

Dates: 1941-1944

Size: .25 linear feet (1 box)

Abstract:

This collection primarily consists of correspondence to Charles and Frank Torio including letters, postcards and Christmas cards as well as miscellaneous photographs, documents, business and calling cards.

Biographical/Historical Notes:

Charles and Frank Torio were the sons of Yoshichiro Torio and Suna Nakagawa. They had two siblings - Kay and George. In the 1930s, the family was tenant farmers in Mission Valley and the three boys attended Grantville School.

During World War II, the Torio family was incarcerated in Block 330 of the Poston internment camp in Parker, Arizona. Both Charles and Frank served in the U.S. Army, where Charles was a heavy equipment operator.

After the war, the brothers both married – Charles to Betty and Frank to Juliana – and went on to farm in Chula Vista on adjoining properties. Charles grew tomatoes and cucumbers although later he decided to go into gardening.

Frank passed away January 6, 1995 and Charles on October 21, 1996.

Scope and Content:

This collection primarily consists of correspondence to Charles and Frank Torio including letters, postcards and Christmas cards as well as miscellaneous photographs, documents, business and calling cards.

The correspondence is from various friends many of whom were serving in the military as well as a few flirtatious letters from female friends.

There are several work-related documents from their time in Poston internment camp and personal photographs from before they were interned.

In addition, there is a bible that appears to belong to Frank Torio. The inscription suggests he obtained it while he was in the military during WWII while his family was still interned at Poston.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged by series:

Series I: Charles Torio

Series II: Frank Torio

Series III: Miscellanea

Arranged chronologically within each series.

Condition and Preservation:

Good. Some documents and letters were folded and have crease lines.

Citation:

Torio Family Collection, AC 10, Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego Archives.

Collection Access Restrictions:

The collection is open for research.

Collection Use Restrictions:

The Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego (JAHSSD) holds the copyright to the unpublished materials.

Language of Materials:

English.

Processing Information:

Robert Akiyama, August 2019

Provenance: Donated by Harvey Schertzer (Frank Torio was married to his wife's sister)

Accession: 2010.7

Series I: Charles Torio

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title/Subjects</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Letter: Willy Yamada (Camp Shelby) to Charles (Poston)	1943, November 4
1	1	Letter: Frank Kimura (Camp Shelby) to Charles (Poston)	1943, November 17
1	1	Letter: Nobuo (Payson UT) to Charles (Poston)	1943, November 20
1	1	Letter: Toshi (Tule Lake) to Charles (Poston)	1943, November 20
1	1	Letter: Tom (Salt Lake City) to Charles (Poston)	1943, November 23
1	1	Letter: Tak Nakagawa (Spokane) to Charles (Poston)	1943, November 25
1	1	Christmas Card: Masako Kawazai (Weiser ID) to Charles (Poston)	1943, November 26
1	1	Letter: Tad (Salt Lake City) to Charles (Poston)	1943, November 26
1	1	Christmas Card: John Terbell Family (AZ) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December
1	1	Letter: Kiku (Denson AR) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 3

1	2	Letter: Frank Kimura (Camp Shelby) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 7
1	2	Letter: Carol (Denver) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 7
1	2	Letter: George Shiba (Detroit) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 8
1	2	Christmas Card: Nobuo (Payson UT) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 8
1	2	Letter: Tom (Salt Lake City) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 9
1	2	Letter: Mits (Salt Lake City) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 9
1	2	Letter: Nobuo (Payson UT) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 11
1	2	Christmas Card: Alice Hiji (Brighton CO) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 12
1	2	Letter: Tad (Salt Lake City) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 13
1	2	Christmas Card: Babe (Salt Lake City) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 14
1	3	Christmas Card: Kiku (Denson AR) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 15
1	3	Christmas Card: Taki Nakagawa (Harrington WA) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 16
1	3	Letter: Hesaa (Salt Lake City) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 17
1	3	Christmas Card: Hesaa (Salt Lake City) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 17
1	3	Christmas Card: Shigeko (Denson AR) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 18
1	3	Christmas Card: Lillian (Denver) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 18
1	3	Christmas Card: George Shiba (Detroit) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 18
1	3	Christmas Card: Toby Kajiya (Belton MT) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 18
1	3	Christmas Card: Carol (Denver) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 19
1	3	Christmas Card: Tad (Salt Lake City) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 20
1	4	Christmas Card: Frank Higa (Blackfoot MT) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 20
1	4	Christmas Card: Mits (Salt Lake City) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 21

1	4	Letter: Willy Yamada (Camp Shelby) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 21
1	4	Christmas Card: Terry Tsubokawa (Denson AR) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 24
1	4	Letter: Frank Kimura (Camp Shelby) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 27
1	4	Letter: Nobuo (Payson UT) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 28
1	4	Letter: George Shiba (Detroit) to Charles (Poston)	1943, December 29
1	4	Letter: Terry Tsubokawa (Denson AR) to Charles (Poston)	1944, January 2
1	4	Letter: Kiku (Denson AR) to Charles (Poston)	1944, January 5
1	4	Letter: Willy Yamada (Camp Shelby) to Charles (Poston)	1944, January 14
1	5	Letter: B. Gibbs (San Diego) to Charles (Poston)	1944, January 17
1	5	Letter: Terry Tsubokawa (Denson AR) to Charles (Poston)	1944, January 19
1	5	Letter: George Shiba (Detroit) to Charles (Poston)	1944, January 27
1	5	Letter: Frank Kimura (Camp Shelby) to Charles (Poston)	1944, January 31
1	5	Letter: Carol (Denver) to Charles (Poston)	1944, January 31
1	5	Letter: Willy Yamada (Camp Shelby) to Charles (Poston)	1944, February 8
1	5	Letter: Terry Tsubokawa (Denson AR) to Charles (Poston)	1944, February 9
1	5	Letter: Frank Kimura (Camp Shelby) to Charles (Poston)	1944, February 15
1	5	Letter: Frank Kimura (Camp Shelby) to Charles (Poston)	1944, February 19
1	5	Letter: Willy Yamada (Camp Shelby) to Charles (Poston)	1944, February 28
1	5	Letter: George Kimura (Salt Lake City) to Charles (Poston)	1944, February 29
1	5	Letter: Frank Kimura (Camp Shelby) to Charles (Poston)	1944, March 5
1	5	Letter: George Shiba (Detroit) to Charles (Poston)	1944, March 11

Series II: Frank Torio

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title/Subjects</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	6	Letter: Mitsuko Sugita (Oceanside) to Frank (San Diego)	n.d.
1	6	Valentine Card: Lillian to Frank	n.d.
1	6	Graduation Card: Atsuko Hatauye to Frank	n.d.
1	6	Holiday Cards: Toyoko Hattori (San Diego) to Frank (San Diego)	1941, December 29
1	6	Letter: Lillian Hatauye (Beulah CO) to Frank (Santa Anita)	1942, May 22
1	6	Letter: Lily Imaizumi (Idaho Falls ID) to Frank (Poston)	1942, September 10
1	6	Letter: Masako Kawazai (Salt Lake City) to Frank (Poston)	1942, September 19
1	6	Letter: Lillian Hatauye (Beulah CO) to Frank (Poston)	1942, October 1
1	6	Birthday Card: Masako Kawazai (Weiser ID) to Frank (Poston)	1942, October 1
1	7	Letter: Masao Hirata (Jerome AR) to Frank (Poston)	1942, October 10
1	7	Letter: Mas (Weiser ID) to Frank (Worland WY)	1942, October 19
1	7	Letter: Mish (Poston) to Frank (Worland WY)	1942, November 9
1	7	Christmas Card: Mas (Weiser ID) to Frank (Poston)	1942, December 2
1	7	Christmas Card: Lily Imaizumi (Idaho Falls ID) to Frank (Poston)	1942, December 21
1	7	Letter: Masako Kawazai (Weiser ID) to Frank (Poston)	1942, December 25
1	7	Letter: Masako Kawazai (Weiser ID) to Frank (Poston)	1942, December 26
1	7	Letter: Lily (Salt Lake City) to Frank (Poston)	1942, December 26
1	8	Letter: Masako Kawazai (Weiser ID) to Frank (Poston)	1943, January 2

1	8	Letter: Masako Kawazai (Weiser ID) to Frank (Poston)	1943, January 4
1	8	Postcard: Lily Imaizumi (Idaho Falls ID) to Frank (Poston)	1943, January 5
1	8	Letter: Masako Kawazai (Weiser ID) to Frank (Poston)	1943, March 8
1	8	Postcard: Masako Kawazai (Weiser ID) to Frank (Poston)	1943, April 22

Series III: Miscellanea

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title/Subjects</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	9	Letter: Atsuko Hatauye (Beulah CO) to George (Worland WY)	1942, November 2
1	9	Memo: Notice of Assignment to Public Works	1943, March 3
1	9	Pass: War Relocation Authority Daily Work Pass	1943, March 30
1	9	Pass: Meal Pass Meal Passes (5)	1943, May 11-22 undated
1	9	Memo: Project Employment Procedure	1943, June 25
1	9	Memo: Poston Evacuees Employment Quota	1943, June 30
1	9	Schedule: Gravel Plant Operation	1943, July 2
1	9	Memo: Gravel Plant Dump Truck Schedule	1943, July 6
1	9	Memo: Evacuee Employees' Wages	1943, July 10
1	9	Flyer: Lou Lucke (Shoe) Co. (Havre MT)	1943, December 7
1	9	Christmas Card: Kiyo Matsumoto (Chicago) to Torio Brothers and Family (Poston)	1943, December 11
1	9	Christmas Card: Tokuji Furuta (Storrs CT) to Torio Brothers (Poston)	1943, December 17
1	9	Christmas Card: Tom (Salt Lake City) to Torio Brothers	1943, December 20

		(Poston)	
1	9	Christmas Card: George to Torio Brothers (Poston)	1943, December 24
1	9	Flyer: Life Magazine	1943, December
1	9	Memo: Orders to Active Duty	1944, November 29
1	9	Rifle Scorebook: M1903, M1, Browning Automatic	
1	9	Postcards (7)	undated
1	9	Lyrics: "Tangerine"	
1	9	Banjo Strings (4 packets)	
1	9	Business Cards: Dempster McKee McCurdy's Market Edward A. Smith John S. Nicola	
1	9	Worker's Rotating Card: Gardener (3)	
1	9	Japanese American Citizens League: Membership Card: Frank Torio Identification Card: Charles Torio Receipt: Membership Dues (Charles) Receipt: Membership Dues (Frank)	1942, February 5 1942, February 5
1	9	Calling Cards: Charles Torio Frank Torio (3)	

		<p>George Y. Torio</p> <p>Mary Sumiyoshi</p> <p>Michiko Nomiyama</p> <p>Marguerite Mantor</p> <p>Hoover High School Dues Card</p> <p>Identification Pass (Frank Torio)</p>	1941
1	9	<p>Receipt of Rural Carrier</p> <p>Reservation Memo: Burlington Zephyr</p> <p>Checklist: Leave Items (Charles Torio)</p>	1943, January
1	10	Photographs (unidentified)	
1	11	<p>Bible:</p> <p>“Pvt. Frank T. Torio 37711973; Blk. 330-5-D Poston, Ariz.”</p>	