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1945-1951

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"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

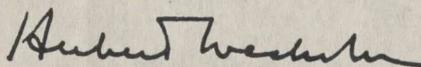
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF RENUNCIATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

To: Mary Misao Masuoka
(born April 4, 1926, Concord, California)
5603-B
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

You are hereby notified that, pursuant to Section 401(i) of the Nationality Act of 1940, as Amended, and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, your renunciation of United States nationality has been approved by the Attorney General as not contrary to the interests of national defense. Accordingly you are no longer a citizen of the United States of America nor are you entitled to any of the rights and privileges of such citizenship.

Date: May 3, 1945



Herbert Wechsler
Assistant Attorney General
War Division

August 27, 1945

Dear Sir:

I wish to reconsider my renunciation of my citizenship for I have fully understood what it meant to throw my citizenship away.

I am writing this letter on my own free will and have realized what it meant to listen to other people. I was forced to sign or it would of been very hard on my parents.

I would greatly appreciate it if you will reconsider my renunciation of my citizenship; if you will kindly answer this letter immediatedly.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Very truly yours,

Mary Misao Masuoka
Mary Misao Masuoka

10/22/45

HONORABLE TOM C. CLARK
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On or about Feb. 15, 1945, I signed an application for renunciation of U.S. nationality form at the W.R.A. Segregation Center situated at Tule Lake, Modoc, County, California, at a perfunctory appearance before a government official. (and I have received a letter dated May 3, 1945, from Mr. Herbert Wechsler, Assistant Attorney General, approving the same.)

I hereby repudiate, withdraw, retract, and revoke the said renunciation upon the following grounds and for the following reasons:

(1) The circumstances under which said renunciation form was signed by me did not constitute a fair and impartial hearing and was a denial of my constitutional guaranty of due process of law and of the equal protection of the laws;

(2) I was not a free agent at the time when and the place where said renunciation form was signed but was then and there held in duress and was the victim of fraud, menace and undue influence and mistake of law;

(3) I then and there was and continuously from May 3, 1942, had been detained in the said W.R.A. Segregation Center by official authority and was deprived of substantially all my constitutional rights, liberties, privileges and immunities as an American citizen by birth and by choice and was thusly discriminated against solely by reason of the Japanese nationality of my ancestors;

(4) I was intimidated and compelled to sign the said renunciation form by threats of physical violence to myself (and members of my family) and was made by a pressure group of aliens in said camp, and by members thereof, and I was in constant fear, (as was my family) that said threats would be carried into execution if I refused to sign it. I was acting under the menace and fraud, of said group and its members and the undue influence exerted by them upon me and I signed said renunciation form under duress.

Because of the foregoing reasons the said renunciation and approval thereof were, and each of them is, invalid, null and void.

I am not a citizen or subject of Japan and I do not and never have owed or given that country or nation any allegiance. I am not an alien enemy. I am a native American by birth and also by choice. I recognize as my sovereign the United States of America and I give and ever have given the United States by undivided loyalty and allegiance. I have no dual citizenship through any act or acceptance upon my individual part.

Therefore I demand that you withdraw and set aside the said renunciation form which is repudiated, withdrawn and revoked by me. I demand withdrawal of my renunciation form.

I am ready and willing to have this matter re-opened and a hearing be granted me in order to prove that said renunciation form was signed when I was not a free agent in any sense of the words but was acting under duress and under menace, fraud and undue influence and mistake of law.

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

Misao Mary Mesuoka
Misao Mary Mesuoka
5603-B

Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Special War Problems Division

I, Mary Miss Masuko requested repatriation and exchange
to Japan on March 26, 1945 at Tule Lake Center.
(Date)

I now certify that I wish to cancel that application and to remain in the
United States. I respectfully request that my name be taken off the list
of persons to be considered for exchange.

MARY MISAO MASUKU
NAME

NONE
JAPANESE SIGNATURE, IF ANY.

OCTOBER 8, 1945
DATE

7397
FAMILY NO.

APRIL 4, 1926 - CONCORD, CALIF.
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

U.S.
CITIZENSHIP: U.S. JAPAN DUAL

P.O. Box 36 Santa Ana, Calif.
ADDRESS BEFORE EVACUATION

DENVER, COLORADO
INTENDED DESTINATION ON LEAVING
CENTER

Case # 1002

October 24, 1945

HONORABLE TOM C. CLARK
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

On October 23, 1945, I was requested by Mr. Ivan Williams, Officer in Charge, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, to appear before their officer to register under the provisions of the Alien Registration Act.

Although I appeared before your office to comply with the provisions of the Alien Registration Act, I wish to state that said registration form was signed by myself under protest.

I am an American citizen. I hereby wish to protest said designation as I am not a citizen or a national of Japan, but a citizen and a national of the United States.

Therefore I shall appreciate your accepting this letter as a documentary evidence that my signature affixed on said Alien Registration form was done so under protest, as I am an American Citizen.

Yours very truly,

Mary Misao Masuoka

Mary Misao Masuoka
5603-B
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

October 24, 1945

Mr. Ivan Williams, Officer in Charge
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Department of Justice
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

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5603-B
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

May 24, 1948

Mr. W. Collins
1721 Fulton Tower
San Francisco, Calif.

file

in file

James

Dear Sir:

Since my telephone conversation with you this morning, I am enclosing all the information which was requested by the newspapers:

Address: 1847 Laguna St.

Birthdate: April 4, 1926 (Birthplace: Concord, Calif.)

Alibi number: 6156533 (Renewed in Lake Lake)

True name: Mary Fuisa Inawoka

Thanking you for your attention, I remain

Very truly yours,

JUDGMENT
LIST

Mary M. Inawoka

CONFIDENTIAL

Committee No. 1001

(For Use Only of My Attorney)

Atty. No. _____

Name (type or print) Mary Misao Masuoka

Block No. 5603-B

Sex: Male _____ Female X

Age: 19 years Date of Birth: Month: Apr. Day: 4 Year: 1926

Place of Birth: (City) Concord (County) Contra Costa (State) Calif.

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: _____

P. O. Box 36 Banta, California

Occupation at time of evacuation: Student

Have you "dual citizenship"? Yes

Did you ever have "dual citizenship"? Yes

If you have or have had dual citizenship, who registered you as

a dual citizen: Parents When: Not known

Where: Not known

Did you ever take any steps to cancel dual citizenship? No

When: _____ Where: _____

What steps were taken to cancel it? _____

On what date did you sign a form renouncing your U. S. citizenship:

Month: February Day: 15 Year: 1945

Were you under 21 years of age at the time you signed that renunciation form? Yes

Was there a hearing officer present when you signed? Yes

What was his name? Not known

Did you have a hearing on the matter at that time? Yes

Did anyone represent you at that appearance or hearing? No

If so, who? _____

Did you attend that hearing alone? Yes If not, who went with you? _____

Have you received a letter approving your renunciation? Yes

If you have, what date does it bear? May 3, 1945

On what date did you receive the letter of approval? Sept. 25, 1945

Who signed that letter of approval? Herbert Wechsler

_____. (Attach the letter of approval and the envelope.)

Did you write a letter revoking your renunciation before you received a letter approving your renunciation? _____

No

If you did, what date did you send that letter in the U. S. mail? _____

Have you a copy of that letter? _____

(If you have, annex it to this form)

Since receiving a letter from the Attorney General's office approving your renunciation, have you sent a letter to that office or to the Attorney General revoking your renunciation? Yes

What date did you send that letter revoking your renunciation of U. S. citizenship? Aug. 27, 1945 October 22, 1945

(If you have a copy of that letter revoking your renunciation, annex it to this form.)

Have you served in our military forces? No

If so, what date did you enroll? _____ When were you discharged or released from military service? _____

What type of discharge did you receive? _____

What was your last draft classification? _____

Did you refuse to be drafted? _____

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Hoshi Dan, the Hokoku Dan, Seinen Dan or similar organizations while in camp, either becoming such by intimidation, coercion, or otherwise? No

Are your parents U. S. citizens? No

What are their names: Torahei Masuoka Suyeme Masuoka

Have they been released from detention? Yes

Have they been relocated? No

What members of your family, if any, are serving or have served in the military forces of the U. S.? Brother-in-law: Pf. Ch

Chick Furuye Italy Cousins Tokeshi and Minobu Furuta

Have you registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? Yes When: October 23, 1945

Where: Tule Lake, California Who was present with you at that time, if anyone? _____ Were you represented by

anyone at that time? _____

Was any hearing given to you at that time? No

Who registered you, if you know? Not known

Did you protest registering as an alien? No

Did you write your protest on the form? No

Did you file a letter of protest with the registering officer?

Yes (If so, annex a copy of the letter to this form.)

Not of as
Have you signed non-repatriation form asking to stay in U.S. this date

Have you filled out a Department of Justice Repatriation form asking to be sent to Japan? No If you did, when? _____

Where: _____ Before whom did you appear to sign that repatriation form? _____

Did anyone represent you at that time or were you alone _____

_____ Were you given a hearing by anyone on the question of signing the repatriation form? _____

If so, by whom? _____

Did you protest signing that Repatriation form? _____

Did you write the protest on the form? _____

Did you file a letter of protest with the registering officer at the time you signed it? _____

What was the name of the officer present when you signed, if you know? _____

When, if ever, did you fill out a repatriation form for W. R. A. Social Welfare? March 26, 1945

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? October 8, 1945

Do you own any agricultural land, a home, or commercial property in the U. S.? _____ If so, where? _____

The following space is for any remarks you care to write:

I have not signed the non-repatriation form as yet but will when it comes. Marital status: single. Renunces: Brother Noburu age 22, and myself. Other members of the family: Father Torabei age 66; Mother Suyeme age 55, Sister, Shinobu age 12. All free to relocated

Date: October 25, 1945

Mary Misao Masuoka
(E.M.)

Mary Misao Masuoka
(Name)

April 20, 1951

Mr. Collins:

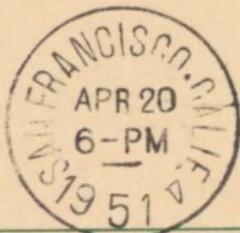
This is to notify you my change of address.

It is now, 2050 Bush Street, San Francisco.

Concerning Noboru Masuoka, he is serving with the Armed Forces in Korea and anything pertaining to the case, etcetera, please forward his mail to me,

11/13/45 OK
Mary Masuoka
2050 Bush Street
San Francisco 15, California

Thank you.



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Mr. Wayne M. Collins
Mills Tower
San Francisco, California