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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I donate my artifacts to the Japanese American National Museum?

Please contact the Collections Management and Access Unit by emailing collections@janm.org or calling 213.830.5620.

How can I get copies of photographs or film footage relating to Japanese American history? Is there a cost involved?

We are accepting photo and film inquiries on a case-by-case basis. Fees are determined by the number of images, duration of footage, and the intended use of the material. Copies are for one-time use only; duplication and licensing fees apply. The researcher assumes all responsibility for possible copyright infringement, invasion of privacy, or other legal liability arising from the use of image reproductions. Please email your request to collections@janm.org.

How can I find my family's camp records?

We have a War Relocation Authority (WRA) database that contains summaries of the 1942 Form 26, which was completed by inmates entering the camps directly or through the assembly centers. The HNRC also has each camp's Final Accountability Roster (FAR), which lists individuals by family unit and records when they entered and left the camps. You may submit your family research request [online](#) or you may drop by the HNRC during its [normal hours of operation](#).

To request an inmate's complete file from the records of the WRA, download and complete [this form](#) and mail to the instructed National Archives address.

To request a Department of Justice World War II Alien Enemy Internment Case File, download and complete [this form](#) and mail to the instructed National Archives address.

What resources are there for Japanese American genealogical research?

For those whose relatives were in the camps during the war, the best starting place for Japanese American genealogical research is the archive of camp records at the HNRC (see previous question).

Can I get an appraisal for an item?

Museum personnel do not appraise items. To locate an appraiser, call the [American Society of Appraisers](#) (ASA) at 800.272.8258 or visit their website.

Do you provide translations from Japanese to English?

JANM does not provide translation services. Please try contacting your local college's or university's Japanese language or East Asian Studies department for any available translation services.



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Can you tell me more about an object that I have from Japan?

Because our focus is on the experience of Americans of Japanese ancestry, we don't have the historical expertise to assist with objects from Japan. We suggest that you contact one of the following organizations instead:

USC Pacific Asia Museum
46 N. Los Robles Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101-2071
626.449.2742
pacificasiamuseum.org

Los Angeles County Museum of Art
5905 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90036
323.857.6000
lacma.org

Richard C. Rudolph East Asian Library
University of California, Los Angeles
21617 Research Library Building
Los Angeles, CA 90095-7511
310.825.4836
library.ucla.edu/eastasian

East Asian Library
University of Southern California
Doheny Memorial Library
3550 Trousdale Parkway
University Park Campus
Los Angeles CA 90089-1825
213.740.1772
libraries.usc.edu/locations/east-asian-library

Do you carry any Japanese American newspapers?

No we do not have archived newspapers. Please check directly with the publications you are interested in.