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**Shirley Yamada fonds  
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## Biographical note

Shirley Yamada was born September 28, 1941 in Cumberland, B.C. Her mother, Nancy Sumako Yamada (nee Kanemochi) was born in Skeena River, B.C. (1915-1965), while her father Henry Iwao Yamada was born in Hawaii (b. 1905), traveled to Japan, then later immigrated to Canada. Henry worked as a logger at the Deep Bay Logging Co. in Fanny Bay, B.C. At 6 months old, Shirley and her family were sent to Grand Forks, B.C., a self-supporting site. She would later move to Toronto, ON and become a teacher. The 1977 Centennial of the first Japanese to settle in Canada was a well celebrated event in Toronto. Shirley joined the JC Centennial Society as a secretary and helped organize newsletters to distribute information about the project across the country. She became an integral member of the NAJC and human rights activist.

## References:

Ad Hoc Committee for Japanese Canadian Redress: The Toronto Story. *Japanese Canadian Redress: The Toronto Story*, edited by Momoye Sugiman. Toronto : HpF Press, 2000.

## Scope and Content

Dates range: 1987

Extent: 0.25 meters of visual and audio records

Photographs, slides and negatives taken during Japanese Canadian redress campaign rallies in B.C., Ottawa and Washington, plus audio recordings of redress-related radio programs.

**Note:** Titles have been taken from original containers. Records regarding Shirley Yamada were originally under the custodianship of the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library (MC COLL 00673). With the creation of the Japanese Canadian Collection at the Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library, it was decided to transfer the material. File numbers follow the original arrangement and system applied by the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library.

**Arrangement:** Material has been arranged based on media format.

**Access:** No restrictions

**Boxes:** 1 box

## Series 1: Photographs, slides and negatives

Dates range: 1987-1988

Extent: 19 slides, 27 photographs, 22 photographic negatives

Slides taken in Salmon Arm, New Denver and other locations around B.C. Photographs taken in Ottawa during redress campaign rally at Parliament Hill in April 1988. Photographic negatives, taken during redress campaign rally in Washington.

**Note:**

**Arrangement:** Media is arranged into separate files.

**Access:** No restrictions.

**Boxes:** 1

**Series 2: Audio recordings**

Dates range: 1988

Extent: 3 audio cassette tapes

Recordings from CBC radio, Andy Barrie and Roy Miki regarding redress.

**Note:**

**Arrangement:**

**Access:** Digital copies may be provided in lieu of originals.

**Boxes:** 1

**Appendix**

**Series 1: Photographs, slides and negatives**

File number	File title	Date range
Box 1, Folder 1	B.C.	May 19-23, 1987
Box 1, Folder 2-3	Ottawa rally	1988
Box 1, Folder 4	Washington rally	[198-?]

**Series 2: Audio recordings**

File number	File title	Date range
Box 1	Radio recordings	1988