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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	William M. Marutani Papers
<b>Date:</b>	1940-2003
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0890
<b>Source:</b>	Marutani, Victoria (Donor)
<b>Creator:</b>	Marutani, William M. (Creator)
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Cubic foot (4 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	These materials are arranged chronologically and include information about Marutani's life and professional activities. The series includes information about his time in the Army, his association with Tule Lake, his work on the Loving v. Virginia case, photographs, a plaque from the Tule Lake Reunion Committee, and lecture research and notes.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated to the Archives Center by Marutani's widow, Victoria Marutani, in 2005.

### Processing Information

Jeff Meade, June 9, 2005; Katherine Chouiniere, updated, December, 2005; supervised by John Fleckner, archivist

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## Biographical / Historical

William M. Marutani, a second generation Japanese American, was born in Kent, Washington. In the fall of 1941, he enrolled in courses at the University of Washington, but was forced to leave because of Executive Order 9066, which initiated the wartime incarceration of Japanese Americans. Marutani was taken to Fresno Assembly Center in the spring of 1942, and three months later was transferred to Tule Lake

concentration camp, where he spent an additional three months. At the age of 20, he volunteered for the armed forces but was denied because of his Japanese ancestry. However, in 1944, he was inducted into a military intelligence school and later sent to Japan where he served in the Counter Intelligence Corps. In 1953, Marutani graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and joined the firm of MacCoy, Evans, and Lewis. He provided legal counsel for the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and presented arguments in *Loving v. Virginia*, the ruling that struck down anti-miscegenation laws. In 1981, President Jimmy Carter appointed Marutani to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC). This commission was created to investigate the incarceration of Japanese Americans and reparations for that action. Marutani was the only Japanese American to serve on the Commission. Based on his recommendations, Congress issued a payment with an apology to those affected. Marutani accepted the apology from President George Bush but refused the payment. Marutani passed away on November 15, 2004, at the age of 81.

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## Scope and Contents

Papers mostly relating to Marutani's activism on behalf of former inmates of Japanese American internment camps during World War II, including: papers relating to Marutani's service with the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, notes, facts and copies of historic documents he gathered; correspondence with former internees; photographs of camps and internees; legislative and litigative materials; and papers relating to Marutani's own wartime and post-war experiences.

This collection documents Marutani's activism on behalf of former Japanese American internment camp residents. Included are papers relating to Marutani's involvement with the CWRIC, notes, research, and photocopies of historic documents; correspondence; photographs of camps and internees; and legislative and litigation materials. Also, there are papers relating to Marutani's own wartime and post-war experiences.

Series 1: Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC), 1940-1990 These materials relate to the investigation by the Commission and the response to the results. Series one is divided into two subseries: Correspondence, 1980-1984 and Reference Materials, 1942-1990. The correspondence is in the original order that Marutani created and relates to research, communications between Commission members, and reactions to the Commission's findings. The reference materials also include research done in affiliation with the Commission.

Series Two: William M. Marutani Papers, 1942-2003

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## Arrangement

Collection arranged into one series.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Concentration camps -- 1942-1945 -- United States  
Japanese Americans -- Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945

Types of Materials:

Awards  
Correspondence -- 1950-2000  
Legal documents -- 1940-2000

Photographs -- 20th century

Names:

Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians  
Japanese Americans Citizens League  
Marutani, Victoria

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC), 1940-1990

#### Subseries 1.1: Correspondence, 1980-1984

Box 1, Folder 1-4	"Wartime Commission"—Correspondence Vol. 1, January 1981- May 1983
Box 1, Folder 5-6	"Wartime Commission"—Correspondence Vol. 2, December 1980- June 1983
Box 1, Folder 7	"Wartime Commission"—Correspondence Vol. 3, 1982
Box 2, Folder 1	"Wartime Commission"—Correspondence Vol. 3, 1982
Box 2, Folder 2	"Wartime Commission"—Correspondence Vol. 4, July 1983
	"Wartime Commission"—Correspondence and Misc. Documents, 1980-1984

#### Subseries 1.2: Reference Materials, 1942-1990

Box 2, Folder 4-5	CWRIC History and Summary, 1980-1982
Box 2, Folder 6	CWRIC Index, Transcript of Hearings, July 14, 1981- December 9, 1981
Box 2, Folder 7	Karl Bendetsen Telephone Conversation, 1942, 1982
Box 2, Folder 8	McCloy and Bendetsen, regarding 1943 testimony, 1982
Box 2, Folder 9	CWRIC Reference, including a copy of "The Lost Years" by Sue Embrey and the Testimony of Major Shirly, 1983
Box 2, Folder 10	CWRIC Miscellaneous, 1944, 1973, 1983
Box 2, Folder 11	Key Kobayashi, Senryu Poem and letter to CWRIC, 1983
Box 2, Folder 12	LIM Report, a research report prepared for the Presidential Select Committee on JAACL (Japanese American Citizens League), 1990

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## Series 2: William M. Marutani Papers, 1942-2003

Box 3, Folder 1	Photograph of Tule Lake, circa 1942
Box 3, Folder 2	Army Records, 1943-1953
Box 3, Folder 3	Tribute to Japanese American Military Service in World War II, Arlington Cemetery, 1963
Box 3, Folder 4	Nisei Military Service in World War II, 1963
Box 3, Folder 5	Loving vs. Virginia, Legal Brief, 1966
Box 3, Folder 6	Loving vs. Virginia, Legal Brief Photocopy, 1966
Box 3, Folder 7	<a href="#">Photographs of Swearing-in 1975, 1977</a>
Box 4, Folder 1	Certificate appointing Marutani as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia, 1975
Box 4, Folder 2	Plaque given to Marutani by the Tule Lake Reunion Committee, 1988
Box 3, Folder 8	Tule Lake Directory and Camp News, Published 1988, Received by Marutani in 1994
Box 3, Folder 9	Marutani Oral History for Japanese American National Museum, 2002
Box 3, Folder 10	E.O. 9066, Notes and Research for a Lecture, April, 10, 2003
Box 3, Folder 11	E.O. 9066, Notes, Testimonies, and a Redress pamphlet, compiled for a lecture, 2003
Box 3, Folder 12	E.O. 9066, Photocopies of Internment Camp Photos, 2003

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