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

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

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

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