

# Snapshots of Seattle's Past: The Elmer Ogawa Photograph Collection

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## Processing the Collection

### Research

- Historical context
- Significance
- Understand & apply archival standards

### Preservation

- Condition of materials
- Rehouse
- Label & number materials

### Arrangement & Description

- Weed collection
- Organize photographs
- Encode EAD finding aid

### Creating Access

- Add links to Content DM
- Post finding aid on Digital Collections website



Bon Odori Festival float featuring Queens Nadine Iwata and Linda Andrews, Seattle, July 29, 1967

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Washington State Governor Albert Rosellini meeting with a contingent of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) at the Olympia Federal Courthouse building, Olympia, January 31, 1962

## History of the Collection

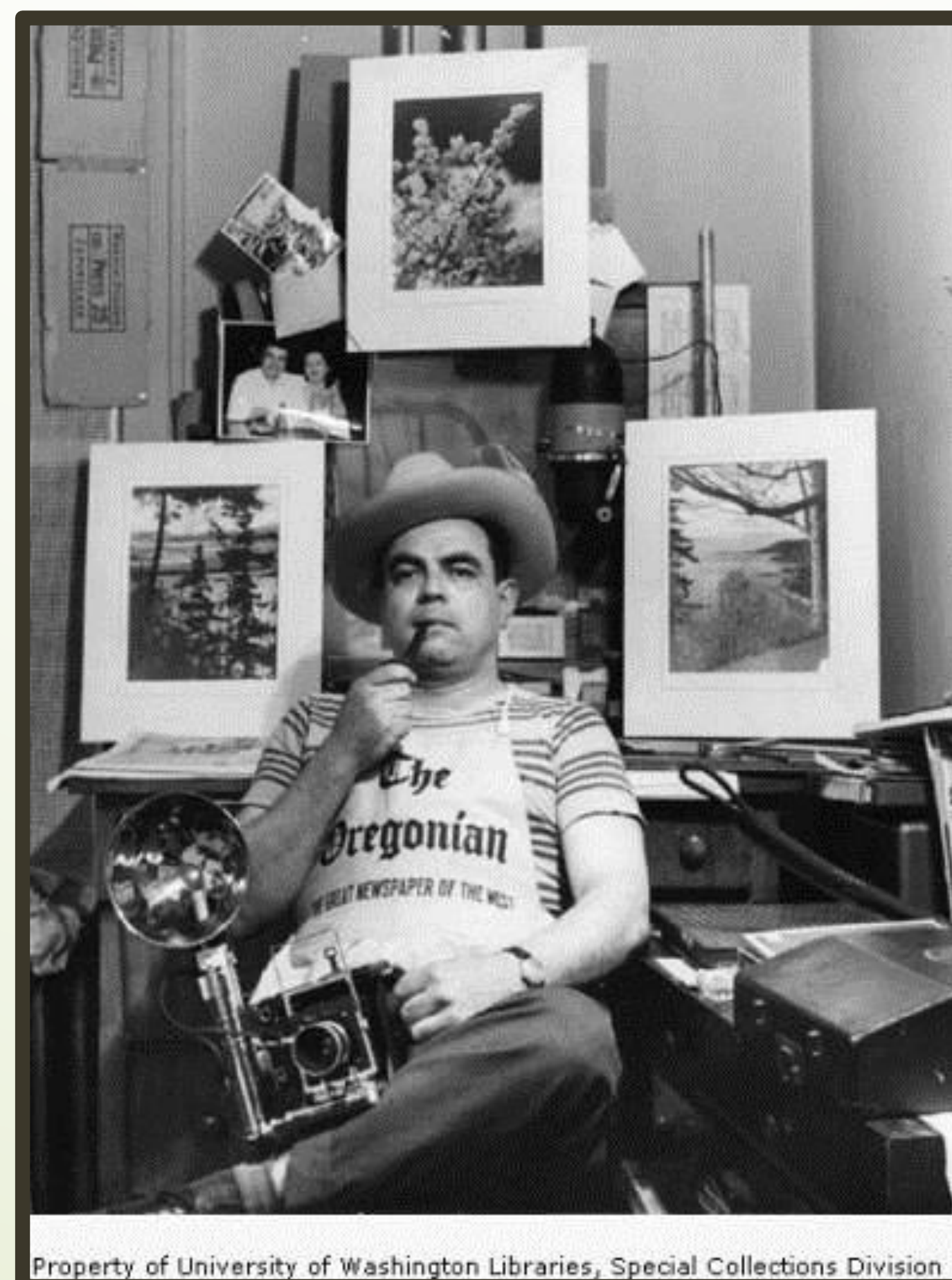
Elmer Ogawa was a photographer and newspaper writer in the Seattle area in the 1950s until his death in 1970.

### Organizations:

- Japanese-American Citizens League (JACL)
- Nisei Veterans Committee (NVC)
- Jackson Street Community Council (JSCC)
- American Legion, Cathay Post No. 186.

### Local Seattle Events:

- Building the Space Needle
- Sea Fair events
- Bon Odori events



Elmer Ogawa with a camera and wearing an apron from The Oregonian newspaper, 1945-1947

## Research Value

The collection contains images of Seattle's vibrant political and cultural history.

### Historically Under-represented Communities:

- Japanese-American community
  - Chinese-American community
  - African-American community
- Prominent historical figures:
- Former Senator Richard Nixon
  - Former Washington State Governor Albert Rosellini
  - Former Seattle Mayor Allan Pomeroy
  - Former Seattle Mayor Gordon Clinton