



Committee on Resettlement of
Japanese Americans. Minneapolis
Chapter records, 1942-1944.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Application for Private Employment by Relocation Center Resident

Date 9-24-42

Name KIYOMIZU, SHOZO Birth Date 10-1-15 Country of Birth Seattle, Wash.
 Block Number _____ Height 57" Weight 135 Sex male
 Post Office Minidoka 40-12-A Citizen of U.S.? Yes If alien give
 State _____ date of entry into U.S. _____
 Position for which Applying Chemist Social Security No. 536-16-3898
 Do you speak _____ read _____ write _____ English? Draft Status _____
 Do you speak _____ read _____ write _____ Japanese? Marital Status Single

SHOW EDUCATION BELOW---If part time training is included, clearly indicate:

Type of School	Location--city and state, or country if not in USA	From Year	To Year	Kind of Course and Major Subjects	Graduated Yes--No
Elementary	Central	'27	'29		
High	Franklin	'29	'33		
Business or Trade School					
University--- give name	U. of Washington	'34	'41	Chemical Engineering	Degree BS
Other Education or Training	Post Graduate "	'41	'42		
Apprenticeship	Where Served			Trade and Industry	Completed?

List below your regular employment, showing last jobs first. List WRA jobs. Show self-employment and prolonged periods of unemployment.

From	To	Employer's Name, Address	Kind of Business	Your Title and Duties	Wage
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr. 41	Yr. 42	Father		Hotel Clerk	
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				

If you seek work as a domestic, are you experienced as a cook?____, with children?
____, care of grounds?____, serving at table?____, laundress?____, general
housework?____. If you take shorthand, give present speed____ Typing speed____.

List tools you own in business or trade_____.

If you hold a business or professional license, give type, State in which valid and
expiration date_____. List any farm, factory or
office machines which you can operate_____.

_____. List any machines which you can repair or service
_____.

Can you drive an automobile?_____ To what professional, technical or union
organizations do you belong?_____ If you have supervised
other workers, give number and describe your work briefly._____.

_____ Is your health good ___ fair ___ poor ___? List
any physical defects or infirmities you may have _____ None _____

_____. How do these affect your work?_____.

Have you ever been bonded?_____, Ever had bond refused?_____.

Use the space below to describe any special fitness which you may feel that you have
for the particular job for which you are applying_____.

Your signature_____

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the employer as much as you can about your qualifications for the job for which he
is to consider you. The information asked above is the minimum most employers need
to make a decision. A personal letter to accompany this form is desirable but not
entirely necessary. Since in most cases you cannot give the employer the benefit
of a personal interview, make your application as complete as possible. If a small
photograph or snapshot is available, it will be helpful to enclose it. The employer
should not be asked to return such a photograph.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Application for Private Employment by Relocation Center Resident

Date 10-19-42

Name NISHIMURA, MASAO Birth 10-6-17 Country Calif.
 Block Number _____ Height 66" Weight 160 Sex male
 Post Office 28-8-E Minidoka, Idaho Citizen of U.S.? Yes If alien give
 State _____ date of entry into U.S. _____
 Position for which Applying Chemist Social Security No. 537-03-7795
 Do you speak _____ read _____ write _____ English? Draft Status _____
 Do you speak _____ read _____ write _____ Japanese? Marital Status Single

SHOW EDUCATION BELOW---If part time training is included, clearly indicate:

Type of School	Location--city and state, or country if not in USA	From Year	To Year	Kind of Course and Major Subjects	Graduated Yes--No
Elementary	Centrall, Seattle	'22	'30		
High	Franklin, Seattle	'30	'34		
Business or Trade School	U. of Wash. Seattle	'35	'40	Engineering & Chemistry BS Degree	
University--- give name					Degree
Other Education or Training					
Apprenticeship	Where Served			Trade and Industry	Completed?

List below your regular employment, showing last jobs first. List WRA jobs. Show self-employment and prolonged periods of unemployment.

From	To	Employer's Name, Address	Kind of Business	Your Title and Duties	Wage
Mo.	Mo.	Haw' Inlet			
Yr. 35	Yr. 40	False Pass, Alaska	Cannery	canopacker	
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				

If you seek work as a domestic, are you experienced as a cook?____, with children?
____, care of grounds?____, serving at table?____, laundress?____, general
housework?____. If you take shorthand, give present speed____ Typing speed____.

List tools you own in business or trade_____.

If you hold a business or professional license, give type, State in which valid and
expiration date_____. List any farm, factory or
office machines which you can operate_____.

_____. List any machines which you can repair or service
_____.

Can you drive an automobile?_____ To what professional, technical or union
organizations do you belong?_____ If you have supervised
other workers, give number and describe your work briefly._____

_____ Is your health good____ fair____ poor____? List
any physical defects or infirmities you may have Wear glasses-near sighted.
left shoulder slides out of joint
_____. How do these affect your work?_____

Have you ever been bonded?_____ Ever had bond refused?_____

Use the space below to describe any special fitness which you may feel that you have
for the particular job for which you are applying_____

Your signature_____

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photograph or snapshot is available, it will be helpful to enclose it. The employer
should not be asked to return such a photograph.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Application for Private Employment by Relocation Center Resident

Date 10-7-42Name HASHIGUCHI, NASUOBirth Date 1-22-17 Country Seattle,
of Birth Wash

Block Number _____

Height 66" Weight 132 Sex malePost Office 21-3-D MinidokaCitizen of U.S.? yes If alien giveState Puyallup, Wy.

date of entry into U.S. _____

Position for which Applying ChemistrySocial Security No. 532-12-5569

Do you speak _____ read _____ write _____ English?

Draft Status _____

Do you speak _____ read _____ write _____ Japanese?

Marital Status Single

SHOW EDUCATION BELOW---If part time training is included, clearly indicate:

Type of School	Location--city and state, or country if not in USA	From Year	To Year	Kind of Course and Major Subjects	Graduated Yes--No
Elementary	Pacific Grammar School	'23	'31		
High	Broadway High	'31	'35		
Business or Trade School					
University---give name	University of Wash	'38	'41	Chemistry	Degree
Other Education or Training	Speaks English & Japanese				
Apprenticeship	Where Served			Trade and Industry	Completed?

List below your regular employment, showing last jobs first. List WRA jobs. Show self-employment and prolonged periods of unemployment.

From	To	Employer's Name, Address	Kind of Business	Your Title and Duties	Wage
Mo.	Mo.	P. E. Harris			
Yr. 40	Yr. 41	Alaska	Cannery	Cannery Laborer	
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				

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____, care of grounds?____, serving at table?____, laundress?____, general
housework?____. If you take shorthand, give present speed____ Typing speed____.

List tools you own in business or trade_____.

If you hold a business or professional license, give type, State in which valid and
expiration date_____. List any farm, factory or
office machines which you can operate_____.

_____. List any machines which you can repair or service
_____.

Can you drive an automobile?_____ To what professional, technical or union
organizations do you belong?_____ If you have supervised
other workers, give number and describe your work briefly._____

_____ Is your health good____ fair____ poor____? List
any physical defects or infirmities you may have_____ none_____

_____. How do these affect your work?_____

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for the particular job for which you are applying_____

Your signature_____

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photograph or snapshot is available, it will be helpful to enclose it. The employer
should not be asked to return such a photograph.

October 29, 1942

Air-Mail

Employment Division,
War Relocation Authority,
Whitcomb Hotel,
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:

I have been advised by Mr. Howard Davidson of the Minneapolis office of the U. S. Social Security Board to write to you in connection with the employment of a female servant of Japanese nationality, for housework.

I have been informed that under certain conditions, your office will arrange to send us such a person.

Will you please advise me fully?

Very truly yours,

A. N. Phillips
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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE
WHITCOMB HOTEL BUILDING

In reply, please refer to:

Employment

Mr. Arthur N. Phillips, Manager
Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company
538 Northwestern Bank Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

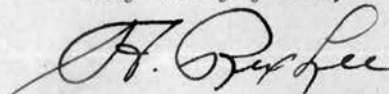
Dear Mr. Phillips:

In reply to your letter of October 29, this Authority does have a policy whereby persons of Japanese ancestry may accept private employment outside the Relocation Centers and restricted Military Areas.

If you are still interested, we would suggest that you write to the Manzanar Relocation Center, Attention of Employment Division, Manzanar, California, making a definite offer of employment, stating the salary, duties, hours, accommodations for board and room, and other pertinent information. That office will then recruit for interested and qualified persons from whom you may make your selection. Usually from three to four weeks are necessary to make the final arrangements.

If you have any more definite questions, we would suggest that when you write to the Manzanar office you also ask them for such additional information as you might desire.

Very truly yours,



H. Rex Lee
Assistant Chief
Employment Division



1315-8

Newell, California

December 2, 1942

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

I am writing to accept the housework job which you have so kindly offered. Mrs. Fletcher had already written to offer one of us a job in her home, and we had replied, but were not decided as to whether Miss Nakagawa or I would be the one to work in her home. However, since your letter has come, I know I would like very much to work for you, and so Miss Nakagawa has written to Mrs. Fletcher, stating definitely that she will accept her job. I have referred your letter to the permit department here, where it is now ready for clearance.

You were very specific as to the nature of the work in your home, for which I am grateful. The whole set-up, -your family, home, references and work, sounds very attractive, and I am looking forward to being a part of your household. Do you live in the City of Minneapolis, or on the outskirts? Your saying that a car line to both city centers runs near your home seems to indicate

that you live between Minneapolis and St. Paul:

You are probably aware that one has to wait several months before he can leave camp. It may be February or March before a permit comes for me, and then again, I can't be sure. As a rule, however, most of the girls I know who have asked to be relocated, have had to wait four months before they were released. The FBI investigates our references and all our papers go through a lot of "red tape" in San Francisco and Washington, D.C., before we hear anything. But you can be sure that I am impatient to leave camp, and would leave tomorrow if it were possible.

Please write again if you would like to know anything more. I shall keep you informed of developments, when and if there are any. Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely yours,
Miyoko Takagi

(copy)

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1315 - B
War Relocation Authority
Newell, California
November 12, 1942

Young Women's Christian Association
Nicollet Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

I am interested in applying for a domestic or typist's job in Minneapolis or St. Paul, and would appreciate keeping my name on file, if there are any such places available.

My friend and I are submitting our applications together and would like to be placed in positions as near to each other, or together, if possible.

I have had several years of experience doing general housework, such as cooking, serving, washing, ironing, and caring for children. This included both part-time and full-time work.

For work references, you may contact the following:

Mrs. Walter R. Hulbush, Burlington, Washington;
Mrs. Kenneth G. Olson, Burlington, Washington;
Mrs. Von Lossow, 853 Gwinn Place, Seattle, Washington.

I have also worked as an NYA typist and general clerk in numerous school offices. My typing speed is sixty-five words a minute. You may refer to the following for my capabilities along such lines:

Mr. A. G. Walker, Vice-Principal, Tri-State High School, Tule Lake Project, Newell, California;
Mrs. Easter Moran, Secretary, Sociology Department, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington;
Professor W. I. Isaacs, Head, Art Department, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

For general character references, please refer to:

Mr. Floyd Wilder, Principal, Tri-State High School, Tule Lake Project, Newell, California;
Mr. Arthur Ramey, Supervisor of Teachers, Tri-State High School, Tule Lake Project, Newell, California;
Mrs. F. E. Tucker, Burlington, Washington, and
Reverend Conrad Rhoads, Colfax Washington.

Young Women's
Christian Association

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November, 12, 1942

I am twenty-four years old, a Japanese-American, was born and reared in this country, and have never been to Japan. I am a college graduate with a B. A. degree in English from the University of Washington. In addition, I have had six months' training in business college. At present I am employed on the Project as a teacher of English at the Tri-State High School.

The lowest starting salary I would consider for housework is forty dollars a month. I would appreciate you referring me to interested parties.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Miyoko Takagi

1315-B
Newell, California
December 23, 1942

Dear Mrs. Stufel:

I should like to thank you for writing again, and offering to look for a secretarial job for me. It's true that I would like that kind of job in preference to housework, although I don't remember mentioning the fact when I first wrote to you. Your saying that it may be possible for me to get such a position has raised new hopes, because I thought it was almost futile to inquire about such opportunities. If you do come across any likely prospects, I certainly would appreciate your putting in my name.

Nothing new has come up about my leaving, but I'm praying every day, that I'll know soon when the permit will come through. Miss Nakagawa is rather worried because she has received no reply from Mrs. Fletcher in regard to the housework job which she had accepted. Her application to leave cannot be cleared until Mrs. Fletcher writes, stating definitely the household duties, and particularly the wage which she can pay.

I know that Miss Nakagawa would appreciate your reminding Mrs. Fletcher, if she hasn't already written. Wouldn't it be too much trouble to talk to her?

I have a friend, now stationed at Camp Savage, who tells me a great deal about Minneapolis. I have told him about my coming, and he is very anxious to "show me the town." I have a brother-in-law, enlisted in the Intelligence School there also, who recently was transferred from Columbus, Ohio. There are several girl friends from Tak Lake who have gone to Minneapolis - so you see, I'm looking forward to meeting old friends, as well as making new ones.

Thank you again, for writing, and please keep me informed as to any new developments. I appreciated your enclosing the map, showing the location of your home.

Is it too late to wish you a Happy New Year?

Sincerely,
Miyoko Takagi

2808 West River Road,
Minneapolis Minnesota
January 4, 1942

Miss Miyoko Takagi
1315-B W.R.A.
Tulelake, California

Dear Miss Takagi,

I've gotten to the office so early this morning that I am writing you from here. That explains the letter head. Nothing official however!

I talked to Miss Porter about Miss Nakagawa, and as she has probably written by now, she reports that Mrs Fletcher's husband is now in the hospital with a serious case of encephalitis. Naturally, this has changed her plans.

Let me tell you a little of what is developing here, and from this background you will see that I may have something specific to report to her in a few days. The local War Relocation committee is setting up plans this afternoon for opening employment to American citizens of Japanese extraction. The aim of the committee is to open employment to such citizens in the field for which they are engaged in the war. The committee has a list of jobs and has asked the employees and employers to fill out so that we can do a good job of placement. I shall send along what we have as soon as it develops.

You will be interested to know that I have talked to your brother in law. We had hoped to have him with us for Christmas dinner, but fortunately for them both, your sister was able to come on to a job here and they were together for the day. We are hoping to see them at another time when he can come to town.

With greetings to you, and the hope that we can send something more specific to Miss Nakagawa soon,

Sincerely yours,

4715-E, WRA
Newell, California
January 5, 1943

My dear Mrs. Steefel:

Yesterday a letter from the YWCA of your city brought me disheartening news to the effect that my arrangements to work in the home of Mrs. Clark Fletcher must be cancelled due to Mr. Fletcher's illness. Mrs. Fletcher's latest letter reached me most circuitously and thus it was just two days ago that I wrote her accepting her position, only to receive word today that there is no need to consider that situation further.

The YWCA was kind enough to refer your name to me as one who might be able to help me in securing a job. I understand that you are serving on the Placement Committee for Japanese-American Relocation, and I have also heard of your kindheartedness through Miyoko Takagi. Miyoko and I had hopes of leaving the Project together and working near each other, but perhaps things will not work out that way.

I am particularly desirous of finding a position as I have been working on this since September, and I was most distressed to receive the latest news.

There will be attached separately a biographical outline of myself which, I hope, may be of some help to you.

My preference is for a stenographic position in an office where I would be contributing to the war effort, but any kind of stenographic position will be suitable. However, if jobs of a clerical nature are scarce, please help me find a housework job. I would like to get out as soon as possible, by the end of January, if I can.

Presuming upon your sympathetic interest and kindness, I am

Most sincerely,

Eleanor T. Nakagawa

Attached

NAME: ELEANOR TOSHIKO NAKAGAWA
 Age: 24
 Born in Colusa, California - citizen of U.S.
 Height: 5' 2"
 Weight: 100 lbs.
 Religion: Methodist

Education:

Colusa Grammar School, Colusa, California)
 Marysville Grammar School, Marysville, California) Grad. 1931
 Marysville Union High School, Marysville, California " 1935
 Yuba Junior College, Marysville, California " 1937
 University of California, Berkeley, California " May 1940
 A.B. in French
 Merritt Business School, Oakland, California - 8 mos. steno. course

Languages:

English - read, speak, write
 French - " " "
 Japanese - " " "

Employment History:

7/42 - still	Regional Statistical Office Newell, California	Interviewer & Coder	\$16/mo.
8/41 - 4/42	State Dept. of Soc. Welfare Sacramento, California	Jr. Typist- Clerk	\$80/mo.
1/41 - 8/41	State Dept. of Employment Oakland, California	NYA Typist- Clerk	35¢/hr.
1/40 - 5/40	Dr. E. O. Lawrence Physics Department, U.C. Berkeley, California	NYA Typist- Clerk	45¢/hr.
8/39 - 12/39	Prof. B. Bronson English Department, U.C. Berkeley, California	NYA Typist	45¢/hr.
1/39 - 5/39	Mrs. Sturgess Berkeley, California	School girl	\$5/wk. dinners
8/38 - 12/38	Mrs. McDonald Berkeley, California	"	\$10/mo. rm. & bd
1/38 - 5/38	Mrs. Morris Doyle Berkeley, California	"	\$10/mo. rm. & bd
9/37 - 12/37	Mrs. Thornton Berkeley, California	"	\$10/mo. rm. & bd

Remarks:

Can type 60-65 words per minute.
 Can take shorthand at the rate of 100-110 words per minute.
 Have had experience in plain cooking, washing, ironing, gen. hsewk.
 Have a Federal Civil Service rating as typist.

References:

Character references:

Miss Bertha Nielsen, Marysville High School, Marysville, California
Miss Aileen Alderson, Dept. of Employment, Oakland, California
Mr. Kenyon T. Gregg, King Ave., Yuba City, California

Work references:

Mrs. Lorraine Johnson, Dept. of Employment, Oakland, California
Mrs. Elsie Holden, State Dept. of Social Welfare, Sacramento, Calif.
Miss Evelyn Rose, Regional Statistical Office, Newell, California
(WRA)
Mrs. Morris Doyle, Berkeley, California
Mrs. Sturgess, University of California, English Dept. Berkeley,
Calif.

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January 31, 1943

Mr. Claire C. Plank
Service Men's Center
807 Hennepin Ave.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Plank;

P.F.C. Raymond Y. Aka of Camp Savage has informed me of your committee and have requested me to write to you in finding employment in Minneapolis. I have just received my leave clearance for indefinite leave from Washington D.C. and am eligible to leave the Center as soon as I obtain a job. It is necessary for me to have a definite job and statement from the employer first and then may leave within few days.

I am interested in securing a position as a bookkeeper or an accountant, and I would like to submit this letter in application for such opportunity.

I am an American with Japanese ancestry and educated at University High School and Merrit Business School in Oakland, California. I have had seven years of experience in bookkeeping and accountant and at present I am employed as the assistant accountant of the Jerome Cooperative Enterprises.

By permission my references are as follows:

Mr. Mauritz Erkkila, Jerome Cooperative Enterprises,
Jerome Relocation Center, Denson, Arkansas
Rev. Hideo Hashimoto, Jerome Relocation Center, 44-4-B,
Denson, Arkansas
Dr. Marion Brown, University High School, Oakland, California
Miss Mary Mc Millan, Block 2 Barrack 9 Apt. F, Topaz, Utah
Mr. Lee L. Mullis, 3994 39th Ave. Oakland, California
Mr. George Matsuyama, 401 S.E. Oak Street, Minneapolis

Enclosed is my individual record on form 26. I will also have my references and letters of recommendations sent to you. If you have any further instructions will you kindly mail them to me immediately? I am at present an evacuee in Jerome Relocation Center in Denson, Arkansas living in Block 44 Barrack 4 Apartment A.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am

Most gratefully,
Shizuko Dakuraku
Shizuko Dakuraku
Jerome Relocation Center
44 - 4 - A
Denson, Arkansas

WAR RELOCATION DESK

c/o United States Employment Service 407 S. 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

7814
A United States Employment Service Registration blank, with your name on it, has been sent to the Placement Officer at your Center.

THIS IS NO GUARANTEE OF EMPLOYMENT. It may, however, be an avenue to employment in your own field at prevailing pay.

Please cooperate in filling out this form if you are interested in opportunity for employment in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel
Volunteer Placement Secretary
Minneapolis War Relocation Committee

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



INDIVIDUAL RECORD

1. Name: Last First Middle			OFFICE USE	14. Individual number:	OFFICE USE
DAKUZAKU, SHIZUKO				2622-C	
1a. Other names: (Include maiden name if a married woman)				15. Family number:	
				22970	
2. Relocation Center:	Address	Entry date		16. Sex:	
JEROME	44-4-A	10/28/42		1 <input type="checkbox"/> Male 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female	
3. Assembly Center:	Address	Entry date		17. Race: Spouse's race:	
FRESNO	E-3-3	5/27/42		1 <input type="checkbox"/> White 1 <input type="checkbox"/> White	
				2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japanese 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese	
				3 <input type="checkbox"/> Other 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
4. Previous address: Street and number, or R.F.D. number City State				18. Marital status:	
84-6th ST. OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA				1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Married	
5. Parents: Name of father; maiden name of mother Country of birth				3 <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced	
Father: FRANK CHOSHIN DAKUZAKU JAPAN				5 <input type="checkbox"/> Separated	
Mother: NORU DAKUZAKU "				19. Relationship to head of family group:	
				DAUGHTER	
5a. Father's occupation: in U. S. LAUNDRI Abroad STUDENT				20. Birthdate: 20a. Age:	
6. Person to notify in case of emergency: (Relationship, name, and address)				JUNE 10, 1917 25	
FATHER - CHOSHIN DAKUZAKU				21. Birthplace: (City, county, state or province, and country)	
JEROME W.R.A. 44-04-A				SAN FRANCISCO	
DENSON ARKANSAS				CALIFORNIA	
7. Education:	Name and location	From— To—		22. Alien registration number:	
Grammar school	LINCOLN - FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	1924 1929			
Junior high school	EDISON TECH HI SCHOOL FRESNO	1929 1930			
High school	WHEELER JR. HI OAKLAND	1930 1932			
Business school	UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL OAKLAND	1932 1935			
College	MERRIT BUSINESS SCHOOL OAKLAND	1936 1937			
Postgraduate					
7a. Degrees, educational specializations, honors, and significant activities:					
1938 - HAZARDRE DRESS MAKING SCHOOL SAN FRANCISCO					
8. Residence outside the United States:	Country	From— To—		23. Attending school:	
				1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	
9. Military or naval service:				24. Grade:	
Country	Branch	From— To—			
10. Public assistance:				25. Language: Speak Read Write	
1 <input type="checkbox"/> Aid to dependent children 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Aid to blind 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Old age assistance				English..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Pension:				Japanese..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Source..... Amt. \$..... Pay period.....				German..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Height: (Inches) 12a. Weight: (Pounds) 13. Physical condition:				Italian..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
				26. Major activity or status:	
				27. Occupation:	
				Pri. BOOKKEEPER	
				Sec.....	
				27a.	
				27b.	

28. Employment history: (List most recent employment first and account for all periods of unemployment)

From—	To—	Employer, Business, Address	Position and Duties	Pay	OFFICE USE
1/1/42	1/24/42	JEROME COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISES DENSON ARKANSAS	ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT	\$16.00 A MONTH	
5/30/42	10/24/42	FRESNO ASSEMBLY CENTER FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	INSTRUCTOR OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	" " "	
1/2/42	3/24/42	SANTA CLARA PRODUCE CO. OAKLAND	ACCOUNTANT - CHARGE OF OFFICE	\$35.00 A WEEK	
2/1/41	12/41	MARVEL FOOD CENTER "	BOOKKEEPER & SALES CLERK	\$22.00 " "	
9/38	9/40	ACE PRODUCE CO. "	" CHARGE OF OFFICE	\$20.00 "	
7/36	9/38	RIVER PRODUCE CO. "	ASSISTANT BOOKKEEPER	\$18.00 "	
6/38	7/36	GRAND CENTRAL MARKET "	SALES CLERK & BOOKKEEPER	" "	
			DUTIES - CASHIER; POSTING IN LEDGERS, MAKING STATEMENTS TELEPHONE & TELEGRAMS - BANK TRANSACTIONS, LETTER WRITING, TYPING, FILING INCOME TAX, AND ETC		

29. Skills and hobbies: (List skills other than those indicated in the above employment history. Include types of ability or experience such as carpentry, electrical work, auto and machine repair work, music, arts and crafts, etc.)

SEWING - KNITTING - FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

29a. Social Security Account No. ?

30. Religion. METHODIST

31. Additional information: (Enter here additional information on any item for which adequate space is not provided. Indicate in the margin next to the item that it is continued here, and number each entry here according to the item number)

I have done most everything when in charge of office except taking shorthand

Informant, if other than the registrant:

Date of interview:

Signature of interviewer:

(copy)

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War Relocation Authority
Newell, California
November 12, 1942

Young Women's Christian Association
Nicollet Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

Will you please keep my name on file as desirous of applying for a domestic or typist's job in Minnesota or St. Paul?

I have had several years of experience doing part-time housework while attending school. This work included general housecleaning, some laundering, plain cooking, sewing, and taking care of children. The lowest starting salary I would consider is forty dollars a month. For work references along this line you may refer to:

Mrs. Sturgis, Cedar Street, Berkeley, California;
Mrs. Morris Doyle, Berkeley, California.

I have had a year of business college and have worked as a typist and stenographer in the State Department of Social Welfare at Sacramento, California. My typing speed is seventy words a minute, and shorthand dictation speed, 120 words a minute. Please refer to the following for my typing references:

Professor E. O. Lawrence, University of California, Berkeley, California;
Mrs. Elsie Holden, State Department of Social Welfare, Sacramento., California.

For character references, you may contact the following:

Miss Aileen Alderson, 12th and Oak Street, Oakland, California;
Miss Jeannette Smoyer, Teacher, Tri-State High School, Tule Lake Project, Newell, California;
Mrs. I Jaderquist, Vice-Principal, Tri-State High School, Tule Lake Project, Newell, California.

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Received

Young Women's
Christian Association

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November 12, 1942

I am twenty-four years old, a citizen of this country, and have never been to Japan. I am a college graduate with an A.B. degree in French from the University of California. I was employed in the Department of Social Welfare of the State of California for eight months prior to evacuation.

At present I am employed on the Project as an interviewer and coder in the Records Statistical Department under the Regional Office.

Please keep me informed if there are any jobs open for which i could apply.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Eleanor Nakagawa

November 20, 1942

Manzanar Relocation Center
Manzanar
California

Dear Sirs: Attention, Employment Division

Under date of November 7th, I wrote you as per the enclosed copy. We are very anxious to engage a competent maid of Japanese ancestry, and hope that you will give this matter as prompt attention as possible.

Very truly yours,

ANP:HS

ARTHUR N. PHILLIPS

AIR MAIL

November 7, 1948

Manzanar Relocation Center
Manzanar
California

Dear Sirs:

Attention, Employment Division

I have just received a letter from the War Relocation Authority, San Francisco. This letter is signed by H. Rex Lee, Assistant Chief, Employment Division. Mr. Lee refers me to you in connection with private employment of persons of Japanese ancestry.

We are making a definite offer of employment for such a person. The applicant should be fairly young (20 to 35), female, neat appearing, and in good physical condition. She will be employed in our home to do general housework, and assist with the cooking. The salary will be from \$8.00 to \$10.00 weekly, depending on the applicant's experience and efficiency.

We have a nine room home at 907 West Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis. The maid will have her own room, and will share the use of a bath with the children. She will be expected to sleep at our home. She will receive time off every Thursday and Sunday afternoon and evening.

We have two children, attending school, ages nine and thirteen. While the maid's duties will not involve direct care of the children, we would require that she be a person who possesses at least a normal fondness for children.

We employ a laundress, who comes in once a week to do the family washing and hand ironing. This will, therefore, not be a part of the maid's work, but she will be expected to do the mangling. We also have a general utilities man who comes in about twice a month to do heavy work around the house.

Mrs. Phillips supervises the cooking and will delegate routine cooking to the maid. This, in addition to her keeping the home neat and clean, will comprise her principal duties.

We are quite anxious to engage a competent girl at once, and will appreciate your reasonably prompt attention.

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We understand that we will not be liable for transportation expense of the applicant to Minneapolis. We will, however, assure her of permanent employment, providing she performs satisfactorily.

Very truly yours,

ANP:HS

Arthur N. Phillips

AIR MAIL

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
MANZANAR WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
Manzanar, California

In reply, please refer to:
Employment

December 5, 1942

Mr. Arthur N. Phillips
The Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company
538 Northwestern Bank Building
620 Marquette Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Thank you for your letter of November 7.

Since receiving your letter concerning the employment of a domestic, we have interviewed a number of girls. Those with long experience have not been particularly interested because the wage you offer is rather low in comparison to other offers that we receive.

We now have, however, a person with some experience that is interested by the desirable features existant in your home. Her name is Miss Marie Masaye Amino, an American citizen, 5 feet 1 inch tall, weighs 110 pounds and is in good health. Her education consists of one year of college work at the University of California at Los Angeles where she was majoring in Pre-Nursing. She has not had an extensive experience in domestic work but knows a sufficient amount to enable her to assume the normal duties of housekeeping without any supervision or difficulty. She states that in the home where she was formerly employed, she had no cooking to do and as a consequence is capable of no more than the requirements of plain cooking. She asks, however, that we convey this message to you for her. She is willing to learn the preparation of any new dishes which you may assign to her and would be happy to try and please. At the present time, she is employed by the Hospital in the Center as a Nurses' Aide in the Children's Ward where she administers to children afflicted with the customary childhood diseases. Her superiors commend her highly for her efficiency, loyalty and intelligence and because of her intelligence, we feel that with minimum amount of supervision, she will be able to learn to your satisfaction.

If she should not prove acceptable to you, we will be happy to make further efforts to interest other people in your offer. Please advise us of your decision at your early convenience.

Sincerely,



Ralph P. Merritt
Project Director



December 10, 1942

Manzanar War Relocation Project
Manzanar, California

Dear Sirs: Attention, Ralph P. Merritt, Project Director

Thank you for your letter of December 5.

We are interested in Miss Marie Masayo Amino. There are several questions we should like to ask:

- (1) Will the applicant pay her own traveling expenses to Minneapolis, or are these advanced to her by the Government with no liability on our part?
- (2) Is she under any obligation to remain with us for the duration of the war, assuming, of course, that she is treated with proper consideration? (By this we mean, would she be barred from shopping around for some other position that might offer higher wages?)
- (3) In the event that she does not perform her duties satisfactorily, do we have the right to discharge her?
- (4) In the event that we decide to engage her, how soon will she be ready to come on to Minneapolis?
- (5) If Miss Amino has a small photograph of herself, would you kindly enclose it in your reply? (It will, of course, be returned to her.)

Just as soon as we receive information on the above points we shall be glad to give you our final decision.

Very truly yours,

ANP:HS

ARTHUR N. PHILLIPS

P.S. Incidentally, you may reassure Miss Amino that we will not be hard people to get along with; that we are a very normal, cheerful family, and that if she fulfills the attractive description in your letter she will have a very happy and pleasant home.

AIR MAIL

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December 12, 1942

Mr. and Mrs. Kitano
3-3-C
Colorado River Relocation Project
Poston, Colorado

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kitano;

Mr. M. C. Robinson of Minneapolis has advised me that you are interested in securing a position. From the information Mr. Robinson gave me I believe you may qualify for a position of operating my orchard and the care of my home.

We live in the country about 12 miles from the city of Minneapolis and have about 12 acres planted in apples, cherries, and plums. I need the services of a competent man capable of handling fruit trees and farm equipment, such as tractors, sprays, etc. It is my understanding that you have had experience in vineyards, so undoubtedly this could be adapted toward operating an orchard.

We also have need of someone to take care of general house work. Our house is a seven room, modern home. I have just completed building a separate, four room modern bungalow which would be your quarters if you and Mrs. Kitano accept the position which I offer. We have one daughter, age four years, and twin girls, age two months. A nurse is in charge of the girls' care.

I would appreciate receiving a letter from you telling me about yourselves and advising me whether you think you can handle the operation of my orchard and the house work. If we can reach an agreement you could occupy the furnished bungalow described above. I would pay you \$75.00 per month to start, and would make periodic increases if you handle the work in a satisfactory manner. We would also allow reasonable time off each week.

We are situated on the Minnesota river bluffs overlooking a beautiful valley. Our home is about five miles from Camp Savage, Minnesota, which you may have heard of.

I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,

CONTINENTAL MACHINES, Inc.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Manzanar War Relocation Project
Manzanar, California

In reply, please refer to:
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"AIR MAIL"

December 15, 1942

Mr. Arthur N. Phillips
The Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Co.
538 Northwestern Bank Building
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

This is in further reference to our correspondence concerning Miss Marie Amino whom you are considering for employment in your home.

It will be necessary for Miss Amino to pay her own transportation to Minneapolis. Neither you nor the government has any liability in this respect.

The relationship between you and Miss Amino will be exactly the same as the relationship which you would have with any other domestic employee. In the event that after a fair trial you do not find her satisfactory, you may discharge her. In the event that she does not find your home satisfactory, she in turn is entitled to leave and obtain employment else-where. We feel however that the persons whom we send out will not leave a position until they have given it a fair trial and until they have given you a fair notice.

We are writing a note to Miss Amino asking that she send you a photograph of herself if she has one available in accordance with your request. After an evacuee receives a definite offer of a job, it ordinarily takes between three and four weeks to obtain final clearance and necessary travel permits. Occasionally, of course, more time is consumed.

Perhaps we should add that the evacuees who are released by the War Relocation Authority are all thoroughly investigated and their names have been cleared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



Once they are released they again resume their normal place in the community except only that they must report changes of address and employment to the War Relocation Authority.

We shall look forward to hearing from you within the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph P. Merritt
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Ralph P. Merritt
Project Director

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11-11-18
Amaech, Colorado
December 18, 1942

Y. W. C. A.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam,

I am of Japanese descent but an American citizen and I am interested in receiving a position in your city. Am 22 years of age and have had some office experience. Can you please inform me of any positions open for ~~any~~ an American Japanese girl? I am a very good typist with an average speed of 70 words ~~per~~ minute.

I am a Protestant and interested in Christian work or the "Y" work. If possible I would like to work in that field.

Thanking you for your kind attention and many services given, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Violet Tagawa
(Miss)

(Violet TAGAWA)

December 24, 1942.

Miss Violet Tagawa
11 - H - 1B
Amache, Colorado

Dear Miss Tagawa:

There is a committee working in Minneapolis at trying to find places of employment for Japanese-Americans who are now in the Relocation Centers. I will turn your letter over to them.

However, I know that before they are able to do very much they will need to have more information than you sent in your initial letter. They will need to know your work experience, your age and educational background. Also, they will want at least four references with whom they could correspond. I would suggest that at your earliest opportunity you send us another letter containing these facts. We shall then refer your letter of application to the proper authorities.

We shall expect to hear from you very soon.

Yours very truly,

Proffan Associate.

11-H-1B
Amache, Colorado
January 4, 1942

Miss R. M. Marshall
Y. W. C. A.
1130 Nicollet
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Marshall,

I received your letter of December 24th and hope the following information will prove satisfactory. The Leave Office at this center, Granada Relocation Center, carries all the information you wish or more. Mr. W. J. Hanson, the person in charge of the Leave Office, carries the information to be cleared by the F. B. I. in Washington D. C.; a necessity before leaving this center. They ^{point} information ~~has~~ ^{to} my experience, residence and past history for the last fifteen years. I also have had a personal interview with him and I am sure Mr. Hanson will be very happy to send you ^{any} of his remarks, opinion or any information ^{regarding} me, upon request. I am also employed by the W. R. A. in this center and the Leave Office carries the recommendations made by my supervisor, Mr. Leary, superintendent of Education.

NAME: VIOLET TAGAWA - ADDRESS - 11H-1B
AMACHE, COLORADO

AGE: 22 yrs. - GRADUATED 12th GRADE
ATTENDED Business School - 1 yr.
MAJORED IN Typing, Dict'g, Off. mach.,
Shorthand.

CAN TYPE - 70 words. - TAKE - 80 words in shorthand.
" Run - Mimed. mach. - all elect. add. mach. - most all
dup. mach. - Ed. phone, dictaphone.

EXPERIENCES - WORKED 1 yr. AT N.Y.A. Warehouse
" until EVACUATION at Bd. of
Education IN Los Angeles, Calif. as
JR. CLERK.

REFERENCES:

- 1- Mr. Rudolph Hausmann
512
~~639~~ South San Pedro St.
Los Angeles, Calif.
- 2- Mr. ^{R.R.} John
Personnel Division - Room - 843
CHAMBER of Commerce Bldg.
12th & Broadway
Los Angeles, Calif.
- 3- Mr. A. Alexander
Personnel Office
639 Antonia Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.
- 4- Mrs. Bessie Palmers
512 South San Pedro St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Hoping the above information carries enough
information, I remain,

Most sincerely yours,
Violet Laguna

P.S. I have passed a Federal Civil Service test for
Typist- Clerk just before examination in March of last year.
Although I have written for a transfer to Denver I have not
yet received a reply. My rating was 91.00 taken
sometime in April, 1942 and applied in March.

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December 19, 1942

Miss Alice Muzazawa
21 - 11 - E
Hunt, Idaho

Dear Miss Muzazawa:

I am very happy to tell you that we are just completing the set-up of a Minneapolis Committee on Japanese Relocation. This committee has a sub-committee on Placement and I am sending your letter to the secretary who will forward it to the Chairman of the Placement Committee. I think it is quite possible that you may be able to secure work here a little later on, but it will take some time to get the machinery moving.

There are quite a number of Japanese-Americans in Minneapolis and, as you probably know, there are also quite a number of Japanese-American men in uniform at Camp Savage, near Minneapolis.

We think that within the next month there will be increased possibilities of placement of Japanese-Americans. You may expect to hear later from Rev. Morris C. Robinson, Chairman of the Employment Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

Edna H. Porter
General Secretary

EHP:MC

CC: Gertrude Stanley

Jeff.

Minneapolis Civic & Commerce Association

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December 21, 1942

WRG
Rec'd 2-24-43

Mr. George Knowles
Public Employment Service
407 South 4th St.
Minneapolis

Dear George:

Following up our telephone conversation this morning I am attaching a copy of the letter from the Japanese woman which is self-explanatory.

I am writing Mrs. Michi Lakaki advising that this letter was being forwarded to your office and that she undoubtedly will be hearing directly from you.

Yours very truly,

Jin
Industrial Department

J. S. Lincoln: CC
Enc.

WRQ
Rec'd 2-24-43

30-11-D
Heart Mountain
War Relocation Project
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

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December 15, 1942

Chamber of Commerce
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sirs:

My husband and I are both evacuee Americans and residents of Heart Mountain Center -- we are American niseis. We feel that we can not do our share to the all-out war effort to defeat the Axis staying here. We are seeking outside employment where we can do the most yet not raise any antagonism. I'm an experienced bookkeeper and secretary working on documents here and my husband is a landscape architect working here in the engineering department surveying.

Would your city be able to offer employment? You see I did not know where to write seeking reliable information. Perhaps you could refer me to employment agencies in your city. We can give you many character references.

We thank you and your courteous attention is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Signed (Mrs.) Michi Lakaki

December 22, 1942

IN RE: 7530

Manzanar War Relocation Project
Manzanar, California

Dear Sirs: Attention, Ralph P. Merritt

Thank you for your letter of December 15th.

We have not yet received the photograph from Miss Amino, but in talking it over with Mrs. Phillips, we have decided definitely to offer her the position in our home. We are convinced from your previous letters that she will be competent and congenial.

We are employing a temporary maid at present to whom we should like to give reasonable notice before Miss Amino arrives. You may, therefore, proceed with the usual routine in releasing Miss Amino to us. We will thank you to notify us as much in advance as possible as to when she will leave California and when she will arrive in Minneapolis, so that we may arrange to meet her.

May I, at this time, express my appreciation for the very friendly and informative manner in which you have handled my inquiry all the way along.

Cordially,

AMP:EB

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Co 2 Postor 169
Ht Snelling, Minn
Dec 23, 1942

U.S. Employment Service
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I am now serving in the
U.S. Army, and my family is at
Poston, Arizona - the Colorado River
War Relocation Center. I will be
stationed at Camp Savage, and
would like to move the family
either to St Paul or Minneapolis.

I was assured by the
authority at Poston that they will
be given a permanent leave if they
were given a job here.

I would like to hear

your suggestions and ideas as
to how I may proceed on
this matter. Enclosed you will
find my family's record and
my sister's family record.

Sincerely,

Hatsune Yamada.

Yamada family

Personal records:

- A Subject: Mrs Sowa Yamada (mother)
Born in Japan = 66 yrs old.
- B. Education: 4th grade in Japan
no U.S. education
- C. Experience: house work, cook's help.
washing (laundry) and farm
help.
- D. Religion: Baptist.
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- A. Subject: Mr Jisuke Yamada (father)
Born in Japan = 64 yrs old
- B. Education: Japan
no U.S. school.
- C. Experience: managed, operated a farm
care taker, carpenter, handy
man.

Yamada family 2.

Subject: Michiko Yamada (sister)
~~20~~ 20 yrs old.
U.S. citizen

Education: High School - junior college
to Japanese ed.
majored in typing & shorthand.

Experience: Dentist's assistant
Secretary - stenographer.
house work (general) and
sales clerk.

Nakayama Family.

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Subject: Mrs. Shizuko Nakayama (sister)

(h) N.S. Citizen

(c) 40 yrs old.

B. Education: (a) High School

(h) no Japanese education

C. Experience: (a) House work (general)

(h) Managed & operated a farm

(c) Family welfare clerk.

D. Family - married.

Methodist member.

Subject: Mr. Jim Nakayama

(h) Born in Japan

(c) I don't know the age

B. Education: 4th grade in Japan

no U.S. education
Can speak English.

C. Experience: Farmer, Wholesale negotiable
store operator, and carpenter.

Nakayama Family 2

Subject: Adela Nakayama
U.S. Citizen
21 yrs old.

B. Education: Junior College graduate
No Japanese ed.
Major in Art

C. Experience: Sales clerk, general
housework,

D. Religion: Baptist member

Subject: Maya Nakayama
Born in U.S. = 19 yrs old

B. Education: High school graduate

C. Experience: Nurse's aid at Poston
General Hospital.

D. Religion: Baptist member.

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December 28, 1942

VIA AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mrs. Dorothy A. Gulick
Business & Professional Secretary
Young Women's Christian Association
1130 Nicollet Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Gulick:

In reply to your Air Mail Special Delivery letter dated December 24, I wish to thank you kindly for the wonderful opportunity you have offered me.

I am more than anxious to accept the position, but I would like to have one point cleared.

I understand that living expenses are quite high on the outside, and since I have no other income and am entirely dependent on my salary, I feel quite definite that I cannot maintain myself on that amount.

Also, I would like to receive sufficient salary to pay for my transportation and initial expenses.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours very truly,

Kiku Shimazaki
(Miss) Kiku Shimazaki
Block 4 - 7 - A
Topaz, Utah

cc to Miss Edna H. Porter
cc to Miss Lily Oshima