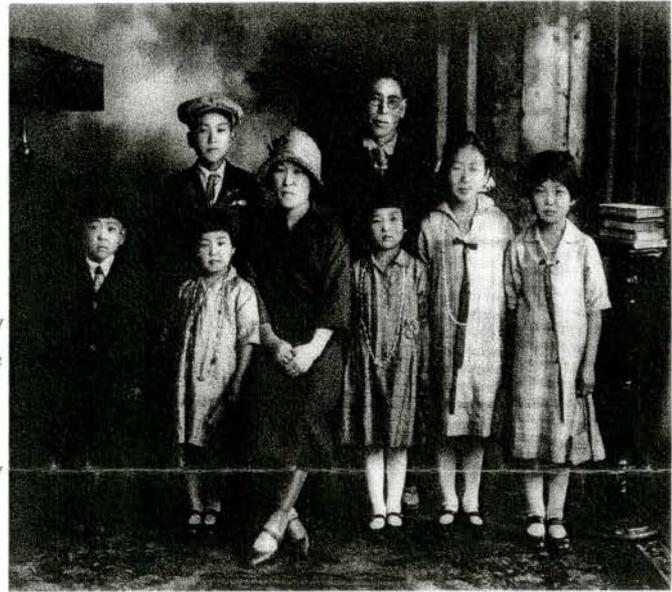


January, 2010

Dear Miyoshi-san,

A Kurata Ranch Reunion is scheduled for Sunday, February 21st, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Nisei Vets Hall, Gardena Valley JCI, located at 1964 W. 162nd St., Gardena, CA 90247. This has been planned by my brother, Hideki Obayashi, and me, Beverly Toyama, whose mother, the late Kimiye (Murata) Obayashi, is pictured at the far right.

Two Murata sisters, Matsue and Ume, are the remaining children of my grandparents, and both are expected to attend the reunion.



Daisaku and Fui Murata
Takeo Kenji Ume Matsue Teruko Kimiye

We encourage as many descendants from the Kurata Ranch families to attend, and to bring photographs, personal written stories, and any mementoes to this reunion. I also suggest families bring their cameras and camcorders to record what will surely be an emotional and unforgettable experience.

I am enclosing a map of the Kurata Ranch, based on what Aunt Ume remembers; my apologies if it is not quite accurate. I will have a poster-size enlargement of this map so that families can easily locate their respective farm plots. If families are willing to tack their photos onto the map, I think this would "personalize" it and make it much more interesting. With your permission, I would like to scan and reproduce your photos so I can return the originals to you.

I am also enclosing the most updated list of family names, addresses and telephone numbers I have gathered thus far. If you discover a needed correction or additional information, please contact us.

Hideki and I would appreciate a reply by February 13th, with the number of family members attending. If anyone needs transportation, please contact us so this can hopefully be arranged.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us; we are both so excited to meet you and to hear your stories!

Sincerely,

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