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# Guide to the Joseph W. Lee and Nancy L. Kim Lee Photographs

WA MSS S-4426



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** WA MSS S-4426

**CREATOR:** Lee, Joseph W., 1894-1987

**TITLE:** Joseph W. Lee and Nancy L. Kim Lee photographs

**DATES:** circa 1908-1949

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 12.92 linear feet (9 boxes) + 1 broadside

**LANGUAGE:** Korean; English

**SUMMARY:** Circa 115 photographs relating to Joseph W. Lee, Nancy L. Kim Lee, and Karl T. Kim, circa 1908-1949. Images are chiefly group and individual portraits of Joseph Lee, Nancy Lee, Karl Kim, and other Korean and Korean-American men, women, and children (including Korean independence activist Ahn Changho and Mary Stewart, a supporter of Upland's Korean community) in California. Multiple photographs document Joseph Lee, Nancy Lee, and Karl Kim's involvement with the Young Korean Academy Congress and the Korean Independence Movement. Five photographs are panoramas (four of which depict members of the Young Korean Academy). Included are two school books (*English Lessons* and *English for New Americans*) belonging to Nancy Kim, the 1942 annual for Berendo Junior High School in Los Angeles, and a 1908 copy of *Primer of Facts About Music*. Also present are five kimonos manufactured by K.W.B. MFG. Co. with the laundry mark "Herr."

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Michael Vinson on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2019.

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### Conditions Governing Access

This material is open for research.

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### Conditions Governing Use

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### Preferred Citation

Joseph W. Lee and Nancy L. Kim Lee Photographs. Yale Collection of Western Americana, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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### Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

These materials have been arranged and described according to national and local standards. For more information, please refer to the Beinecke Manuscript Unit Processing Manual.

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## Biographical / Historical

Joseph W. Lee (1894-1987) and Nancy L. Kim Lee (1900-1978) immigrated to the United States from Korea in 1906 and 1916, respectively. They were married in 1918 in Manteca, California, and had three children: Ruth Lee, Richard Lee, and Irene Lee. The family lived both in Manteca and in San Dimas prior to moving to Los Angeles. Nancy Lee's brother, Karl T. Kim (1895- ), lived with the family for a period of time. Both Joseph Lee and Nancy Lee died in Alameda, California.

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## Scope and Contents

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b. 1-2	Photographs	circa 1912-1949
b. 6 (Oversize)- 10 (Oversize)	Photographs (Oversize)	circa 1912-1949
b. 3 (Broadside)	Photographs (Panoramas)	circa 1920
b. 4	Printed Materials	1908-1942
b. 5	Kimonos	undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Genres / Formats**

Kimonos  
Panoramas  
Panoramic photographs  
Photographic prints  
Photographs

### **Geographic Names**

California -- Pictorial works  
Korea -- History -- Independence movement,  
1919

### **Subjects**

Korean Americans -- California -- Pictorial  
works  
Korean Americans -- Portraits  
Koreans -- California -- Pictorial works  
Koreans -- Portraits  
Women -- West (U.S.) -- Pictorial works

### **Names**

Changho, Ahn, 1878-1938 -- Portraits  
Stewart, Mary, 1872-1950 -- Portraits

### **Corporate Body**

K.W.B. MFG. Co.

### **Contributors**

Lee, Joseph W., 1894-1987  
Lee, Nancy L. Kim, 1900-1978  
Kim, Karl T., 1895-

### **Acquired From**

Michael Vinson, bookseller