

## *Historical Book about the Calgary & Area Japanese Canadians*

### *Okage Sama De* – I am what I am because of you.

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Page four: Hints to assist you on what to write about, **THIS is just a GUIDE** to give You ideas, it is open to you, this is your story to pass on to your generations. The excitement that I see when the young generations read books like these Makes it all worth while so that your memory lives on.

**There will be a DVD recording made also if you want just to tell your stories.**

**Purpose:** This book is to honour and record the names and the stories of all the people from Japanese heritage both old and new to Calgary and surrounding area. We dedicate the book especially for those of the Issei and Nisei that struggled through the war years and endured incredible hardships.

Our aim is to use this as a tool to enable the younger generations to merge those memories of the older generations and to identify, relate and understand within themselves where they have come from. It will also be used to enhance further communication between the generations and to understand more of the family's history so as not to lose sight of where they have come from.

More importantly, this will enable us to visualize the future with first hand information about our honourable past. This book is intended to recover and record our history; in doing so recognizing and honouring the past generations.

It is an **excellent opportunity to help unify future generations with the past**. Please submit your story as soon as possible to make sure that your memories are permanently recorded.

**Parameters:** Include all Japanese families up to the publishing date of June of 2010.

The book will follow the Japanese roots thereby limiting the scope of the project to a manageable size.

The book will focus on the Japanese **who resides or resided** in Calgary in the past and the surrounding towns.

#### **Time frame:**

Official launch at the New Years Party January 24, 2009.

Gather the submissions by January of 2010.

Organize and finalize the project by July 2010.

Present the final Completed book at the 2011 New Years Party.

## Important Steps in proceeding

1) Request a copy of the template, there are two different forms to guide you with different suggestions on what to write (**IT IS ONLY A GUIDE**). The Family Roots section is important because it will unify the individual stories.

**Download the file “History Release Form”** and fill it out, sign it, and include it with the submissions, if the we do not have the form we cannot publish the material.

### 2) Specifications – **IMPORTANT that you read this section**

**Length– Any where up to** One or Two pages this will include pictures, note some – special permission will have to be given prior if longer than this.

**Software used** - Word Software

**Print type** - Arial 10 pt.

**Pictures** – Scanned at least 300 dpi or more “When published if it’s under 300 dpi it Will not be a clear image.

**Format** – **you do not** have to have it in columns **we** can format it later.

- The pictures can EITHER be embedded within the story or it can be a Separate digitized file or **WE CAN SCAN** it for you.

3) Write the story using a computer using the **WORD** program ( Word is preferable, **if using a different word processing software email a sample** to Alan Tanaka to see if can be used. Email: alan.tanaka.book@gmail.com).

**NOTE:** because of shortages of volunteer hours we can not type all the stories from handwritten material, **however if you need assistance please** just phone the Centre or email a note and we will arrange to have it typed.

4) You will want to inform your relatives to complete **their** own stories. Example if there are 5 brothers or sisters, all from Calgary or did reside, we want stories from each of them.

5) Please provide **your** contact information should we have any questions.

**Contact Information** -For questions or getting a template guide:

You can download the information on the Web at: [www.calgaryjca@shaw.ca](http://www.calgaryjca@shaw.ca)

Call Mari at the CJCA office (403) 242-4143 Or email Alan Tanaka to request a copy of the template to be emailed to you. Send to: [alan.tanaka.book@gmail.com](mailto:alan.tanaka.book@gmail.com)

**Submit stories by email:** [alan.tanaka.book@gmail.com](mailto:alan.tanaka.book@gmail.com)

**Drop it off or mail it the Center:** 2236-29th St SW. Calgary, AB T3E 2K2

## Family Roots

A) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (nee: \_\_\_\_\_)  
Last Name First name(s)

( see: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ )  
Names of others in your family that are in the book

Submitted and/or Written by: (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: Day Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

## History – Roots of the family

### Issei:

i) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (nee: \_\_\_\_\_)  
Last name First names

ii) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Date born: Date passed away (if applicable) Date born: Date passed away (if applicable)

iii) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
When did they come over What area of Japan did they originate

iv) \_\_\_\_\_, v) \_\_\_\_\_  
Where did they settle upon coming to Canada What did they do for a job or business

vi) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Children's names

**Nisei** i) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (nee: \_\_\_\_\_)  
Last name First names

ii) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Children's names

**Sansei:** i) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (nee: \_\_\_\_\_)  
Last name First names

ii) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Children's names

**Yonsei:** i) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (nee: \_\_\_\_\_)  
Last name First names

ii) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Children's names

B) Evacuation in 1942 **(if applies to your situation )**

- i) Where were they interned, or where were they located or what were they doing?
  - a) Brief description

C) The family story, this is where you tell details of your families history.  
Include a picture or two if you would like, the length is 2 pages max.

**Suggestive information:**

- a) When and Where you were born
- b) Area you were raised at
- c) Education, what schools, and where?
- d) When were you married and the names of the children, maybe a brief description of them or if they are older just reference to their own stories that they have wrote.
- e) Your profession or business history.
- f) Community involvement, sports, awards, medals, or anything that tells about your family.

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**For examples look on the web:**

[www.calgaryjca.com](http://www.calgaryjca.com) under the section, "HISTORICAL BOOK ABOUT THE CALGARY AND AREA JAPANESE CANADIANS"

**NOTE:**

There will be a chance to record your story orally onto DVD if you are interested please contact the Center or any one of the people that are helping out with this historical project.

**If you CAN HELP with this project please call the Center**

**These are the committee members and we need your help**

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