

CSUJAD User's Guide

Introduction

The California State University Japanese American Digitization Project (CSUJAD) is scanning and describing primary source material from the Archives of the California State University system and a growing, extended group of partners from other institutional archives, libraries, museums, and cultural heritage organizations. There is a special focus on the experiences of Japanese Americans in California and the incarceration of people of Japanese ancestry during World War II. Touching on a wide range of topics, the CSUJAD brings disparate archival collections together in this searchable online collection of national importance.

CSUJAD is made available online through the use of the CONTENTdm digital collection management software, centrally hosted by CSU Dominguez Hills, with the original primary sources remaining at the home institutions. In-depth descriptions of each of the archival collections from which these digital materials were derived can be found on the CSUJAD website at www.csujad.com. It also provides contextual and educational information for users of the online collection. For example, links to other important Japanese American history projects and information about visiting the war relocation centers.

Keyword Search

On the CSUJAD website www.csujad.com, there are several tabs to explore that provide information and you will find a "Search the Collections" button on each of these landing pages.

SEARCH THE COLLECTIONS

When selected, the user is redirected to the CONTENTdm landing page or searching can start from going directly to this link:

<http://digitalcollections.archives.csudh.edu/digital/collection/p16855coll4>

On the CONTENTdm landing page, there is a browse button and a short list of popular topics, from which the user may make a selection. Any of the choices take you into the CONTENTdm search interface where simple keyword or advanced searches lead the user to the digitized archival materials.



CSU Japanese American Digitization Project

About this collection

This digital collection, generated by a consortium of California State University Archives, and an expanding group of partners from other institutional archives, libraries, museums, and cultural heritage organizations, features documents, oral histories, photographs, and other archival materials relating to the history of Japanese Americans. There is a special focus on their experiences in California and the incarceration of people of Japanese ancestry during World War II. Touching on a wide range of topics, the CSUJAD brings disparate local archival collections together in this searchable online collection of national importance. Please see <http://www.csujad.com> for extended information about the collections and associated contextual resources.

Browse

[Tule Lake Incarceration Camp](#)

[Manzanar Incarceration Camp](#)

[Camp Newsletters/Yearbooks](#)

[Camp Photographs](#)

[Military Service](#)

[Oral Histories](#)

[Letters \(Correspondence\)](#)

In the upper right hand corner, there is a keyword search box in which any terms may be tried by the user, or just underneath it, a link to the “Advanced Search” option. The retrieved results can be further refined. For example, a search on “Pearl Harbor” results in hundreds of digitized items. To refine the search results, there are facets on the left where the user can drill down more, rather than paging through all of the results. These facets include:

Collections (CSU Japanese American Project should be selected)

Contributing Repository (Choose from any of the institutional partner archives)

Genre (Select from the various archival formats included in the collection)

Facility (Choose a specific type of camp and location)

Subjects (Select a more specific subject)

Location (Choose a geographical location).

In summary, the facets allow the user to hone general searches by selecting from any of the following categories for more precision: CSUJAD institutional partners, genre terms that describe the various archival formats included in the collection, incarceration camp facility names, the controlled subject terminology that is used to describe the archival collections, and a variety of geographical locations.

Advanced Search

The “Advanced Search” option allows the user to search among all the digital collections hosted by the CSU Dominguez Hills campus. By selecting the “CSU Japanese American Digitization Project” and saving it, a user can perform an advanced search of the CSUJAD, combining search terms and specifying the fields to search.

Advanced Search

Collections

Select All Collections

- California State University, Dominguez Hills Photograph Collection
- Tradeswomen Archives Project Collection
- CSU Japanese American Digitization Project
- California State University System Archives
- 1910 Los Angeles International Aviation Meet Research Collection

Show All

Cancel

Save

Enter Search Term:

Subjects

race and racism

All of the words

To refine these search results, click on the “Advanced Search” link again, so it will take you back to the current search terms where you can edit them or add additional information.

The following section provides users with a short list of the controlled terms that have been used as subject terms to describe the archival materials in the CSUJAD project. They provide the user with a sample of popular subject search terms that are effective in returning interesting archival items. The terms can be used in a keyword search, but it is recommended that you choose the “subject” field from the drop-down menu in the advanced search for the best results. A comprehensive list of controlled vocabulary can be found on the CSUJAD website under “CSU Best Practices” at:

http://www.csujad.com/Controlled_Vocabulary_2017.pdf

Pre- and Post WWII

Immigration

Picture Brides

Race and Racism

Alien Land Laws

Civil Rights

Civil Liberties Act of 1988

Redress

WWII

Pearl Harbor

Espionage

Mass Removal

WWII Incarceration

Economic Losses

Propaganda

Support from Non-Japanese Community

Leaving Camp

Life during the Incarceration

Living Conditions

Work and Jobs

Medical Care and Health

Conflicts

Student Life during the Incarceration

World War II Education

Publications

Assembly Center Publications

Camp Publications

Community Publications

Military Service

100th Infantry Battalion

442nd Regimental Combat Team

Military Intelligence Service

Japan Postwar Occupation