



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

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[Mar. 10, 1943]

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Name: Hayato Kihara

Date of Birth: February 28, 1922

Sex: Male

Height: 5' 4"

Weight: 130 lbs.

Education: Lincoln Grammer Oakland, California

Westlake Jr. High " "

Technical High " "

University of California Berkeley, California

(Three years as a <sup>General</sup> Chemistry major. Last

attended April, 1942. Discontinued because of  
evacuation.)

Employment: Manager, book-keeper, and clerk in grocery  
store.

Gardener

Bus-boy in cafeteria

Recreation leader in Assembly Center

Laborer for lumber contractor

Laborer for plumbing contractor

Soil analyst in Relocation Center.

March 17, 1943

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

I am interested in securing employment in Minneapolis and I would appreciate your sending me a United States Employment Service Registration blank.

I understand that this does not GUARANTEE employment but I would like to be your files in case any opportunity does present itself, for a Secretarial position.

Sincerely,

*Marion Isono*

Marion Isono (Miss)

7F-3-D

Amache, Colo.

(58)



Marion Isono  
7F-3-D  
Amache, Colo.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel  
Volunteer Placement Secretary  
c/o United States Employment Service  
407 S. 4th Street  
Minneapolis, Minn.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Jerome Relocation Center  
Denson, Arkansas

In reply, please refer to:

*note by 345-  
3.5.43 USES-57 returned*

March 1, 1943

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel  
War Relocation Committee Desk  
United States Employment Service  
407 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

We have your letter of February 25 with enclosed work history registration blank to be filled out by Miss Tomiko Okura of this center.

Enclosed is the registration blank complete with the requested information.

Sincerely,

*John L. McCormick*  
John L. McCormick  
Head Employment Division

Enc.



Call.

Wm. Reese

Br. 4634

Exclusion 192

Keith

Nishimoto

Marion "

2 sisters

(21)

Trained for nursing

1 1/2 yrs in Univ.

one more semester for  
Junior college

(After Spring)

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Manzanar War Relocation Project  
Manzanar, California

In reply, please refer to:  
Relocation

March 3, 1943

War Relocation Committee Desk  
United States Employment Service  
407 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attention: Mrs. Lawrence Steefel, Volunteer Representative

Dear Sirs:

We are enclosing completed registration blanks showing the names of Nisei in this center who have an occupational ability for which there is a need in your area.

Most of the people we interviewed have shown great interest in this experiment and will be desirous of receiving a job offer through your office. We have impressed on all applicants interviewed, the fact that it will be useless to complete the card if they have no intention of accepting a job offer should it be made through your office. It is our belief that any of the applicants who have completed cards will accept reasonable employment and perform their duties well.

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Sincerely,



Ralph P. Merritt  
Project Director

Enclosures:  
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Project Director

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

Tule Lake Project  
Newell, California

MAR-3 '43

Mr. H. O. Heald, Manager  
United States Employment Service  
407 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Heald:

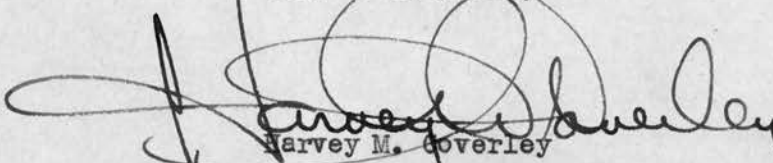
We are very interested in your experiment in endeavoring to place Americans of Japanese ancestry in your territory; and for this reason are hastening to return the employment record cards which you sent, signed by the individuals concerned.

May we inquire as to how you received these names, and if you have any others on file do not hesitate to send them. Would you be interested in having us make up cards from our Placement Office?

If it is your intention to correspond with these people directly, we would advise a copy of any such correspondence mailed directly to our office in order that we may be of help both to the individual concerned and to you; in that some of them may have left prior to your writing as in the case of Miss Kayama, who had left prior to the receipt of your letter.

We will continue corresponding directly through your office trusting that you will route such mail to Mrs. Steefel unless otherwise advised by you.

Very truly yours,

  
Harvey M. Coverley  
Project Director

Enclosures





*Wrest  
up  
Project  
Directors*

407 S 4th Street  
April 4, 1943

Mr. Harvey M. Coverley  
Project Director  
Tulelake War Relocation Center  
Newell, California

Dear Mr. Coverley:

I'm sorry so much time has passed since your letter of March third. Mr. Heald turned it over to me, and the pressure of clerical work has been too great for me to take time out to answer it. Now your recent letter has come through asking how the experiment is working.

First: as to the source of some of the names on blanks sent. Where they were not taken from the January and February W.R.A. lists, they came to us either from relatives of the people to whom we sent blanks, or from letters sent to us directly from the centers by Nisei who heard of our work from people we have placed.

Second: We feel that the experiment is working with reasonable success. We use the cards when given an opportunity to talk before groups of employers. We have sent several of them to the university campus with the hope that Faculty men there would know of opportunities through local alumni or through contacts with business houses which apply there for personnel.

We have placed six secretaries here in good positions, none under ninety a month. (If this salary seems small it must be borne in mind that Minneapolis has low rentals and is rated as the third least expensive city to live in by Washington Authorities who claim to know whereof they speak.) These placements, in every case have resulted from these excellent records, filled out in the centers, and controlled by the comments of the interviewer. They come here, to the USES where they are coded on the basis of the material in them, and in this way we know at just what level to evaluate skills and work experience.

Two draftsmen are under consideration. Both of them University men. We are working toward the placement of a Pharmacist, we have already placed two nurses. We are trying, with the aid of full records to place a medical student, and we have already arranged for a young woman who had completed two years of training as a nurse to be admitted to complete her studies at one of our private hospitals.

To date these forms have been greatly useful as advertising material. Where we receive letters requesting them we send them out. Where jobs open, however, calling for a knowledge of skills, we turn either to these files we have built up, or to Mr White our local WRA State Representative and ask him to inquire about the training and experience of Nisei of the Placement Officers. How Well this latter way will work out we do not know yet. It may make forms like ours unnecessary. With thanks for the excellent records we have had from Tulelake,

*For [unclear]*

War Relocation Desk  
407 South 4th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
May 10, 1945

Mr. Harvery Coverley  
Tulelake War Relocation Project  
Newell California

Dear Mr. Coverley:

I regret to say that the position of resident Social Case Worker at Glen Lake Sanatorium has now been filled. Thank you for your efforts in this matter.

We have open at this time, (and have them registered, also, with Mr White) four positions for Beauty Operators. The next examination for the state license is to be given in the month of July. We have had two Nisei girls come under our hospitality plan and take the examination and they are, now, both working. The current pay at the outset here is \$20.00 a week plus 50% commission and tips. advancement for anyone qualified to do specialized work is rapid at the present time because of the shortage of workers. Pay advances are commensurate. I shall be glad to have the records of any girls interested in taking the exam here. We will be glad to arrange housing and hospitality for them while they are brushing up their theory and will arrange to have application blanks to the State Board for the exams sent to them in the Center.

There are four fine rooms in good neighborhoods in the homes of friends of the Committee where the girls may live for ten to twelve dollars a month. Two of them are within easy walking distance of the jobs, and there goes with the rooms, use of an amusement room in the basement for the entertainment of friends.

We also need nurse's Aides. Eight such calls are now placed in Mr White's files

We have two secretarial jobs open at ninety a month. Both require Bookkeeping, shorthand and typing.

I have records on USES-511's on the following young women: would any two of them be interested? Are they still interested, in all cases in coming to Minneapolis? I should appreciate a report.

Fumi Mary Kitahara	5302-B
Rose Katasiri	715-A
Helen Hayashi	4417-B
Elva Shinozaki	501-B

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Lawrence D. Steefel, Volunteer Secretary



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING  
(Senior Clerk)

Application for Private Employment by Relocation Center Resident

Date 3-3-43

Name FUJII, HARRY H.

Birth Date 8-24-13 Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Block Number \_\_\_\_\_

Height 5'5 Weight 140 Sex male

Post Office Tulelake 3519-B

Citizen of U.S.? Yes If alien give

State \_\_\_\_\_

date of entry into U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

Position for which Applying Sr. Acct'g Clerk

Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak \_\_\_\_\_ read \_\_\_\_\_ write \_\_\_\_\_ English?

Draft Status \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak \_\_\_\_\_ read \_\_\_\_\_ write \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese?

Marital Status Married

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	<u>Sacto Grade School</u>	<u>'19</u>	<u>'27</u>		
High	<u>Sacto Jr. High School</u>	<u>'27</u>	<u>'28</u>		
	<u>Sacto High School</u>	<u>'28</u>	<u>'31</u>		
Business or Trade School					
University---give name	<u>Sacto Junior College</u>	<u>'31</u>	<u>'33</u>	<u>Accounting</u>	<u>Degree</u>
Other Education or Training					
Apprenticeship	<u>Where Served</u>			<u>Trade and Industry</u>	<u>Completed?</u>

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
<u>Mo. 8</u>	<u>Mo. 5</u>	<u>Cal. State Dept of Employment</u>			
<u>Yr. 41</u>	<u>Yr. 42</u>	<u>Sacramento, Calif.</u>		<u>Intermediate Accountant</u>	
<u>Mo. 8</u>	<u>Mo. 8</u>	<u>Cal. State Dept. of Employment</u>			
<u>Yr. 38</u>	<u>Yr. 41</u>	<u>Sacramento, Calif</u>		<u>Jr. Accountant Clerk</u>	
<u>Mo. 11</u>	<u>Mo. 8</u>	<u>Mr. Fujii (father)</u>			
<u>Yr 36</u>	<u>Yr 37</u>	<u>Sacramento, Calif</u>	<u>Notion Store</u>	<u>Sales Clerk</u>	
<u>Mo 8</u>	<u>Mo. 11</u>				
<u>Yr 36</u>	<u>Yr 36</u>	<u>Self</u>	<u>Farm Grape Orchard</u>	<u>-Grape Picking</u>	
<u>Mo.</u>	<u>Mo.</u>				
<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>				
<u>Mo.</u>	<u>Mo.</u>				
<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>				

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\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_. 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\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your signature\_\_\_\_\_

This form is supplied to you by the War Relocation Authority to aid you in telling  
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 3-3-43Name FUJII, MRS. HARRY H.Birth Date 1-11-22 Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Block Number \_\_\_\_\_

Height 5'2" Weight 120 Sex femalePost Office Tulelake 3519-BCitizen of U.S.? Yes If alien give

State \_\_\_\_\_

date of entry into U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

Position for which Applying Stenographer

Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak \_\_\_\_\_ read \_\_\_\_\_ write \_\_\_\_\_ English?

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Business or Trade School	<u>San Jose, Calif. Bus. School</u>	<u>'40</u>	<u>'42</u>	<u>Typing &amp; Shorthand</u>	
University---give name					Degree
Other Education or Training	<u>English S.R.W.</u>				
Apprenticeship	<u>Where Served</u>			<u>Trade and Industry</u>	<u>Completed?</u>

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<u>Mo. 6</u>	<u>Mo. 1</u>	<u>W.R.A.</u>			
<u>Yr. 42</u>	<u>Yr. 43</u>	<u>Newell, Calif</u>	<u>Mess Division</u>	<u>Stenographer</u>	
<u>Mo.</u>	<u>Mo.</u>				
<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>				
<u>Mo.</u>	<u>Mo.</u>				
<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>				
<u>Mo.</u>	<u>Mo.</u>				
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<u>Mo.</u>	<u>Mo.</u>				
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18-02-B, Jerome WRA  
Denson, Arkansas  
March 3, 1943

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*Mr Reese?*  
*Mr Preston?*

*Reid*  
*4 SES. 3-5-43*  
*card sent*

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel  
War Relocation Committee Desk  
United States Employment Service  
407 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel,

Will you please assist me in finding employment on the outside as a bookkeeper or cashier? The WRA Employment Officer here has advised me to write to you for with your many contacts thought you would be able to recommend some of the business firms to which I may write for employment.

I am an American of Japanese ancestry; was born in El Monte, California, on October 29, 1918. I have been raised and educated in the United States and have tried very sincerely to live like a good American. Our traditions, our humanity, our standards, and every other thing American are just as dear to me as they must be to you.

I was graduated from the Excelsior Union High school with salutatory honors in 1937 where I majored in journalism and music. Was also graduated from the Los Angeles City College in 1940 where I took bookkeeping and secretarial courses. Among the subjects studied at the City College were the principles of accounting, cost and secretarial accounting, filing, typing, and stenography. I am a good Comptometer and adding machine operator, can operate the Monroe Calculator, and the mimeograph machine.

Prior to evacuation I was working as bookkeeper and cashier to the Greater Central Market in Bellflower, considered to be the largest market of its kind west of Chicago. Besides keeping all of the books there, I assisted in counting the money, balancing and reporting the daily sales for five departments. I secured this position about two months after being graduated from the City College, and was employed there up to the time of our evacuation on April 14, 1942. At the Santa Anita Assembly Center I was employed in the Center Cashiers' Office as cashier-accountant, selling and issuing coupon books and passing out pay checks. Here at the Jerome Center, I am employed in the cost accounting department costing mess hall food prices.

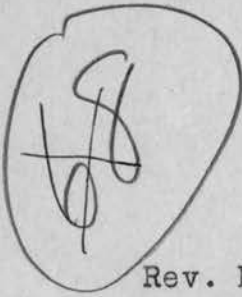
I am unmarried and my religion--Quaker. For references may I submit the names of Mrs. Lydia Cammack, 446 N. Washington Ave., Whittier, California, and Jerome Relocation Center's Cost Accountant, Mr. George A. Feichtmann.

With my education and experience as bookkeeper and cashier, I am confident that I shall be able to fill any bookkeeping position offered. I filed my leave clearance papers on January 28, 1943, and expect my final papers within the week. I cannot leave this camp, however, without definite employment, and have no one to turn to for aid. Won't you please help me?

Yours very sincerely,

*Fumiko Otsuki*  
Fumiko Otsuki (Miss)

Rec'd.  
3-3-43



Same as  
(67)

3519-B  
Tule Lake Project  
Newell, California

Rev. Morris C. Robinson  
1511 W. 28th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

*addresses differ*

I have been referred to you by my brother, Sergeant Fred Fujii, who is stationed at Camp Savage, Minnesota. He informs me that there may be a possibility of obtaining office employment in Minneapolis.

My wife and I are, at present, in the Tule Lake War Relocation Project. We have both been working in the Administrative Building ever since we came into camp in June 1942. She has been working as a stenographer in the Personnel Section and I, as Senior Clerk in the Procurement Section.

We have put in our application for leave clearance with the War Relocation Authority so that we will be able to leave camp as soon as we find outside employment.

If you can help us find employment in any way, we would appreciate it very much. We will be glad to give you further information and references at your request.

Very truly yours,

*Harry H. Fujii*  
Harry H. Fujii



3.3.43

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Mr. George R. Ans

Block 219 Bldg 4-B

Poston, Arizona

## WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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March 4, 1943

Mr. H. O. Heald, Manager  
United States Employment Service  
407 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

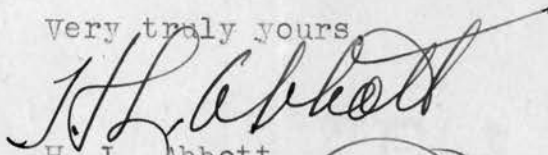
Dear Sir:

Subject: Ben Masuda

In compliance with your request of February 25th, the above named individual has been interviewed. Your form USES-511 is attached.

When and if this office can be of assistance to you in placing more of these qualified workers, please advise.

Very truly yours,



H. L. Abbott  
Placement Office  
By. Ed. Bethune



Enclosure  
EB:ro





WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

In reply, please refer to:

Emp - Placement

#7688

March 4, 1943

Mr. H. O. Heald, Manager  
United States Employment Service  
407 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Heald:

Enclosed herewith are your registration cards which you sent us plus two make-shift cards from interested persons. It will interest you to know that the cards were prepared by a former interviewer and clerk from the San Francisco office of the United States Employment Service.

Very truly yours,

*Claude C. Cornwall*

Claude C. Cornwall  
Chief, Employment Division



March 4, 1943

IN RE: MARY TAKAHASHI

War Relocation Project  
Manzanar, California

Dear Sirs:      Attention, Project Director

You wrote me on February 13th, that Miss Takahashi's application was in Washington, and was being pushed through the routine of investigation as rapidly as possible. Inasmuch as three weeks have now elapsed, I hope that she is preparing to leave soon.

Won't you please advise me as to whether this is true?

Very truly yours,

ANP:HS

ARTHUR N. PHILLIPS

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March 4, 1943

Mrs. L. D. Steefel  
Volunteer Placement Secretary  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel

I received your postcard of the 24th and appreciate very much what you and your committee is doing for us. Yesterday afternoon I filled out the employment service blank with the help of Mr. Ray Buzzetti, placement officer here in Manzanar.

Although I have signed for release, I have not received my leave clearance. I hope the Army registration program will speed that procedure. I have only a little experience in whatever office work I do, but your help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and my best wishes for your committee's success.

You can also reach me by writing to the Manzanar Free Press.

Sincerely yours,

*Sue Kunitomi*

Sue Kunitomi

Block 20 - 3 - 1  
Manzanar, California

BACKGROUND SHEET

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NAME: Sue Sueko Kunitomi  
 BIRTHPLACE: Los Angeles, California  
 BIRTHDATE: January 6th, 1923  
 FAMILY STATUS: Single  
 RELIGION: None at the present time. Formerly Buddhist.  
 HEALTH: Good. Wears glasses for nearsightedness.  
 HEIGHT: Five feet four and one-half inches tall.  
 WEIGHT: 120 pounds  
 POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS: None  
 EDUCATION: Amelia Street School, Los Angeles (graduated)  
 Abraham Lincoln High School, Los Angeles (graduated)  
 EXPERIENCE: Manager, clerk, buyer, bookkeeper for family  
grocery from March 1, 1941 to April 30th, 1942.  
 Camouflage net factory weaver in Manzanar Rel.  
 Center from June 24th to Sept. 25th inclusive,  
 1942.  
Manzanar Free Press reporter from Sept. 25th, 1942

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Outdoor sports: volleyball, basketball, baseball  
 and spectator sports. Hobbies: Collecting poetry,  
 classical and popular music, writing,  
 reading, knitting and dancing.

TYPE OF WORK DESIRED:

Newspaper office work.  
 Companion for elderly person or young girl.  
 Housework  
 Telephone operator for small business firm.  
 Defense work in War Plant.

REMARKS:

If possible, I would like to find a position in Minneapolis, Minnesota since I have friends there at the present. Though I have very little experience in any of the above types of work, I am willing and eager to work, and learn.

*Noted  
CCP*

*Sue Kunitomi  
 Blk 20 Bldg 3 Apt. 1  
 Manzanar, Calif  
 Manzanar W.R.A. Center*



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
MANZANAR WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
Manzanar, California

In reply, please refer to:

Relocation

March 5, 1943

War Relocation Committee Desk  
United States Employment Service  
407 South Fourth  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attention: Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing registration forms completed by Sue Kunitomi, Fred Hiraoka, and Moses H. Miyazaki, as requested in your letter of February 26. These three people are interested in work in or around Minnesota, and we feel that they will do a very good job if it is possible to place them in employment along their lines.

Sincerely,

Ralph P. Merritt  
Project Director

*Walter A. Heath*  
by: Walter A. Heath  
Leave Officer

Enclosure--33187



MANZANAR WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
Manzanar, California

Relocation

March 5, 1943

War Relocation Committee Desk  
United States Employment Service  
407 South Fourth  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attention: Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing registration forms completed by Sue Kunitomi, Fred Hiraoka, and Moses H. Miyazaki, as requested in your letter of February 26. These three people are interested in work in or around Minnesota, and we feel that they will do a very good job if it is possible to place them in employment along their lines.

Sincerely,

Ralph P. Merritt  
Project Director

by: Walter A. Heath  
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Folder of  
Correspondence  
Return to  
Mrs Arthur Phillips

Bus. phone BR 7753  
Home PL 2593

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March 5, 1943

Miss Mary Takahashi  
16-2-1, War Relocation A  
Manzanar, California

Dear Miss Takahashi:

Both Mrs. Phillips and I were glad to receive your letter of February 27th. We had previously heard from the Project Director about the delay in getting your clearance papers from Washington. We hope that by this time everything has been cleared and that you will soon be ready to come to Minneapolis.

In answer to your question about churches, there are, in our immediate neighborhood, churches of all denominations so that I am sure you will find it very convenient to attend church. There is also a large Y.W.C.A. in downtown Minneapolis, where you will be very welcome. Camp Savage is located a few miles out of the city, and the Nisei soldiers are able to drive in in about twenty minutes. There are about ten or twelve other Japanese girls in the neighborhood, with whom you will soon become acquainted.

We live about a half mile from Lake Harriet which affords a wonderful place to swim during the summer months, in your spare time. Moreover, you will have a large cheerful room, and are very welcome to spend some of your spare time in any of the rooms in our comfortable home. I am sure that you will soon adjust yourself, and will make yourself a part of our family.

I would recommend that you let us know, by air mail, as to the exact date of your departure and the exact time of your arrival, and on which railroad you will arrive here. It happens that there are two depots for the different railroads. You might also give us some description of yourself in your final letter, telling us something about your traveling clothes, so that we may quickly identify you at the railroad station. If you have a small snapshot of yourself it would be well to send it on, and we shall, of course, return it to you.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Cordially,

A. N. PHILLIPS

ANP:HS

AIR MAIL

Girl did not stay. Wished to join friends.  
Mrs Phillips not well, domestic science  
graduate, does a good deal herself, but not  
satisfied to carry so much. Needs much rest  
at present time. Tolerant, pleasant, but  
needs more help than this girl is willing  
to give. Complaint seems legitimate.

*Mrs Phillips GFS*

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BRIDGEPORT 7753

ARTHUR N. PHILLIPS, C. L. U.

538 NORTHWESTERN BANK BLDG.

MINNEAPOLIS

MANAGER

THE FIDELITY MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

*Call early Mon*

*Mr. Arthur N. Phillips  
907-W Minneapolis  
Minneapolis 2593*

*16-2-1*

*TAKAHASHI. Mary*

*10-12 week-*

*10 Rooms - 2 babies*

*laundry - constantly -*

*sample clothing*

*9 1/2 13 1/2*

*clean Mr White*

*Clear  
Callup Sarah  
TAKAHASHI*



Colorado River War Relocation Project  
Poston, Arizona

March 6, 1943

H. O. Heald, Manager  
United States Employment Service  
407 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attention: Mrs. Lawrence T. Steefel

Dear Mr. Heald:

Enclosed you will find employment records filled out by Tadashi Yemoto, Mae Kuroda and Fumi Kuroda. The other three will be forwarded immediately upon receipt.

Yours very truly,

W. WADE HEAD  
PROJECT DIRECTOR

By

Vernon R. Kennedy  
Vernon R. Kennedy  
Chief, Employment Division



TK:MM

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W.R.G.

Rec'd  
3.17.43

J. W. WOOD

MAR 13 43

5304-F Juniper St.

Topaz, UTM

March 9, 1943

Siberius Y. Saito, Architect

~~2061 BUSH STREET, SAN FRANCISCO~~

United States Employment Service

(79)

Minneapolis Minn.

Gentlemen:

In perusing The architectural Trade

magazines I note that there is a shortage of draftsmen both architectural and engineering. If such a shortage exists in the Minneapolis region I request that you give consideration to my <sup>application</sup> ~~request~~ for a position. My experiences have been mostly in the architectural field but feel that I can also qualify as an engineering draftsman.

I have applied to the War Relocation Authority for a permanent leave and expect it to be forthcoming soon. If there are openings in Minneapolis and the prospective employer ~~to~~ wishes to have an interview with me, I am willing to travel there, providing there is a reasonably good chance of getting that job. On a separate sheet I am briefly outlining my education and experiences.

Sincerely,  
Siberius Y. Saito

Education: University of California - B.A. 1932  
M.A. 1933  
Grad. in Arch. 1934

Honors: Member of - Tau Sigma Delta  
Delta Sigma Chi } Architectural Honor Societies  
Graduated with Honors.

School medal of The American Institute of Architects for the best five year record.

Teaching Fellowship in architecture for Two years.

Experience: Seven years with architects - mostly in the San Francisco bay region.

Types of Experience: Schools, residences, hospital, department store, commercial structures, race tracks, housing. Types of housing worked on -  
a) Multiple-story apartment Type b) Duplex dwellings.

Preferences: Prof. Howard Moise - architect, 71 Panoramic, Berkeley Calif.  
Prof. William C. Hays - architect, 2924 Derby, Berkeley, Calif.  
Francis L. Chinn, architect 729 Union St., Oakland, Calif.  
Elden Mills, 112 Market St., San Francisco Calif.  
Donald Giffin Rt. 1 Box 272B Pittsburg, California



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March 10, 1943  
Jerome, W.R.A.

Dear Mr. Reese;

First of all, we shall have to thank you for being so kind to our son, Kieth. In every letter we have received from him he mentions you and Mrs. Reese.

As you already know, our family plan to resettle in Minn. to be near Keith. We think that our resettling will help in a little way towards victory and peace.

Father is not capable of any strenuous work, but he can do some kind of domestic work such as, gardening or janitoring.

Mother is not very well but is willing to do some kind of work if she is capable.

Sonny, our youngest son would like to attend some business school before drafted. Then we think he would be more qualified for army life and he is willing to go and help America. Is there a business school available there in the city? Sonny would like to work for room and board or to have part-time work. He is an experienced grocery clerk, he can butcher a little, capable of general office work but is willing to be a house boy.

We are grateful and should like to thank you for the many, many past favors performed for Mary and Patty.

Our eldest daughter, Mildred is a graduate of Woodburys College in Los Angeles, Cal. She is capable of a secretarial position altho she majored in costume design. She will correspond with you shortly, but if anything in those lines come in, I think she will be willing to accept it.

If any question should arise, please notify us, so that we may be of some assistance if possible.

Thank you again for everything.

Best regards to you and Mrs. Reese.

Very sincerely,

The Nishimoto  
Family

P.D. Received letter from Keith today - <sup>brother</sup>  
he stated that you wanted to see ages.

Mr. Nishimoto - 52

Mildred 26 Sonny 20

Mrs. Nishimoto - 47

Mary 22 Patty 19

No demand for  
Civil Eng. M. No application  
at this time. #40

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2205-A-WRA  
Newell, Calif.,  
March 10, 1943

Mrs. L. D. Steefel,  
c/o U.S.E.S.  
407 4th St.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Steefel,

Through friends in the J.A.C.L., your name was suggested to me as one who might be able to help an evacuee American who is interested in and has hopes of being relocated in the Mid-west. We realize that America needs men and the sooner the better. We feel the same way about it, the sooner the better, and so we solicit your help in relocation.

Our limited background and education lies in civil engineering; we are seeking employment in this field as Jr. Engineer or equivalent. As for qualifications, I am a graduate in Civil Engineering and Sanitary Engineering Option of the University of California at Berkeley, California, in May, 1942. I have worked short periods with the California State Division of Highways and the Division of Architecture; and I have a Federal Civil Service rating (83.00) of Junior Civil Engineer. Having been evacuated soon after graduation, I have had no other work experience other than that mentioned above.

I have also taken the liberty to write to my friend and former teacher, Professor Charles G. Hyde, University of California, Berkeley, California, who has expressed his willingness to speak in my behalf.

I shall appreciate your information about employment possibilities in the civil and sanitary engineering fields, and equivalent work in war-production plants. We are greatly interested in contributing our share to the war effort; your aid in helping us to attain that goal will be fully appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry Omachi*  
Henry Omachi

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to: LS

Tule Lake Relocation Project  
Newell, California

March 11, 1943

Air Mail

Mr. H. O Heald  
United States Employment Service  
407 So. 4th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

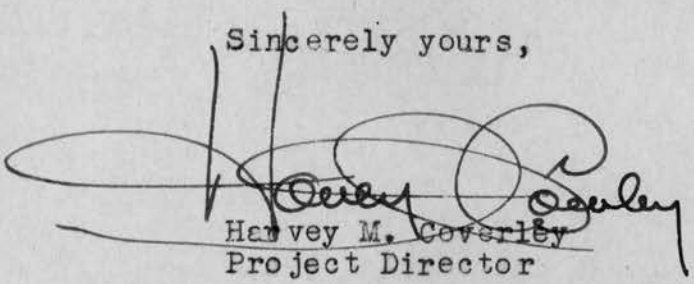
Dear Mr. Heald:

Enclosed you will find registration blanks for  
the following:

Tanaka, Yuriko  
Nishimoto, (Mrs.) Hisako  
Katagiri, Rose  
Morimoto, Hatsumi, George  
Fujii, William  
Kudo, Jack, T.  
Ike, George  
Kuniyoshi, Edwin

We hope that you will be able to secure employment for some of these evacuees, and hope that they will qualify in the one particular work they are applying for.

Sincerely yours,



Harvey M. Coverley  
Project Director

Enclosure

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Jerome Relocation Center  
Denson, Arkansas

In reply, please refer to:

W.R.C.  
rec'd 3-15-43

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March 12, 1943

Mr. C. H. Swenson, Manager  
United States Employment Service  
407 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Swenson:

We have your letter of March 9, 1943, requesting us to supervise the filling out of the enclosed application blanks of three niseis within this center. Miss Aiko Ikeguchi and Mr. Makiji Hase, two of the niseis have already accepted offers of employment and we have stated this fact in returning their cards.

Also enclosed is the completed card of Miss Fumiko Otsuki. (Miss Eiko Fujii,) sent 3-15-43  
whom we believe highly trained and at present a member of this office staff would appreciate receiving an application blank.

Please write us if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

*John L. McCormick*  
John L. McCormick  
Head Employment Division





copy  
mailed 3-23-43  
Rec'd 3-24-43  
3:28 PM

COMMITTEE ON RESETTLEMENT OF JAPANESE AMERICANS

Sponsored Jointly

by

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America  
The Home Missions Council of North America  
in cooperation with  
The Foreign Missions Conference of North America

297 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

March 12, 1943

Dear Miss Porter,

I trust that the last "Resettlement Bulletin" finally reached you. I would be very much interested in hearing your comments about it. The first Bulletin took an unusually long time before going to the press because of the rapidly changing situation, etc. I promise to do a better job next time.

Today I am writing to you again to ask you for your material for the next Bulletin. I expect that the next issue will be out the beginning of April. For one thing, Mr. Rundquist is going to visit the camps around the seventeenth of March and the first report from him for the Bulletin will reach us before the end of the month. I should like to ask you the same questions, such as the total number of evacuees resettled in your area, your analysis of job offers and a general report on the resettlement.

Because of the nature of our program, we must keep in touch with the reactions in various communities where resettlement is going on. We are, therefore, particularly interested at this time in obtaining information as to the general tendencies and specific instances of friendly welcome or unfriendly reactions within your area. Any newspaper clippings or articles appearing periodicals that you have noticed will be greatly appreciated if you can send them to us. I wish, also, to ask if you would do us the favor of sending us the names and addresses of representative resettlers with whom you have had contacts. If possible, we would like you to include one college boy, one college girl, one office worker, one domestic worker, one farm worker, one mechanic, one professional, one Christian, and one Buddhist. One person can represent two or three categories; for instance, office worker and Christian. It would help also if you can name one Issei and one Kibei. When we have received these names we plan to write personal letters to each one of them, asking about their success or failure in their adjustment to their new environment.

May I have your reply before Friday, March 26th? Please mark your reply "For the Resettlement Bulletin."

Very sincerely yours,

TORU MATSUMOTO

TM/R

Miss Sleepel:  
Can you give Miss Stanley some material as for this request?  
Thank you  
Mar.



March 12, 1943



Y. W. C. A.  
Minneapolis  
Minnesota

Dear Madam:

Kindly by return mail, I would appreciate information of your Y. W. C. A. in general, the housing facilities, as to cost, management, and possibility in the near future for several of us here in Poston to reside.

Also please inform me of any possible employments in secretarial or domestic line as there are quite a few who are interested in getting outside employment.

Upon receipt of your answer I will be glad to forward my application and references and others concerned, for further information in regard to our status.

Thanking you for your time and kind attention, I am

Very gratefully yours,

*Mae M. Kuroda*

Mae M. Kuroda  
306 - 7 - D  
Poston, Arizona

March 13, 1943

Mrs. D. C. Eckenbeck, chairman of the Housing Committee of the Minneapolis War Relocation Committee, will have office hours every Monday from 10 a.m. - 12:00 at the Minneapolis Council of Church Women's office, 914 Marquette Avenue, Br 3781.

4187 If you know of rooms or apartments for rent and find it impossible to call at this time, Miss Druhot will be glad to take your call at this number.

Frank Reese

Chairman

Mpls. War Relocation Committee



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mrs. Lawrence Steefel  
2808 W. River Road  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

WRC  
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2-8-A  
Jerome Relocation Center  
Denson, Arkansas

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel  
War Relocation Committee Desk  
United States Employment Service  
407 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

Through the Leave Clearance Office I was informed that there might be a possibility of my securing a position in Minneapolis. I am very much interested in securing an office position.

I am a graduate from Hanford Union High School, Hanford, California, where I have majored in commercial course. I am also a graduate from Heald's College where I attended after my graduation from high school in order to further my knowledge in commercial field. While in business college, I have completed my accounting course, including proprietorship, partnership, corporation, and cost accounting. Also, I have had a course in real business practice. Besides the accounting course, I have taken a great deal of dictation and transcription classes.

From September, 1941 to December, 1941, I have worked at the California State Department of Employment on N.Y.A. This was a clerical work consisting mostly of filing and typing. First of this year, prior to my evacuation, I have had a stenographic experience with Attorney Lyman Griswold, Hanford, California. My duties consisted mostly of dictation and transcription. At the Fresno Assembly Center, Fresno, California, I did general office work for Mr. E. A. Dunn, Assistant Manager. Now I am employed by Mr. A. G. Thompson, Superintendent of Education as secretary. My work consists of dictation and transcription, filing, timekeeping, and interviewing callers.

Sincerely hoping that there will be a position for me in the near future, I am

Yours very truly,

*Miye Magota*

(Miss) Miye Magota



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

## Application for Private Employment by Relocation Center Resident

Date 3-15-43Name MAGOTA, MIYEBirth Date 2-25-20 Country Exeter,  
of Birth Calif.

Block Number \_\_\_\_\_

Height 5'2" Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Sex femalePost Office 2-8-A JeromeCitizen of U.S.? Yes If alien give

State \_\_\_\_\_

date of entry into U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

Position for which Applying Stenographer

Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

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					
High	Hanford High School				
Business or Trade School	Heald's Business College San Francisco	1 yr.		Shorthand, typing, accounting, operate bookkeeping machines	
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. 9	Mo. 12	Geo. Becknell			
Yr. 41	Yr. 41	Hanford, Calif.	Employment	Typing-Clerical work	
Mo. 1	Mo. 3	Lyman Griswold		Dictation, typing,	
Yr. 42	Yr. 42	Hanford, Calif.	Attorney	Receptionist, clerical	
Mo. 5	Mo. 10	E. A. Dunn		Receptionist, typing	
Yr. 42	Yr. 42	Fresno, Calif	Assembly Center	Evacu'ee passes	
Mo. 10	Mo.	A. G. Thompson	WRA	Dictation, bookkeeping &	
Yr. 42	Yr.	Denson, Ark	Supt. of Education	clerical	
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 Bookkeeping Machines, Typewriter

\_\_\_\_\_. 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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

This form is supplied to you by the War Relocation Authority to aid you in telling  
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.

Gardener

(82)

Inarch 15 1943  
Gildford Mont.

Dear Mrs. Stiefel:

I am a person whom my friend Loyd Osako were inquiring you about the job for me.

Ofcourse, he didnt state, just what kind of work you have for me but whatever it may be, I'm willing to do my best and take interest for my employer as well as for myself. I am not very particular what kind of work it is as long as the wage are in living standard. Although, I do like outdoor work like taking care of garden or work in filling station. I've been working or rather I've been operating a grocery store in Los Angeles. I would like to get defense work. I am at age of twenty nine and still single. Working now for the Great Northern Railway Co. but the weather is not permittable



for me to ~~work~~ work steadily. So I am leaving for home next Wednesday morning.

If you wish to inquire about my reference, please do write to Mrs. E. Silvera 3508 Glenhurst Ave., Los Angeles or Mrs. F. S. Scott Jr. 3659 Edenhurst Ave. Los Angeles. I would appreciate very much if you will give me all the information regarding to this job as soon as possible at your convenient time. Thank you very much.

Sincerely Yours  
Richard G. Matsui

P/S. Please let me know if you need more than one person.

My address

Bldg. 17 - Bldg. 4 - Apt. 4

Manzanar Relocation Center

Manzanar, California



MARCH 16, 1943

DEAR MRS. STEEFEL,



I AM CERTAINLY GRATEFUL  
TO YOU AND MR. WHITE FOR THE  
WONDERFUL WORK YOU ARE DOING  
TO HELP US JAPANESE-AMERICANS.

I DO HOPE THAT GEORGE  
AND JACK CAN COME HERE, FOR  
MINNEAPOLIS IS THE BEST AND  
MOST DEMOCRATIC CITY I HAVE EVER  
BEEN IN.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND  
I HOPE TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS SOON.

SINCERELY,

SAM YAGU

no application  
to.

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SAVAGE  
BOAT WORKS?

[Mar. 17, 1943]

ADDRESS

38-5-C

TOPAZ, UTAH

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—

MY NAME IS JACK MIZONO - BORN IN  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. JUNE 28, 1919 - WEIGHT 150<sup>lb</sup>  
- U.S. CITIZEN. THE FOLLOWING ARE MY RECORDS:

TRAINING - { NATIONAL DEFENSE SCHOOL - S.F. CAL.  
TRADE - SHIPFITTER, 2 MONTHS - TRAINING  
BETHLEHEM STEEL CO. - S.F. CAL.  
5 WEEKS TRAINING ON BLUEPRINT  
READING & TEMPLATE WORK.

WORK AT - BETHLEHEM STEEL CO. IN  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. FROM OCT. 15, 1941  
TO APRIL 18, 1942.

WORK ON DESTROYER (- ON SLABS &  
BOATS.)

WORKED MOSTLY ON MAIN DECK.

PUTTING ON LONGITUDINALS, TRANSVERSE,  
(WATER TIGHT)  
WT. BULKHEADS, GUN FOUNDATIONS, BRACKETS,  
TOWING GEAR, MAIN DECK PLATING,  
RIVETING STRIPS ETC.

CAN READ BLUEPRINTS.

WAGES WAS \$1.02 HOUR. WORKED AS TRAINEE  
WITH A HELPER

TYPE OF METAL HANDLED - GALVANIZED - MILD - MEDIUM -  
+ CORROSIVE RESISTING STEEL.

REFERENCE — MR. BILL COLLINS 74 CHENERY ST.  
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

FOREMAN ON BOAT AT BETHLEHEM  
STEEL CO.,

MR. CHAS. MARTINE 912 JENNER ST.  
S. F. CALIF.

SHIPFITTER AT BETHLEHEM STEEL CO.,  
MR. GEO. AYOOD.

1938 DONNER AVE. S.F. CAL.  
SHIPFITTER AT BETHLEHEM  
STEEL CO.,

Manzana, California

March 17, 1943

Mrs. Lawrence Steefel  
 Volunteer Placement Desk  
 War Relocation Desk  
 707 South 4th St.  
 U.S. Employment Service  
 Minneapolis Minnesota

15-5-11  
 JES



Dear Madam:

The local War Relocation Office has referred me to your offices regarding the filing of an application card U.S.E.S. Form # 511.

The U.S.E.S. Central Placement Office of Chicago, Ill., has requested such forms from me.

Please send me about ten (10) form # 511 "Application Cards".

Also, please send information regarding persons, here in this WRA camp, qualified to act as my interviewer - or some alternative method of filling out this form.

My intention is to place these cards on file - in the various large cities in the east and midwest.

I am a consultant-engineer, and feel that there will be job opportunities whereby I can serve my country.

my address:

Ki Negoro  
 27-14-3  
 Manzanar, California

Yours Truly  
 Ki Negoro



60-70 -  
in handwritten

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March 18, 1943

Dear Mrs. Steefel,

I received your card regarding employment in Minneapolis. At the present I am working on a farm, having left the camp on the sixth of this month. Am I still entitled to fill out the United States Employment Service Registration blank? What is the prevailing pay for farm work in your locality? Thank you very much.

Yours respectfully,

*Eugene Omer*

Eugene Omi  
Rt. 1, Box 214  
La Jara, Colo.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel

c/o United States Employment Ser.

407 S. 4th Street

Minneapolis, Minnesota

PL 2532  
Phillips 03-27753

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407 S 4th Street  
April 4, 1943

Mr Eugene Omi,  
12-E-S-D Granada,  
Asasche Colorado

Dear Mr Omi:

In answer to your postal card. The jobs here are paying from sixty to seventy dollars a month with full maintenance. These are jobs which are apt to requ re less work in winter, and the wages may drop then. The pay in winter is fifty a month.

If you are interested, please tell me where we can reach you direct without going through the center, where mail must be forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Lawrence D Steefel  
Volunteer Placement Secretary

Send 511

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Black H-S-C

Kohler, Arkansas

March 19, 1942

Committed on Resettlement  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

I wish to enquire if  
there is an opening in your City  
for nurse's aide.

For the past six months  
I have been working as nurse's  
aide both in the wards and  
in the clinic of this center.  
I am interested in obtain-  
ing this type of a job.

Any information you may  
be able to give me on this



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matter will be greatly  
appreciated.

Yours truly,  
Tuzi Shiroishi

*County  
Catal*

*enclosed*

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c/6 United States  
Employment Service  
407 S. 4th Street  
Minneapolis  
March 19, 1943

Professor B.J. Robertson  
Professor Mechanical Engineering  
510 Administration Building  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Dear Professor Robertson:

After our conversation yesterday at Mrs Painter's meeting, I cannot help bringing to you the problem presented by these letters. Here are men qualified or eager to take training to qualify for Defense work. They are Nisei, or Japanese -American citizens eager to leave War Relocation Centers and take up normal life again. As you see some of them are well-trained.

The pencilled notations are advices from the USES that such people should not be encouraged to come here to look for employment. I am wondering what your counsel in the matter will be. It is possible for us to make available to you complete educational and work records and to obtain references on these people. It is possible also to bring them here to our own homes, which some of us have done to date, and house them during the time when they are being interviewed, or even taking training. Some of them have adequate funds to care for themselves.

Can you suggest the best way to contact employment for these people? If there is reasonable assurance of eventual employment they will come and prepare for it.

Sincerely yours,

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

*PS needless to say these people should not  
be asked to come for training except  
for jobs in this area  
90.*

March 19, 1943  
32-12-A  
Denson, Arkansas

Sent 488 5/11  
4.4.43

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel  
War Relocation Committee Desk  
U. S. Employment Service  
407 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

Having received my leave clearance, I inquired at the Leaves Office of this center as to the working opportunities that are offered to us. The advised me to write directly to you, as you may be able to assist me in resettling in or around Minneapolis.

I am a graduate of Monterey Union High School, Monterey, California (Class of 1939); Salinas Junior College, Salinas, California (Class of 1941. At both of the above schools I had taken accounting as my major study.

I am employed at the present in the capacity of a cost clerk in the W. R. A. office here. I would like very much to get a position in the accounting field.

I have the permission of the following persons to present their names for references. They know of my character and abilities.

Miss Ivy Watson, 305 9th Street, Pacific Grove, Calif.  
Mr. Loren E. Smith, 682 Gibson Street, Pacific Grove,  
California  
Mr. L. H. Sortais, 920 Hellam Street, Monterey, Calif.  
Mr. Ted McKay, 470 Alvarado, Monterey, California

Will you please keep me informed as to jobs that are open in that region. Your kind attention will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*Toshio Enokida*  
Toshio Enokida



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*Mr White promised to write air mail  
First Paint Co  
Sles letter serv. jobs.*

War Relocation Desk  
c/o USES 407 S. 4th St  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

3-20-43.

Dear Miss Watanabe, and Miss Yamashita,

I have waited a few days to write you because I have wanted to be able to send information about possibilities of employment for both of you. At present there is one job which is certain. It is a stencil cutting job for a Letter Service Company. It consists of cutting stencils. The pay is 45 cents an hour for a 40 hour week, with time and a half for over-time. I believe this comes to about \$81.00 a week without overtime.

Another job will open soon when a Nisei woman here will leave with her husband. This is a bookkeeper-typing job. Whether we can place in it I do not know, as the job never came to our committee. The woman now holding it however, is going to try to have one of our girls take the job.

It has been suggested that both of you come on on the hospitality plan and that you try for both jobs. On this plan it is always understood that if after a reasonable time work in your own field does not open you will accept work in the domestic field in which we have many openings. The committee however, tries its hardest to place each person where she is trained and in the field of work she prefers.

If you are interested, there is a charming apartment available at fifty dollars a month. This would come to twenty-five each, and would be close to a bus line which comes directly to town. The apartment has a fully equipped electric kitchen, bath and living-room-bedroom. The outlook is very beautiful. It is in the private home of some attractive Minneapolis people.

What is your leave-clearance status?  
If you are interested I should like to know at once, and also, if you are not. We are eager to fill these positions as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Lawrence D. Steefel  
Volunteer Placement Secretary



MINNEAPOLIS/WAR REL. COMM. DESK  
407 SOUTH FOURTH ST.  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.



School ~~Ex~~ Student Det.  
Barrack B  
Camp Savage, Minn.  
March 21, 1943

Dear Sir: send 511

(46) (81)

Will you please give me some informations concerning employment if possible in defence work of American ~~Japanese~~ <sup>young</sup> ~~best~~ young man. His name is Joe Nishihara, my brother-in-law, now residing at Granada Relocation Center in Colorado. Since I am planning to call my wife, his sister, here in Minneapolis and this is the good opportunity for him to do some service to our country's war effort, which he is very eager to do, I want him to accompany her. He is at present 21 years old and is the graduate of high school in Livingston, Calif. Till vacation he had been engaged in farm work on his own farm mostly on tractor and truck driving. He has been taking keen interest in mechanical work right along and at present he is taking corresponding course from Denver University. If you need his recommendation I could obtain from Mr. F. Calhoun, president of Bank of America at Alhambra, or Mr. Fensler, postmaster of Cressey, Calif. and others.

I am Pvt. Roger Richard Kawasaki, enlistee from Granada Relocation Center to Savage School at Camp Savage. My address is as follows:

School ~~Ex~~ Student Detachment  
Barrack B

Camp Savage, Minn.

I was planning to go over and see you personally but since my duty won't permit me I am asking you this through mail. If there is such job available, will you please let me know how I can register his

name. If there is no defense job available, will  
you please let me know what other job is available  
to him. By the way, his address is:

JOE NISHIHARA

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AMACHE, COLORADO

I would appreciate greatly if you let me know  
as soon as possible. Enclosed you will find a stamp.



Sincerely,

Kayes K. Kawasaki

150 to 300 acres Vegetable  
Onions - pot. - carrots -

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Wife: Mrs. Tomiko Kawasaki

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WAR RELOCATION DESK,  
407 S. 4th Street, Minneapolis

March 22, 1943

Miss Kiyoko Nagai,  
45-03-E  
Jerome Relocation Center,  
Denson, Arkansas

Dear Miss Nagai:

A position, as Executive Secretary of the local Minneapolis League of Women Voters is now open. We are wondering if this position would interest you. It entails management of an office, contact with Board Chairman, and the carrying out of office detail in the completion of the work they undertake. More details would be available if you are interested. This would pay \$100.00 a month on the present budget, and would be a wonderful opportunity for introducing to the community, through many of its most active and most responsible leaders, a member of the Nisei group. Through such a successful placement many others might follow.

We had suggested you for this position, and the Board is meeting to discuss the possibility this week. We may wire you before the week is out. Would you be interested? If so, would you be ready to come on by the first of April, say, if they call you, for an interview? Because you have an A.B. degree, and have had five and a half years experience as manager of your father's office and your recent experience in the Project Director's office, and because of the excellent recommendation from the Palecentra Center, we have felt you could handle this work.

We have asked Mr White, the local War Relocation Representative to teletype the question, and to ask what you majored in at College. It would help if it was Political Science, Social Sciences, or History, though that is not indispensable.

We would invite you to come on and stay as our guest to be interviewed, and until you find suitable quarters to live in. If, by any chance this job failed to open, or to interest you, we have something to fall back on in a stencil cutter's job at 92.50 a month. But I feel sure that if you come on at the invitation of the League you will get the job. I have given them a duplicate registration blank, copy of the one you sent us.

It happens that a very charming apartment is open in a very fine neighborhood, at \$50.00 a month. Miss Ann Chono, now working here as Secretary in the Children's Protective Society would be interested in sharing this apartment with a second person. This would mean rent, heat, light, and cooking fuel for \$25.00 a month, in one of the best neighborhoods in town, close to town. The apartment is over a garage in an attractive garden, and is made up of living room, large bath and kitchenette. Ann says it is very attractive, well furnished and the people who are offering it are exceptionally pleasant people.

I send this explanation to prepare you for any further communications which may come along to you. Are you interested?

Sincerely yours,  
Volunteer Placement Secretary

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Poston, Arizona  
March 22, 1943

Mrs. Stiefel  
War Relocation Board  
407 S. 4th St.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Dear Mrs. Stiefel,

After entering the Poston Relocation Center, I have given a great deal of thought about obtaining employment outside of this Project. I wrote to my brother who is now stationed at Camp Savage, Minnesota and he referred me to you in regards to some positions which may now be available for American Citizens of Japanese Ancestry.

My position here in this Relocation Center is Pre-School teaching which I enjoy very much, I am especially interested in small children and would like to get into some Children's Institution if such jobs are available.

Before evacuation from California I was working at the Rosco 5 and 10¢ Store in Reedley, California as a salesgirl. If jobs in Children's Institutions are not available I would prefer some type of clerical job where I have had some experience.

I would prefer being in or around Minnesota where I have a few distant relatives and my brother.

Please let me know if there are any possibilities of my obtaining any type of positions mentioned.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention, I shall be anxiously awaiting your reply.

Very Sincerely Yours,

*Yoshiko Nakamura*



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
MINNEAPOLIS

ENGINEERING, SCIENCE, AND  
MANAGEMENT WAR TRAINING

March 22, 1943

*Collected*  
*all*

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel  
Volunteer Placement Secretary  
War Relocation Committee  
United States Employment Service  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

Certainly the applications in your letters indicate a serious condition and one for which, it seems to me, there should be some solution. Some of these men have very good educations, and it does not seem that they should be required to take more training. Of the others, I notice that you have made a notation "Savage Boat Works" for Mr. Mizono, and it would seem to me that he would fit in there provided he can be permitted to do so by the Government.

Mr. Saito has ability in drafting that could be utilized, I am sure, although he might probably spent some time taking a course in engineering drafting or mechanical drafting. He would probably have to start at a rather low salary because his training in architecture would not be of much value to him. I do not know, however, whether he would be allowed to work in a war industry, and practically all the openings for draftsmen are in war industries.

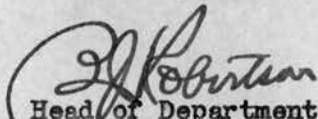
The other two men are graduate engineers and are able to do work without further training of any sort. If the Department of Education would allow them, I am certain that either one of the two men could teach mathematics in any of the high schools of the state. We are told that there is a serious shortage there. Of course they do not have the Teacher's Certificates, but they do have the fundamental training that would enable them to do a creditable piece of work. They would be allowed to teach in an engineering school, but I presume would be barred from the high school on account of the Department of Education rulings.

I called Mr. E. S. Loye, Administrative Assistant and in charge of the Institute of Technology Placement Bureau, and I am sending these applications to him for study. I hope that we can find some suggestion for using these people for we would not only be helping them but the war effort would be served to very good advantage. Mr. Loye is a member of the Mathematics Department in the Institute of Technology, and it is possible that there may be some use for them in that department. I am sure he will talk with Dr. Priester, the Head of the Department, about it. I know that Mr. Brink of the Mathematics Department in the Arts College is in need of mathematics teachers, and perhaps he would be interested in these men if there is not an opening in the engineering school.

March 22, 1943

In the case of the college graduates, I think it would be very desirable to have a transcript of their records in the Colleges. After Mr. Loya has gone over the letters, we'll return them to you with any specific suggestions we can make.

Yours' very sincerely,

  
Head of Department  
ESMWT

B. J. Robertson:EC

# THE MINNEAPOLIS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

914 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Telephone: Atlantic 6319

March 23, 1943

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel  
War Relocation Desk  
407 S. 4th St.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

I have just forwarded to Mrs. McQuarrie a copy of the record on the Nisei girl which you sent us and have suggested that she plan an executive committee meeting for its consideration immediately upon her return. We have just heard from her that she will not be back until March 29.

I hope that you will give us this extra time to consider Miss Nagai. We will let you know the board's decision as soon as they have met.

Very sincerely yours,

*Gertrude Shapiro*

Mrs. M. J. Shapiro

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Dictated  
but not read

WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION  
UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE  
~~FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY~~

IN REPLY REFER TO

FILE No.

~~SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD~~

INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

March 23, 1943

TO: Mrs. Lawrence Steefel  
~~War Relocation Authority~~

*Mpls. War Relocation Volunteer Committee*

FROM: C. H. Swenson, Manager  
Local Office #701

SUBJECT: Outline of Additional Procedure in Placement and Registration  
of Nisei

1. MES-79, cross index card, will be prepared for each application on the above workers, which is filed in the placement files in this office.
2. An applicant who has been registered in a Relocation Center, signifying at that time he does not wish to migrate to this area, who later appears at this office, will be registered here in the usual manner. Duplication of application will be prevented by close check when the cross index card for such application is being prepared to determine such card has not already been prepared for a previous registration.
3. The same procedure would apply when the original application is dead through unavailability of the applicant for any reason.
4. When the application is taken, <sup>*Mpls*</sup>selection, referral and placement are made independently by the War Relocation Volunteer Committee, no record of such placement need be given to the U.S.E.S. except for purposes of availability; in other words, U.S.E.S. should be notified that such person is employed so that the application, if active, may be cancelled and placed in the inactive file.
5. Where the U.S.E.S. has any part in developing the employer order or any part in the selection, referral or placement of these individuals, record of such placement should be furnished U.S.E.S. whenever the facts come to the War Relocation Committee.

*Mpls.*

*C. H. Swenson*  
Manager

cc - H. B. Wold



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT

Public Works  
Division

37-9-A  
Topaz, Utah  
March 23, 1943



Miss Edna H. Porter, General Secretary  
YWCA  
1103 Nicollet Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Porter:

45-5-511  
I have heard from the War Relocation Authority officials that you are aiding in the Japanese relocation program. I am interested in the employment in your area; therefore, I am enclosing my "Education, Experience, and Facts."

Your service is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*Kuwanichi George Ono*

Kuwanichi George Ono

Enclosure

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MRS LAWRENCE D STEEFEL, CARE US EMPLOYMENT SVC= 1943 MAR 24 PM 4 09

407 SOUTH 4 ST MPLS=

ACCEPT PROPOSITION AM WAITING FOR PROPER CLEARANCE. WILL SIGN  
AND MAIL APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION=

MIYOKO SURI.

*Ke 3120  
Ma 8031 Ext 39. Miss Wheeler*

MIYOKO SURI.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

March 24, 1943

Dear Mrs. Lawrence D. Steffel,

(26)

I am a male evacuee in camp at Jerome, Arkansas. I and a friend would like employment in Minneapolis or near about. I have had 5 years experience in oriental food cooking and would like very much to be employed as a cooks help in an oriental restaurant or will be willing to work as a cooks help in an American restaurant.

Will you please let us know if there is an opening for 2 workers because we are anxious to have our clearance made out. I am 26 years old & married - my friend is 23 years of age. We would like to work in the same place as much as possible. Will you also please state the wages. Thank You!

Yours truly,  
James Monji

P.S. My address:

James Monji  
7-10-E

Jerome Reloc Cntr.  
Dinison, Arkansas.

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1125 Buchanan Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.  
March 27, 1943

Mrs. L. D. Steefel  
Volunteer Placement Secretary  
War Relocation Desk  
407 South 4th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

Thank you for your letter of March 22, 1943, in which you offered me a very interesting position with the Minneapolis League of Women Voters.

I regret to say that I cannot accept the offer as I recently, March 20 to be exact, accepted a position with the War Relocation Authority in Washington, D. C. I only wish that your offer had arrived sooner.

I appreciate your consideration, and I sincerely hope that you will find a suitable person for the position.

Very truly yours,

*Kiyoko Nagai*

Kiyoko Nagai



# WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

TULE LAKE PROJECT  
NEWELL, CALIFORNIA

In reply, please refer to:

United States Employment Service  
407 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

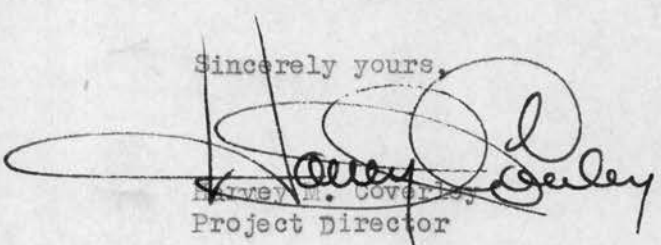
We are attaching the applications for the following:

Fujii, (Mrs.) Harry H.	
Fujii, Harry H.	
Haji, Sumiko	Left Project
Iwafuchi, Ray Kiyo	
Kayama, Ryoko	Left Project
Makimoto, Midori	
Nakano, Minnie	Left Project
Taketa, Sally S.	
Yatsu, Takeyo	

You will note that three of these applicants have left the Project for outside employment.

We would appreciate it very much if you will advise us just what success you are having with this experiment.

Sincerely yours,

  
Harvey M. Coverley  
Project Director



# WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

TULE LAKE PROJECT  
NEWELL, CALIFORNIA

In reply, please refer to:

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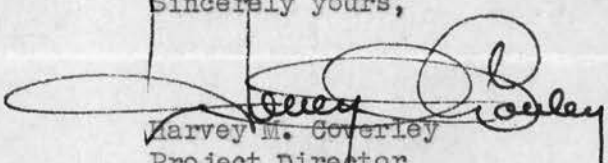
United States Employment Service  
407 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

We are attaching completed record of Mary T. Sakiyama and a record reading "Sadako, Sadako." "Sadako" is a first name and we would appreciate your checking your records and return the card with the correct last name.

Can you give us any information as to your success with our first list of records. A number of evacuees are interested in hearing from you as they are very anxious to go to Minneapolis. Any information you may be able to give us will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

  
Harvey M. Goverley  
Project Director



Jan. 10th Application for Position

(10)

Blank  
rec'd 2-24-47

Miss Kiyo Nagai

Block 45-08-C

% Jerome Reloc. Center

Denson, Arkansas

Attention Mr. Blank  
Please see that  
Rev Robinson or other  
proper party receives  
this

Age - 28 (approx.)

Weight - 105 - 110 lbs.

Not married

Seeking position for clerical or  
stenography work

Previous Employment:

Stenographer for State of California  
(Civil Service)  
at Sacramento, Calif.

approx. 6 yrs. experience under  
same employ.

Education: Fresno High & Fresno State college graduate

Personal recommendation given by

Det. M. George Ichinose

Bar. C -

% Studenta school Det.

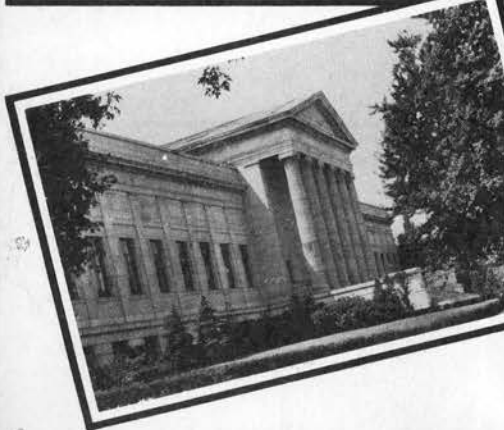
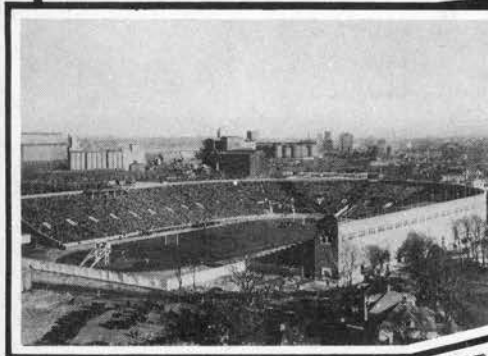
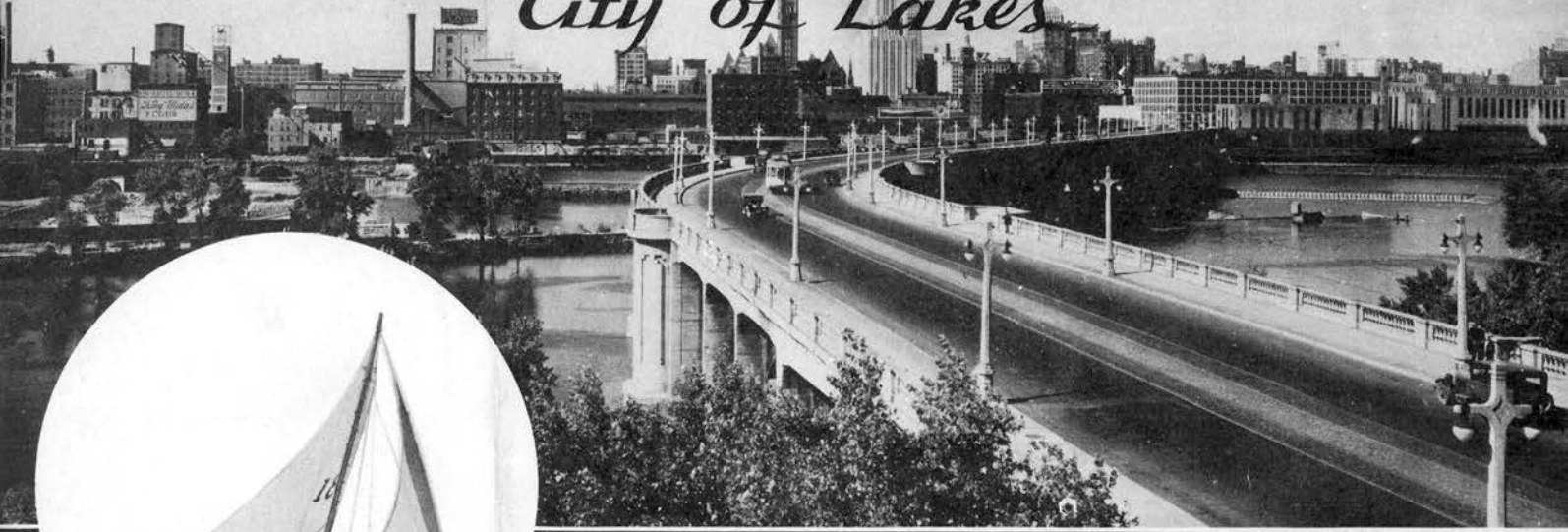
Camp Savage,

Savage, Minn.



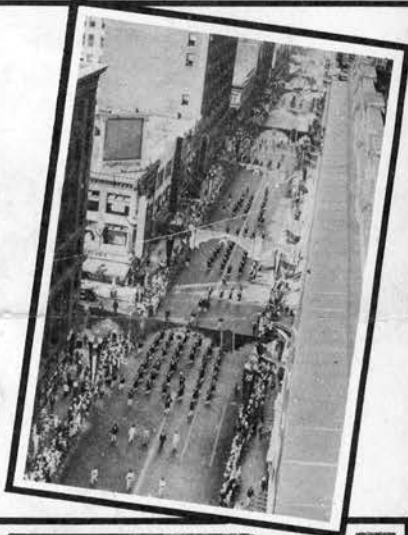
# MINNEAPOLIS

*City of Lakes*



## Minneapolis

THE visitor to Minneapolis comes to a thoroughly modern city, yet a city that has everything in the way of natural beauty and scenic setting. Stretching away for miles on each side of the Mississippi River Gorge, the city is surrounded with scenic boulevards which lead to and from its hundreds of parks and the eleven large lakes where sailing, swimming, bicycling, riding, band music, light opera, canoeing, golf and tennis are some of the diversions offered to visitors. Restful ease is assured in the deluxe Minneapolis hotels where rates are popular with all travelers. From your hotel it is but a short distance to such interesting sights as the Milling District at St. Anthony Falls, Lake Minnetonka with 110 miles of shoreline, Victory Memorial Drive, Minneapolis Auditorium, Minnehaha Falls, University of Minnesota with 550-acre campus, the Smart Shopping Center, the Financial District and the Walker Art Galleries and Minneapolis Institute of Arts. The Minneapolis Symphony orchestra is another attraction which offers cultural enjoyment to Minneapolis' guests. Call the Gateway Information Bureau of the Minneapolis Civic & Commerce Association for further information.





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35-9-C WRC  
Denson, Arkansas  
March 27, 1943

Miss Edna H. Porter  
Executive Secretary, Y.W.C.A.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Porter:

I have been advised by the WRA Employment Office in Denson, Arkansas to write to you in regards to opportunities for employment in your locality.

I am a resident of this relocation center and desire to leave this center and aid in the war effort if possible on the home front. Following is a general information as to my experiences and training.

AGE: 22 years old on March 31.  
EDUCATION: High School graduate in 1939; Course -  
College Preparatory.  
HONORS: Life member of Alpha Omega Omicron, National  
Secondary Honor Society.  
EXPERIENCE: 1 year at the Star Restaurant, Hanford,  
California as waiter, part time cook, and  
bookkeeper.  
4 years part time work as gardener while  
attending high school.  
1 year general farm work, vines, trees, and  
melons.  
WCCA Senior Office Clerical work.  
WRA Hospital General Clerical work.  
WRA Cost Clerk, Fiscal Unit.

REFERENCES: Mr. W.E. Davies, Sales Manager of Tractor Firm  
1222 N. Douty Street  
Hanford, California

Mrs. W.A. Wellington, High School teacher  
Grangeville Boulevard  
Hanford, California

Mr. R.T. Hord, Farmer  
Rt. 1 Box 152  
Hanford, California

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I would desire work in the job that looks most promising for my qualifications. Please give me information as to opportunities in domestic work, gardening, nursery work, and stock clerk jobs in warehouses and supply houses. I have had valuable experience in clerical work in checking and recording supplies of the WCCA and WRA Centers, and although I am not highly trained, I know I can learn quickly the necessary procedure of stock clerks. I will appreciate very much your sending me information as to possibilities along these lines.

If there are possibilities of which I am qualified, please send me particulars on these jobs, such as wages, housing situation, general living conditions, employer's name so I may send him my application, and the general attitude of the people toward Japanese-Americans.

If there are any additional information you desire, I will be glad to forward them to you. Thank you for your consideration and kindness.

Very truly yours,

*Harry Nakagawa*

Harry Nakagawa

March 30, 1943

Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director  
War Relocation Authority  
Barr Building, 910 - 17th Street  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Myer:

The Minneapolis War Relocation Committee met on March 26 with Mr. Shirrell of your Chicago office and Mr. White of your Minneapolis office. As a result of this meeting the volunteer Committee wishes to know the policy of the War Relocation Authority.

It has been our understanding that the purpose of the War Relocation program, as applied to Japanese Americans and alien Japanese who wish relocation and have been cleared of implications of disloyalty to our Country, is to relocate these people thinly and if possible permanently throughout the country.

I understand it was Mr. Holland's proposal, at the initial meeting with local representatives, that the local committee would open opportunities for employment of Nisei, select Nisei to fill these positions, aid in securing economical housing, and facilitate their adjustment within the community. To safeguard the community and the Nisei, it is our aim to place an applicant at the highest level of his skill, at the local prevailing wage, and under circumstances which will avoid so far as possible the prejudice these people with inevitably encounter.

We gathered from Mr. Shirrell that this understanding is now cancelled and that henceforth placement, which naturally affects all phases of relocation, is to be entirely under the jurisdiction of Mr. White. We have been working with Mr. White on the understanding that he held the power of veto over our candidates. We have been glad to co-operate with him on that basis since we want the veto if there is a valid reason for it. Our relations with Mr. White have been harmonious. He is in position to be of great help to us and we can be of help to him. Developments at the meeting last Friday were the first really disruptive note, but since accomplishment of the job on a sound basis is our primary object, I personally welcome a step which must force a clear understanding of the function of our Committee.

The thing that concerns us greatly and leads me to ask for a clear statement of your policy is the impression gained from Mr. Shirrell that Mr. White is to have much more than the right of veto, that he is to take over the matter of making placements without reference to our Committee as the representative of this community, that the relocation program is to be stepped up, and that placements are to be made more or less as mass relocations.



I doubt that is to be the policy of the War Relocation Authority, but the statements made by Mr. Shirrell lead to the necessity for full clarification. Under a situation such as outlined in the preceding paragraph, the relocation program in this area is not merely the serious concern of the organized social agencies of the War Relocation Commission, and of all Nisei and Issei to be relocated under it. Under those circumstances the program becomes of vital interest to all the citizens of this community. In such an event I would consider our Committee much too small to properly protect the interests of the community and the Nisei, notwithstanding its present rather broad coverage through membership on it by leaders of many groups.

If an acceptable working basis can be achieved our Minneapolis Committee stands ready to give the War Relocation Authority its fullest co-operation within this area. Stated simply, such a basis would appear to include not merely the approval by your local Relocation Office of placements arranged by our Committee but also approval by our Committee of placements arranged by your local office. This would require mutual understanding and co-operation between your local officer and the Committee in order to obtain the best possible long range results. It would require the placing of definite responsibility in the hands of your local officer for this area and the delegation of a small approval committee by our larger Committee in order to give your office prompt decisions.

Will you please advise at your earliest convenience concerning your policy as to this area, and your understanding of the function of the Minneapolis War Relocation Committee? Will you please advise concerning the over-all quota of placements contemplated within the State of Minnesota, and the Minneapolis area?

In this letter I am merely exploring the situation for the Committee, so that it can take appropriate action based on the facts as they develop. We have a meeting scheduled between Mr. White and a small group of our Committee for tomorrow afternoon. I have no reason at this time to anticipate any particular difficulty in reaching an appropriate working arrangement with Mr. White, who seems sincerely interested in obtaining the right kind of results in this area. It is rather in the matter of policies beyond Mr. White's jurisdiction that we find ourselves concerned.

Yours very truly,

Chairman,  
Minneapolis War Relocation Committee

cc to Mr. Elmer L. Shirrell

This is draft of proposed letter to Mr. Myer, to be submitted to meeting to which you are invited at 4 p.m. March 31 at YWCA to meet with Mr. White.

If you wish to suggest changes before this meeting will you please call me--BR 4634.



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**TELEGRAM**

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MARCH 31, 1943

INCOMING TELETYPE

C.L. WHITE  
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

MIYOKO SUGI LEAVING APRIL FOURTH ON GUARANTEE OF GENEVIEVE

STEEFEL WAR RELOCATION COMMISSION

JAMES S. RAINS  
Acting Project Director  
Rohwer War Relocation Project

3.31.43

How CLW

Mrs. Graham

to Mrs. Wheeler-