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KATO, SHIGENOBU HENRY

1948-1960

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*James
S. Perkins
Perkins*

P.O. Box 190
PERKINS, CALIF.
JUNE 28, 1948

MR. WAYNE M. COLLINS:
1721 MILLS TOWER
220 BUSH STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIF.

DEAR SIR:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSTANT
EFFORT YOU ARE GIVING US RENUNCEES OF TULE
LAKE CENTER.

I HAVE JOINED THE ORGANIZATION AT
BISMARCK INTERNMENT CAMP AND WITH YOUR GREAT
EFFORT WE HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM THE INTERN-
MENT CAMP. AND RECENTLY YOU HAVE WON OUR
CITIZENSHIP BACK AT S.F. DISTRICT COURT FOR US.
I AM WONDERING IF WE HAVE REGAINED OUR
CITIZENSHIP ALREADY WITHOUT ANY NOTICE FROM
THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OR IF THE INDIVIDUAL
RECEIVES THE LETTER FROM WASHINGTON IF HE
REGAINS THE CITIZENSHIP.

IN MARCH 1947 I HAVE TRIED TO
VOLUNTEER FOR U.S. ARMY BUT SINCE OUR
CITIZENSHIP WAS NOT REGAINED AT THAT TIME

WHICH MEANT WE WERE STILL ALIEN AND
WAS REJECTED FROM THE OFFICE AT
SACRAMENTO RECRUITING OFFICE FOR ARMY.
I STILL HAVE SAME ATTITUDE NOW TO
VOLUNTEER FOR U.S. ARMY AND WANT TO
CLEAR MY STATUS REGARDING MY CITIZENSHIP
BEFORE APPEARING TO THE OFFICE.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF I HAVE
REGAINED MY CITIZENSHIP YET OR HAVE TO
WAIT UNTIL JULY TO BE CLEARED ABOUT
US RENUNCEES AT TULE LAKE CENTER.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSTANT
EFFORT FOR US JAPANESE. I REMAIN,

SINCERELY,

SHIGENOBU KATO



4054 Army Service Unit
Enlisted Student Detachment
Antiaircraft and Guided Missiles
Branch of the Artillery School
Fort Bliss, Texas



March 13, 1951

Dear Sir:

I was notified here from the Center Headquarter's Office that upon checking my record with Department of Justice that I do not have my citizenship and there is no record of any such things as to regaining my citizenship upon the act of filing back in 1946 and 19487.

I was one of the "Japanese Gisei's" who have filed for regaining the citizenship with renunciations.

Please let me know right away as to what the status is. And if you could certify in any ways about that please write to me right away. I'll enclose an airmail stamp with this letter.

Thank you very much for your service.

Sincerely,

Pvt. Shigenobu Kato

Bureau File

Shigenobu (Henry)
Kato 5/4/46



UNITED STATES ARMY

joined
3/4/46

sent limited letter
to him at Perkins, Calif.

April 21, 1951

Dear Sir:

I have wrote the letter to you around March 13 concerning my Citizenship but have not received any answer yet.

As I wrote before I have sent for my records to Department of Justice but they have no record as to my making application for regaining citizenship.

The Army has told me that I could apply for Citizenship after my service but I would like to know how my status is now so I could make clear my standing point.

I appreciate very much and waiting for the earliest reply. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Shigenobu Kato

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Army Service

DATA SHEET

Name: KATO, Shigenobu (Henry)

Judgment: 1952 J U.S.
(Date & kind)

Address: c/o Mr. Masaru Iwano Kanemoto Id
6516 18th Ave 12/27/60
Sacto, Calif

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Card: _____

Folder: ✓

Id to father

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Parents: *Yoshiji* *in '46*
Sueno *at Box 190*
Perkins
Sacto

Address Information:
(Phone bk., C/D, etc.)

Box 190
Perkins, Calif. *~~makine~~ Sacto,*

Mr Yoshiji Kato

4320- 67th St
Sacto

Id
yellow
8/8
7/20/60

Letters, contact, judgment
order, etc.:

12/20/60
A- Id
8/8
Henry S Kato
100 V St
Sacto

Payment information, billing:

Cross reference:

Shigenobu Henry Kato

C/O Tom MASARU KANEMOTO
6516 18th AVE
SACTO, CALIF
GL 60535

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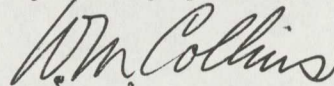
September 14, 1960

Mr. Shigenobu (Henry) Kato
c/o Mr. Yoshiji Kato
4320 67th St.
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kato:

Quite some time ago you received from me your individual certified copy of the "Final Judgment" of the Court that cancelled your wartime renunciation of citizenship and that declared you to be a U. S. citizen. However, you have not yet paid the balance of \$ 270.00 due on your account. If it presses you too much to pay this balance in a lump sum, you can let me know and arrangements can be made for you to pay by installments. I am enclosing a stamped envelope for your reply.

Very truly yours,



Enc.

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California
Garfield 1-5827

August 8, 1960

Mr. Yoshiji Kato
4320 67th St.
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kato:

I would thank you to let me know the present address
of your son, Mr. Shigenobu (Henry) Kato
so that final papers concerning his citizenship status
may be transmitted to him. Please use the enclosed card
and self-addressed envelope for your reply to me.

Very truly yours,

W. M. Collins

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California
GARfield 1-5827

December 20, 1960

Mr. Henry S. Kato
100 V St.
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kato:

I would thank you to let me know the present address
of Mr. Shigenobu Henry Kato and Mr. Tetsuichi Kato
so that final papers concerning ^{their} ~~his~~ citizenship status
may be transmitted to ^{them.} ~~him.~~ Please use the enclosed card
and self-addressed envelope for your reply to me.

Very truly yours,

W.M. Collins

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney At Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA
GARfield 1-5827

December 27, 1960

Mr. Shigenobu Henry Kato
c/o Mr. Masaru Tom Kanemoto
6516 18th Ave., Sacto, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kato:

Quite some time ago you received from me your individual certified copy of the "Final Judgment" of the Court that cancelled your wartime renunciation of citizenship and that declared you to be a U. S. citizen. However, you have not yet paid the balance of \$ 270.00 due on your account. If it presses you too much to pay this balance in a lump sum, you can let me know and arrangements can be made for you to pay by installments. I am enclosing a stamped envelope for your reply.

Very truly yours,

W. M. Collins

Enc.

CONFIDENTIAL

Committee No. _____

(For Use Only of My Attorney) Atty. No. _____

Name (type or Print) SHIGENOBU KATO
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Address at present: Box 300 BLG. 32 C FORT LINCOLN, BISMARCK, N.D.

Sex: Male X Female _____

Age: 20 year. Date of birth: Month: NOVEMBER Day: 10 Year: 1925

Place of birth: City: HOLLYWOOD County: _____ State: CALIF.

Permanent residence at time of evacuation: 4355 WEST ADAMS BLVD.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Occupation at time of evacuation: STUDENT

Have you dual citizenship? No

Did you ever have dual citizenship? No

Did you ever take steps to cancel dual citizenship? No

On what date did you sign an application to renounce your citizenship?

JANUARY 25, 1945

Were you under 21 years of age at that time? YES

Were you given a hearing on that application? YES

Where was the hearing conducted? TULE LAKE CENTER

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 1945

On what date did you receive that letter? OCTOBER 1945

(Attach that letter and the envelope it came in to this questionnaire.) I HAVE SENT THE LETTER BACK TO MR. WECHSLER, BECAUSE I DIDN'T MY CITIZENSHIP TO BE TAKEN AWAY FROM ME.

Who signed that letter of approval? HERBERT WECHSLER

Have you written a letter to Attorney General Tom Clark revoking your renunciation? YES

What is the date of that letter? DEC. 24 & DEC. 28

(Attach your carbon copy of that letter to this questionnaire).

From what camp were you removed and taken to the camp you now are in?

FROM TULE LAKE



Have you served in our military forces? No

If you have, what type of discharge did you receive:

What was your last draft classification? 4C

Were you ever classified "4-C"? YES

Did you refused to be drafted? No

Are your parents U. S. citizens? No

What are their names? YOSHIO KATO (FATHER) SUENO KATO (MOTHER)

Have they been relocated? YES

Where do they live now? BOX 190 PERKINS SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

What members of your family are serving or have served in the military forces: NONE

Have you been registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? YES When? MAY & OCT. 1945 Where? FORT LINCOLN, BISMARCK, N.D.

Did you protest that registration in writing? No

Have you filed a "non-repatriation" form? YES

When? SEPTEMBER 14, 1945

Are you single or married? SINGLE

What is your wife's name: _____

What is her present address? _____

Is she a renunciant? _____

Have you any children? _____

What are their names and where are they living? _____

Are there any other renunciants in your family? No Who? NONE

The following space is for any remarks you wish to make:

MY ALIEN REGISTRATION STARTED ON MAY AND HAVE COMPLETED IT ON OCTOBER, 1945. WHICH AT THE TIME THAT I ASKED FOR MY CITIZENSHIP BACK.

Dated: JANUARY 3, 1946



Shigenobu Kato
(Name)

(1st copy to the Attorney General)

Shigenobu Kato
Box 300 32-C
Bismarck, N.D.

Dec. 22, 1945

HONORABLE TOM C. CLARK
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On January, 1945, I signed an application for renunciation of U. S. Nationality form at the WRA Segregation Center situated at Tule Lake, Modoc County, California, at a perfunctory appearance before a Government Official.

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 fact and law;
- (3) I then and there was and continuously from May 10, 1942 had been detained in the government centers by official authority and was deprived of substantially all my constitutional rights, liberties, privileges and immunities and an American Citizen by birth and by choices and was thusly discriminated against solely by reasons of the Japanese nationality of my ancestors;
- (4) I signed the said form under duress.

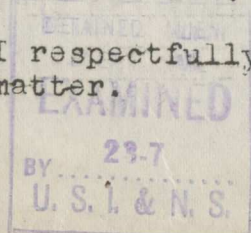
Because of the foregoing reasons the said renunciation were, and each of them is, invalid, null and void.

I am not an enemy alien. I have no dual citizenship through an 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 am ready and willing to have this matter re-opened and a hearing be granted to 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 fact and law.

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.



Yours very truly,

Shigenobu Kato

Shigenobu Kato
Box 300, 32-C
Bismarck, N. Dakota

December 28, 1945

Honorable Thomas C. Clark
Attorney of the United States
Department of Justice Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On January, 1945 I signed an application for renunciation of the U. S. nationality at the W. R. A. Segregation Center at Tule Lake, Modoc County, California, at a perfunctory appearance before a government official and I have received a letter dated May, 1945, from Mr. Herbert Wechsler, Assistant Attorney General approving this renunciation.

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 fact and law;

(3) I then and there was continuously from May 10, 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 thus discriminated against solely by reason of the Japanese nationality of my ancestors;

(4) I was intimidated and compelled to sign said renunciation form while under pressure and 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 that country or nation any allegiance. I am a native American by birth and also by choice. I recognize as my sovereign the United States of America and I give the United States my undivided loyalty and allegiance. I have no dual citizenship through an act or acceptance upon my individual part.

I ask therefore that you withdraw and set aside the said renunciation form which is herewith repudiated, withdrawn and revoked by me and that you recall, withdraw, cancel and revoke your approval of said renunciation form as well.

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 word but was acting under duress and under menace, fraud and undue influence and mistake of fact and law.

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

Shigenobu Kato
Shigenobu Kato

