauai – Held Kalaheo – Released

Dependent of Internee

[Page 14]: Notes: Totals by Generation.

[Page 15/16]: Additions since 3/1/12, Updated 2/3/15 :

[Page 17]: Internment Master File, Updated 2/3/15

[Page 18]: Notes on a family detained in Manzanar, CA.

[Page 19 - 29]: Listing by Name, Dependent, Locations, ID #, Last Residence, Occupation, Birth Place, Year Generation, Immigrate Year, Return to Hono(ululi?) Reference, and notes.

Items in Back of Binder:

- Figures Update 2/15/15 Internment Experience Stop plus 6 blank pages)
- National Crchives, Archival Database (WRC Internees)
- Note: Check: Okinishi, Toshio *No record in archives
- Note: Internment Camps
- Note: Richard Kingo Suenaka, Winston Ogata – 9/2/13 – No record found in Archives group 210.

Binder #4

Title: Kauai Issei Internees at DOJ Internment Camp, Santa Fe, NM June 1943-Dec. 1945, Photo ID Project

Contents:

[Page 1]: Loose in front of binder: Project Notes: 3/24/2015: Met with Elsie Ishida, Summarized results of Internment Project.

[Page 2/3]: Beginning/Ending the Project: Roy Miyake/Chris Faye, 3/2015

[Page 4/5/6]: Handwritten notes which are Summarized in Beginning/Ending the Project.

[Page 7/8/9]: More notes on putting the Project together – 15 August 2013

[Page 10]: Listing: PHOTOS #1 - #4, TAKEN AT Santa Fe, NM after 6/43, before 3/44.

[Page 11]: PHOTO #1

[Page 12]: Listing of 14 Identified Kauai Internees

[Page 13]: PHOTO #2

[Page 14]: Listing of 27 Identified Kauai Internees

[Page 15]: PHOTO #3

[Page 16]: 5 Identified Kauai Internees at Santa FE – PHOTO #3:

[Page 17]: PHOTO #4

[Page 18]: 28 Identified Kauai Internees at Santa Fe:

[Page 19-22]: Kauai Issei Internees (62) at Santa Fe:

[Page 23-26]: Alphabetical Listing of Kauai Issei Internees at Santa Fe: (* = Excluded, not at Santa Fe)

[Page 27]: Distribution by Area/Town: Identified, Not in Photo, Unknown

[Page 28]: Copy of Above without additional columns

[Page 29/30]: Copy of Pages 23-26

[Page 31]: Cover Page: Notes From Personal Contacts (May 2015):

[Pages 32-37]: Personal Interviews

[Page 38]: Newspaper Article with photo of Roy Miyake

[Pages 39-44]: Extra copy of Personal Contact Notes – typed

[Pages 45 -55]: Handwritten Copy of Personal Contact Notes in one Sleeve with above

[Pages 56-63]: Listing in Alphabetical Order in columns: Photo #, Picture Number, Person Identified, Home Town, Definite, Looks Like, Identified by, Phone Number/Address, Relationship.

[Pages 64-74]: Worksheets of above – in one sleeve.

[Pages 75-77]: Hawaii Issei “Shipments” to DOJ Internment Camp

[Pages 78 – 83]: Article from New Mexico Office of the State Historian: Japanese-American Internment Camps, by Suzanne Stamatov.

[Page 84]: PHOTO – Shintani, Ishimatsu.

[Page 85]: Copy of Application for License to Marry – Territory of Hawaii – For Shinichi Shintani and Alma Kaninohea Kaaaelani Laeaanui in same sleeve as above.

[Page 85- 90]: PHOTO from ManyMountains.org probably of a poetry group active in Santa Fe and asking for help in identifying those pictured; Copy of above with notes; Letter from Roy Miyake to Brian Minami – Oct. 28, 2013; Letter from Brian Minami to Roy Miyake – Dec. 12, 2013, with copy from Roy Miyake dated Oct. 28,2013.

[Page 91-93]: PHOTO: Not identified in Santa Fe Photos: Reverend Kauai Soto Zen Copy of PHOTOS of: various Reverends. PHOTO: Rev. of Waimea Higashi Hongwanji.

[Page 84-91]: Various photos of individual who have been identified or need to be identified.