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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Dana Tai Soon Burgess Photographs
<b>Date:</b>	1904-2018
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1397
<b>Creator:</b>	Burgess, Dana Tai Soon (Donor)
<b>Extent:</b>	0.15 Cubic feet (1 box, 1 map-folder) 0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
<b>Language:</b>	Some materials in Korean.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Dana Tai Soon Burgess Photographs</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Dana Tai Soon Burgess and James Freeman, 2016

### Related Materials

An abacus, circa 1900 (See Accession #:2016.0006.01) was donated to the Division of Medicine and Science.

This Chinese-style abacus fits in a wooden box with a wooden cross piece. There are nine parallel rods, with beads on each rod. Seven rods are made of bamboo, two of metal. Two beads on each rod are above the cross piece, five below. The beads are rounded, like those on Chinese abacuses. The base of the box slides out to the right. According to the donor, this abacus was the property of Kim Dong Kuen and his wife, early Korean settlers in Hawaii. They were caretakers at a privately owned beachfront home in the country. Burgess and his family would go to the beach in their model A Ford on Sunday afternoons to go swimming. Before Kim Dong Kuen died, he gave Burgess's grandfather this instrument, his prize abacus. The 1930 U.S. Census lists a Kim Dong Kun, a resident of Honolulu born in about 1884 who emigrated from Korea in 1900. His wife also was born in Korea, emigrating in 1906. They had five children, all born in Hawaii. The family name was Kim.

### Processing Information

Collection processed by Alison Oswald, archivist, 2020.

### Preferred Citation

Dana Tai Soon Burgess Photographs, 1904-2005, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

### Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

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## Accruals

Approximately 0.33 cubic feet of archival material consisting of family photographs was donated in 2018 by Dana Tai Soon Burgess.

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## Biographical / Historical

Washington, D.C. choreographer, dancer and performance artist.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection documents the life of Dana Tai Soon Burgess, and that of his Korean American family, dating back to 1904. Included are photographs of his family before and after they immigrated to the United States; some photographs taken during a time when they lived and worked at Kunia Camp, Hawaii; and of Burgess throughout his life. Also included are a Hawaii Identity Card of Anna Kang, and a Korean Imperial Office passport, 1904.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two series.

Series 1: Photographs

Series 2: Miscellaneous

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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:

Emigration and immigration  
Immigrants

### Types of Materials:

Passports  
Photographs -- 20th century  
Programs -- 21st century  
Yearbooks -- 20th century

### Occupations:

Dancers -- Photographs

### Places:

Hawaii

Korea

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Photographs, 1919-2005-05-31

Box 1, Folder 1	First Grade Kunia School, 1936-11-25 Notes: (Top Row Left to Right) Theodore, Chester Lee, [?], Miranda, Nobu Kiyan, Isamu, Biryanim Skiya (Second row from top, left to right) E. Cho, Maile Nakagawa, [?], Victor, Howard Han, Alfred, Antonio (Third Row from the top, left to right) Sylveria, Tamiko, Kimiko Tomisato, Irene, Danford Teruya, Wallace Kawai, Edward Koin (Bottom row) Consado, Anna Kang, Teacher's son, Masanobu Oshiro, Akiko Oshiro, Violet Ariyan, Sylvester, Jakie, Isamu Ishigaki
Box 1, Folder 2	[Unidentified man in military uniform], circa 1960s
Box 1, Folder 1	Kunia School Students, 1938
Box 1, Folder 1	Kang sisters, circa 1939 Notes: (Top left) OK Kang, (Top Right) Annie Kang, (Bottom Left) Alice Kang, (Bottom Right) Anna Kang
Box 1, Folder 1	Hio Voon Kang and sister Hy Voon Kang, circa 1918
Box 1, Folder 1	Soon Kuen Kang (Papa Kang) standing with boots and hat in garden, 1936
Box 1, Folder 1	Hio Voon Kang (Mama Kang) in Kunia school playground, circa 1936
Box 1, Folder 1	Marjorie Chai (Mama Kang's mother) (around 66 years old), circa 1933
Box 1, Folder 1	Hio Voon Kang and Soon Kuen Kang (wedding), 1919
Box 1, Folder 1	Family portrait, undated
Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang, age 4, in garden holding flower, 1934
Box 1, Folder 1	Soon Kuen Kang (Papa Kang), with straw hat, undated
Box 1, Folder 1	Family portrait in garden, 1934 Notes: -The Kang Family top row to bottom row left to right: Hio Voon, Soon Kuen, Anna, Alice Annie, Ok Wayne
Box 1, Folder 1	Soon Kuen Kang, 1919 1 Photograph (2 3/16" x 3 3/4")
Box 1, Folder 1	Soon Kuen Kang, 1919

1 Photograph (3 3/16" x 5 1/16")

Notes: Postcard

Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang; age 4, in garden holding flower with house/barn in background, 1934
Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang, age 10 (left) and Verna Kang, age 3 (right), sisters, 1940
Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang age 10 (left); Verna Kang age 3 (middle); Alice Kang age 13 (right), 1940-05
Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang age 4, in white dress, circa 1934
Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang, standing in middle of open plain, 1935
Box 1, Folder 1	Kitty (cat); Anna Kang age 10 (middle); Maggie (dog), 1940
Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang, age 3, with overalls standing in grass, 1933
Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang, age 3, in garden eating watermelon(?) wearing overalls, 1933
Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang, age 4, standing in shallow water at the beach, 1934
Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang on her 13th birthday, 1943
Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang, age 6, with bow in hair standing in grass, 1936
Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang, age 6, with bow in hair standing barefoot in front of large tropical plants, 1936
Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang age 5, sitting in chair barefoot, circa 1938
Box 1, Folder 1	Joseph James Burgess Jr., portrait, circa 1931
Box 1, Folder 1	Uncle Samuel Chai (Mama Kang's brother) and Auntie Nora (wedding), circa 1918
Box 1, Folder 1	Soon Kuen Kang (Papa Kang) standing in garden with long boots and hat, circa 1930
Box 1, Folder 1	Soon Kuen Kang (Papa Kang) on horseback, circa 1930
Box 1, Folder 1	Hio Voon Kang, standing next to wooden chair, circa 1926
Box 1, Folder 1	Verna Kang, standing in dress, circa 1934
Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang, age 8 (left); Alice Kang, age 11 (right), 1938-06-23
Box 1, Folder 1	Hio Von Chai, portrait, dressed in Hanbok (18 year old, engagement), 1919

Box 1, Folder 1	Soon Kuen Kang, age 26, portrait, in suit and tie (engagement), 1919
Box 1, Folder 1	Soon Kuen Kang and field workers checking the harvest, circa 1940
Box 1, Folder 1	Marjorie Chun (left), Chin Hyun Chai (right), portrait, both with glasses, circa 1915
Box 1, Folder 1	Marjorie Chun (left), Chin Hyun Chai (right), undated
Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang graduation photo, 1952
Box 1, Folder 1	Soon Kuen Kang (left); Dana Tai Soon Burgess (right), Carmel, California, 1968-08 Notes: Grandfather holding baby grandson
Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang graduation photo with parents (Soon Kuen Kang; Anna Kang; Hio Voon (left and right), 1952
Box 1, Folder 1	Joseph James Burgess Jr. and Anna Kang, standing in Arizona, 1966-04
Box 1, Folder 1	Joseph James Burgess Jr. (left); Anna Kang (right), wedding photo, 1959-08-25
Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang Burgess (left); Dana Tai Soon Burgess (center); Joseph James Burgess, Jr. (right), 1968-08
Box 1, Folder 1	Dana Tai Soon Burgess, 1970-10
Box 1, Folder 1	Dana Tai Soon Burgess, Carmel, California, 1969
Box 1, Folder 1	Hio Voon Kang (left); Dana Tai Soon Burgess (right), Wahiawa, Hawaii, undated
Box 1, Folder 1	Anna Kang Burgess (left); Dana Tai Soon Burgess (center); unidentified Navajo woman (right), Santa Clara Pueblo, 1980-07
Box 1, Folder 1	Dana Tai Soon Burgess (left); Joseph James Burgess Jr. (center); Anna Kang Burgess (right), Santuario de Chimayo, Chimayo, New Mexico, 2005-05-31
Box 1, Folder 1	Hio Voon Kang, engagement photo at age 18 Oahu, Hawaii, 1919
Box 1, Folder 1	Hio Voon Kang, at home in Wahiawa, Hawaii, circa 1973
Box 1, Folder 1	Dana Tai Soon Burgess (left) & Ian Tai Kyung Burgess (right), brothers, Carmel, California, 1968-08
Box 1, Folder 1	Dana Tai Soon Burgess (left) & Ian Tai Kyung Burgess (right), brothers, 1976-10



Box 1, Folder 1	Dana Tai Soon Burgess (left) & Ian Tai Kyung Burgess (right), brothers, Carmel, California, 1970-11
Box 1, Folder 1	[Chai photo of grandpa], undated Notes: [Chai Family portrait], seven family members.
Box 1, Folder 1	[Kang Great Grandpa, step-mother, half brothers, Soon Nam, Lawrence and Carl], undated
Box 1, Folder 2	Dana Tai Soon Burgess, Korean birthday, 1964-02 Notes: First birthday.
Box 1, Folder 2	Dana Tai Soon Burgess, 1977-12 Notes: Christmas in New Mexico.
Box 1, Folder 2	Dana Tai Soon Burgess, 1976 Notes: Kindergarten, Carmel Valley, California.
Box 1, Folder 2	Dana Tai Soon Burgess, 1972-11 4 Photographs (various sizes)
Box 1, Folder 2	Dana Tai Soon Burgess, 1963-12
Box 1, Folder 2	Dana Tai Soon Burgess, martial arts, 1982 3 Photographs
Box 1, Folder 2	[Woman seated, Tracings at Latvia Opera House, Riga, Latvia], 2005-03-16
Box 1, Folder 3	Photographs related to Joseph James, Burgess, Jr., Violet Southwell, Marie Southwell Burgess, Hazel Southwell, Anna Kang Burgess, Dana Burgess, and Ian Burgess, 1906-1981
Map-folder 1	Dana Burges posed next to the sculpture Helix taken by Mary Noble Ours, 1998

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## Series 2: Miscellaneous, 1904-1983, 2018

Box 1, Folder 1	War time Hawaii Identity Card of Anna Kang, 1942
Box 1, Folder 2	Dana Burgess, Santa Fe High School student id card, 1982-1983
Box 1, Folder 4	Ke Anuenue, Mid-Pacific Institute, 1941
Box 1, Folder 5	Ke Anuenue, Mid-Pacific Institute, 1948
Box 1, Folder 6	Ka Palapala, University of Hawaii
Box 1, Folder 7	Kennedy Center program, The Dana Tai Soon Burgess Dance Company, Portraits", 2018-06
Map-folder 1	<a href="#">The Imperial Korean Foreign Office [passport] for Soon Kuen Kang, 1904, 1904</a>
Map-folder 1	Drawing of male dancer, undated

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