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### **Biographical note**

Hide Adelaide Shimizu (nee Hyodo) was born on May 11, 1908 in Vancouver, B.C. Her parents were Hideichi Hyodo and Toshiko Hyodo, both of whom had immigrated to Canada from Uwajima, Japan. She was the eldest of eight children.

After graduating John Oliver High School, she attended UBC though transferred to Vancouver Normal School a year later. Shimizu graduated with a teacher's certificate in 1926. Due to anti-Japanese sentiments, few nisei became teacher. Shimizu was the first Japanese Canadian to teach in the British Columbia school system, taking a job at Lord Byng Elementary School in Steveston, B.C. The students at this school predominantly spoke Japanese, a language Shimizu did not speak. She pushed through the communication issue though, and taught there for 16 years.

Shimizu was very active in the community. She volunteered with the United Church and Japanese Canadian Citizens League (JCCL). She was one of four delegates to travel to Ottawa, sent by the JCCL to advocate for Japanese Canadian's right to vote in 1936. Though the group were unable to convince the Elections and Franchise Acts Committee to grant voting rights to Japanese Canadians, this advocacy work did make her favorably known within the Japanese Canadian community.

Her passion for teaching continued and brought her to the 1937 World Education Conference held in Toyko. In 1942 when Japanese Canadians began to be sent to Hastings Park in Vancouver, Shimizu turned her attentions there. Concerned that the children now living there were no longer receiving any formal education, she began to travel to Vancouver from Steveston to organize classes led by those who had completed high school or generally a higher education. Throughout internment, the B.C. government was hesitant to set up and provide education to the thousands of children and young adults they had unsettled and moved to the interior. Shimizu was one of the last to leave Hastings Park, and as she made her way to New Denver to join other Japanese Canadians in an internment camp, she made a stop in Tashme to help set up an elementary school for those relocated there. She worked for the British Columbia Securities Commission to help set up classes and train teachers. Teachers were often other Japanese Canadians who had completed high school, not actual teachers. The B.C. government refused to provide support for high school students, so the community turned to the churches (Roman Catholic, United Church, and Anglican) to organize correspondence courses. Shimizu, under the supervision of the British Columbia Securities Commission advocated for supplies, equipment, and better working conditions. She continued her work until 1945 when she moved to Ontario to be with the rest of her family who had also moved there.

Hide married Reverend Kosaburo Shimizu in Toronto in 1948. He was a widower with four children whom Hide became step mother to. Rev. Shimizu had also been very active in advocating for Japanese Canadians during WWII. Now settled in Toronto, she began to spend her time working with the Nisei Church, the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (JCCC), Nisei

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Women's Club, the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) and the Momiji Health Care Society.

Hide Shimizu was made a Member of the Order of Canada by the Governor General in 1982. This was in recognition for her work in organizing education for children in the internment camps. In 1983 she was awarded the Order of the Precious Crown by the Japanese Government.

During the 1980s, many Sansei began to learn more about the Issei and Nisei internment of WWII. The Redress movement began to pick up momentum and Hide Shimizu became an active participant. She joined the NAJC in their march to Ottawa to demand redress for the government's actions towards Japanese Canadians after Pearl Harbor. Hide Shimizu took center stage when she pulled out over 14 000 postcards from Canadians across the country stating their support for redress in the House of Commons. As a Member of the Order of Canada, her presents and support was invaluable to the NAJC and the movement.

Hide Shimizu passed away on 22 August in Nepean, Ontario.

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## **2023.06 Accession, Scope and Content**

Dates range: 1904 - 1995

Extent: 10 boxes (1 linear meter)

Contains photo albums and ephemera related to the Shimizu family and the work of Kosaburo and Hide Shimizu.

**Note:** Titles, unless given in square brackets, have been taken from the original material / containers.

**Arrangement:** Material was previously under the custody of the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library. With the creation of the East Asian Library archive, the decision was made to transfer the material. Ten boxes were transferred to the Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library in May, 2023. Arrangement of the material has been kept. Descriptions have been mostly kept, though some additional information has been added. File numbers follow the original arrangement and system applied by the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library.

**Access:** No restrictions.

**Boxes:** 10 boxes

**Related material:**

Rev. Kosaburo Shimizu Fonds. 2015.006 accrual. University of Toronto Media Commons Archives. Toronto, ON. <https://discoverarchives.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/rev-kosaburo-shimizu-fonds>

### **Series 1: Kosaburo Shimizu Photo Albums**

Dates range: [1906?]-1975

Extent: 8 boxes

Photo albums collected by Rev. Kosaburo Shimizu. Photographs are primarily of his family and the communities he served.

**Note:**

**Arrangement:** Most photographs have been left in their original photo album.

**Access:** No restrictions except when preservation is a concern.

**Boxes:** 1-8

### **Series 2: Hide Shimizu Photo Albums**

Dates range: [1904?]-1995

Extent: 2 boxes

Photo albums collected by Hide Shimizu. Photographs are of family and friends. Some date from the internment period.

**Note:**

**Arrangement:** Most photographs have been left in their original photo album.

**Access:** No restrictions except when preservation is a concern.

**Boxes:** 9, 10

**Appendix**

**Series 1: Kosaburo Shimizu Photo Albums**

File number	File title	Date range
Box 1, File 1	Family and group photos and postcards	1935-1944
Box 1, File 2	Weddings, funerals and other church gatherings photos	1910-1944
Box 2, File 1	Weddings, funerals and other church gatherings photos	1929-1936
Box 2, File 2	Portraits	1927-1944
Box 3, File 1	Personal and family photos	1935-1944
Box 3, File 2	Loose family and church photos	[1922?]-1955
Box 3, File 3	Fairview united church kindergarten graduates	1934-1939
Box 4, File 1	Group and family photographs	1932-1960
Box 4, File 2	Group and family photographs	1933-1960
Box 4, File 3	Group picnic and games	[1926?]
Box 5, File 1	Personal and family photos	1950-1965
Box 5, File 2	Family and vacation photos	1929-1932
Box 6, File 1	Sightseeing travel photos	1922-1924
Box 6, File 2	Travel and personal photos	1926-[1930?]
Box 7, File 1	Travel and personal photos	1918-1921
Box 7, File 2	Personal and family photos	1925-1926
Box 8, File 1	Family and church group photos	1956-1975
Box 8, File 2	Early personal photographs	1908-1919
Box 8, File 3	Loose group and funeral photos	[1906?]-1947

**Series 2: Hide Shimizu Photo Albums**

File number	File title	Date range
Box 9, File 1	Personal and family photos	1905-1995
Box 9, File 2	Family and internment photos	1942-1944
Box 10, File 1-4	Loose family photos	1944-1995
Box 10, File 5	Hyodo family photos	[1940?]-1965
Box 10, File 6	Mounted family Photos	[1904?]-1945
Box 10, File 7	Order of Canada program	1982

## **2023.08 Accession, Scope and Content**

Dates range: 1898-1999

Extent: 14 boxes (2.68 linear meters)

Contains official documents, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, photographs and other biographical material related to the life of Japanese Canadian Hide Shimizu and her family members. Includes material related to Shimizu's awards from the Order of Canada, the Order of the Precious Crown (Government of Japan) and the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC).

**Note:** Titles, unless given in square brackets, have been taken from the original material / containers.

**Arrangement:** Material was previously under the custody of the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, and given the accession number Ms Coll 00701. With the creation of the East Asian Library archive, the decision was made to transfer the material. Ten boxes were transferred to the Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library in May, 2023. Arrangement of the material has been kept. Descriptions have been mostly kept, though some additional information has been added. File numbers follow the original arrangement and system applied by the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library.

**Access:** No restrictions.

**Boxes:** 14 boxes.

**Related material:**

### **Series 1: Newspaper clippings and biographical material**

Dates range: [192-?]-1999

Extent: 1 box

Records created for Shimizu or about her life.

**Note:**

**Arrangement:**

**Access:** No restrictions.

**Boxes:** Box 1

### **Series 2: Order of Canada and other awards**

Dates range: 1982-1990

Extent: 2 boxes

Awards Shimizu has received along with supplementary material.

**Note:**

**Arrangement:** Material previously kept loose on shelf has now been boxed.

**Access:** No restrictions.

**Boxes:** Box 1, 2, 14

**Series 3: Photo albums and scrapbooks**

Dates range: [192-?]-1999

Extent: 9 boxes

Photographs collected into albums by Shimizu, ranging from pre-WWII to family photographs taken in Toronto.

**Note:**

**Arrangement:** Most photographs have been left on their original photo album leaves. Albums may have been disassembled for better preservation.

**Access:** No restrictions.

**Boxes:** Box 3-11

**Series 4: Hideichi and Toshi Hyodo (Hide Shimizu's parents) material**

Dates range: 1898-1972

Extent: 2 boxes

Textual material collected by Shimizu's parents regarding their family.

**Note:**

**Arrangement:**

**Access:** No restrictions. Digital access copies available of the audio recordings.

**Boxes:** Box 12-13

**Appendix**

**Series 1: Biographical material**

File number	File title	Date range
Box 1, Folder 1	[Birth certificate]	1926



File number	File title	Date range
Box 1, Folders 2-10	[School reports and certificates]	1922-1938
Box 1, Folder 11	[Teaching evaluations]	1926-1942
Box 1, Folder 12-15	[Biographical material]	1982-1999
Box 1, Folder 16	[Obituary and funeral programme]	1999
Box 1, Folder 17-18	Nikkei Voice [newspaper]	1988-1992
Box 1, Folder 19	Faces of Redress Video Oral History: Hide Shimizu	1989
Box 1, Folder 20	Women's History Month / Eaton's Celebrates Canadian Women	1975-1993
Box 1, Folder 21	[Momiji Health Care Society certificate of appreciation]	1975
Box 1, Folder 22-24	[Lord Byng school heritage garden dedication material]	1997
Box 1	[Lord Byng school heritage garden dedication photo album]	1997
Box 1, Folder 25	[Correspondence]	1997
Box 1	Mr. Hyodo (original)	[19--?]
Box 1, Folder 27	Prayer book	[19--?]
Box 1	[Four purple buttons]	[n.d.]

### Series 2: Order of Canada and other awards

File number	File title	Date range
Box 1, Folder 28-37	[Order of Canada material]	1982-1983
Box 1, Folder 38-40	Testimonial Dinner in Honour of Mrs. Hide Shimizu, C.M. material	1983
Box 1, Folder 41	[Order of the Precious Crown award material]	1983
Box 2	[Award medals]	1982-1992
Box 14	[Order of the Precious Crown certificate]	1983
Box 14	A Letter of Appreciation	1990

### Series 3: Photo albums and scrapbooks

File number	File title	Date range
Box 3-4	[Early personal and family photo albums]	[1920-1950?]
Box 5	[Japan trip photo album]	1937
Box 6	[Personal and family photo albums]	[1939-1950?]
Box 7	[World Education Conference scrapbook]	1937
Box 8	Seventh World Education Conference, Tokyo 1937	1937
Box 9	[Order of Canada scrapbook]	[1982?]
Box 9	A photographic souvenir of the testimonial dinner in honour of Mrs. Hide Shimizu, C.M., Saturday January	1983

File number	File title	Date range
	15 <sup>th</sup> , 1983, Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, presented to Mrs. Shimizu by the U.C.W.	
Box 10	[Loose photographs and negatives, small]	[193-?]-1999
Box 11, Folder 1-14	[Loose photographs and negatives, large]	[193-?]-1999

**Series 4: Hideichi and Toshi Hyodo (Hide Shimizu's parents) material**

File number	File title	Date range
Box 12, Folder 1-3	[Biographical material]	[19--?]
Box 12, Folder 4-9	[Emigration documents]	[1910?]-1968
Box 12, Folder 10	[Employment letters]	1898-1943
Box 12, Folder 11-16	[Aki Esther Hyodo documents]	1944-1952
Box 12, Folder 17-23	[Documents pertaining to other family members]	1898-1968
Box 12, Folder 24-28	[Financial, property and tax documents]	1965-1972
Box 12, Folder 29	[Medical insurance forms]	1966-1972
Box 12, Folder 30-33	[Personal notebooks]	[1966?]-1971
Box 12, Folder 34	[Miscellaneous receipts]	[19--?]
Box 12, Folder 35-36	[Loose photographs and postcards]	[19--?]
Box 12, Folder 37-39	[Miscellaneous material (Japanese)]	[19--?]
Box 12	To Canada 1964	[19--?]
Box 13, Folder 1-22	[Correspondence]	[19--?]