

Dates: 1942 – 1946

Volumes: 1

Size: 1 lf. (1 box)

Abstract:

This scrapbook was created by Mas Honda and pertains to his time in Poston internment camp as well as his travels across country at the end of WWII when internment had ended.

Biography/History:

Mas Honda was born in San Diego on August 9, 1917 and was the oldest of six children. He was raised in a Buddhist, farming family and attended San Diego public schools. He also took on the responsibility for the Buddhist Temple in San Diego when the Issei leaders were apprehended by the FBI after the Pearl Harbor attack. His father was among one of the arrested and was sent to the US Justice Department internment camp at Crystal City, Texas. The rest of the Honda Family was taken first to Santa Anita Center and later to Poston. During his time in Poston, he became an active camp counselor overseeing all camp-wide activities.

After he left Poston, he visited Chicago and eventually made his way to New York where he decided to stay. He returned briefly to San Diego when asked to assist in the reestablishment of the Buddhist Temple. He returned again when his mother died, but this time he decided to leave New York and return to live permanently in San Diego.

His father was released from the Crystal City internment camp and decided to settle back in San Diego with his family at the Frontier Homes Housing Project. In 1949, Mas married Ruth whom he had met while in Poston and they had three children together. They rented a home in the North Park area and with the help of San Diego Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Honda was able to resume his dream of landscape gardening. After the passing of his wife Ruth in 1980, Mas moved into Kiku Gardens, a senior citizen housing complex in Chula Vista. He served as assistant manager for seven years and manager for three. He retired in 1992, but volunteered regularly at Kiku Gardens. He passed away on February 14, 2005.

Scope and Content:

This scrapbook was created by Mas Honda and pertains to his time in Poston internment camp as well as his travels across the country at the end of WWII when internment had ended.

It consists of ephemera related to school and recreational events, as well as organized groups he belonged to including tickets, programs, and invitations.

Also included are numerous postcards he collected during his cross-country travels.

Arrangement:

The scrapbook does not appear to be arranged in any particular order.

Condition and Preservation:

The scrapbook is in poor condition with brittle and breaking edges to the pages. To assist in its preservation, it has been deconstructed.

Citation:

Mas Honda Poston Scrapbook, SB 9, 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:

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Provenance: Created by Mas Honda

Accession: 2005.2

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title/Subjects</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Pages 1-6 Block YBA (Young Buddhist Association) Directory pamphlet. Cigarette and tobacco ration cards; a beer logo. Coupon books for the WCCA; meal tickets; a golf membership card. Membership card for the Boy Scouts and Buddhist Association; activity cards; ticket for a banquet; ribbon for the Poston Youth Conference. Tickets to dances and community activities; restaurant advertisement. Program for YBA Service; a guest ribbon.	1944 n.d. n.d. 1944, 1945 1944 1944
1	2	Pages 7-12 Program and invitation to the YBA Inaugural Ball Program for a Buddhist Service; invitation for the Parker Valley	1944 1944

		<p>High School Commencement exercises.</p> <p>Program for a Buddhist Service; a guest badge; dance program for the Sayonara Ball.</p> <p>Invitations to honor a councilman and for a farewell party.</p> <p>Invitation to a banquet; dance programs held for the camp and the tomato canning factory.</p> <p>Invitations to dances; tickets for plays.</p>	<p>1944</p> <p>1944</p> <p>1944</p> <p>1944, 1945</p>
1	3	<p>Pages 13-18</p> <p>Dance program and menu for a Dine and Dance held by the Stork Club.</p> <p>Invitation to dances; dance programs; tickets to plays.</p> <p>Invitation to a Pre-Easter Jive and a luncheon.</p> <p>Invitation to an installation ball; ticket and program to a prom.</p> <p>Baggage tag; tickets to plays; dance programs; invitations.</p> <p>Ticket and program to PVHS Commencement Exercises.</p>	<p>1945</p> <p>1945</p> <p>1945</p> <p>1945</p> <p>1945</p> <p>1945</p> <p>1945</p>
1	4	<p>Pages 19-23</p> <p>Invitation to a Graduation Social and for a Japanese Classical Dance performance.</p> <p>Invitations to dances; dance programs; ticket to play; bus ticket from the Colorado River Relocation Center.</p> <p>Program for a play; corsage with the Red Cross symbol.</p> <p>Invitations to a dinner and a Sayonara Ball held by the YBA.</p> <p>Invitation to San Diego High School's Prom and to an art exhibit; a round trip train ticket; Boys Scouts registration card.</p>	<p>1944, 1945</p> <p>1945</p> <p>1945</p> <p>1937</p> <p>1945</p>

1	5	<p>Pages 24 – 28</p> <p>Postcards from Colorado and Arizona addressed to both Mas and Ben Honda.</p> <p>Postcards of Arizona, Las Vegas, Oregon.</p> <p>Postcards from Wyoming, Denver, Colorado, Utah, and Arizona addressed to Ben, H., and Mas Honda.</p> <p>Postcards from Topaz, Utah with photographs of the Topaz War Relocation Center.</p> <p>Postcards of a giant cactus in Arizona and a panorama view of the U.S. Veterans Hospital in Prescott, Arizona.</p>	<p>1944</p> <p>n.d.</p> <p>1944</p> <p>n.d.</p> <p>n.d.</p>
1	6	<p>Pages 29-31</p> <p>Postcards of landmarks in Arizona.</p> <p>Postcards of cartoons collected or sent to Mas Honda.</p> <p>Postcards of cartoons collected or sent to Mas, Ben, and family.</p>	<p>n.d.</p> <p>1943</p> <p>1943, 1944</p>
1	7	<p>Pages 32-34</p> <p>Postcards of cartoons collected or sent to Mas and Ben Honda.</p> <p>Postcards from Chicago, Wisconsin, Minnesota Missouri, Boston, and Washington D.C. sent to Ben and Mas Honda.</p> <p>Postcards from New York, Pennsylvania, Chicago, New Jersey sent to Tom, Mas, and Honda Family.</p>	<p>1942, 1943</p> <p>1942 – 1945</p> <p>1944, 1945</p>
1	8	<p>Pages 35-39</p> <p>Postcards from Wisconsin and Illinois.</p> <p>P36. Postcards from San Francisco.</p> <p>Flight ticket for United Airlines, an enroute ID, and baggage tags.</p>	<p>n.d.</p> <p>n.d.</p> <p>1946</p>

		<p>“A Pass to Pier”, benefit raffle ticket for the New York Buddhist Church and the Midwest Buddhist Church.</p> <p>Postcards from NY, Chicago, and New Orleans sent to Mas Honda; ticket to a benefit dance in Sweetwater Union High School.</p>	<p>1946</p> <p>1946</p>
1	9	<p>Pages 40-42</p> <p>Postcards of Niagara Falls and of the Washington Monument.</p> <p>Menu to Melody Lane.</p> <p>Various envelopes (attached) containing: Tickets to the Midget Auto Races, Football games and a carnival; a Boy Scouts of America badge.</p>	<p>n.d.</p> <p>n.d.</p> <p>1946</p>
1	10	<p>Loose Materials:</p> <p>Postcards</p> <p>A Christmas card; tickets to San Diego City Schools football game and to the Midget Auto Races</p> <p>Menu for the Waikiki Drive In; Program to a Buddhist conference; Menus to Owens Restaurant and Soda Fountain Café.</p>	<p>n.d.</p> <p>1946</p> <p>1935</p>