

FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCES OF INTEREST TO JAPANESE-AMERICANS

50 Objects/Stories - The American Japanese Incarceration

<https://50objects.org>

Over the course of 2018, 50 curated objects will be shown that demonstrate the ramifications of President Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066.

Chicago Japanese American Historical Society

cjahs.wordpress.com

Includes the "Voices of Chicago" section, first-person narratives of Japanese and Japanese-Americans living in Chicago.

Densho – The Japanese American Legacy Project

<https://densho.org/collections/family-history/>

Over 800 hours of video interviews and 10,700 historical images. How to do oral history interviews. How to create family archives. A free online encyclopedia of the WWII exclusion and incarceration experience.

<https://densho.org/collections/family-history/family-history-program/>

Finding Your Nikkei Roots in the U.S. and Japan: Digital Genealogy Series

The recordings for Densho's 10-part webinar series with Linda Harms Okazaki, noted expert in Japanese American genealogy.

Discover Nikkei – Japanese Migrants and Their Descendants

www.discovernikkei.org/

Video interviews, articles on a wide variety of topics, a lesson plan database, photo albums, a Military Experience Database, how to do an oral history interview, and how to preserve your own artifacts.

Finding Your Nikkei Roots – Nichi Bei

<https://www.nichihei.org/?s=finding+your+nikkei+roots>

Genealogist Linda Harms Okazaki wrote a series of columns on Japanese American family history for Nichi Bei Weekly, including subjects like Writing Your Family History, Organizing Your Genealogy Files, Navigating Genealogy Websites, Vital Records, and Researching War Brides.

Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans

ffnv.org/

This organization sponsored a trip of Nisei veterans to Bruyeres and Biffontaine, France in 2009. They are compiling a history of California's Nisei VFW Posts.

The Hawai'i Nisei Story – Americans of Japanese Ancestry During World War II

nisei.hawaii.edu/

Read the stories of the men and women of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Varsity Victory Volunteers, MIS, Women's Army Corps, and the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion.

JapanGenWeb

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~jpnwgv/Eindex.html

A collection of links, including information on obtaining a copy of your Japanese family registry.

Japanese American Genealogy

<https://www.americanancestors.org/education/learning-resources/read/japanese-american-guide>

Resources like how-to guides, vital records and family genealogies, immigration records, periodicals, book and articles, organizations, and websites to help you in your family history search.

Japanese American History Archives

www.amacord.com/illmore/museum/jt/jaha/jaha.html

Website of the San Francisco research facility housing books, periodicals, maps, photographs, art, and film relating to the Japanese American experience in the U.S. from the mid-1800s to the present.

Japanese American National Museum

www.janm.org/

Online historical Japanese American collections and information on the Hirasaki National Resource Center.

MyKoseki.com

www.mykoseki.com

Guidance on how to obtain your family's registry, or koseki. Includes a search tool to find the physical mailing address of the office to which requests can be sent, based on your ancestors' village. Created by Martinus Wolf, who also gives free workshops on finding your koseki.

National Archives

<http://www.archives.gov/research/japanese-americans/internment-intro.html>

Includes records of the War Relocation Authority, the WWII Alien Enemy Detention and Internment Case Files, Compensation and Redress Case Files, Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians Records, Office of the Provost Marshal General Records, and Western Defense Command Records. You can order copies of records to be sent to you. Info here: <https://www.archives.gov/research/japanese-americans/wra-case-files>

Also, at the Search the Database of Japanese American Internees, find the link to Records About Japanese Americans Relocated During World War II to get basic information about internees.

National Japanese American Historical Society

<https://www.njahs.org/>

An organization dedicated to the collection, preservation, authentic interpretation, and sharing of historical information of the Japanese American experience.

National Veterans' Network

www.nationalveteransnetwork.com/

Information on the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the 100th Battalion, the Military Intelligence Service, the 1399 Engineer Construction Battalion, and the Congressional Gold Medal awarded to them in 2011.

NikkeiView.com

<https://nikkeiview.com/digging-for-roots-swallows-return/>

Gil Asakawa's Asian-American blog includes a section of posts describing his search for his family's roots, including a trip to Japan in 1994.

Pacific Citizen – Bringing a Silent Voice to Life

<http://www.pacificcitizen.org/bringing-a-silent-voice-to-life/>

This article explains how to do your family research at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

REgenerations Oral History Project: Rebuilding Japanese American Families, Communities, and Civil Rights in the Resettlement Era

http://texts.cdlib.org/view?docId=ft7n39p0cn&doc.view=entire_text

Includes interviews with Chicago area Japanese Americans: Ben Chikaraishi, Masaru Funai, Hiroshi Kaneko, Kay Kuwahara, Hiroshi Mayeda, Thomas Teraji, and Shigeo Wakamatsu.