

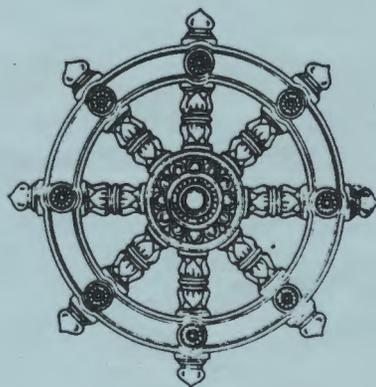
TULELAKE LINKVILLE CEMETERY
MEMORIAL SERVICE AND DEDICATION

Sunday, September 10, 1989
Klamath Falls, Oregon

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COMPASS TO

LOVE
Our Country
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Dedicated by JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE



BITS OF HISTORY OF BYGONE YEARS AND IN THE MAKING

TULELAKE WAR RELOCATION CENTER Tulelake, Modoc County, California

Tulelake WRA center was but one of ten centers erected by the United States to forcibly detain American Citizens of Japanese descent and their parents during World War II under the pretense of military necessity. At Tulelake and elsewhere, living conditions were harsh and most primitive. Of approximately 115,000 persons uprooted from their West Coast homes and confined in WRA centers, their sole guilt was that of being persons of Japanese ancestry. Ten thousand were initially detained at Tulelake WRA Center and, after institution of demoralizing segregation procedure in mid-1943, population at Tulelake increased to more than sixteen thousand as result of larger number of people arriving from as compared to those departing for other centers. Segregation process compounded injustice imposed upon residents of Tulelake WRA Center. First contingent of evacuees arrived at Tulelake on May 27, 1942, and, as last of the WRA centers to close, Tulelake WRA ceased operation on March 29, 1946.

During the pre-segregation period, many detainees voluntarily departed from Tulelake, as did their counterparts in other WRA centers during WWII, to work on farms and in war industries and to serve with valor in the armed forces of the United States, and by their act and deed gave living proof that "AMERICANISM IS A MATTER OF MIND AND HEART, NOT A MATTER OF RACE OR ANCESTRY".

TULELAKE LINKVILLE CEMETERY MEMORIAL PROJECT Klamath Falls, Oregon

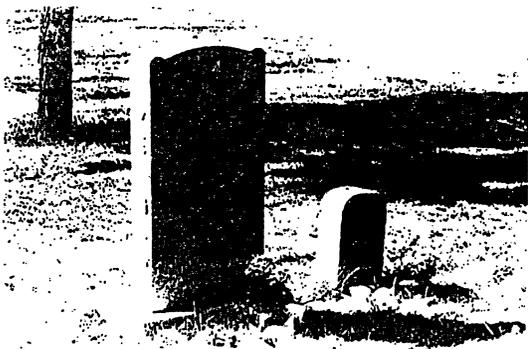
It is said that more than three hundred fifty detainees died in Tulelake WRA Center during four years of its existence. By the time the center ceased operation on March 29, 1946, departing residents had taken most of their deceased family members for reburial in family plots elsewhere; however, for reasons unknown or untold, remains of eleven late Tuleans were unclaimed and left behind. Of the eleven, one was an adult and others were babies, with one set of twins. In due course, arrangements were made for their removal to and reinterment in a common plot at Linkville Cemetery, Klamath Falls, Oregon. Only two headstones, one of flat natural rock and the other made of concrete and sand, were salvaged and transferred to the new burial site. The two were placed alongside a general granite marker which was inscribed with - IN MEMORY OF DECEASED 1942-1945 TULELAKE WRA.

Their final resting place, without adequate identification, was not one of choice but largely attributable to the tragic uprooting and confinement of persons of Japanese ancestry during WWII. With each instance, caring mother and father grieved in sorrow for loss of a son or daughter and must have despaired in deciding to leave the remains of their loved one in the care of WRA and total strangers. Fate would have it that, while these eleven would remain in obscurity, they would not be totally forgotten.

Infrequently, some caring persons visited the lonely gravesite to pray or meditate and to give spiritual offering of flowers or paper cranes. The visitors must have invariably come away with an awareness for the need of a plaque or marker which would identify the eleven late Tuleans buried at Linkville Cemetery.

In the fall of 1987, Mark Miyoshi, Misa Joo and their associates pilgrimed to Linkville Cemetery to respectfully do what others have done before them, and in noticing that the granite memorial lacked appropriate individual identification, decided then and there to initiate steps for the installation and dedication of such a marker. Shortly after their concern was communicated to several Sacramento JAs, Linkville Cemetery Memorial Committee was established as a representative arm of NCWNP District Council of JACL to make plans for the memorial marker and dedication program and take steps for their implementation. As the assigned task is about to be completed with the dedication service and ceremony scheduled for today, September 10, 1989, for the participants to the making of Linkville Cemetery Memorial Project, their involvement has been one of labor of love and in fulfillment of their spiritual dream. In their meditation or prayer, Linkville Cemetery Memorial Project Committee members seek or ask:

that MITSUZO ASAO, TETSUO KIYONO, MATSUBARA BABY, HIRAO DICK NISHIZAKI, GEORGE UYEDA, YAMAMOTO BABY, YAMAMURO BABY, KAZUO HARRY NISHIZAKI, OKADA BABY, SEKI BABY and LONI MIYOKO TORIUMI interred at Linkville Cemetery at last find Eternal Peace

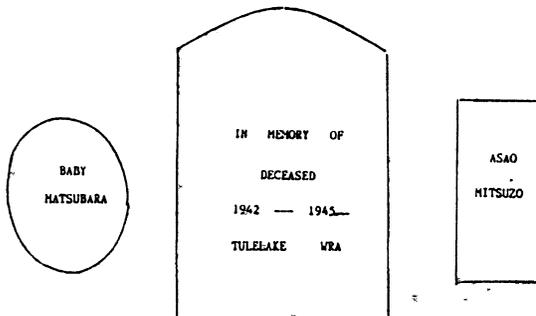


Above - Common marker without any identification. See adjoining sketch for detail.

In memory of deceased internees of Tulelake Relocation Center		
Flowers	Faded	In the Desert Wind
MITSUZO ASAO	GEORGE UYEDA	KAZUO HARRY NISHIZAKI
TETSUO KIYONO	YAMAMOTO BABY	OKADA BABY
MATSUBARA BABY	YAMAMURO BABY	SEKI BABY
HIRAO DICK NISHIZAKI		LONI MIYOKO TORIUMI

Dedicated by Japanese American Citizens League on September 10, 1989

Right - Sketch of burial plot after dedication of new memorial marker. Old marker and two headstones will be located below new marker.



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*Reverend Charles Hasegawa, of Ontario, Oregon; Minister for
Idaho/Oregon Buddhist Church, for Buddhist memorial service*

*Mark Miyoshi and his associates for initiating movement which
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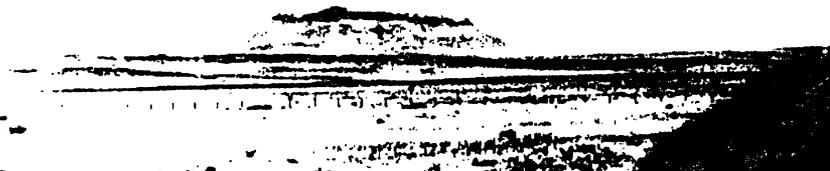
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