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Collection Summary

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Creator: Fullerton, Colonel Hugh T.

United States. Army. Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.

United States. Wartime Civil Control Administration

United States. War Relocation Authority

Collector: Flaherty, John Melvin

San José State College

Collection Size: 1-3inch flat-box, 4 cartons, 2 oversized boxes(11 linear feet)

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Abstract: The War Relocation Authority (WRA), together with the Wartime Civil Control Administration (WCCA), the Civil Affairs Division (CAD) and the Office of the Commanding General (OFG) of the Western Defense Command (WDC) operated together to segregate and house some 110,000 men women and children from 1942 to 1945. The collection contains documents and photographs relating to the establishment and administrative workings of the (WDC), the (WRA) and the (WCCA) for the year 1942.

Physical location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog

Languages:

Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

The bulk of this artificial collection was donated to the SJSU Special Collections by John Melvin Flaherty, Jr. The remainder of the collection was compiled by SJSU library staff.

Processing Information

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Custodial History

It appears that the bulk of Flaherty Collection was initially part of a larger group of documents collected and maintained by Colonel Hugh T. Fullerton of the Western Defense Command. Colonel Fullerton gave the documents to John Melvin Flaherty, Jr. with instructions to distribute the collection of material to the libraries of San José State College and Stanford University.

Biography / Administrative History

On February 19, 1942 President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 providing broad powers for the War Department to create exclusion zones and to initiate an evacuation program for the Western Defense Command (WDC). Under the leadership of General John Dewitt of the WDC, the Civil Affairs Division (CAD) and the Wartime Civil Control Administration (WCCA) were created in order to provide for the transition of voluntary evacuees, enemy aliens and United States citizens alike, from exclusion areas to other parts of the country. The failure of the voluntary evacuation plan led President Roosevelt to issue Executive Order 9102, which established the civilian run War Relocation Authority (WRA). The WRA was mandated to institute enforced evacuations. Due to the recalcitrance of states on the interior of the country to accept the Japanese evacuees or to provide for their safety, the WRA also constructed internment centers in order to house the evacuees. Between 1942-1945 the WRA, the WCCA, the CAD and the Office of the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command segregated and housed approximately 110,000 Japanese-American men, women and children.

Though the initial exclusion plan put forth by General Dewitt included both German and Italian citizens, the Japanese Americans bore the brunt of Executive Order 9066.

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Related Material

[Norman Y. Mineta Papers, 1975-1996](#)

[Norman Y. Mineta Papers, 1975-1996](#) at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles

[Japanese American Evacuation and Resettlement Records, 1930-1974 \(bulk 1942-1946\)](#) at the Bancroft Library in Berkeley.

Scope and Content of Collection

This artificial collection consists of documents and photographs relating to the establishment and administrative workings of the Western Defense Command (WDC), the War Relocation Authority (WRA) and the Wartime Civilian Control Administration (WCCA) for the year 1942. It includes administrative policies, orders, manuals, correspondence, statistics, posters, photographs and newspaper clippings. The bulk of

this collection documents the activities of 1942 but materials in series IV cover other time periods.

Arrangement

This collection is broken down into 5 series; Series I: War Relocation Authority; Series II: Wartime Civilian Control Administration; Series III: Western Defense Command; Series IV: Printed Matter and Series V: Japanese Internment Photograph Album

Within each series, folders have been given titles that often use abbreviations in place of full organizational names.

ATD
Alaska Travel Division
CAD
Civil Affairs Division
EOD
Evacuation Operations Division
OCG
Office of the Commanding General
SSB
Special Services Branch
WCCA
Wartime Civilian Control Administration
WDC
Western Defense Command
WRA
War Relocation Authority

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index similar items in the Library Of Congress

Subjects and Indexing Terms

United States. Army. Western Defense Command.
United States. Wartime Civil Control Administration
United States. War Relocation Authority
World War, 1939-1945 -- California
Japanese Americans -- Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945
World War, 1939-1945 -- Evacuation of civilians

Box 1

Series I **War Relocation Authority 1942**

Physical Description: 7 folders

Scope and Content Note

This series is arranged alphabetically and is delineated by division name, document type and date. This series documents the formation of the War Relocation Authority (WRA) and the internal workings of the agency including administrative memos and reports concerning the operation of the internment camps for the year 1942. In addition, bibliographies and reports compiled by the WRA examining the cultural background of Japanese Americans as well as an interview between the Director of the Colorado River Relocation Project and its Supply and Transportation Officer following a camp protest are included.

Folder 1-4

Administrative instructions 1942

Folder 1

Administrative manual 1942

Folder 2

Administrative notices 1942

Folder 3

Circulars 1942

Folder 4

Memoranda/Miscellaneous 1942

Folder 5

Legal authorizations 1942

Folder 6

Press briefings releases and statements 1942

Folder 7

Miscellaneous studies and center collected information 1942

Box 2	<p>Series II Wartime Civilian Control Administration 1942</p> <p>Physical Description: 18 folders</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>This series is arranged alphabetically and is delineated by division name, document type and date. Folders 16 and 17 are organized by their "transfer order number". This series is comprised of bulletins, circulars, memoranda, administrative notices, general, evacuation and transfer orders as well as public proclamations and exclusion orders issued by the Wartime Civilian Control Administration (WCCA) in 1942.</p>
Folder 8	<u>ATD</u>/administrative instructions/memoranda/miscellaneous 1942
Folder 9	<u>EOD</u>/reports and statistics/operations progress chart 1942
Folder 10-13	Instructions and regulations 1942
Folder 10	Miscellaneous/ March-June 1942
Folder 11	Miscellaneous/ July-October 1942
Folder 12	Operations manual 1942
Folder 13	Security manual 1942
Folder 14	Legal authorizations 1942
Folder 15-17	Orders 1942
Folder 15	Administrative 1942
Folder 16	Transfer 1-19 1942
Folder 17	Transfer 20-29 1942
Folder 18	Personnel/ Administrative instructions/Memoranda/Miscellaneous 1942
Folder 19	Reports and statistics/Japanese surname master list 1942
Folder 20-22	<u>SSB</u>/reports and statistics 1942
Folder 20	Daily recapitulation report. June 15 - August 2 1942
Folder 21	Daily recapitulation report. August 3 - September 27 1942
Folder 22	Daily recapitulation report. September 28 - November 3 1942
Folder 23-25	Statistical Division/ Reports and statistics 1942
Folder 23	Bulletins and reports 1942
Folder 24	Exclusion orders and camp locations 1942
Folder 25	Index of cities and towns in military areas 1942
Box 3	<p>Series III Western Defense Command 1942</p> <p>Physical Description: 13 folders and 2 oversized boxes</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>This series is arranged alphabetically and is delineated by division name, document type and date. This series is comprised of bulletins, circulars, memoranda, administrative notices, instructions and regulations (for camps and centers), reports and statistics, public notices, legal authorizations, press releases, evacuation proposals, exclusion orders and evacuation instructions, proclamations and blank camp forms. In addition, boxes 4 and 5 contain oversized materials which include exclusion orders, evacuation instructions, exclusion area maps and a population graph. The documents in folders 29 and 30 were put together by the WCCA Statistical Division for Lieutenant Colonel Ira K. Evans.</p>
Folder 26-31	<u>CADCAD</u> 1942
Folder 26	Administrative instructions/Memoranda/Exclusions and evacuations/ March -April 1942
Folder 27	Administrative instructions/Memoranda/Exclusions and evacuations/ May - September 1942
Folder 28	Administrative instructions/Memoranda/Miscellaneous 1942
Folder 29	Proclamations, forms, statistical bulletins, press releases 1942
Folder 30	Exclusion orders and instructions 1942
Folder 31	Photographs 1942
Folder 32-38	OCG 1942
Folder 32	Administrative instructions/memoranda/Evacuation and transfer orders 1942
Folder 33	Administrative instructions/memoranda/Miscellaneous 1942
Folder 34	Correspondence 1942
Folder 35	Orders/General 1942
Folder 36	Civilian restrictive orders 1942
Folder 37	Public proclamations and exclusion orders 1 of 2 1942
Folder 38	Public proclamations and exclusion orders 2 of 2 1942

Box 4	Oversized/Civilian exclusion orders 1942
Box 5	Oversized/ Evacuation instructions, exclusion area maps, population graph 1942
Box 6	<p>Series VI Printed Matter 1935-1945 1921 1947 1948 1966</p> <p>Physical Description: 7 folders</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>This series is arranged alphabetically and is delineated by division name, document type and date. This series is comprised of senate bills and reports, press releases, speeches and excerpts of speeches from a variety of government representatives and private individuals as well as publications advocating for and against Japanese Americans and their civil rights. Of note, is a hand written letter concerning naturalization of Japanese Americans (in Miscellaneous) and the publications produced in the internment camps.</p>
Folder 39-40	Bills and reports 1942
Folder 39	National Defense Migration 4th Interim Report 1942
Folder 40	U.S. and CA. senates' reports 1942 1944 1945 1947
Folder 41	Government and private publications 1921 1938-1945 1966
Folder 42	Miscellaneous 1942 1943 1948
Folder 43-44	Speeches, official statements, press releases 1935 1936 1939 1942-1945
Folder 43	California Joint Immigration Committee 1935 1936 1939
Folder 44	Miscellaneous 1942-1945 1935
Folder 45	Relocation Center Publications 1942 1943
Box 7	<p>Series V Japanese Internment Photograph Album 1942-1945</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 photo album (149 photographs)</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>This series contains photographs, taken from multiple sources, depicting a variety of activities undertaken by the Japanese evacuees from their initial registration at Civilian Control Centers, to their lives at the assembly centers and finally their evacuation to the internment camps (Relocation Centers). Of note is a photograph of a soldier posting exclusion order #1 that affected the Japanese living on Bainbridge Island in Puget Sound, Washington. The compiler of the album is not stated.</p> <p>Assembly Centers pictured</p> <p>Santa Anita Pomona, Fresno Stockton Sacramento Turlock Puyallup Long Beach Salinas</p> <p>Civilians Control Stations/ Reception centers pictured</p> <p>Visala Sanger San Francisco Los Angeles Manzanar</p> <p>War Relocation Centers pictured</p> <p>Heart Mountain Granada</p>
