

# **Guide to the Harry Hideo Matsukane and Bernice Kazuko Nagai Matsukane Photograph Albums of California Life**

**WA Photos 1276**



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**CALL NUMBER:** WA Photos 1276

**CREATOR:** Matsukane, Harry Hideo, 1915-2013

**TITLE:** Harry Hideo Matsukane and Bernice Kazuko Nagai Matsukane photograph albums of California life

**DATES:** circa 1928-1939

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 6 Volumes

**LANGUAGE:** Japanese; English

**SUMMARY:** 5 photograph albums compiled by Harry Hideo Matsukane and 1 photograph album compiled by Bernice Kazuko Nagai Matsukane of their lives in California, circa 1928-1939. Depicted are relatives, classmates, and other acquaintances (many of whom are identified). Photographs compiled by Harry Matsukane were primarily taken in Santa Ana, California, and are chiefly of athletic events, parades, and family automobiles. An album from 1936-1937 documents his travels in Japan to Nakatsugawa, Yawatahama, Uwajima, Beppu, Matsuyama, Kyoto, Yokohama, and other locations, as well as Honolulu, Hawaii. Both Harry Matsukane and Bernice Matsukane appear in multiple photographs. Photographs compiled by Bernice Matsukane were taken in Nilas Canyon, Long Beach, Yosemite National Park, and Santa Ana.

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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, 2018; gift of Michael Vinson, 2018.

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### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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### Conditions Governing Use

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## Biographical / Historical

Harry Hideo Matsukane (1915-2013) was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Akihiro Matsukane and Kiku Izumi. He graduated from the Santa Ana Junior College in California in 1935 and married Bernice Kazuko Nagai Matsukane (1916-2009) after 1940. Bernice Matsukane graduated from Washington Union High School in 1934 and worked as a cosmetologist. The Matsukanes were incarcerated at the Topaz War Relocation Center Site (also known as the Central Utah Relocation Center) from 1942 to 1943. They returned to Orange, California, after their incarceration.

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## Scope and Contents

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Matsuyama, Kyoto, Yokohama, and other locations, as well as Honolulu, Hawaii. Both Harry Matsukane and Bernice Matsukane appear in multiple photographs.

Photographs compiled by Bernice Matsukane were taken in Niles Canyon, Long Beach, Yosemite National Park, and Santa Ana.

## Collection Contents

b. 1-4 Harry Hideo Matsukane in Santa Ana, California

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b. 5 Harry Hideo Matsukane in Japan

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b. 6 Bernice Kazuko Nagai Matsukane in California

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Nitrate negatives

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## 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.

### Subjects

High school students -- California -- Pictorial works  
Japanese Americans -- California -- Pictorial works  
Japanese Americans -- Portraits  
Japanese American women -- California -- Pictorial works  
Japanese American women -- Portraits  
Japanese -- California -- Pictorial works  
Japanese -- Portraits  
Women -- West (U.S.) -- Pictorial works

### Acquired From

Michael Vinson

### Genres / Formats

Gelatin silver prints  
Photograph albums  
Photographic prints  
Photographs

### Geographic Names

Beppu-shi (Japan) -- Pictorial works  
California -- Pictorial works  
California -- Social life and customs -- 20th Century  
Hawaii -- Pictorial works  
Honolulu (Hawaii) -- Pictorial works  
Japan -- Pictorial works  
Kyoto (Japan) -- Pictorial works  
Long Beach (Calif.) -- Pictorial works  
Matsuyama-shi (Japan) -- Pictorial works  
Nakatsugawa-shi (Japan) -- Pictorial works  
Santa Ana (Calif.) -- Pictorial works  
Uwajima-shi (Japan) -- Pictorial works  
Yawatahama-shi (Japan) -- Pictorial works  
Yokohama-shi (Japan) -- Pictorial works  
Yosemite National Park (Calif.) -- Pictorial works

### Contributors

Matsukane, Harry Hideo, 1915-2013  
Matsukane, Bernice Kazuko Nagai, 1916-2009