

START: HANAKO AWAKA



YEAR: 1921 AGE:20

VANCOUVER, BC

A Japanese-trained teacher from Tokyo, Hanako immigrates to Canada to accept a job at the Vancouver Japanese Language School. She marries Tsutae Sato, the school's principal and an acquaintance from Japan.

EVENT

TASHME, BC

1944:

Travels with husband from farm where they live in Alberta to visit their former students in Tashme internment camp.

EVENT

VANCOUVER, BC

1947:

Travels to from Lacombe, Alberta with husband to try to get back control of the Japanese Language School's property (buildings).

EVENT

VANCOUVER, BC

1953:

Helps to reopen the Japanese Language School after the building is returned to the community from the Canadian government.

END: HANAKO SATO



YEAR: 1966 AGE:65

VANCOUVER, BC

Hanako retires from teaching after a career of nearly fifty years. She goes on to co-author a number of books in Japanese with her husband Tsutae about their experiences educating Japanese Canadian children.

START: TOM SHOYAMA



YEAR: 1938 AGE:22

VANCOUVER, BC

Unable to get work that uses his degree in commerce and economics due to racist hiring practices, Tom leaves his job at a pulp and paper mill to help start a newspaper called *The New Canadian*. It is published in English for the younger generation of Japanese Canadians.

EVENT

KASLO, BC

1942:

Moves, with *The New Canadian* offices, to the Kaslo internment camp, as the Japanese Canadian community disperses to different sites. *The New Canadian* is now the primary source of news for Japanese Canadians in both Japanese and English.

EVENT

VANCOUVER, BC

1945:

Returns to the West Coast after leaving Kaslo as a volunteer for the Canadian army. Completes basic training in Simcoe, Ontario, and then joins the Canadian Army Japanese Language School to train as part of the S-20 Intelligence Corps.

EVENT

OTTAWA, ONTARIO

1975:

Becomes Deputy Minister of Finance for the federal government. This is after helping to establish public healthcare while working as an economic advisor for the provincial government in Saskatchewan.

END: TOM SHOYAMA



YEAR: 1980 AGE: 64
VICTORIA, BC

After receiving the Order of Canada for his thirty years of achievement in public service, Tom retires, and becomes a visiting professor in public administration and Asia and Pacific Studies at the University of Victoria.

START: BUCK SUZUKI



YEAR: 1938 AGE: 22
DELTA, BC

A fisherman on the Fraser River like his father, Buck is also a founding member of the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League. He reaches out to the white fishermen's union, a historically racist organization, to ask permission for Japanese Canadian fishermen to join them as equal partners.

EVENT

VANCOUVER, BC

1941:

Backs a message of protest sent from the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League to Ottawa asking that Japanese Canadians be allowed to join the Canadian army.

EVENT

BRANTFORD, ONTARIO

1944:

Joins the British army and serves overseas in the hopes of proving that Japanese Canadians are worthy of receiving equal rights to white Canadians.

EVENT

BRITISH COLUMBIA

1948:

Negotiates with the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union to gain their support for Japanese Canadian fishermen to return to the coast and the fishing industry.

END: BUCK SUZUKI



YEAR: 1981

VANCOUVER, BC

Four years after Buck's death, the T. Buck Suzuki Foundation is established in his honour by the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union. The foundation works to help conserve fish habitats through research and education.

START: SHIZUYE TAKASHIMA



YEAR: 1941 AGE: 13
VANCOUVER, BC

Shizuye lives in Vancouver with her parents, four brothers, and sister. Shizuye is the baby of the family and was born prematurely, so she is often sick and walks with a slight limp.

EVENT

NEW DENVER, BC

1942:

Father and four older brothers are taken away from the family to work in road camps. Moves to internment camp with mother and older sister, where school doesn't start until the last week of October and is only for grades one to eight.

EVENT

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

1945:

Tries to join brothers in Toronto after four years of separation, but the city won't let any more Japanese Canadians in. Is sent to live with sister in a rooming house in Hamilton while parents go to work as live-in servants in Oakville.

EVENT

TORONTO, ONTARIO

1953:

After reuniting with family and finishing high school in Toronto, graduates from Ontario College of Art with a degree in Fine Art. Saves money to keep studying art in Europe.

END: SHIZUYE TAKASHIMA



YEAR: 1971 AGE: 43

NEW YORK CITY, UNITED STATES

Shizuye is an acclaimed painter who has studied in Europe, Mexico, and New York, where she now lives. She publishes an autobiographical book, *A Child in Prison Camp*, of words and illustrations that show her memories of internment.

START: MARGARET INOUE



YEAR: 1932 AGE: 9

MISSION, BC

Margaret lives on a berry farm with her mother, father, grandparents, and siblings. She is good at English in school, and loves performing Kabuki while wearing kimono made by her grandmother.

EVENT

1942:

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

Leaves family to work as a live-in cook and maid. Learns how to cook Western-style food on the job, including how to gut and stuff a chicken.

EVENT

1945:

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

After working as a chambermaid for a year and studying at night school, enrolls in McMaster University to study economics.

EVENT

1950s:

LONDON, ENGLAND

Works as a producer for the British Broadcasting Corporation, interviewing world leaders such as Bertrand Russell and Lester B. Pearson.

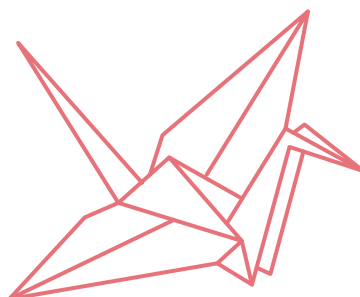
END: MARGARET LYONS



YEAR: 2010 AGE: 87

OTTAWA, ONTARIO

A retired journalist and active volunteer for many causes in Toronto and for McMaster University in Hamilton, Margaret is awarded a Member of the Order of Canada.



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