

Okage Sama De

(I am what I am because of you)

Historical Book about the Calgary & Area Japanese Canadians

Time frame:

Stories submissions due by December 31, 2010.

NEW INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DESIGNER AT KINGSLEY:

To use if possible.

1. Each submission is to be under two pages in length, including pictures unless special permission has been given.
2. WORD, ARIAL, 12 POINT
3. Story format – see sample
4. Indent new paragraphs, **do not** double space between paragraphs.
5. Leave only **ONE SPACE** after each period.
6. Do not use Bold/Uppercase for headings(only the first letter),underlining - see sample
7. For emphasis use Italics,
8. For special instructions for you to tell the designer use square brackets at the **top of the page []**
9. **PICTURES - DO NOT INSERT THE PICTURE into the biography.**

Where the picture should go print **INSERT (Tanaka 1)** –see sample below.

The pictures must be scanned at **400 DPI** and sent under separate file OR We will scan and file your pictures at the Centre to accompany the bio.

10. **Please include your evacuation story** eg. Minamide story below
11. **Sign** your Release of Liability
12. Submit stories by email: alan.tanaka.book@gmail.com

If there are any questions contact Alan Tanaka: alan.tanaka.book@gmail.com

DROP IN -Every 3rd Saturday , starting April 17th at the Centre from 10:00 to 2:00 to help with any thing concerning the History Book - transcribing, typing, scanning pictures/ to answer any questions or just drop in for coffee and watch the book grow. Interviewees for the DVD should make an appointment.

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Tanaka Family History –

Written by Alan Tanaka

History – Roots of the family

Issei - In 1917 Toshitaro & Chiya from Kumamoto Ken, came to Canada and settled in Raymond to work on a farm. They moved to Coaldale in 1940 and started a farm in the Broxburn area. They had four sons Mitsug, Murashi, Itsuki, Shinob, and a daughter Chiduka

Nisei - Tanaka, Mitsug & Kinuko (nee: Ohashi) they had five children: Gerry, Harvey, Alan, Keith & Brent

Sansei – Tanaka, Alan & Margaret (nee: Hamilton)

Yonsei - two children both married Geoffrey , Heather Vetsch (nee: Tanaka)

Gosei - Alexander Joshua son of Geoffrey

In 1954 Alan was born in Coaldale as a Sansei and proud of my heritage. The experience of farm life in his earlier years had a profound effect on Alan he strove to better myself and promised that his children would not have to go through experiences he encountered, so it was off to university in Edmonton.

Alan met his wife Margaret at the University of Alberta, was engaged 3 months later and now having been married over 30 years. Margaret received her degree, BSc (honors) and later received her CGA designation and her CFP (Certified Financial Planner). Alan received a B.Ed, majoring in Economics - International Monetary Systems.

[Insert picture Tanaka 1] – if there is a caption put it the at the bottom of the story. See example below

For over 25 years Alan & Margaret had an accounting firm that operated in Alberta as well as the NWT, now as the children are in Calgary they moved to be closer to them. Margaret is now a Senior Tax Manager at Collins Barrow a national CA firm, as a Tax Specialist and Alan is a Financial Advisor

The north afforded Alan and Margaret many opportunities, for which they are eternally grateful. They became actively involved with the community and area, and received different awards; their business was selected as one of the “Profit” magazine’s 100 Fastest Growing Companies in Canada and we received the “Business of the Year” award from the Chamber of Commerce. Individually, Margaret and Alan had the honor of receiving medals sanctioned by the Queen and presented by the Governor General in recognition their “Significant Contribution to Compatriots, Community, and to Canada”. Alan was one of five chosen in Canada to be on the Japanese Canadian Leadership Delegation sponsored by MOFA (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan) go to Japan.

For both of them, education played an important role and so they set up an annual endowment to help students at NAIT achieve their success.

Alan enjoys relaxing riding his Goldwing motorcycle taking it on trips, wine and beer making, reading, curling, golf, badminton, carpentry. He is on the board for the CJCA and the NAJC. Margaret enjoys reading, knitting, curling, golfing and swimming.

Alan and Margaret have two children, Geoff and Heather both are married and a grandson Alexander.

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[Caption picture 1 Alan and Margaret wedding 1978]

[Caption picture 2 Geoff married to Evelyn and daughter Heather that's married to Peter]

[Caption picture 3 Grandson Alexander]

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Tanaka 1



Tanaka 2



Tanaka 3

Minamide Family

First Generation:

Masajiro Minamide was born in March 1869 in Wakayama Ken, Japan. Masajiro received his Canadian Naturalization papers on February 5, 1897. Masajiro married Tokue Teramaye in 1913 in Japan and Tokue arrived in Canada on July 24, 1913. Tokue was born in Wakayama Ken in August 1886.

Masajiro and Tokue settled in Steveston, where he was a fisherman. Toshiko Joan was born in Steveston on June 11, 1914. Masajiro, Tokue and Toshiko moved to Mayne Island (one of the Gulf islands), where they engaged in the egg business, shipping eggs to Vancouver. There are interesting records indicating that eggs were sold to a distributor for 35 cents a dozen in 1922. At the time of relocation, the family was raising hot house tomatoes, shipping tomatoes to the mainland. One of my happy childhood memories is when my brother and I would be invited to accompany our father when he was taking a shipment of tomatoes to the wharf and we would be treated to an ice cream cone at the General Store.

Tokue passed away in New Denver in 1945 and Masajiro in Calgary in 1960.

Second Generation:

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Mineichi arrived in Vancouver in March 1933 and married Joan in January of 1935. Their children, Ruth Yukiko (December 1935), Philip Yoshikazu (April 1937) and Mary Ayako (August 1939) were born on Mayne Island and Stephen Teruo (May 1944) in Kaslo. Mineichi passed away in Calgary in 1990 and Joan in Calgary in 1992

Relocation and the Journey to Calgary

With the onset of the war in the Pacific, the family was initially moved for a short stay at Hastings Park and then, to the Langham Hotel in Kaslo for the years, 1942 to 1945. The family moved to Harris Ranch in New Denver for 1945-1946 and at the end of the war, was sent to the Air Force Base in Moose Jaw for 1946-1947. The Minamide family was able to meet the four working member requirement to work on a farm with the offer of help from our relatives and came to a sugar beet farm in the Taber area, where they worked from 1947 to 1950. The move was made to the town of Taber in 1950 and family lived there until 1958. In Taber, Mineichi was employed in the sugar and canning factories, worked with lawn maintenance and with carpentry work. In the fall of 1958, the Minamide family moved to Calgary to be closer to the children who had moved to the city.

Third Generation:

Ruth came to Calgary in the fall of 1953 to attend a secretarial school. She worked for the Canadian Red Cross Society. Ruth married Kelly Nagai in July of

1961. Ruth and Kelly had three children, Blair in 1963, Karen in 1966 and Trevor in 1968.

Philip came to Calgary in the fall of 1957 to attend SAIT. He worked for the City of Calgary Electric Department. Phil married Kinuyo Nishimura in June 1963. Phil and Kin had three children, Alan in 1964, Dwight in 1970 and Janice in 1973. Phil passed away in 1981.

Mary came to Calgary in the fall of 1957. Mary received her B.Ed. from the University of Calgary and worked for the Calgary Public Library until her retirement.

Stephen moved with the family to Calgary 1958. He received his B.Comm. from the University of Calgary and obtained his Certified General Accountant designation. Stephen worked for the City of Calgary in the Finance Dept. Stephen passed away in 2003.

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