Uprooted: Japanese American Farm Labor Camps During World War II

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Rupert, Idaho. Former Civilian Conservation Corps camp now under Farm Security Administration management is now used to house Japanese American farm workers. *Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, LC-USF34-073906-D.*
Japanese Americans taking down the flag near Rupert, Idaho.

Rupert, Idaho. Former Civilian Conservation Corps camp now under Farm Security Administration management. Japanese Americans taking down their flag in the evening. Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, LC-USF34-073861-D.

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Rupert, Idaho. Former Civilian Conservation Corps camp now under Farm Security Administration management. Newspapers are delivered daily to the Japanese Americans living at the camp. Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, LC-USF34-073834-D.

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Japanese American at camp near Twin Falls, Idaho.

Japanese American washing his face at the Garrison’s Corner camp near Nyssa, Oregon.

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Yoshio “Sonny” Takami, head of camp security, at the Garrison’s Corner camp near Nyssa, Oregon.


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Laborers playing “Go” at the camp near Twin Falls.

Twin Falls, Idaho. FSA (Farm Security Administration) farm workers’ camp. Japanese farm workers play game of "Go". *Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, LC-USF34-073765-D.*

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OCHC Lee #015 The camp council, led by Henry Kato, meeting at the Garrison's Corner camp near Nyssa, Oregon.

Nyssa, Oregon. Farm Security Administration mobile camp. Camp council meeting. The Japanese American residents of the camp elect the council members. The council is the governing body of the camp within the general regulations of the FSA. Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, LC-USF34-073660-D.

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OCHC Lee #016  Uchiyama family at the Garrison’s Corner camp near Nyssa, Oregon.

Nyssa, Oregon. Japanese American family was evacuated from a coastal area to a reception center. Subsequently they volunteered for farm work and moved to the Farm Security Administration mobile camp. From there they were hired as a group by a local white farmer. They will be allowed to remain on this farm for the duration of the war. When such an arrangement is made the U.S. Employment Service must inspect and approve housing facilities and wage standards. Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, LC-USF34-073566-D.
Rupert, Idaho. Former Civilian Conservation Corps camp, now under Farm Security Administration management. Japanese American boys who have arranged an apartment for themselves. Space permitting, the FSA allows the people in this camp to adapt the buildings to their particular living requirements. Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, LC-USF34-073843-D.
OCHC Lee #018    Interior of housing at the camp near Twin Falls, Idaho.

Communal bathrooms at the camp near Rupert, Idaho.

OCHC Lee #020  Resting after work at the camp near Rupert, Idaho.

Rupert, Idaho. Former Civilian Conservation Corps camp now under Farm Security Administration management. Japanese Americans resting after work at the camp. Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, LC-USF34-073845-D.
Boy with pet living at the camp near Shelley, Idaho.

Shelley, Idaho. Farm Security Administration mobile camp. Japanese child who lives with his parents at the camp. Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, LC-USF34-073787-D.
Washing dishes at the camp near Twin Falls, Idaho.

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The Ouchida family. Counterclockwise: Jack and Shizuko (married); Henry; Thomas; Kiuda and Shizuyo (parents); Mary Ouchida Takami; and Rosie Ouchida Kuroye at the Garrison's Corner camp near Nyssa, Oregon.

Nyssa, Oregon. Farm Security Administration mobile camp. Japanese mother and father with their American-born children in tent-home. One of the sons of this family is in the United States Army. Two of the sons were studying engineering at an American university before the evacuation and are now greatly worried about possibilities of continuing their education. Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, LC-USF34-073354-D.

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Interior of housing at the camp near Twin Falls, Idaho.

Twin Falls, Idaho. Farm Security Administration farm workers’ camp. Interior of row shelter in which Japanese Americans are housed. *Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, LC-USF34-073768-D.*
OCHC Lee #025  Man combing his hair at the camp near Rupert, Idaho.

Writing a letter at the camp near Rupert, Idaho.


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Mess hall at the Garrison’s Corner camp near Nyssa, Oregon.

Preparing rice at the camp near Shelley, Idaho.

Shelley, Idaho. Farm Security Administration mobile camp. Dishing up rice for supper in the cooperative mess of the Japanese living at the camp. Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, LC-USF34-073801-D.
Making lunch at the camp near Rupert, Idaho.

OCHC Lee #030   Dr. Lou Malding administering a vaccination to Yasu Teramura at the Garrison’s Corner camp near Nyssa, Oregon.