



Ruth Tanbara Papers

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CITY OF BERKELEY
CALIFORNIA

Date.....1936

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Name

Ruth T. Tanbara

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Mrs. Earl Tanbara

RUTH NOMURA TANBARA



My Parents' Background

The "Indra Pura" ship brought my parents Frank Jiro Nomura and Kiyo Takeda Nomura to America from Japan on January 6, 1903. Father was born in Tokyo on October 19, 1874. He passed away on September 12, 1956. Mother was born in Tokyo on January 30, 1882, and died on September 2, 1980. In Tokyo, Father graduated from a boys intermediate school and also studied English in a special evening course. Mother completed courses in a girls secondary school. As was the custom in those days to learn the homemaking arts, she went to the home of Viscountess Okabe in Tokyo for one year to study etiquette, dress, homemaking and the arts. They were married in 1902.

At the turn of the twentieth century, socio-economic conditions in Japan were gloomy due to high taxes, overpopulation, compulsory military service, and discontent over the class system. Furthermore, farmers suffered a frequent rice crop failure. Faced with the attendant possibility of famine, the Nomura family decided to share the small estate among the sons. They heard about America being "the land of opportunity" and an "adventure to seek a better way of life." So my parents decided to come to America on their honeymoon. They arrived in Portland, Oregon, where very few Japanese lived. However, they found housing at the Japanese Methodist Episcopal Mission where the Reverend Sugihara's family assisted immigrants in locating housing and employment. With his knowledge of English, Father was able to communicate well enough to find employment in restaurant work.

My parents planned to go to Chicago and en route made a stopover in Minneapolis to see friends from Japan who were working as bus boys in the Nicollet Hotel during the busy college homecoming season. Father stayed in Minneapolis and worked with them. The winter was so severely cold in Minnesota that my parents changed their original plans of going to Chicago. In 1904, they returned to Portland, where the climate was mild and Mt. Hood reminded them of Mt. Fuji.

As employment opportunities for Asians were scarce, Father found employment in the dining room of the Calumet Hotel and assisted the chef. Mother, wanting to learn American ways of homemaking and cooking, went to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Milo Kirkpatrick and assisted in their home. They were so kind and patient as to teach her the American customs. Later my parents purchased a home which was a privilege to non-citizens in those days. In the years following, the children were born and the Kirkpatricks suggested Christian names for Paul, Ruth, and Howard. My sister, Martha, passed away at eight months.

Dr. Jessie McGavin, a physician in Portland, took care of my family through the years. She named my sister Elsie. Since there were very few Japanese families in the early days, the folk knowledge of medical care was shared among themselves. As the families became established, however, Dr. McGavin served as the family physician for many of the Japanese in Portland.

Father opened the Mt. Fuji Grocery Store on Russell Street on the East side of Portland, and my uncle Yoshizo Takeda came from Japan to help. It was not a cash-and-carry store as today, and customers were so dilatory in paying their accounts that the store was closed a few years later. Having the increasing responsibility of raising a family of four children, coupled with his dedication to the education of his children, Father was employed for many years at the Northern Pacific Terminal Company doing maintenance work and later porter service. He retired before the evacuation in 1942 with honors and many friends.

After Paul completed his courses at Benson Technical School, he opened the Walnut Park Fruit and Vegetable Market on North Union Avenue. All members of the family helped in the store. However, that was the period of the Great Depression in the 1930s when the banks were closed and the economy was at a low ebb. It was a difficult time for everyone, but accorded us a valuable experience of helping our family and many others to survive.

My parents were asked by other Japanese families and state agencies to care for those children whose mothers were ill or passed away in childbirth or accidents. Some of the children were orphans. So through the years, besides their own four children, my parents took care of 13 other children at different times, some for short periods and others for years. Mother was featured in an article with a photo, entitled "The Mothers of the Nations of the World," in the May 7, 1938 issue of the *News Telegram*, a Portland, Oregon paper, on account of her courage, sacrifice and devotion.

In 1952, Mother and Father celebrated their 50th anniversary at a special dinner at my home in St. Paul.

When the Immigration and Naturalization Act was passed in 1952 repealing the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924, Mother studied with me at home and passed the citizenship examination to become a naturalized U.S. citizen on May 15, 1957 in St. Paul. She was proud to go to the election booth for the county, state and general elections from 1960 on.

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Ruth Tanbara

Ruth Nomura Tanbara was born in Portland, Oregon, and moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, during the relocation of Japanese American citizens. With her background in social work, Mrs. Tanbara and her husband volunteered to establish resettlement programs for fellow Japanese Americans. After the war, Mrs. Tanbara obtained her master's degree at the University of Minnesota and continued teaching at the YWCA. Mr. Hill asked Mrs. Tanbara to be the president of the St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee. She agreed and thereby began their professional relationship.

Louis W. Hill, Jr.'s first name is always pronounced "Louie."

BB: When did you first meet Mr. Hill?

RT: We met when the St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee was founded over forty years ago.

Mr. Steve Gadler of St. Paul was a colonel in the US Army and was stationed in Japan during the war. Colonel Gadler served as the first president of the St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee and organized the program and activities. I was working at the YW. Mr. Hill came over one day. He said he wanted to talk to me. He said he would like me to be the next president of the St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee. Well, I have never been president of anything. I said, "I will have to ask my husband. It might be more than I can handle." Mr. Hill said he would guide me and tell me what business has to be done. He said, "You consider it, and then let me know." I said, "If you will help me, it will not be so much trouble because I don't know too much about St. Paul, and I certainly don't know anything about Nagasaki." We were the first Sister City to organize. He explained that he had been in Nagasaki; he knew the mayor and the city. Then I talked to my husband, who said, "If Mr. Hill is going to help you, then there should be no problem." Mr. Hill did not want it known as a *board*. He said board members make policy, but committee members do all the work. He said, "It is going to be called the St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee." I think that is true; therefore, we left it that way. Even today, many new members do not like the word *committee*. I have to explain it every time there is a new board member.

B: How were your meetings with Mr. Hill organized?

T: Every month, I would meet with him about the agenda for the next meeting of the committee because he had certain things that he wanted to bring up. We used to meet a week before the monthly meeting. He always took me to the St. Paul Athletic Club for lunch. During those days, ladies could not go there; it was a men's club. I was always the only lady in the whole building. I asked him, "Why don't you meet me at the YW? It's so international." He said, "No. Everyone will get used to you being here, and they won't mind you because they know you are on business. There is nothing for you to worry about." I said, "I feel like your wife should come or my husband should come." He said, "Why, you can bring your husband any time." But I said, "He is working. He can't just take time off to be here." But Mr. Hill was very kind, very patient. He had great hopes that the Sister City Program would bring a friendly relationship between the two cities. He said that the war had changed a lot of feelings. It did. We are forty years older now, and we have many new affiliations. First, it was with Nagasaki City and St. Paul. Then it became Nagasaki Broadcasting and KSTP of Minnesota; they are affiliated. Then there were the Boy Scouts and all the YWCAs, and recently the Nagasaki Symphony became affiliated with The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra.

RUTH N. TANBARA Ruth Nomura Tokuko Tanbara

Married to Earl Kazumi Tanbara of Berkeley, California September 16, 1935

Earl died Jan. January 7, 1974 (cerebral thrombosis)

Ruth Nomura was a graduate of Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon
Class of 1930 received B.S. Degree in ^{Economics} Home Education to
teach.

Taught Pre-school to Japanese American Children at the
Manley Community Center, Portland Oregon.

Married to Earl K. Tanbara, was Advertising Manager of
Dollar Steamship Company for 10 years.

After the War in 1941....the Steamship Company was
named THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES.

Earl and Ruth were evacuated from their home in 1942 when
World War II Army Officials declared ALL PERSONS OF JAPANESE
WERE TO BE EVACUATED FROM THEIR HOMES. Earl and Ruth moved on
48 hours notice to a friends farm in Reedley, California
which was out of the War zone. March 2, 1942.

In August 1942 another Army order was issued and the Japanese
native of Japan or born in the U.S. were forced to go to
Resettlement Centers (there were 10 of them)

Through special U.S. Army permission and the late decision by the
U.S. Supreme Courts it was illegal to keep U.S. Citizens in
Resettlement centers Earl and Ruth were given special
special permission to go to St. Paul, Minn if they would help
resettle Japanese Americans in Camp to Minnesota to find schools,
housing, jobs and care in Minnesota. Many came to St. Paul
since their brothers or relatives were stationed in the U.S.
Army in Fort Snelling where many Japanese American young men
had enlisted in the Military Intelligence Language School of
which Col Kai Rasmussen was in charge.

After the War, many families returned to the West Coast but many remained
in Minnesota, and became part of the Community, joined community Churches
registered in Schools, Universities, et employed in the firms in
the Twin Cities

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1. CARL K. SOMEKAWA C.P.A/ now retired from his Accounting Firm
Named EXECUTOR for Ruth N. Tanbara

1785 BBack OakeLane N.

Plymouth, Minnesota 55447 Phone:Phone 4736603

2. ANITA J. ANDERSON

Certified Public Accountant

445 E. Lake Street Suite # 130

WAYZATA, MINNESOTA 55391 Phone 473 - 6677

3. FIRST TRUST COMPANY

c/o Mr. Frank Loomis

P.O.Box 64704 St. Paul, Minnesota 55164 - 9794 Phone::291
5166

- (friend) 4. Mrs. Trudy Ebert Burnet Realty Co.

lives in our Building Wilder Park Towers Phone Residence 690-81

690-8183

Bus. phone: 282-9612 227-9144

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6. DAIN BOSWORTH: ROBERT I. SAWYER Investment Officer Minnesota 5
Vice Pres. 55101

Phone (612) 2286982

7. FIRST BANK ST. PAUL, MN (counselor

Mr. Ronald Pray SPFN 0201

332 Minnesota Street

Consumer Banking

St. Paul, Minnesota 55101 Phone: 244- 4844

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St. Paul, MN 55101-2833

Metro Mobility Phone # Call 4 days ahead ¹⁵ appointment

Ruth Tanbara's Metro Number 37-5124-1 Phone: 2258092

R.T.Phone # 698-2449

For Hair Appt.

CALL AMERICAN RED CROSS FOR RIDES TO DENTIST OR DR. #100 Central Medical Bldg St.Paul
Dentist, Dr.Robbert Bloom

Dr. M.D. James Giefer CALL 10 days ahead of appointment for ride: Dr. Dr.

G allery Towers Bldg
835

Hair Dresser: Dorothy's Hairdressing Salon
82 E. 7th Place Bremer
Tower Bldg VBremer

Dr. George or Paul Tani 200 Gallery Towers Bldg
St. Paul, MN 55102-2510

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS TO DR. OR HOSPITAL (St. Josephs)

Call Imogene Miller 690-0603 # 313 Wilder Towerw

or Miss Sumi Teramoto # 409 Wilder Park Towers

Phone: 690-4454

SERVED ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Memorials to:

1. Unity Church - Unitarian St. Paul, Minnesota 55104 = 7100
732 Holly Avenue 55104 - Member of Church 55104-7100

2. Y.W.C.A St. Paul, Minnesota Served on Staff 30 years
Present address Served as Adult Education Director and
198 Western Ave. N. World Fellowship Committee....the
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 international program of the YWCA.
Attended the YWCA Worlds Council Meeting
in 1955 in London, England for 17 days

3. Family Service Inc.
166th Fourth Street East Suite # 200
166 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1464

4. Inman2-

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MINNESOTA Served on Board, Directed Exhibits
Como Avenue Japan Food Booth at the Festival
St. Paul, Minnesota 55108 of Nations many years and Exhibits

5. Twin Cities Japanese American Citizens League
Earl Tanbara Memorial Scholarship Fund
c/o Mrs. Kimi Hara
7783 Kingsview Lane
MAPLE GROVE MINNESOTA 55311 Phone: 470-8139

6. St. Paul Nagasaki Sister City Committee
Served as President 6 years..
c/o Mrs. Chris Rossow

972 Winterberry Drive
7. JAPAN AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA Interim Executive Director OFFICE PHONE: (627-9357
WOODBURY, Minnesota 55125 Served as one of the Founders in 1955
c/o, Mrs. Elizabeth Simmer (627-9357

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RELATIVES:

Sister: Elsie K. Nomura Shiozaki (Mrs. Jack)

330 Crabtree Lane

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South Laguna: # 1- 714-499-4657

21562 Ocean Vista Drive

South Laguna, California 92677

Niece: Mrs. June Schmett c/o Mrs. Elsie Shiozaki

" Mrs. Joyce Brodt (Henry)

Jennifer and
Julie Kay

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Glenview, Illinois 60025

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Allison and Rachel (Phone)

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" Mrs. Marilyn Olmsted (Charles)

Travis and

Kiyo Morehead

9060 113th

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Chicago, Illinois 60640

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Tokyo, Japan 151

(Daughter of Eiichi: Mrs. Kaoru Nomura use above address

Miss Fujiko Nomura (Mrs. Satoshi Usui)
and Mr. Kenji Usui Nomura

No. 11-13 Hiroo 5 Chome Shibuya Ku

TOKYO, JAPAN 150

RELATIVES CONTINUED:

Grace

Mr. Thomas Minoru Kurihara (son of ~~Grace Tanbara~~ ~~Grace Tanbara~~)
2058 Carrhill road (deceased)

VIENNA, VIRGINIA 22181-2919 son of Grace Tanbara Kurihara
Grace - deceased about 1992

Wife of Tom = Ayako Kurihara

Children: Brett and Paula

Niece on my brothers (Howard) family (Howard died about 1984

Mrs. Judith Nomura Murakami (George)

5621 Heather Ridge Court

Shoreview, MN 55126 Phone 484-7826

Children of Judy and George Murakami

1. Cris Murakami Noonan (Terry) children Alex and Stephanie
Chris

2. Lisa Murakami Hintermeister (David)

7020 James Avenue

Richfield, Minnesota 55423

c/o 3. Mr. Steve Murakami

Judy Murakami
c/o Judy Murakami Rochester, Minnesota

c/o Judy Murakami

Judy Murakami

4. Miss Mari Murakami

c/o Judy Murakami

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Somekawa

Plymouth, MN

Roger Somekawa and son Kevin Kyoshi

Ellen and Eric Somekawa 165 Tabor Road

Philadelphia, Penn 19120

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Mrs. Emi S. Nomura (sister in law) wife of Howard Nomura

1728 Pleasant Street # F St. Paul, MN 55113

so I was sent to ^{community} ~~Community~~ in Iowa just before
the Corn Crop was ^{being} harvested so learned how to
detassel the corn and I gave lectures on ~~off~~ ^{libra}
Japanese American to the people in Churches &
schools

Employed at the St Paul YWCA for 30 years. Served as Adult Education
Director with (16) different ^{evening} classes with their teachers.

- (1) Volunteered with craft & groups to make items
for their Christmas Sale which was held in the City
- (2) Served as ~~first~~ ^{first} President of the St Paul Nagasaki
Sister City Committee appointed by Mr. Louis H. Thiel Jr
founder of the committee
- (3) Served on the Board of Family Service Social Agency in St Paul

Travel Went to Japan taking groups on tour three Japan Holy Key
and once around the World. Went to Nagasaki ^{Japan our Sister City}
attended the World YWCA Conference in London in 1955 ^{led groups}
as a delegate from U.S. ^{there several}

(1) Spence Subak Flower Arrangements ^{and} ~~and~~ arranged

- for the Sanctuary in Church every Sunday for 35 years
- (2) Volunteered to help youth members prepare ^{flower arrangements}
for Annual Christmas ^{in the YWCA} ~~which were held~~ ^{in the City} ~~in the City~~ ^{at the YWCA}

(2) University of Minnesota, Minneapolis Master of Science
Degree 1953

During the War -

the War -
Lives in Berkeley, California to "know the Bar
to Sam of work
Harris to work
Lam

Evacuated ^{voluntarily} from our home during the War lived on farm in Reddy, Calif

Appointed by US Army officers & sent to Munich

Appointed by US Army Officers & sent to Minn
to resettle Japanese ^{ex-prisoners} & Japanese American children
to Minnesota.

Many ^{children} were High School students + graduated from the

Enlow College in St Paul - Maculata Coll was first
 and 2d of them in Nfld. ^{agreed to accept the student}

Many people in Minnesota did not know Japanese
people until Fort Snelling had ^{many} ~~many~~ Japanese
Americans of 16 yrs & older stationed there

The A ^{1st} ^{man} ~~faculty~~ member was assigned to keep the group in agreement with Mumukshu & Ives

Mr
Jeff
To Jeff Klaverkamp
315 E River Road
Brainerd, Minnesota 56401

From Mrs Ruth N. Janbore

1181 Edgcomb Road #216

St Paul, Minnesota 55105-2833

as requested
Re: ~~Dr~~ Barkhouse of Ruth Janbore (Mrs Earl K. Janbore)

Born in Portland, Oregon

Educational
Section

Graduated ^(B) Oregon State University, Class of 1930 ^{Graduated} Bachelor of Science
Degree

Corvallis, Oregon

Wm Joffe
Kloverkamp
315 E. River Road
Broomfield Minn
56401

Ruth T. Nomura Tanbara (Mrs Earl K. Tanbara)

Born in Portland, Oregon

Graduated Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore

Education Bachelor of Science Degree 1930 1930 Class of 1931

Reserved Master of Science Degree University of

Minnesota, Minneapolis Master of Science Degree 1953

Employed at the St Paul YWCA for 30 years

part of the year served as Adult Education Director
with 16 different classes & then teacher & crafts

Director for Volunteers for their Christmas Sales

1. Served as first President of the St Paul

Nagasaki Sister City Committee appointed by

Mr Louis W. Hue Jr. former of the St Paul Nagasaki Sister City

2 Served on the Family Service Agency of
St Paul.

3

Travel: Went to Japan taking tour through Japan,

Hong Kong, around the World with

friends

London

attended the World YWCA Conference in 1955 as a
delegate from U.S.

Special Interest 1. Flower Arrangement Classes &

did Arrangements for the Seminars, every

Sunday with a friend for 35 years.

Interested in Handcrafts so volunteers to keep assist
YWCA members to share their skills & their Christmas Sales

Volunteer volunteer
during war

By appointment
from U.S. Army
officers were
sent to Minnesota
to recruit the Japanese
& Japanese American
volunteers

many were
students so this
was a college
& many of the first to
accept the schedule

Many people
had no idea
of the Japanese
people made
a great impact
on the U.S.
people sent to
Japan who
were very
different from
the ones we
knew

Dr. Committee
now there
are over 400
US Sister Cities
of which the
YWCA is
one

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Joined Unity Church when Arthur Foster came to live
Schedule a Memorial Service with Minister at
Unity Church (Unitarian)
Portland - 9, 10th St

Joined Unity Church when Arthur Foster came to live
1st service 25 Jan

St Paul, Minnesota

Print Program

Speakers could be

1. Tom Kuriham (my nephew)

2. Mr. ~~Harold~~ Reed
of Family Service Social Agency

3. Mrs Yoshi Tani (friend)

3. Minister of church joined

Record of Ruth Tanbara

Parents were Father Frank Jiro Nomura of Tokyo
Mother Kiyo Takeda Nomura Japan
Kiyo

Ruth - Born in Portland Oregon Oct 15, 1907

Married Earl K. Tanbara of Berkeley, Calif - Berkeley

Date September 16, 1935 in Portland Oregon
(See photo on desk) Methodist Church

Lived in Berkeley California 1728 Dwight Way

Served on Board of YWCA Berkeley Campus

Lived in Berkeley California during War Moved to Mr. Matsushita's house St Paul

Lived moved to St Paul Minnesota 218 S. Aron St 1725 James St

Lived moved to A. H. Wilder Residence (with mother)

1181 Edgumbe Road # (Apt 216)

Wilder apt St Paul, Minnesota 55105 Lived there 20 years

Member of Move to after Home Ministry

Unity - Unitarian Church

Portland - 9, 10th Street

St Paul Minnesota 55105 Released Foster

Joined when Rev Arthur Foster came to St Paul

was on Program Staff of
St Paul YWCA 30 years
directed the adult Education
Class

1935
1907
28

During her visit month
Lead Tour to Japan
groups from Hong Kong & India

- 1 1926 Nichiei Kengokudan to Jpn July 27
Barb's
- 2 1964 - Japan - HK - Bangkok birthday
- 1967 - Washington DC - NY - Montreal
Quebec Sept 9 - Sept 23
Sept 26 - North Shore
- 28th Fort William Ontario
- 3 1970 - Japan & S. C. M.
- 4 1973 Japan & HK & Hawaii ^{Alaska}
- 5 1975
- 6 1984 To Japan & HK
- 7 1985 To Japan & HK

Ta dai ^{ma} ~~ja~~ - on returning home

Okainai sai masu ^x ~~masu~~ ^{machis}

^{I am going} Ite maerumasu,, it te ra shai i

Go ki en yo ^{permission to go}

Go men ku da sai ^{excuse me}

Ita da ki masu, to beque

^{exit}
oku sara (addressing lady of home)

Japanese prayer: learned from Mother

Kon nichī wa yoku hi o kudaisai machite
arigato kan shai it tashimasu.

Tadai ma nak ku te naru no niku no katei o
ita daki masu ko to wo arigataku kan
shai itashimasu.

American prayer: Father in Heaven sustain our
bodies with this food and our hearts in true
friendship and our souls in thy truth...Amen

Ruth Nomura Tanbara received Master of Science
Degree from the University of
Minnesota

July 16, 1953 Photo taken in the
Garden of Earl's parents home on
Deubener Street, St. Paul, MN.

Clara Brown Army was my Graduate Study Adviser
Home Economics Education (Adult Education)
* and Social Group Work specializations

May 1948

DATA

Name: Mrs. Ruth N. Tanbara 218 S. Avon Street, St. Paul 5, Minnesota
Elkhurst 2436

Date of Birth: 10-15-07 Place of Birth: Portland, Oregon

Church Membership, Unitarian Married

EDUCATION

Name of Institution	Location	Major Subjects	Degree	Date
Jefferson High School	Portland, Oregon	General College		1924
Northwestern School of Commerce	Portland, Oregon	Secretarial	Certificate	1925
Oregon State College	Corvallis, Oregon	Home Economics and Education	B.S.	1930
University of Oregon	Portland, Ore. Extension Div.	Educational Psych., Philosophy of Education and other Education courses		1931-1932
Extension Courses audited	" "	Anthropology, Education such as Remedial Reading, etc.		1932-3

Have taken courses in Weaving, Burchard Weavers in Oakland, Calif. and 1938
Other courses in crafts as Swedish Painting, Glovemaking, Millinery, and flower arrangement.

EXPERIENCE

Firm or Agency	Location	Type of Work	Year
Northern Pacific Terminal Railway Co.	Portland, Ore	Relief Stenographer during school vacations	1928-9
Manley Community Center	Portland, Ore.	Teacher of Kindergarten and Nursery School	1930-1
YWCA	Portland, Ore.	Membership Secretary	1932-3
International Institute	San Francisco, Calif.	Case Work Secretary	1937-8
Womens City Club	San Francisco, Calif.	Handicrafts Instructor	1938-9
YWCA	St. Paul, Minnesota	1942-48 Assistant Executive Director in charge of Membership, World Fellowship, Public Affairs and Publicity Teacher in Adult Education Department	
University of Minnesota Extension Division	Minneapolis, Minn. Campus	have given special lectures on Course in Intercultural Relations	1945-46

Extra Curricular Activities in College

YWCA on Campus, World Fellowship Committee
Cosmopolitan Club
Educational Weekends for High School Graduates, chr. of Home Economics
Food Section.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Type of Service	Place	Dates
Religious Education Director	Japanese Methodist Church, Portland, Oregon	1930-35
Served on Committee of Education Day, Worlds Fair, Handicrafts Director	San Francisco, Calif.	1940
	YWCA Camp Boise, Idaho	1934
	Payette Lakes	
Helped in Evacuation Program of War Relocation Authority	in California and Minnesota	1942
Chaperoned Dances	Fort Snelling, St. Paul, Minn	1944-45
	for Office of Civilian Defense	
Program Planning Committee	St. Paul International Institute	1946
Membership Council and	"	
Chr. of Japanese Group Participation in Festival of Nations	"	1947
	"	
Coached Play for Japanese Student Club, University of Calif.	Berkeley, Calif.	1937-38
Member of Board of Directors)		
Executive Committee and)	St. Paul Council of Human Relations	1947-48
Speakers Bureau		

PUBLICATIONS: Wrote Recipe Book on preparing popular Japanese Foods in English using standard measurements. Studied one year with a Chef in Japanese Foods and book was published in 1939 by a Wholesale Company, San Francisco.

TRAVEL: Hawaii Islands, Japan, British Columbia and throughout U.S.

MEMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS: Foreign Policy Association
Hallie Q. Brown House
International Institute
St. Paul Council of Human Relations
Y.W.C.A. St. Paul
Was formerly active in Womens City Club, San Francisco, College Club and Business Womens Club of Church in California, but do not find time to attend meetings now.
National Association of Professional Workers YWCA
American Association of Group Workers.

HONORARY ORGANIZATIONS IN COLLEGE:

Phi K. St Paul campus

Phi Kappa Phi 1929 (National Scholastic Honorary)
Omicron Nu 1929 (Home Economics National)
Kappa Delta Pi 1930 (National Education Honorary)

PROJECTS WORKING ON:

Household Employment Test Project Committee YWCA
Writing Manuscript for book on Flower Arrangement

SPECIAL SKILLS:

1. Glovemakinghave taught making of handstitched leather gloves to many groups in the West including a summer session at Oregon State College in 1937 also have taught it in St. Paul at the International Institute and the YWCA.
2. Flower Arrangement:
have taught it to groups in St. Paul YWCA and have lectured to many women's groups in Twin Cities including Garden Clubs, Womans Club in Minneapolis, College Club in St. Paul, etc.
3. Can Type, take shorthand and have studied piano.

REFERENCES:

Former Employers

1. Miss Grace C. Steinbeck, Executive Director YWCA
Honolulu, Hawaii
2. Miss Annie Clo Watson Executive Director
International Institute
1860 Washington Street
San Francisco, Calif.
3. Mrs. Dorothy T. Dyer University of Minnesota faculty
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Other References

1. Personnel Bureau National YWCA 600 Lexington Avenue,
New York City, New York
2. Miss May Workinger, Placement Secretary
Oregon State College, Corvallis, Ore.
3. Dean Ava B. Milam, School of Home Economics, Oregon State
College, Corvallis, Oregon
4. Dean U.G. Dubach Lewis & Clark College
Portland, Oregon
5. ^{Mrs} Miss Alice L. Sickels Executive Director
International Institute
Detroit, Michigan
6. Dr. Florence Blazier, Home Economics Education, Oregon State
College, Corvallis, Oregon
7. Miss Charibel Nye State Home Demonstration Agent
Giannini Hall, University of California
Berkeley, California
8. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Foote, St. Paul Unity Church
Portland and Grotto,
St. Paul, Minn.
9. Mrs Helen Parker Mudgett 850 Tatum St Paul

Prof. H. Moise
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School of
Architecture

Prof & Mrs.
L. Hollingsworth
Mass. Institute of
Technology

Mrs & Mrs H K
Harvey

X _____ Mrs. Earl K. Tanbara

Tanbara

Nomura

Ruth

Tokuko

~~218~~ *1181 Edgemoor Road #216*
~~South Avon Street~~

St Paul Minn 55105-2813

~~St. Paul~~

Minnesota 55105

Oct. 15 1907

Portland, Oregon

Earl K. Tanbara (deceased)

Retired (Mrs.)
Social Work and
Education.

Oregon State University

Corvallis, Oregon

Home Economics

B.S.

June 1930

University of Minnesota

Minneapolis, Minnesota

M.S.

July 1953

Major Education - Home Ec.

Minor Social Group Work

Sept.
1942

Sept.
1972

Director of Adult Education
& International Program of YWCA.
Retired after 30 years on
Professional Program Staff

St. Paul, Y.W.C.A.
65 E. Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, Minn 55101

Since 1972 have been and presently active in volunteer capacity in
different community organizations.

Member National Association of Social Workers - Charter Member thru 1978
Altrusa Club - Executive Womens Service organization 1960- 1970
1953-1979
Phi Upsilon Omicron - Home Economics Honorary Fraternity U. of Minn

1979 Presently member of BOARD OF DIRECTORS of FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS.

1. Chairman of the Board of the Japan America Society of Minnesota
Served as Program Chr. 1973-74. " "
2. St. Paul Nagasaki Sister City affiliation, since 1955. Served as
President 1967-71
3. Family Service of the Greater St. Paul Area 1973-79 Chr. of
Membership committee
4. Minnesota Museum of Art, Board of Trustees since 1972-1979
Republican

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Member of Phi Kappa Phi initiated Oregon State University 1930
National Scholastic Honor Society
" Kappa Delta Pi = National Education Honor Society (Oregon State U.
" Omicron Nu - National Home Economics Honor Society (Oregon State U

Japanese Garden constructed in St. Paul YWCA Patio as a tribute to
30 years of Program staff member and interpreting the
Japanese Arts and culture to YWCA Members and friends.
Was among the 2nd group of Nisei (12) to visit Japan in 1926 as member of
the Nichibei Kengakudan, sponsored by the Nichibei
San Francisco Japanese newspaper.

1. Volunteer as a monthly lecturer on Nutrition for Senior Congregate
Dining Program in Ramsey Action Program, Federal and County funded.
2. When requested have given lectures on Japanese Americans for special
Extension courses for High School instructors thru the U. of Minn.
3. Assist High school and college students and the Historical Society
staff who are writing papers, articles or theses on Japanese Americans
in Minn. and U.S. Loan them articles, books, bibliographies, films.

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R. Tanbara
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CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (Include offices held and dates.)

5. YWCA volunteer for their special programs and projects. St. Paul YW.
6. Member of Unity- Unitarian Church/^{Presently} serve on the Memorial Committee and the Decorations Committee. Former Member of the Board of Trustees. Do Flower Arrangements in the Sanctuary on Sun. morning s.
7. Member of Twin Cities J.A.C.L. and cooperate in all their activities.
8. Member of International Institute of Minnesota and volunteer in their special "FESTIVAL OF NATIONS" it is a city wide program with all ethnic groups participating. In charge of the Japan-American Exhibit Booth for 1979. (see folder enclosed).
9. During 1942-1947, Mr. Tanbara and I assisted in the resettlement of the Japanese and Japanese Americans from the Relocation Centers who were interested in coming to Minnesota for study as well as residence.

AREAS OF INTEREST (continued)

4. Interpret the Arts of Japan, encourage films, exhibits and special artists from Japan for different organizations as the Museum, etc.
5. Have demonstrated as well as taught Japanese Flower Arrangement to different Garden Clubs and classes when requested.
6. Travel. Have been to Japan 5 times and have taken small groups to Japan as an escort. We always include Nagasaki since it is St. Paul's Sister City. Went around the world in 1970 after the Osaka World's Fair.
6. Have special interest in amateur photography.

July 6, 1988

Through the Years
PHOTOGRAPHS OF RUTH NOMURA TANBARA

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Mother Kiyo Takeda Nomura
Brother: Paul, and Howard
Sister: Elsie

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Took Tour groups to visit Japan in 1964 - 1970 - 1973 and 1975. Visited Japan in 1984 and 1985.

Community Contacts.

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2. Founder and present member of the Board of Directors, St. Paul Nagasaki-St. Paul Sister City Committee since 1955
3. Member of the Board of Directors Japan America Society of Minnesota serve as chr. of Publicity and photograph organization events.
4. Minnesota Museum of Art, St. Paul, is Honorary Trustee on Board.
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*Don't forget to take minutes
with me
Suzanne
Honor Society*

Vita - autobiographical sketch
of RUTH NOMURA TANBARA

Name: TANBARA, Mrs. Nomura RUTH Tokuko
Last name Maiden name first Middle name

Address: 1181 Edgumbe Road # 216 St. Paul, Minnesota 55105
Phone: 698-2449

Date of Birth October 15, 1907 Place of Birth: Portland, Oregon (Multnomah County)

Married to: EARL KAZUMI TANBARA * on September 16, 1935 Portland, Oregon
Centenary Wilbur Methodist Church.
Mr. Tanbara's profession: was Advertising Manager
(*Mr. Tanbara deceased Jan.4,1974) American President Lines (Steamship)
San Francisco, California (home Office)

Family: Father: Frank Jiro Nomura of Tokyo, Japan) both were married in 1902
Mother: Kiyo Takeda Nomura of Tokyo Japan) Tokyo, Japan and came to U.S.
1903 to Portland, Oregon
Brothers: Paul N. Nomura and Howard H. Nomura (deceased 1984)
Sister: Mrs. Elsie K. Nomura Shiozaki

Religion: Member of Unity Church - Unitarian St. Paul, Minnesota 732 Holly Street
at Grotto,
St.Paul,MN 55104

Residences: Lived in Berkeley, California 1728 Dwight Way from 1935-1942
During World War II evacuated voluntarily to Reedley, California
on 48 hours notice on March 2, 1942 on Kitahara's Farm
P.O.Box 788 Reedley, California 93654 zip code,
Second Order of Evacuation by Wartime Civilian Control Agency
received Permission by U.S. Army to move to Midwest
to resettle Evacuees from Relocation Centers. Assisted
over 100 families, students and single women and men.
Lived in St. Paul 1725 James Street St. Paul, MN.
Later moved to 218 South Avon Street St. Paul, MN 55105
from 1943 to 1980

Education:

Name of School	Location	Degree	Date:
Albina Homestead Elementary School	Portland, Oregon		
Jefferson High School	Portland, Oregon	High School Diploma	1924
Northwestern School of Commerce	Portland, Oregon	Secretarial	1925
Oregon State University	Corvallis, Oregon	B.S.	1930
University of Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minnesota	Professional Home Economics Teaching Degree M.S.	1953
		Major: Home Economics Education Minor: Social Group Work	

EMPLOYMENT:

Date	from most recent TO	Position	Firm	Location
1942	1972	Adult Education Director & International YWCA Program Director	YWCA	65 E. Kellogg Blvd St. Paul, MN 55101
1955	2 wks	Attended World YWCA Council Mtgs. London, England 100th Anniversary of the International Movement		
1938	1942	Taught Crafts	Womens City Club	San Francisco, CA
1936/37	1937	Social Worker	International Institute	San Francisco, CA
1933	1934	Secretary (Part time)	Japanese Consulate	Portland, Ore
1932	1935	Membership Secretary (Part time)	YWCA	Portland, Oregon
1930	1932	Teacher - Kindergarten	Manley Community Center	Portland, Oregon

Taught Japanese American born children English since English was not spoken in homes
Parents requested the Womens Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. Over 55 enrolled.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

1. Altrusa Club of St. Paul National Womens Service organization 1965-1971
2. Phi Kappa Phi All College National Honorary Society 1929
appointed Junior Year
Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore.
3. Omicron Nu National Honor Society in Home Economics 1930
Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore.
4. Kappa Delta Pi National Education Honor Society 1930
Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore.
5. Phi Upsilon Omicron National Honor Society Home Economics 1953
Alpha Chapter, University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota
6. National Association of Social Workers (former mbr. when on YWCA Staff)

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AS VOLUNTEER.

1. International Institute of Minnesota Served on Board of Directors about 1950
FESTIVAL OF NATIONS directed Japanese participation from 1947 worked with Issei and Nisei volunteers in Exhibits, Dance Programs, Food Booths, etc.
From 1982 to 1988 served as Coordinator of JAPAN FOOD BOOTH with 2 other co-chairmen for 7 times
as the Fund Raising project for the St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee
2. Japan America Society of Minnesota Charter Member, Member of Board of Directors
served as Program Chairman, Publicity chr.
JASM was founded in 1972.

Civic and Community Activities as a Volunteer (continued from page 2)

3. Family Service of Greater St. Paul Member of Board of Directors
2 Terms 1980-1983 1984-1986
4. St. Paul Nagasaki Sister City Committee One of the Founders of the Committee
in 1955; Served as President of Board
1966 to 1972; 1986 recipient of
First Active Life Membership for 31 years
of volunteer service.
5. Minnesota Museum of Art Served on Board of Trustees for 2 terms
Landmark Center St. Paul & Jemne of 3 years from 1972. Now Honorary
Bldg. Trustee Member for Life.
6. Unity Church - Unitarian St. Paul Board of Trustees 1955. 1 Term.
Arranged flowers each Sunday in the Sanctuary for over 35 years.
Taught class in Flower Arrangements for the Sanctuary in 1985 with
19 enrolled and now they take turns each month. Arrange flowers
for special occasions upon request.
7. Gave Lectures on the Evacuation of Japanese Americans during World War II
to Adult Classes at the University of Minnesota; College of St.
Thomas, Augsburg College; Macalester College. and many organizations.
8. During Resettlement of Evacuees from the Relocation Centers, Mr. Tanbara
and I gave talks to many different groups to build community acceptance
in Minnesota and found housing, employment, medical services and
social life for the group.....from 1943- 1947. Helped establish
The St. Paul Resettlement Committee and leased a small Hotel downtown
where the Civic Center is located today, and helped Mrs. Tomiko Ogata
who managed the Hotel for the Evacuees from Camp, provided temporary
Housing, meals, and adjustment to Minnesota Winters.

Special
Interests

TRAVEL:

In 1926 was a member of 12 students (Nisei) on the 2nd Nichibei Kengakudan to Japan. Sponsored by the Nichibei Shinbun of San Francisco, (Japanese American News). Mrs. Yona Abiko wife of the Publisher was our Guardian and Chaperon. She was educated in the U.S. and was the sister of Umeko Tsuda who founded the Tsuda School for Women in Tokyo. We went by Steamship (taking 18 days to cross the Pacific with a stop-over in Hawaii. I was the representative from Portland, Ore. other students were from Cities in California. It was an educational and cultural Tour, visiting Schools, organizations, and seeing the Scenic beauty of Japan, the Museums, Temples, and meeting the students exchanging topics of interest. Most of us spoke some Japanese so we were able to write our impressions for the Japanese paper in San Francisco.

1964 Served as Tour Leader to Japan, 3 weeks Tour visiting Tokyo, Nagasaki, Nikko, Kyoto, Nagoya, Ise Shrine, Miyajima, Matsushima, etc. on to Taipei, Bangkok, Thailand, Hong Kong, Kowloon. etc. and Hawaii

1970 Led Tour to Japan to the Worlds Fair in Osaka and Tokio
Kyoto, Nagasaki (our Sister City) Hong Kong and continued to India,
and continued Around the World to Iran, Europe, London and return.

1973 Led Tour to Japan and Hong Kong. return stop in Hawaii

1975 Led Tour to Japan and Hong Kong " " "

1984 Led Tour to Japan and Hong Kong Nagasaki Sister City.

1985 Went on Tour to Japan and visited Nagasaki & Hong Kong

SPECIAL INTERESTS HOBBIES

1. Travel
- 2 Flower Arrangement Taught Flower Arrangement, gave demonstrations to Garden Clubs, etc. hospital groups,
3. Photography volunteer taking photos for organization records and friends.
4. Gourmet Cooking. Taught classes in special food preparations. Enrolled in special Gourmet Cooking classes.
5. Contract Bridge Play occasionally with friends.
6. Crafts, home arts, designed many arrangements for YWCA Sales. Leather glovemaking.
7. On Beautification Committee of Wilder Park Condominium and work with volunteers taking care of plants in the Atrium and outdoor planting.

SPECIAL HONORS.

1. Japanese Garden in Patio of St. Paul YWCA was dedicated as a tribute for Ruth Tanbara's 30 years as a member of the YWCA St. Paul Program Staff Dedication in 1973.
- 2/ In 1987 The Women of Minnesota organization observed Minnesota Women History Month. They published a Poster of Seven Women who made History of Minnesota from 1820 - 1919.
and
Current Women who have contributed to the History of Minnesota.
There are 43 women listed around the edge of Poster and Ruth N. Tanbara is among them. No. 10.
for her 30 years on the Program Staff of the YWCA
Helped with Mr. Tanbara in the Resettlement of Evacuees
from Relocation Centers to Minnesota, building community
acceptance for the group...over 100 families were resettled.
One of the founders of the St. Paul Nagasaki Sister City Committee
Nov. 15, 1957 in Who's Who in Minnesota as Social Worker

Am a member of the Twin Cities Japanese American Citizens League since it was organized and support its programs, especially the Scholarship Fund but do not take an active part.

Also support the Minnesota Nikkei Project Inc. in its program.

SIGNATURE: Ruth Nomura Tanbara Date: January 20, 1989 4 pages.

ADDENDA to Ruth N. Tanbara's Vita

Annual Memberships in following organizations.

1. University of Minnesota Alumni Association
2. Phi Epsilon Omicron National Home Economics Honor Society, Alpha Chapter
U. of Minnesota
3. International Institute of Minnesota - St. Paul
4. Twin Cities Japanese American Citizens League
5. Minnesota Museum of Art St. Paul
6. St. Paul Nagasaki Sister City Committee
7. Young Womens Christian Association St. Paul, Minnesota Life Member
8. Japan America Society of Minnesota
9. Unity Church - Unitarian St. Paul, Minnesota
10. United Way of St. Paul, Minnesota
11. United Arts Council St. Paul, MN/
12. Family Service of St. Paul
13. Courage Center of Minnesota
14. Minnesota Orchestral Association
15. KTCA Educational TV
16. Support Normandale Garden Club
17. Support Minnesota Nikkei Project, Inc.

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, *Imps Minn receive*
Master of Science Degree ~~1950~~ *1953*

During World War:

Lived in Berkeley, California, crossed the Bay and worked in San Francisco

When the War broke out, we evacuated voluntarily and moved to a friends farm which was 150 miles inland from the Coast to Reedley, California.

Appointed by the U.S. Army Officers and sent to Minnesota to resettle JAPANESE Families with their Japanese American children to Minnesota.

Many were High School students and graduates so that entered colleges in St. Paul. Macalester College in St. Paul and the University of Minnesota were the first to accept the students..

Many people in Minnesota did not know Japanese people until Fort Snelling had many young Japanese Americans of 16 years and older stationed there.

A University of Minnesota Faculty member was assigned to help the group get acquainted with Minnesota and Iowa, so I was sent to communities in Iowa just when the Corn crop was being harvested so I learned about de-tasseling the corn, and I gave lectures on Japanese Americans to the people in churches, libraries and schools.

I was employed at the St. Paul Y.W.C.A for 30 years...served as Adult Education Director with 16 different classes and their teachers
(1) volunteered with craft groups to make items for their Annual Christmas Sale which is held in the City Auditorium

October 30/2000

(2) Served as first President of St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee appointed by Mr. Louis W. Hill, Jr. founder of the Committee

(3) Served on the Board of Directors of Family Service Committee, which is a social work Agency helping Families.

Travel: Went to Japan taking groups on Tours thru Japan; Hong Kong and once Around the World

Went to Nagasaki, Japan with several groups during their special Holidays and Festivals

Attended the Worlds YWCA Conference in London in 1955 as a delegate from the U.S.

I have a special interest in Flower Arrangement so often did demonstrate with flowers at Garden Clubs, Church Sanctuaries and held flower arrangement classes at the YWCA.

Arrangements for Ruth Tanbara

SS#: 476-34-3008

Born: Oct. 15, 1907, Portland, OR

Cremation and Burial:

1. Contact Minnesota Funeral and Memorial Society (MFMS), 900 Mount Curve Ave., Mpls., MN 55403, 612-374-1515
 - a. Ruth completed an updated form in May 1999 (attached) which the MFMS has on record. Judy and Ruth went over this information in Aug. 2001 and Aunt Ruth verified the information. Her file number is 4681. Sumi Teramoto has signed form as friend who will help carry out Aunt Ruth's wishes. Aunt Ruth has selected plan 1 (simple cremation) with memorial service at Unity Unitarian Church, St. Paul
 - b. Cremation at Lakewood Cemetery Chapel
2. Contact Mortuary (part of MFMS system): Twin Cities Cremation and Burial Service, 1598 Carroll, St. Paul, (near 94 and Snelling), Tel: 651-645-1233

Contact O'Connell Cremation Services, Hudson, WI 715-386-3725

- a. Ashes are to be placed in Nomura Tanbara Crypt #87 Row F
- b. Ruth TANBARA urn is in crypt with name on urn, but no final date
- c. In 1997, Aunt Ruth wrote MFMS a note with several questions about payment, etc.

See copy of April 14, 1997 letter to MFMS and their answers to Aunt Ruth.

Lawyer, Trust, Physician, Minister:

1. Lawyer: Darlene Cobian, Briggs and Morgan, 220 1st National Bank Bldg, St. Paul, MN 55101, 651-223-6597.
3. US Bank Trust Officer: Penny Berger, 651-244-0949
4. Physician: Dr Fallert, Oakdale Clinic Health East, 1453 Helmo Ave, Oakdale, MN, 651-731-2435
5. Minister: Unity Unitarian Church

Memorial Service, Reception, Light Meal following

1. Church Unity Unitarian Church, 732 Holly Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104 651-
2. See Aunt Ruth's suggestion for memorial service

3. Saturday afternoon per Aunt Ruth's request
4. See Ruth's vita and other summaries of her life.
5. Make up display of photos, memorabilia (from Walter Mondale award dinner; include high school yearbook, photo album of her trip to Orient in 1979, several photos, newspaper clippings, etc. that Judy has.
6. Food: Cake/Cookies, but not sure where to get them because Aunt Ruth had conflicting instructions (Pepperidge Farm, Wuollets, Taste of Scandinavia). At the appropriate time, we'll use our best judgment.\
7. Tea: Aunt Ruth wanted special Japanese green tea. Judy has this in her large kitchen cupboard (green box?)
8. Kodex: Aunt Ruth provided brown manila envelopes
9. Closing words to service: "To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die"
10. Ushers: Tom Kosobayashi, George Murakami, Phil Nomura, Steve Murakami, Travis Olmstead

Obituary:

1. St. Paul Pioneer Press, Mpls Star and Tribune, Pacific Citizen, TC-JACL Rice Paper, Oregon State University Alumni Association, Corvallis, OR
2. run notice one time only
3. Template, based upon Aunt Ruth's draft, is on Judy's computer under Murakami folder.
4. Memorials listed in the obituary are the ones that Aunt Ruth "approved" in Aug. 2001.
 - a. St. Paul YWCA, Japanese American Citizen's League of the Twin Cities (Scholarship fund for Earl Tanbara); Unity Unitarian Church, Japan America Society of Minnesota, Family Service of Greater St. Paul.

Primary People to Notify:

1. Relatives:
 - a. Judy & George Murakami (including Emi Nomura, Chris, Lisa, Steve, Mari)
 - b. Tom Kurihara (Paula, Bret)
 - c. Phil & Jane Nomura
 - d. Elsie Shiozaki (notify Joyce Brodt first, who will then notify Elsie/Jack, Paul Nomura, June, Marilyn, Eric)
 - e. Mari & Carl Somekawa (notify Ellen, Eric, Roger, Joan, Anita Anderson, accountant)
2. Friends (Local):
 - a. Sumi Teramoto, 651-690-4454 (notify Michi Rokutani, Barb Mizuhata, Imogene Miller, Wilder Edgcumbe)
 - b. Yoshi Tani, 651-774-7256
 - c. Kimi Hara
 - d. Linda vanDooijeweert, 651-484-3670 home; 651-631-9157 work (notify Japan Society, Sister City, and Reflections book group)
 - e. Anice Hirabayashi (651-633-0535)
 - f. Louise Rathburn (notify all YWCA friends)
 - g. Roy Arnold
 - h. George Suzuki, 722-6530
 - i. Cathy Turner 893 Portland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105, 651-291-8846
 - j. Tom Kosobayashi
3. Friends (Out of town)
 - a. Helen Kao
 - b. Frances Maeda??
 - c. Bill Hosokawa
4. Japan
 - a. Kimikazu Nomura, 11-13 Hiroo, 5 Chome, Shibuya ku, Tokyo, 150 Japan
 - b. Yasuhiro Nomura, 3-43-1 Ebisu 805, Shibuya ku, Tokyo, Japan

- c. Mrs. Kaoru Nomura (Satoshi Usui?), 5-12 Hatsudai, 1 Chome Shibuya-ku,
Tokyo 151, Japan

SUGGESTION FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

Ruth Tanbara Obituary

Ruth N. Tanbara of St. Paul, formerly of Berkeley, CA and Portland, OR, died _____ at _____ . Preceded in death by husband Earl K. Tanbara. Survived by sister Elsie Shiozaki and brother-in-law Jack Shiozaki of Chicago and brother Paul Nomura of Chicago. Nieces: Judith Murakami, St. Paul; Joyce Brodt, Glenview, IL; June Schmett, Valparaiso, IN; Marilyn Olmstad, Blue Grass, IO. Nephews: Philip Nomura, Minneapolis; Tom Kurihara, Arlington, VA; Erik J. Shiozaki, Lafayette, CA. Sister-in-law: Emi Nomura, St. Paul, and many grand nieces and nephews. There will be no visitation. Cremation at Lakewood Cemetery. Memorial Service: ____ (date) ____ (time) Unity Unitarian Church, 732 Holly St, at Grotto St, St. Paul, MN. No flowers. Memorials preferred to St. Paul YWCA, Twin Cities Japanese American Citizens League (Earl Tanbara Scholarship Fund), Unity Unitarian Church, Japan America Society of Minnesota, Family Service of Greater St. Paul. Ruth served on these boards or was an active member.