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Biographical note

Born Blanche Theresa Frances Caruana in Toronto, Ontario on September 27, 1928. She was the granddaughter of British immigrants who came to Canada in 1912. She grew up in the Junction neighborhood in Toronto, and attended Catholic school. At the time, her family was not encouraging of her education, so she began working as a waitress at the age of twelve to earn enough money for her high school textbooks. At age 14, she began to work in Victoria Cap Factory in Hamilton, Ontario. Making caps in the 40s, she met Kim Takeda who introduced her to Wesley Hyodo. The two eventually eloped and eventually had five children.

The family moved to Germany as Wesley, a Sergeant Major in the Canadian Armed Forces, was posted there in 1957. They Returned to Canada, living in Scarborough in 1959. Blanche and Wesley separated in 1963, and divorced in 1967.

To raise her family as a single mother, Blanche began night school learning stenograph and typing. She then took a job working full-time as an Administration Assistant at the Department of Transportation.

Blanche stayed close with her family in-laws. She was a regular attendant of the Hyodo family picnic started by Toshi Hyodo soon after WWII. She was also a regular volunteer for the Japanese Canadian redress movement, beginning in 1984. As a member of the Greater Toronto Chapter of the National Association of Japanese Canadians, she offered her time as a professional stenographer and advised on government administration. She took minutes and helped organize much of the many records the organization created. In 1991, Blanche was a co-host of the Earth Spirit Festival and helped organize the banquets of the event.

It was on her 80th birthday that she chose to officially change her name to Terez Hyodo.

References: Correspondence with son Rodger Hyodo.

Scope and Content

Dates range: 1989-2013

Extent: 1 box (0.07 linear meters)

Records are primarily journals and newsletters collected by Hyodo, relating to Japanese Canadians. Some correspondence is included.

Note:

Arrangement: No discernable original order found. Items are described at the item level and are not arranged into series due to the small size.

Access: No restrictions on access, except when handling material where there are preservation concerns.

Boxes:

Appendix

File list

File number	File title	Date range
2023.16.001	<i>The Bulletin</i> , Vol. 37, No. 6	July 1995
2023.16.002	<i>The Bulletin</i> , Vol. 42, No. 1	February 2000
2023.16.003	<i>The Bulletin</i> , Vol. 42, No. 2	November 2000
2023.16.004	<i>Hamilton Japanese United Church: 1946-1996 50th Anniversary</i>	1996
2023.16.005	<i>The East</i> , Vol. 30, No. 2 [COPY]	July 1994
2023.16.006	Senpo Sugihara Humanitarian Award [program book]	1995
2023.16.007	Canada and the Japanese Canadians: originally presented before the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada Lecture Series by Hon. Saul M. Cherniack	December 1, 1998
2023.16.008	Senpo Sugihara Tribute Dinner [program book]	November 1993
2023.16.009	Ai: A Symposium for Japanese Canadians in the Arts report	April 1994
2023.16.010	<i>Lord Byng Elementary School: a brief history 1888-1997</i>	1997
2023.16.011	<i>JC Community News</i> , Vol. 6, No. 4	July 1997
2023.16.012	N.A.J.C. Community News Hamilton Chapter	August 2008
2023.16.013	[Printed emails]	April-May 2002
2023.16.014	[Flyer for the 25th Redress Anniversary Banquet at the JCCC]	September 21, 2013
2023.16.015	[Flyer for the 25th Anniversary Reunion at the Momiji Centre]	May 5, 2013
2023.16.016	The Constitution of the Greater Toronto Chapter of the National Association of Japanese Canadians [Copy]	
2023.16.017	<i>The New Canadian</i> Vol. 46, No. 83 [copy of the front page]	November 5, 1982
2023.16.018	<i>The New Canadian</i> Vol. 64, No. 44	November 2, 2000
2023.16.019	<i>Nikkei Voice</i> , Vol. 15, No. 1	February 2001
2023.16.020	<i>Nikkei Images</i> , Vol. 9, No. 1	Spring 2004
2023.16.021	Van Hori Leaving the Chapter and Toronto	April 15, 1989 – May 26, 1994