

Telling Their Stories

Oral History Archives Project



Pre-Interview Form – Japanese Internees

Subject Current Name (First, Last)

Interview Details

Notes

Pre-Interview

Date: _____ Location: _____

Interviewers Present: _____

Taped Interview

Date: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

Interview Team: _____

Current Personal Facts

Current First Name: _____

Current Middle Name(s): _____

Current Last Name: _____

Gender: male female Current Age: _____

Current Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Current or Recent Occupation(s): _____

Community Associations(s): _____

Spouse: _____

Marriage Date and Place: _____

Did your husband/wife have any direct involvement in World War II? _____

Other Spouses? _____

CHILDHOOD/FAMILY

Native Language: _____

If other than English, when and where did you learn English?

Other Languages:

Birth Facts

Birth Date: _____

Birth Name(s) - include any other names and/or nicknames:

Birth Location: _____ Country: _____

Location Notes:

Childhood Family Member Facts

Mother:

Birth Name: _____ Date: _____

Town/Village: _____ Country: _____

Location Notes: _____

Religious identity: _____

Occupation(s): _____

Death Place: _____ Date: _____

Father:

Birth Name: _____ Date: _____

Town/Village: _____ Country: _____

Location Notes: _____

Religious identity: _____

Occupation(s): _____

Death Place: _____ Date: _____

Sibling1:

Birth Name: _____ Date: _____

Town/Village: _____ Country: _____

Religious identity: _____

Occupation(s): _____

Alive? Yes ___ Current Country: _____

No ___ Date & Location of Death: _____

Sibling2:

Birth Name: _____ Date: _____

Town/Village: _____ Country: _____

Religious identity: _____

Occupation(s): _____

Alive? Yes ___ Current Country: _____

No ___ Date & Location of Death: _____

Sibling3:

Birth Name: _____ Date: _____

Town/Village: _____ Country: _____

Religious identity: _____

Occupation(s): _____

Alive? Yes ___ Current Country: _____

No ___ Date & Location of Death: _____

Other Siblings?

OPTIONAL

Child1:

Name: _____ Age: _____

City: _____

Occupation: _____

Notes: _____

Child2:

Name: _____ Age: _____

City: _____

Occupation: _____

Notes: _____

Child3:

Name: _____ Age: _____

City: _____

Occupation: _____

Notes: _____

Other Children?

Pre-War Facts / Pre - Internment

Who lived with you in your pre-war home(s)?

Names, dates and types of any schools attended?

Names and types of any houses of worship attended?

List any childhood hobbies, activities, sports, music, clubs, etc.

What did you want to be when you were growing up?

List any experiences with critical historical events **prior to the war/internment** not included above?

Additional Pre-Internment Facts (Document all facts about TIME – PLACE – NAMES – DATES – LOCATIONS - save explanations for time of taped interview)

Compile a chronological listing of all living locations **prior to the internment** (before 1939) – list locations and dates – be as specific as possible.

“What questions do you think we should ask about your **pre-internment time** experiences during the interview?” (i.e., questions that might help illuminate your lifestyle, personality, and personal/family characteristics AND questions that would help illuminate the economic, political, and social characteristics of the region or country)

INTERMENT

Were you interned? _____

If "yes" – please complete:

Country Interned: _____

Date Started _____ Date Ended _____

Were you drafted or did you enlist in the military: _____

Primary Assignments:

Starting Rank: _____ Final Rank: _____

What division, company, battalion, etc. were you assigned to:

List any medals received:

What camps or bases were you stationed at?

Camps	Dates

Facts (Compile a chronological listing of all facts about TIME – PLACE – NAMES – DATES – LOCATIONS – between 1939-1946. Save explanations for time of taped interview)

Internment Facts (Continued - TIME – PLACE – NAMES – DATES – LOCATIONS, 1939-1946)

“What questions do you think we should ask about your **internment** experiences during the interview?” (i.e., questions that might help illuminate where you were, what you did, what you witnessed, and how you felt during the war)

Did you have any experiences with any infamous people during the internment? If so who, when and where?

List any incidents of experiences with hiding or escaping, protests, privacy rights, and personal invasion either you or others you knew.

List any direct experience or **wartime** knowledge you had in the internment camps.

Did you have any experiences with critical historical events during the internment not listed above?

List any injuries or physical scars from the time you were interned.

Do you have any artifacts from your camp life? List some examples we can photograph. (Explain that we like to include a section where the subject talks about these artifacts on camera).

“What questions do you think we should ask about after your interment experiences during the interview?”

What resources do you recommend we see or read that will help us prepare for the taped interview?

Immediate Post Internment Facts (Document all facts about TIME – PLACE – NAMES – DATES – LOCATIONS - save explanations for time of taped interview)

Compile a chronological listing of all post-internment locations, positions or any other war-related duties after the war (May, 1945-1970) – list locations and dates.

Did you play any role in post-war efforts to protest the internment?

List any previous interviews, speaking engagements or publications you participated in about your experiences with the Internment.

Who among your friends and family members died/ill of internment-related causes during the war?

List anyone you have stayed in touch with from the internment period.

Is there anyone you would like to thank because of something they did for you related to the internment experience?

List any schooling and or training you completed after the war.