



## Guide to the Wayne Tanaka oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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## Scope and Contents Note

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- Genealogy
- World War, 1939-1945
- Internment camp inmates
- Racism
- Race discrimination
- Education
- Educators
- Special education -- United States
- Clark County School District (Nev.)
- Boy Scouts of America