

START: MINORU FUKUSHIMA



YEAR: 1941 AGE:9

VANCOUVER, BC

An elementary school student, Minoru lives on Powell Street with his mother, father, and siblings above Star Dairy, the grocery and confectionary store his family runs.

EVENT

NEW DENVER, BC

1942-1945:

Lives with family in a tent with a wooden floor in the New Denver internment camp. Learns to swim in a nearby lake.

EVENT

TSURUGA, FUKUI, JAPAN

1946:

Deported with family to Japan, and starts school in Grade 1 to learn Japanese with a class of much younger students. Drops out after one year to work in rice fields with family.

EVENT

TOKYO AND YOKOHAMA, JAPAN

1950:

Joins the Canadian army from Japan and is sent to help United Nations forces in the Korean War.

END: MINORU FUKUSHIMA



YEAR: 1992 AGE:60

LAKE OKANAGAN AREA, BC

Minoru is enjoying retirement with his wife after a 30-year career in the army. His son, Michael, interviews him about his early life, and makes a documentary about Minoru for the National Film Board of Canada.

START: EIKICHI KAGETSU



YEAR: 1923 AGE:40

VANCOUVER, BC

An immigrant from Japan, Eikichi buys over 3000 acres of land on Vancouver Island to start the Deep Bay Logging Company. A veteran of the Russo-Japanese war, he has been Canadian for fourteen years. He lives in the Kerrisdale neighbourhood of Vancouver with his wife and seven children.

EVENT

MINTO, BC

1943:

Is forced into retirement when business is seized by the government. Fills solitary time in the Minto self-supporting internment camp with gardening, pickling, and making artificial flowers. Two of his children are trapped in Japan and his wife has taken the younger children to Toronto to continue their schooling.

EVENT

TORONTO, ONTARIO

1950:

Awarded government compensation for property that was confiscated and sold without permission, a fraction of its actual value. Disputes the amount offered over the next few years without success. Daughter returns from Japan.

EVENT

TORONTO, ONTARIO

1950s:

With help of children, opens and runs a number of small businesses. Is active in emerging Japanese Canadian community organizations in Toronto, such as the Buddhist Church and the Kotobuki-kai (seniors' group).

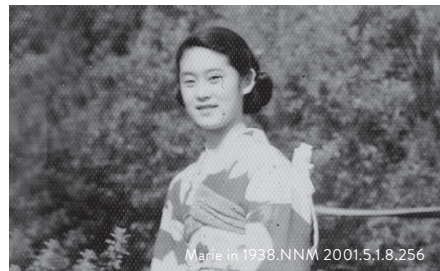
END: EIKICHI KAGETSU



YEAR: 1955 AGE: 78
TORONTO, ONTARIO

As president of the Toronto Kotobuki-kai (Japanese Canadian seniors' group), Eikichi leads 61 of the group's members on a trip to Japan. Stopping in Vancouver on his way back home to Toronto, he brings some chrysanthemum cuttings from the West Coast and starts growing prize-winning chrysanthemums in his garden.

START: MARIE KAWAMOTO



YEAR: 1934 AGE:10
WEST VANCOUVER, BC

Marie is sick with pneumonia. She moves with her mother from their house in East Burnaby to West Vancouver so the sea air can improve her health. Her father is a fisherman who joins them in the off season. They live together in a tight-knit community of Japanese Canadian families at the Great Northern Cannery.

EVENT

TASHME, BC

1945:

The internment camp where she has lived in a shack with parents and another family for almost three years is being shut down. Accompanies aging parents to Japan.

EVENT

TOKYO, JAPAN

1948:

While working for an international airline company, marries a Japanese American who was conscripted into the Japanese army and lost his US citizenship.

EVENT

TOKYO, JAPAN

1965:

A parent of two and freelance stenographer for various international conferences, including the United Nations. Attends a ceremony at the Canadian embassy to see the new Canadian flag installed.

END: MARIE KATSUNO



YEAR: 1994 AGE:70
WEST VANCOUVER, BC

Marie returns to Canada with her husband after he retires, settling in West Vancouver and reconnecting with people who went to the same high school as her.

START: HIDE HYODO



YEAR: 1936 AGE:28
OTTAWA, ONTARIO

Hide is the first Japanese Canadian to work as a public school teacher in British Columbia. She travels to Ottawa as part of a four-person delegation to campaign for the right of Japanese Canadians to vote. She impresses members of parliament with her perfect command of the English language and her strong belief in the principles of fairness and democracy.

EVENT

VANCOUVER, BC

1942:

Commutes between Steveston and Hastings Park, pulling double shifts for work to make sure children held in Hastings Park are able to continue their education.

EVENT

NEW DENVER, BC

1942-1945:

While living in New Denver internment camp, travels between different camps in the BC interior to create curriculum and train volunteer teachers to run schools in these remote locations.

EVENT

TORONTO, ONTARIO

1948:

After moving to Toronto to go to art college, marries Reverend K. Shimizu, a widower with four children, and becomes active in the United Church community.

END: HIDE HYODO SHIMIZU



YEAR: 1988 AGE:79

OTTAWA, ONTARIO

An Order of Canada recipient for her dedication to education, Hide travels from her home in Toronto to march on Parliament Hill, joining some 500 other Japanese Canadians to demand redress for wartime injustices. She helps sort and deliver thousands of postcards from Canadians who support redress to the Prime Minister's office.

START: MITS SUMIYA



YEAR: 1940 AGE:17

VANCOUVER, BC

Mits is a Grade 11 student at Vancouver Technical School. He is part of the school's cadet training corps, and works at a bowling alley after school and on weekends to save money for university. He wants to study physics and become a nuclear engineer. He lives with his mother, father, and younger siblings in East Vancouver.

EVENT

VANCOUVER, BC

1942:

Expelled from the University of British Columbia after one year of studies, and good marks, due to Japanese heritage. Refuses to be sent to road camps, naming rights as a loyal Canadian-born British subject.

EVENT

ANGLER, ONTARIO

1946:

Released from prisoner of war camp with a train ticket and \$12 to help with transportation costs.

EVENT

TORONTO, ONTARIO

1962:

Takes time off from job at a lighting manufacturer to travel to Japan. Visits dying father and sees mother and siblings who were deported from Canada in 1946.

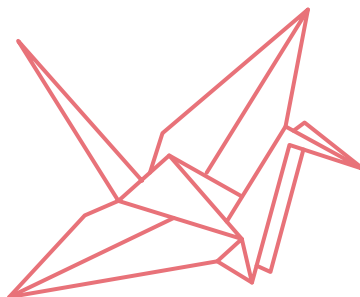
END: MITS SUMIYA



YEAR: 2012 AGE: 89

VANCOUVER, BC

A grandfather and consultant about to retire, Mits travels from his home in Toronto to accept an honorary degree from the University of British Columbia.



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