

**Dates:** 1943 – 1946

**Volumes:** 1

**Size:** .25 lf. (1 box)

**Abstract:**

This scrapbook was created by Jane Yamaguchi. It contains materials collected during her time in Poston III internment camp.

**Biography/History:**

Jane Yamaguchi was born in San Diego in 1927. Her father, Yataro Yamaguchi was an Issei pioneer who settled in Pacific Beach as a farmer. With his wife Matsu, they raised their children; Jane, Manuel (later changed to Mark), Samuel, Alfred, and Yone. The Yamaguchis had two other children, but Matsu left them with her sister in Japan while the rest of the children were raised in San Diego.

In 1942, the family went to Dinuba in central California, a 'free zone' where they hope to avoid evacuation. That did not last and the Yamaguchi family was eventually sent to Poston III. Previously, the oldest son Alfred had voluntarily gone to Poston I so the family already knew what to expect. All three brothers joined the Army and her sister Yone later got married and left for Chicago, so it was just Jane and her parents left in Poston Camp III.

After the war ended, Jane and her parents came back to San Diego. In 1946 Jane married Hedi Takeshita and they had two children, Nancy and Robert. When Hedi died in 1966, Jane had to go to work to support her family. With her shorthand, typing and office skills, she worked at General Dynamic for the next 33 years.

**Scope and Content:**

This scrapbook was created by Jane Yamaguchi. It contains materials collected during her time in Poston III internment camp.

The contents consist primarily of ephemera including tickets, programs of plays and events and other souvenirs of her time as a high school student in Poston. There are also original sketches and some newspaper clippings. Of particular interest are poems, written by Jane and other friends describing life in the camp.

**Arrangement:**

The scrapbook was retained in its original order.

**Condition and Preservation:**

The scrapbook was deconstructed for preservation purposes. Pages were interleaved with acid-free paper. Folder 8 contains preservation copies of the scrapbook pages.

**Citation:**

Jane Yamaguchi Poston Scrapbook, SB 5, Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego Archives.

**Collection Access Restrictions:**

The collection is open for research.

**Collection Use Restrictions:**

Restrictions may apply.

**Language of Materials:**

English

**Processing Information:**

Jorgelina Martinez, October 2018

**Provenance:** Created by Jane Yamaguchi.**Accession:** 2001.11

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title/Subjects</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Sketch: "So Long Volunteers" by Gene Nakata.  (this is the front cover of scrapbook)	1943
1	2	Poem: "If" by Rudyard Kipling.  Shipping receipt: 1 suitcase for Jane Yamaguchi.  Ephemera:  Program, "Spring Fever."  Ticket, film "Starmaker."  Newspaper clippings: Poston.	
1	3	Termination notice: Jane Yamaguchi, Assistant Storekeeper, "due to her release"  Internal transfer notice: Jane Yamaguchi, Clerk Typist.  Ephemera:  Graduation card;  Poston III Library card;  Promotion certificate from Sunday School.  Poems:  "Saga of a People" by Ruth Tanaka;  "Interlude" by Kaizo Kubo.	1945

1	4	<p>Poems:</p> <p>“Arizona Sunset” by Jane Yamaguchi;</p> <p>“Our Swimming Pool” by Sakie Takehara;</p> <p>“Poston Flies” by Shukiji Hamasaki;</p> <p>“Appreciation” by Mary Iguchi;</p> <p>“Poston Weather” by Marion Segawa;</p> <p>“Poston” by Yoshiye Morimoto.</p> <p>Ephemera:</p> <p>Tickets - Pigskin Ball; Stardust Serenade; New Year’s Eve Hop;          “It Comes Up Love” by Girl Scouts; Spring Fever; “Geronimo”          “Step Lively”</p> <p>Certificates - Typewriting Progress certificate; American Junior Red Cross.</p> <p>Greetings cards for Christmas, New Year.</p>	<p>1944 – 46</p> <p>1945</p>
1	5	<p>Loose material:</p> <p>Poems:</p> <p>“Farewell to Poston” by Abe Mukai;</p> <p>“Our Last Spring in Poston” by Mary Ferris;</p> <p>“A Desert Lily” by Edith Waterman</p>	
1	6	<p>“The horoscope of those born under the sign of Aries”</p> <p>Appointment Slip: X-Ray at Poston General Hospital</p> <p>Sketch: Tiger House</p> <p>Ephemera:</p> <p>Tickets for Badminton Club, Senior Ball.</p> <p>Program for “Tiger House”</p>	<p>1945</p> <p>1945</p>

		Tickets for "Blondie Goes Latin" and "Second Anniversary of Pride-O-Seven"	
1	7	<p>Ephemera:</p> <p>Programs -</p> <p>"Sayonara Entertainment";</p> <p>Roku 3 Social;</p> <p>Parker Valley HS Commencement ;</p> <p>Senior Banquet;</p> <p>Sunday School Easter Program;</p> <p>Investiture Ceremony for Senior Girl Scouts;</p> <p>Banner with 3 stars for her brothers, Alfred, Manuel, Samuel.</p> <p>Tickets -</p> <p>Film "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay"; 309 Farewell Social; "The Barn Dance"; Commencement Exercises.</p> <p>Dance card for Graduation.</p> <p>Invitations to Pre-May Day Swing, Senior Banquet.</p> <p>Birthday card.</p> <p>Menu for Kampus Karnival's Tea Shop;</p> <p>Newspaper clippings: Poston Chronicle re: President Roosevelt's death.</p> <p>Parade Line-up and Route of March.</p>	<p>1945</p> <p>1945</p> <p>1945</p> <p>1944</p> <p>1945</p> <p>1945</p>
1	8	Preservation copy of Scrapbook	