



Committee on Resettlement of
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3116 James Ave So.
Mpls Minn

Aug. 1 - 1943

Mrs Steef

I sure thank you so much for all
the help you gave me to join the union
and get this job. I like my job.
I'm enjoying my work every day, and get-
ting along fine with the other workers.
I'm just trying my best to open a chance
for the other Nisei Comers.

These are the names of the Mechanics
in Poston II. and Tule Lake

✓ MR. SID. SADAQ. SHIRATSUKI.

214 10 D.

POSTON ARIZONA

✓ MR. SUMIO NISHI

219 8 A.

POSTON ARIZONA.

✓ MR. HARRY HARA

TULE LAKE CALIFORNIA.

✓ Mr. FRANK, G. NAGANO
TULE LAKE CALIFORNIA

APPRENTICESHIP.

✓ MR TOM. T. LIEDE.
219 - 4 - A
POSTON ARIZONA.

I'm writing to Poston to get more
people are in that line, and willing
to come out, soon as I get school names
I'll let you know ^{by} phone or letter.

May I thank you again for your
kindness and help for Missie. Thank
you.

Sincerely yours

Grace R. Oxo

August 1, 1943

Miss Margaret Andrews,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Andrews,

It's longer than I intended, the time I have waited to write you my thanks for your help to us. You were a swell sport to take on the job of learning the ins and outs at the desk, and to take over while I canned the home front!

I wanted you to know something of the whole picture of what we are doing because you are in a position to interpret it to others. Also I wanted you to come in contact with it sufficiently so that we could profit from your suggestions. I know that two sessions at the desk were not a long time, but they were, doubtless enough to show you some of the things we might be doing which we ought to be doing to open new opportunities. I hope you will give me the benefit of any suggestions you have.

I wanted to place a girl with Mr. Burke. When I talked with Mrs. Beim, however, she said they have a girl. That if they were willing to raise her to a hundred a month they could keep her. They wish, however, to get a Nisei girl for less. I have felt it unwise to send anyone, for nothing could hurt the Nisei movement more than the willingness to take jobs for less than local girls are asking. I have told her, therefore, that when she no longer has help in the office, I will be glad to try to find someone for her, but that I have no one available at present.

I hope you found something you liked doing these weeks, and that if you have more time you want to give us, you will let us know. With sincere thanks for all you've done,

Sincerely yours,

Miss Telford

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MINIDOKA PROJECT
HUNT, IDAHO

In reply please refer to:
Outside Employment.

Aug. 1, 1943

Mr. Clement L. White
Relocation Officer
Room 842, Metropolitan Life Bldg.
Minneapolis, 1, Minnesota

Dear Mr. White:

I am enclosing Form 273 for Mrs. Yameda. Her husband is stationed at Camp Savage. She would like to be placed in Minneapolis in the line of work for which she is qualified.

I would appreciate your making special effort to find a suitable position for this lady.

Very truly yours,

HARRY L. STAFFORD
Project Director

Enclosure

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Application for Private Employment by Relocation Center Resident

Date August 13, 1943

Name Yamada, Hoshie (Mrs. Shizuo Yamada) Birth 33 years Country Salem, Ore
 Block Number 7-2-A Height Weight Sex F
 Post Office Minidoka Project Citizen of U.S.? yes If alien give
 State Hunt, Idaho date of entry into U.S.
 Position for which applying Piano teaching or accompaniment work Social Security No.
 Do you speak X read X write X English? Religion: Protestant
 Do you speak X read write Japanese? Draft Status
 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					
High	Salem High, Oregon	1925	1928	Music-Lang.	1928
Business or Trade School					
University--give name					Degree
Other Education or Training	Music (Piano) under private instruction				
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.	Washing			
Yr. '30	Yr. '41	Salem, Ore. & Seattle	Piano teacher		\$.75-\$1 lesson
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr. '35	Yr. '37	Miss Barbara Barnes	Accompanying at	Barbara Barnes School of	
Mo.	Mo.			Dance	
Yr. '27	Yr. '30	Paulus Bros, Hunt	Dors. Canning Co.		
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_____.

_____. 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 Music tournament tryout in high school; placed 2nd in piano. Interested in doing church work-children's work; library, YWCA, social work. Desire to be near husband in Camp Savage.

REMARKS BY INTERVIEWER: Mr. Folsom--very fine appearance; nice personality; is qualified in the line of work applying for.

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.

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2808 West River Road
Minneapolis, Minnesota
August 3, 1943

Reverend Daisuke Kitagawa
Tulelake War Relocation Center
Newell, California

Dear Father Kitagawa:

I write you concerning a fifteen year old boy, Frank Ishikawa whose parents are at present in the Tulelake Center. Frank came to the Desk some days ago to apply for work. He wished to have full time work until the opening of the school term, and then to hold a school boy job while attending High School here. His brother made arrangements for him while he, the brother, was still at Camp Savage. When Corporal Ishikawa had to leave Minnesota he arranged with a close friend, George Morimoto for care and supervision of the boy.

It was only when Frank rose to leave the desk that his crippled condition became evident. He gave the impression of boy suffering from serious paralysis or spinal trouble. On the next occasion for an interview, since many thoughtless youngsters were crowded round the table, and since the boy showed shyness about discussing his affairs he was referred to a prospective employer who is sympathetic to our program. It was obvious that before the boy could be put to work some sound medical advice must be had to be sure that he did not undertake more than would be advisable in his crippled condition.

By cooperation and team work with the desk, the employer suggested that the boy see a specialist here who has in the past been generous in service to foreign refugee children. A small sum of money made available by a women's service club was made available to the physician for X-ray costs. After a careful examination he gave the opinion that surgery is indicated, and that the prognosis is excellent. (I have asked for a written statement which I will include for you when it comes.) I might add that after his visit with the boy he commented that "the world would be a better place to live in if there were more like Frank in it." And so we all feel.

All this background is the prelude to a request for your help in the matter. We have, in the state of Minnesota a sound program for the care and rehabilitation of crippled children. As a newcomer, sponsored by our committee he is entitled to share in it provided the County Welfare Agent, who is also a member of our committee, approves of the referral. In order for her to give this approval certain information is necessary. The first page of the questionnaire has to do with vital statistics. The second with financial ability of the parents to meet the cost of medical treatment. (The county agent says that unless the parents have assets available the simple statement that they are at a Relocation Center is sufficient.)

You, or some person you designate could make the affidavit as to ability to provide care at their own cost. The statement as to residence may be changed to "Tulelake Relocation Center since", and your signature and the parent's affixed. I doubt that a Clergymen's signature need be affirmed by a Notary Public, though some bureaucrat might raise the question.

Page three is left clear for the certification by Mrs. Devaney, the County Agent, but at the bottom of the page must appear your and the parent's signature for legal permission to the physician to operate.

Page Four, up to "Present Complaint" should be filled out with the aid of the boy's mother, since the physician here could not have this information. Beyond that, Dr. Pahl would fill out the present statement justifying his suggestion of surgical treatment. Therefore, the space for Physician's signature should be left blank, as Dr Pahl will undersign the parent's statement.

Frank tells us, and the brother's friend tells us, that the family have had previous encouraging prognoses but that they have not been able to do anything about it for lack of funds. At present, the boy's hopes are very high. The doctor has told him that he will be almost normal again.

As you see, temporary boarding home care is also included in the rehabilitation plan. Since the doctor says it will be necessary for the leg to be in a cast for eight months, there will be need for long-time planning and care.

Since the boy and his family are not residents, he is entitled to Federal Funds for private hospital care. Dr. Pahl is considered our leading orthopedic surgeon in Minneapolis, and is a member of the staff of Abbott Hospital. They have excellent X-ray equipment there, and the nurses are accustomed to his cases. The hospital is a good one. In fact one of my children was born there, so he would be well cared for. It is also close to town so that all of us can drop in on him and prevent his being lonely. Mr. White's hotel is close, and he can drop in on him, too.

As to care afterward, either boarding home care, or one of our own homes will cover the need. If I have help this fall, we would have room here, since my boy is away at college, and his room and a downstairs bath give us the right arrangements for the cast. Tell his Mother there is sunny room surrounded on two sides with windows and facing the South where he can be if he comes to us. By next spring he should be able to walk again, and be free of his handicap for the first time since he was four.

Please feel free to write me if there is further information needed. I hope this plan will be one which his parents want us to adopt for him. It should be their plan, which we are carrying out for them. Forgive me for burdening you with this, but I wished another volunteer, not the government to convey our message to the parents. I also wanted privacy for them in the matter.

It was a privilege to have the opportunity to meet you when you were here, and I have heard only today from the Unitarian Service Committee that they think that perhaps they can help in the carrying out of your own plans for resettlement here. We need you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence A

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August 4, 1943

Postscript:

Since writing the above, I have talked again to George Morimoto. It is his opinion that the family will refuse financial help in this matter. I should like to add to what I have said, that neither the boy nor his family accept a relief status by accepting financial help for this medical care. It is the last thing in the world that we as a Volunteer Committee, or that the WRA itself would want for them or for our work.

The funds for the State Bureau for Crippled Children come from taxes. I and every other citizen in our community pay these taxes. Nisei included, when they pay their rent. In the long run, our citizens will be more productive and a better financial asset as citizens if we do preventive work of this kind, than if they are able to produce less because of handicaps.

Should there be a refusal of funds from public sources, for any reason of shortness of budget, or very heavy case load in a given year, the case would then be referred to the Community Chest Agencies. These agencies are supported by voluntary contributions from all citizens, Caucasian and Nisei alike. This is the kind of thing we give our money for. Such quick and ready results are the best encouragement to more giving.

Tell them that what we give to we love better, and I feel it is good for the committee to be able to see this thing through. It gives us a chance to see the action which results from the ideals we stand for. We need such encouragement to give us heart for the work.

If there is hesitancy, however, we do not press. These are adult people, and we will never presume to enter the field of their authority and their free choice. We propose a plan to them. If in their good judgement they can adopt it, we will try to carry it out as their plan to the best of our ability. If they feel it wiser to refuse, we must abide by their expression of their own will in the matter.

I very much hope that they will let us see Frank through to normal use of his knee again.

The Physician is Dr. John F. Pohl, 1945 Medical Arts Building. The A.M.A. directory, which, doubtless the Center Hospital would have, will tell you his rank and qualifications for the work. Because Frank is not a resident the law entitles him to funds for a private hospital and physician. The physician, I believe is willing to contribute his services.

I am sending Mr and Mrs Ishikawa no letter at this time. I will write them later, however, if you recommend it and feel anything is to be gained. In any case, we will keep them informed of Frank's progress; if they decide to have the work done.

Again, my apologies for burdening you, and my thanks for any cooperation you feel you can give.

GFS

P.O. Box 215
Ft. Lupton, Colo.
(201)

August 3, 1943

Dear Mrs. Steefel,

Perhaps I should written a formal letter to you but in my recent interview with you, you were so nice to me that I just could not help but make this an informal personal letter. I hope you will excuse me.

I am now back in Fort Lupton Colorado working on the farm, making a few extra dollars to help me out when I return to Minneapolis.

I have talked it over with the boys here and they seemed very interested about going to Minneapolis, but they would like to return to Boston once to see their folks and then come out. I think my brother, Eddie, will come with me when I go sometime in Seph or October. I hope it is not asking too much to ask you to be on

the look out for a suitable employment for me & my brother. We are not too particular about the type of work as long as there is a reasonable wage so that we can work our way through school. If the auto mechanic class at Dunwoody is not open for students this fall we would like to attend the machinist class in preparation for a skilled machinist's work. I know you have advised me against entering that field but I have thought it over & have planned it this way. I could be working in a machinist's shop and go to an auto mechanic class somewhere in Minneapolis. I have learned by this last trip that it does not pay to do things too hastily. We must plan things carefully before doing it; therefore, my plans may be changed

accordingly. If it is not too much trouble for you will you please keep me informed on the prospective jobs? Thank you very much for your great help.

Until ~~we~~ I hear from you again I bid you adieu. Please give my regards & thanks also to Mrs. White.

Sincerely,
Ken Yamaguchi

West Hupton PO Box 125 (202)
Aug. 4, 43
Thursday

Dear Mrs. Steefel

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Eddie Garmagueti, younger brother of Ken Garmagueti whom was interviewed by you a week ago.

He has informed me of the fact that there are many opportunities and which includes a job which I believe is in my line of work. That is the Service Station job as an attendant and a lubricator. I have taken a special course of lubrication at school and found it very interesting and to my liking.

I would also like to attend the evening classes to learn a little more of machines or Auto mechanics.

My brother and I are planning to leave for Minneapolis

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within ~~a~~ month or ~~a~~ month
and a half.

I thank you. I remain

Sincerely,

Edith Gamaguchi

Brief Record of KAY KUMAI

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Age - 23

Birthplace - Seattle, Washington
Jan. 9, 1943

Educational Background -

Hammel St. School - Los Angeles Calif.

Belvedere Jr. High School - " " "

Garfield High School - " " "

University of Calif. - " " "

B.A. degree - 1941

major: General { Education
Psychology
History

Teaching Credential - 1942 (post-grad.)
for elementary grade

Occupational Background -

W.R.A. Heart Mt., Wyo. - 1 year
(1942-43)

Teacher - 3rd grade

L.A. Christian Church Nursery - Summer
1941

Kindergarten - Teaching

N.Y.A. - office work - Summer
1942

typing, & general work

typing - 55-60 words

Am studying short hand at present.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Application for Private Employment by Relocation Center Resident

Date August 4, 1943

Name Hisako June Kuroiwa

Birth Date June 20, '23 Country of Birth U.S.

Block Number 14-11-B, Topaz, Utah

Height 5'4" Weight 118 Sex Female

Post Office _____

Citizen of U.S.? U.S. If alien give

State _____

date of entry into U.S. _____

Position for which Applying Secretary

Social Security No. [REDACTED]

Do you speak yes read yes write yes English?

Draft Status _____

Do you speak fair read fair write fair 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	Berkeley High	1939	1941	Business	yes
Business or Trade School	Armstrong Bus. College	1942	1942	Secretarial	1 quarter
University--give name					Degree
Other Education or Training	Where Served			Trade and Industry	Completed?
Apprenticeship					

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 6/43	Mo	Mr. Charles Ernst	WRA-Topaz	Steno-Recept.	\$19.00
Yr 4/43	Yr 6/43	Mr. Cornwall	WRAOTopaz	Steno-	\$19.00
Mo 9/42	Mo 4/43	Mr. Lorne W. Bell	WRA-Topaz	Steno	\$16.00
Yr	Yr				
Mo 7/42	Mo 6/42	W.C.C.A., San Bruno, Calif.	WRA	Steno	\$12.00
Yr	Yr				
Mo 1/42	Mo 3/42	Draft Bd. #68 Berkeley Draft Bd.		Steno (part time)	\$20.80
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 125 Typing speed 80-90.

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 X 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 Can operate dictaphone, ediphone, mimeograph, adding machine, ditto, addressograph, etc. Eligible with Federal Civil Service as Jr. Steno-Typist.

Your Signature Hisako June Kuroiwa

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.

204 Midland Savings Building
Denver 2, Colorado

August 4, 1943

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Mr. Clement L. White
Relocation Officer
Room 842, Metropolitan Life Bldg.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Subject: Employment Opportunities

Dear Mr. White:

We are inclosing herewith a letter submitted by Satoshi Tomita who is now attending Denver University. His letter gives quite complete information concerning other members of his family. Satoshi had hoped to relocate his family in Denver but due to the critical situation in this area we have advised that he give consideration to some other community.

He believes he would like to investigate possibilities in your area and plans to make a trip alone to Minneapolis for such investigation if you approve such a trip and recommend that there are suitable possibilities for his family.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

James H. Curtis
Relocation Officer

Inclosures
JHC:mt

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2727 Curtis Street
Denver, Colorado
July 23, 1943

Mr. Curtis
War Relocation Authority
Midland Savings Building
Denver, Colorado

Subject: Relocation of family unit east of Colorado

Dear Mr. Curtis:

In pursuant to the relocation of my family from the Minidoka Relocation Project at Hunt, Idaho, I shall appreciate it very much if you can give us any aid or information as to the job possibilities further east.

Mr. Choate has asked me to contact you for such aid and information. He has suggested that you may write to the regional directors in the Central States and thus make available to us the desired information as regards to jobs and housing.

Please understand that our plan is to relocate as a unit. The situation confronted is made complicated and difficult by the fact that two of my older brothers are almost blind. However, it is my hope that because of their training, and with the aid of the W. R. A. and any organization for the benefit of the blind, they may be restored to economic and social usefulness.

I have listed the names, ages, and background of each member in this family unit. They are, as follows:

1. Takichi Tomita, age 60, Father.
For 25 years a cook at Green's Cigar Store and Restaurant, Seattle Washington. Due to unionization of cooks, and the exclusion of Japanese from such unions, a porter and night watchman for the past 5 years. Have also worked as dishwasher. With such long years of experience as cook, feels that he can fully qualify as cook in a cafe.
2. Kiku Tomita, age 53, Mother.
3. Kiyoshi Tomita, age 32, oldest brother.
Although Kiyoshi is almost blind, he has been working, prior to evacuation, as a radio operator. His work was taking down news incoming via shortwave, and transcribing it on a typewriter. Has an amateur's radio license, and though almost blind, can repair, to some extent, radio sets. Furthermore, he has enough knowledge of burners to work as a heat maintenance man in some hotel or large building. Prior to evacuation, he maintained the oil burners which heated the Winston Apartment in Seattle. Has exceptional mechanical ability despite eye handicap. While in camp, was boiler man for coal furnace. I feel sure that he can be placed as a radio receiver, a furnace maintenance man, or in operating a telephone PBX system. A citizen, and high school graduate.

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4. Takiko Tomita, age 25, sister.
Takiko graduated from high school and went to business college where, at one time, she received an award for proficiency. She is an expert typist, and can take dictation by shorthand. In camp, she worked as secretary in the student leave section. She also has had experience managing an apartment house, having operated one in Seattle. She is seeking clerical work.
 5. Richard Tomita, age 23, brother.
Richard is almost blind, but has had various training through the Washington State School for the Blind, from which he received his high school diploma. He has been tuning pianos in camp for the past year. Also, he has been working for Washington Training Center for the Blind in Seattle. Here, he was weaving neck-tie material on a hand loom. Furthermore, he has had some training in basket weaving. I think that some inland States should have some associations for the handicapped able to use the training that Richard has had.
 6. Satoshi Tomita, age 22, (myself).
I am at present a senior at Denver University. Prior to evacuation, I attended the University of Washington for three years, during which time, I maintained myself in the honor roll. Being an accounting major, I feel that I can handle a bookkeeping job. Otherwise, I can do clerical work as a typist or machine operator. I have gone up to Alaska for four seasons, and have had experience as a label machine operator in a salmon cannery. Therefore, as an alternative to clerical work, I would like factory work.
 7. Masao Tomita, age 19, younger brother.
Masao is now residing in Denver with me. He is a high school graduate, and have also had training for a machinists trade in Denver through the N.Y.A. He has a mechanical aptitude, and did remarkably well while training. Would like to work as a machinists helper or apprentice, and then become a machinist. Had training in such machines as the milling machine, lathe, and shaper, among other things.
 8. Yoshio Tomita, age 19, twin brother to Masao.
Yoshio Tomita's qualifications are the same as Masao's although his training period was shorter.

Thus, you have the set-up of our family unit. I would like to repeat that a family reunion is desired. Since Mr. Choate and yourself has convinced me of the wisdom of relocating elsewhere from Denver (after an extended discussion), I am now willing to accept job offers for the family. However, I would appreciate it if the job offers are limited to States not too distant from the Hunt Relocation Center--say, for instance, in Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, or Missouri.

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My plan, subject to your consideration and approval is to go personally, alone, to investigate the prospects you may find for me. After finding a job for myself, with your assistance, I plan to find suitable living quarters so that I can call for my younger brothers now living with me in Denver. After they, too, have been resettled and reemployed, the final move will be to effect a release for the five members of the family now in camp. If possible, I would like to complete this relocation by the end of this year.

I realize the fact that what I am asking for, is rather a large order. I fully appreciate the fact that you are very busy, and have many people like myself coming to you for aid. Please believe me, when I say that I am really grateful.

I will be glad to come down and discuss with you the job possibilities in these States. My tentative plan is to relocate in Omaha, but I rest my decision on what you may offer. My telephone number is Cherry 1888.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Satoshi Tomita

Satoshi Tomita

AUG 7 1943

OUTGOING TELETYPE

AUGUST 4, 1943

Mr. Ray Best
Project Director
Tule Lake Project
Newell, California

SF relay to Tule Lake 174

HAVE JOB OFFER AS AUTO MECHANIC \$1.00 HOUR FOR
JACK KUDO, 5715-C; WAR RELOCATION COMMITTEE IN
MINNEAPOLIS EXTENDS HOSPITALITY+ RECOMMEND
IMMEDIATE RELEASE IF JACK ACCEPTS OFFER+

C. L. White
Relocation Officer
Minneapolis, Minnesota

cc: Chicago (2)
Mrs. Steefel ✓

outgoing teletype

AUGUST 4, 1943

Mr. Leroy H. Bennett
Project Director
Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

PX to Rivers

HAVE POSSIBLE JOB OFFER AS AUTO MECHANIC \$1.00 HOUR
FOR KAZU ECKINAKA, 61-4-A, WAR RELOCATION COMMITTEE
IN MINNEAPOLIS EXTENDS HOSPITALITY+ RECOMMEND
IMMEDIATE RELEASE IF KAZU ACCEPT OFFER+

C+ I+ WHITE
RELOCATION OFFICER
Minneapolis, Minnesota

cc: Chicago (2)
Mrs. Steefel ✓

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 4, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mrs. L. Steefel
From: Mr. C. L. White
Subject: Application of Hisako June Kuroiwa

Attached is application for the above named girl who wishes to relocate in our area seeking a secretarial position. She also plans to marry someone who will be inducted into the Language School at Camp Savage.

If a position is not available at the present time, she is interested in coming to Minneapolis under the hospitality plan. Shall appreciate whatever you can do for Miss Kuroiwa.

Attachment





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

War Relocation Desk
407 S 4th St.
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

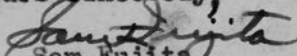
August 5, 1943

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

The following are the names of the girls as
per your request:

Mrs. Kazu Kuwahara	7K-3-F	Granada	Rel.	Ctr	Amache
Miss Rui Naito	11K-7-F	"	"	"	"
Miss Yoshiko Shimamoto	11K-7-F	"	"	"	"
Miss Shizu Fujisaki	6G-10-C	"	"	"	"
Miss Jean Tanaka	11K-4-D	"	"	"	"

Yours sincerely,


Sam Fujita

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
842 Metropolitan Life Bldg.
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

August 5, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mrs. L. Steefel
FROM: C. L. White
SUBJECT: Application for Grace Tomiko Shimizu

Attached is application for the above named girl who is interested in relocating in Minneapolis and desires a position as Comptometer operator or machine calculator operator. Shall appreciate whatever you can do for her.

C. L. White



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The City of Saint Paul
on
August 6, 1943

My dear Mrs. Steefel:

In these troubled times - with mixed and doubtful emotions, thoughts, and ideas toward citizens with faces unlike the blue-eyed ones - there is still a "shining light" and, Mrs. Steefel, you are elated for the role.

Up till now I have known that you were working for us on a voluntary basis and splendidly and tirelessly. Oh, we have all appreciated your kindness in the manner which you have received us and helped us---but I don't *think* the majority does not ^{quite} know how wonderful yet you really and truly are UNTIL they have visited your home.

Last night, the three of us in your absence (George, Barbara-- my girl friend who recently arrived from Tule, and myself) visited your home to see that Frank was behaving himself. Your home is beautiful---it has such a lived-in air about it--I hope someday to live in a haven such as yours.

Mary is simply a-dither about you. She couldn't find words to express how wonderfully nice you were, what you did, and how you were. Mrs. Steefel, what is there that you can't do? We were simply amazed at the things you did during the day and the busy life you were leading--- but life must be ever so interesting for you with so much to do and never a moment of lull. But, on the other hand, Mrs. Steefel, I hope you are not overworking yourself.....please take good care and give yourself a good rest now and then.....please?

And now, Frankie. All of us are quite thrilled he at last found a play to stay and to work---but we never counted on such a fortunate one. Mrs. Steefel, his California slangs and his manners (mostly from Camp life) may irritate you somewhat, but if you will please bear with him for awhile, I am sure he will make it up to you and improve and will work hard for you and your family.

Thank you ever so much, Mrs. Steefel, for all you've done and are doing. We will never forget. When the war is over and everything returns to normal---I assure you you will be decorated by us.....

Just one thing more, please? I wanted to tell you to rest your mind about the Bureau of Engraving case--which you because of me suffered unpleasant relations.

About three or four days after I had started working here, I received about five letters from the department girls there and the head of department, Miss Mabel Montgomery. There were wonderful letters encouraging me and wishing me luck. And just about four or five days ago Miss Farel, herself, wrote to me wishing all kinds of luck! Wasn't that sweet of them, Mrs. Steefel?

All the above because you went to so much pains for me and my so-called case. How can I ever thank you? It will take a lifetime and more.....

*Yours very sincerely,
Alice*

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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Application for Private Employment by Relocation Center Resident

Date August 8, 1943Name Julia Mitsue SakaiBirth Date July 22, 1921 Country of Birth AmericaBlock Number Block 42-9-BHeight 5'2" Weight 108 Sex girlPost Office Poston,Citizen of U.S.? Yes If alien giveState Arizona

date of entry into U.S. _____

Position for which Applying Nursery School Teacher

Social Security No. _____

Do you speak yes read yes write yes English? Draft Status _____Do you speak yes read very little write very little Japanese? Marital Status _____

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>Coachella Valley Grammar School</u>	<u>1928</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>general</u>	<u>yes</u>
High	<u>Coachella Valley Union High</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>English History</u>	<u>yes</u>
Business or Trade School					
University--give name	<u>Los Angeles City College</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>Home Administration</u>	<u>degree</u>
Other Education or Training	Where Served			Trade and Industry	Completed?
Apprenticeship					

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 August Yr 1942	Mo August Yr 1943	Mrs. Anne R. Peavy Poston Arizona	Education Dept.	Nursery school teacher	\$19.00
Mo June Yr 1942	Mo August Yr 1942	Rev. L. Kolb Poston Arizona	Religious Education	Primary Teacher	\$16.00
Mo May Yr 1942	Mo June Yr 1942	Mrs. A. Sakoshi Poston Arizona	Waitress	Waitress	\$12.00
Mo Sept Yr 1941	Mo Feb. Yr 1942	Mrs. J.K. Grant 2531 12th Ave. Los Angeles	School girl	School Girl	\$12.00 a mo.
Mo Sept Yr 1940	Mo July Yr 1941	Mrs. C.E. Mc. Clain 6406 W. 5th St. Los Angeles	School girl	school girl	\$15.00 a mo.
Mo	Mo				
Yr	Yr				

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If you seek work as a domestic, are you experienced as a cook? simple cooking, with children?

yes, care of grounds?____, serving at table? yes, laundress?____, general

housework? yes. 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 X 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

Julia Mitsue Sakai

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.

Aug. 9, 1943

7-2-A (202)

Hunt Idaho.
Dear Mrs. Steffel,

I wrote awhile back to Mr. White of the W. R. A. office there concerning work of some kind, and he referred me to you.

I know you must be quite busy, so will try not to take up too much of your time.

My husband, Shuzuo Yamada, left for the M. I. S. at Camp Savage, Minn. last week. I had hoped to leave camp with him, but having no place to stay or a job there, I was not able to.

I know I must sound quite presumptuous, but would you be on the lookout for any work along my line? Here are a list of my so-called abilities - I've been teaching

I am to get out and find work
somewhere where I can be close to
my husband. Have no children.

It would certainly appreciate any
help that you can give. Thanking you
for taking up your busy time, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Hashie Yamada

(Mrs. Shizuo Yamada)

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Hunt, Idaho

piano for over 12 years, also worked in
a School of Dance, and love to do
accompanying work; have done a lot
of ^{variety of} church work; and ² childrens work;
⁴ club work (girls); ⁵ have had a little
experience in library work. I'm also
interested in y w c a work, and any kind
of work where I can meet people. The
only things I'm not able to do are
secretarial (no typing) or ^{general} housework, but
would consider almost anything else.

In camp, I taught piano, assisted
at the childrens nursery school, took care
of musical activities for our section, and
helped in the church work. Also did a
little hospital aide work while taking
care of my mother in the hospital. I'm
out of a job now, along with hundreds
of others - I guess this drastic cut was
made to encourage more people to
relocate. So you can see how anxious

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
of the CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

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GENERAL OFFICES

Ninth Street and La Salle Avenue
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
MAin 2431

August 9, 1943

Mrs. Genevieve F. Steefel
Minneapolis War Relocation Committee
407 South 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

Our YMCA camp will close September 1 and I am certain, therefore, that we cannot make use of George Norikane as a camp employee. Have you any employment opportunity which George would fit into? I am enclosing his letter which he sent to me with a Camp Leadership Application which will give you as much information about him as I have at the present time.

If you have no opportunity, I should like to notify him that we have a temporary job in the Minneapolis Y and in that way bring him to Minneapolis, but I should like very much to have your counsel on this step before we take it.

Very truly yours,

Paul L. Remick
Associate General Secretary

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War Relocation Desk
407 S. 4th Street
August 10, 1943

Dear Mrs. Terai:

I have had your letters and the records you sent. Because there has been no specific job in Dental Ceramics which was the field in which you first expressed interest, there has been no message that I could send you. Our system here is to get applications from Nisei, keep them on file until we can open jobs for which they are qualified, and then notify the applicant.

In your first letter you said you understood that we discourage domestic work. I do not know what the source of your information was, but perhaps I can clarify our policy a little.

First of all, we have many more calls for domestic workers than we have applicants to fill them. The wage scale is 50-75 a month with maintenance. These jobs, however, call for good health, and in your first letter you stated: "Being in camp has worn me out, and I am not in the best of health." I therefore, considered it inadvisable, at that time that you undertake a job where physical strength and well being are important assets.

In the second place, it has been our experience that many women, while in the Centers, are eager to come out and will accept work in any field for the sake of doing so. But once out, they become dissatisfied with work which is not in the field they prefer, and leave the jobs they used to get out with, or are worn down by staying in them when they are not what they want. For that reason, because employers resent being used to get people out of the Centers, and are dissatisfied if they train a girl to their way of doing things and she then leaves them, we have done everything possible to set off on the right foot, as it were, and find out what the applicant preferred, and try to open opportunities for him or her in that field.

As for the novelty field, I am told that your best approach there is to prepare samples and submit them. We do not handle much of that work in this city, and especially at this time, it is classified as unessential. But with such dexterity you might very well find a position in some firm where delicate work in mechanics is called for.

If you feel yourself well enough to undertake domestic work, and are content to stay with it if you start there, for a reasonable time, we will have openings for you to consider when you come. If you wish this latter, write to Mr. White, Relocation Officer of the WRA and apply for leave clearance O.K. to Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel
Volunteer Placement Secretary

VOLUNTEER SERVICE BUREAU
DAILY MEMORANDA SHEET

Name _____

Date _____

Subject:

August 10, 1943

Dear Mrs. Stapel,

It has been quite a while since I've heard from you, and I have become very anxious.

I realize that you are very busy and I don't want to bother you unnecessarily. But could you tell me if you are encountering difficulties in finding a job for my parents? We are willing to wait for the best possible job, but I should just like to know what is happening.

If my parents & brother should come to Minneapolis, I am planning to join them. So

Could you tell me of the job possibilities for myself? Would there be any possibilities in a sales job of any kind? I have always been interested in retail selling. I should also like to know about a business school.

I hope I'm not asking too much of you.

May I hear from you soon? Thank you for your kindness.

My regards to Mary.

Sincerely yours,
Hioko Sato

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Park College
Parkville, Mo.
Aug. 10, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Steefel,

I am writing you again after receiving a very short note from Miss Emily West stating that perhaps I was not interested enough in the position she offered. I am sure she has thoroughly misunderstood my position. Thus I felt I would like to write you hoping you understand my situation here.

I have your letter and Miss West's before me telling me that the work is in a settlement house, and that an apartment will be opened at about \$40 from September 1. However I am not very familiar with the type of work connected with such an institution. As I had no further information, although I understand she wrote a detailed letter to Doris Hoshide in Heart Mt. (but I had left the Center by that time), I wrote back asking for further information concerning the wages, working hours, possibilities for advancement, etc. so that I might have a better picture of the position offered. In reply I received a wire telling me to go for an interview and that if the conditions were not favorable, my fare would be refunded. After consulting several of the staff members here at Park College who have taken great interest in the relocatees, we interpreted the wire to state that if I were not accepted after the interview, my fare would be refunded. However, if after the interview, I had been offered the position but it was not what I desired, I would be on my own to return to Kansas City. Thus we felt that if we knew more definitely, these detailed information, I would know whether it was what I wanted or did not want. You will understand that I felt I am not in a position at present to travel all the way to Minneapolis on a mere chance that I might be accepted or that it might be what I want. If the information were known, we felt I would be more definite in considering the position and perhaps be able to save a trip, thereby helping both parties concerned. I, therefore, wired back, followed by a letter, asking once more for more detailed information and received the note mentioned above.

I no doubt caused a great deal of trouble for Miss West for which I am deeply sorry. We here all felt that it was the best way to handle the situation, but apparently it was not. I had been seriously considering the position, but could not quite come to a decision with just the two letters on the position. I am sure Miss West will find some one very capable in handling the work.

I am deeply grateful for your interest in me, and sincerely hope you understand my situation better. It means so much to us, now out on our own, to find people who are so sincere in their efforts to help. I may again ask for your aid if I should decide to go to Minneapolis or St. Paul. If you should ever come across anything that you think may be of

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interest to me, I would so appreciate your letting me know.

Thank you again for your kindnesses and your generous offer of housing. I regret very much that I will be unable to meet you this time, but perhaps we shall be able to meet some time.

May I hear from you again?

Yours most gratefully,

Kay Kuma'i

Aug. 10, 1943

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Dear Mrs. Wheeler;

There is a certain matter about the bicycle that I would like to straighten out. Billy was just taking the blame that I rode Sally's bicycle. It has been bothering me & I wish you would apologize to him & give me the scholding instead. After you get ~~me~~ mad at me then let Sally in order to make everybody feel right. Another matter about the bicycles if you think that I'm riding it too much ^{just tell me} ~~Don't~~ Don't be too gentle about things ~~any~~ either. You just never seem to get angry at me in front of me. If need be that I ~~do~~ need a paddling see that you do it. Don't you ever really get mad? If you see that I'm doing something wrong just speak up so I may correct myself. For instance, if I'm not doing my work ask if it should be I wish you would correct it. I would appreciate it greatly if you would train me in etiquette, manners, & etc. as I have been taught very few things and most of the time I just had to pick up things here & there. I wish you would bring me up like your own children because they are really something to be proud of. I'm still a child yet so you may teach me. I'll cut down on my food allotment because I think I've ate enough so I'm feeling good enough. It isn't because your cooking that I have ~~lost some of my~~ ^{lost some of my} appetite but because I didn't eat any meals on the train because I didn't

know when they did serve these meals. also I hardly
ever ate breakfast since I left camp till I reached
here. ~~Since I'm not fat now I've been eating too~~
~~much of the~~ I'm getting kind of fat because
I was eating too much of your delicious meals
& then I have to eat dessert that you make
after that I just can't let that wonderful
plate go without a ~~bit~~ tasting so before I
know it, I've finished it. I've been overstuffing
myself. after this don't think about leaving too
much food over for me please.

Now back to the ~~problem~~ problem of etiquette. I've
been taught only the finer points of life by my
mother. you know personality stuff. So I haven't
had much ~~to~~ other training. I've been very free
also to like ~~not~~ not telling her where I'm going and
etc. so just clamp down on me if you want
to.

another thing: I wish you would tell me every-
thing that I'm entitled to because I just don't
feel right if I sit in the library or go into the
amusement room and play different things with
your children like croquet. Don't hesitate to speak
up on anything. another thing; I would like to
~~that~~ thank everyone in your family for making
my stay here so enjoyable!!!! again I say, merci!
Will you please ~~to~~ consider what I told you about
in the first sentence as William is just trying to take
the blame which had nothing to do with him and
~~just being stupid~~ by that you
can tell how wonderful of a person he is!!!
(non, page)

Will you please forget my handwriting as I'm very
poor in penmanship. After all, all great men are
poor handwritters. That has no connection with me though.
Now remember, when I write to a female it is on
~~business~~ business occasions only. Well I'll be
waiting your reply ~~with~~ with words or maybe action.

Yours truly,
~~David~~

David P. S.

P.S. It's easier for me to fight
than to speak up. I have no natural
talent except arguing and that is achieved from athletics
as it is natural that I argue with officials.

P.P.S. I don't drink ~~smoke~~ or go out with women
or at least not so far. ~~David~~ I haven't
had any diseases & only had measles once & a
cold a couple of times. I've talked to a lot
of my ancestors, they are my father &
mother & only know them my brothers & sister.
I don't know how many cousins or other relations
I've got & never have seen or heard them.
So if I get sick you know what to do.
I also have social security. about 10¢ &
haven't any insurance.

Aug. 3rd, 1943
Dear Mrs. Stages, **AUG 10 1943** (198)

Thank you so much for giving me so much of your time and advice yesterday. I certainly do appreciate your generosity. I have some wonderful news for you. As soon as I tell you, I want to Eastman's. At their suggestion, I want to see Miss Brown at the Phyllis Brown Studio. She is a former Seattleite and knows my Dad's former employer well. She wants my Dad to come out as soon as possible & start immediately. Isn't that wonderful? I'm so happy over this. If everything comes out O.K., maybe he will be able to come out with me. In the meantime, could you please keep my brother in mind for a job? Thanks again for everything. I shall let you know of further developments.

Best sincerely,
Junkie 170

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. Steel

407- 5. 4th St.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

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War Relocation Desk
407 S. 4th Street, Minneapolis
August 10, 1943

Mrs. Pat Hirashima
42-6-F War Relocation Center
Tosco, Utah

Dear Mrs. Hirashima:

Mr. White has turned your letter of August 10th over to the Volunteer desk where we, also, do placement and help with community adjustment for Nisei.

Your question as to housing is not an easy one to answer. The housing situation in Minneapolis is a difficult one for local people, to say nothing of newcomers. There are apartments to be had, but it takes hunting, and sometimes shifting round until one finds an apartment available which is the size and in the location one wants. If you have friends here I would suggest that you write them and ask them to do what they can to locate quarters for you before you come. It takes a good deal of hunting. The rents are anywhere from \$37.50 to \$50.00 for bedroom-living room apartments. More for larger space.

If you will let the Committee know when you are likely to arrive in Minneapolis we will let you know if anything is available which would suit your needs. There are always more renters than apartments available.

Sincerely yours,

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

VOLUNTEER SERVICE BUREAU
DAILY MEMORANDA SHEET

Name _____

Date _____

Subject:

34-12-2 (206)
Manzanar, Calif.
August 19, 1943
AUG 23 1943

Dear Mrs STEELE,

I am interested in relocating out there to Minneapolis or its vicinity to study and to work. At the present time, I am looking for a place where I can stay and work.

The reason that I would like to work is because staying in this camp for over a year and a half have brought my financial end very low. Thus I am looking for a work first so that I can earn and save enough to go to school later on. I am thinking of entering Dunwoood Industrial Institute but it is not definite as yet.

Prior to evacuation, I was attending Compton Junior College in Compton, California. preparing for the course in Electrical Engineering so that I can enter University in that field and course. During my week end, I was working at a Vegetable Market as salesman.

At home, I was attending the

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the Terminal Island Japanese Baptist Church. where Miss Virginia Swanson, who is out there in Minneapolis helping us Japanese ancestry American Citizens in relocating, was our missionary and a advisor. She was the one who gave me your address.

After the evacuation, I have been working as a truck driver and as a laborer on a freight department. I have left the camp once for a period of two to three months to fulfill the farm labor shortage in Montana to top sugar beets.

In work, I haven't any particular type of skill except a three year of driving a chevrolet stake truck. Also in vegetable market as salesman.

I am willing to take and face all kind of job. As for my other references, I have enclosed a U. S. A. form of application for private employment by Relocation Center Resident.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Very truly yours,
Archie Kameki