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Biographical note

Shigeuki Edward Yoshida was born May 16, 1908 in Victoria, B.C. As a child he grew up in Chemainus, B.C. and became very interested in the Boy Scouts of America. He became a Lone Scout and quickly climbed the ranks. In 1925 he began the first Japanese Canadian troupe, unique to Canada and the British Empire at the time. He went on to work as a truck driver and insurance agent for Victoria Lumber & Manufacturer Co. in Chemainus, B.C. Edward married Sumiko Yoshida (nee Takahashi), who was born March 16, 1915 in Canada (d. 2013). They would have four children together.

In 1942, the family were forcibly uprooted from Chemainus and sent to Hasting Park, Vancouver, B.C. From there they went to Tashme, B.C. Edward Shige Yoshida had been remembered for his time here and his forming of the first Boy Scouts group in Tashme, B.C. The popularity and success of this group, led to Yoshida aiding in the formation of the Girl Guides group at Tashme as well. The Scouts group at its peak included about 200 boys and was well recognized within the Scouting community. In 1946, the Yoshida family moved east, eventually settling in Ontario.

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Scope and Content

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2 boxes, measuring 0.18 linear meters

The collection consists of 27 records (78 rpm), primarily made of shellac. Some of the records come with lyric sheets. Music is mostly popular Japanese songs from the 1950s. Artists include, but limited to:

Noriko Awaya (1907-1999)

Ikuma Dan (1924-2001)

Yoshi Eguchi (1903-1978)
Akiko Futaba (1915-2011)
Ichiro Fujiyama (1911-1993)
Rokuro Hara (1915-2001)
Ryoichi Hattori (1907-1993)
Tomiko Hattori (1917-1981)
Isao Hayahi (1912-1995)
Miyuki Ishimoto (1924-2009)
Tokiko Iwatani (1916-2013)
Masao Kato (1897-1977)
Matsutaro Kawaguchi (1899-1985)
Noburo Kirishima (1914-1984)
Hakushu Kitahara (1885-1942)
Masao Koga (1904-1978)
Yukie Kubo (1924-2010)
Hachiro Matsui (1919-1976)
Mataichi Matsumura (1898-1992)
Hibari Misora (1937-1989)

Shinpei Nakayama (1887-1952)
Michiko Namiki (1921-2001)
Toshio Nomura (1904-1966)
Atsuro Okamoto
Yoshiaki Omura
Naoyoshi Ozawa
Takao Saeki (1902-1981)
Aiko Saida
Yaso Saijo (1892-1970)
Shunichi Sasaki (1907-1957)
Hachiro Sato (1903-1973)
Sonosuke Sato (1890-1942)
Toroku Takagi (1904-2006)
Koji Truruta (1924-1987)
Gento Uehara (1914-1965)
Hamako Watanabe (1910-1999)
Yoshiko Yamaguchi (1920-2014)
Tadashi Yoshida (1921-1998)

Note: Records are in Japanese. Please contact the Archivist for a more detailed list of music available.

Arrangement: Records were kept in original order. Due to the small volume of material, descriptions were kept at Item level without need for Series descriptions. File titles were taken from rough translations of the song titles where possible. They are not meant to be accurate translations.

Access: Please contact the Archivist to receive digital access copies or to have a record player available during the research appointment.

Boxes: Box 1, Box 2

Related material:

Shige Yoshida Boy Scouts Collection, 2014.04. Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre. Toronto, ON.
https://nikkeimuseum.org/www/collections_detail.php?col_id=F1309

Shigeuki Edward Yoshida artifacts. Scouts Canada National Museum. Ottawa, ON.

Appendix

File number	File title	Box
2023.13.001	[<i>Dance Party's Night</i>]	Box 1
2023.13.002	[<i>Coal Miner's Song</i>]	Box 1
2023.13.003		Box 1
2023.13.004	[<i>Lion dance</i>]	Box 1
2023.13.005	[<i>Banana Museum</i>]	Box 1

File number	File title	Box
2023.13.006	[<i>Moonlit Night</i>]	Box 1
2023.13.007	[<i>Tree-lined Avenue of Life</i>]	Box 1
2023.13.008	[<i>Japanese Rumba / The Song of Arirang</i>]	Box 1
2023.13.009	[<i>Light-Blue Waltz</i>]	Box 1
2023.13.010	[<i>You are the White Camellia of my Heart / Ferry at the Rainy Port</i>]	Box 1
2023.13.011	[<i>Chuu Chuu Mambo / Rose-coloured Ship</i>]	Box 1
2023.13.012	[<i>The long awaited route to Hawaii / Wharf song</i>]	Box 1
2023.13.013		Box 1
2023.13.014	[<i>China Tango / Love of Flowers</i>]	Box 1
2023.13.015	[<i>The Crow of Fire / The Flower of Dreams that Calls You</i>]	Box 1
2023.13.016	[<i>Longing for the Mail Coach / Rainbow coloured flower</i>]	Box 1
2023.13.017	<i>Homeless Woman / When Can I Meet You Again</i>	Box 1
2023.13.018	<i>Yeh-Lai-Hsiang / Omode no Byakuran</i>	Box 1
2023.13.019	[<i>Let's Wait / Dark Sunday</i>]	Box 2
2023.13.020	[<i>Chinatown of Kuwa Port / Hawaii Air Mail</i>]	Box 2
2023.13.021	<i>In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree / Smiling Irish Eyes</i>	Box 2
2023.13.022	[<i>I Don't Even Know What People Think</i>]	Box 2
2023.13.023	[<i>Alpine Ranch</i>]	Box 2
2023.13.024	[<i>Wandering boat song / Night fog port town</i>]	Box 2
2023.13.025	[<i>Goodbye Tokyo / Nagasaki Story</i>]	Box 2
2023.13.026	[<i>Piko Pontaro World Tour</i>]	Box 2
2023.13.027	[<i>Amefuri</i>]	Box 2