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AMEMIYA, TAKANDRI THOMAS

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NAME ----- AMEMIYA TAKANORI THOMAS

OLD ADDRESS 6917-F, NEWELL, CALIF.

NEW ADDRESS ... BACON IS., CAMP 1, STOCKTON,
CALIF.

COMMITTEE No. 607

ADDRESS REPLY TO
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"
AND REFER TO
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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September 24, 1945

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Mr. Amemiya T. Takanori
6917-F
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

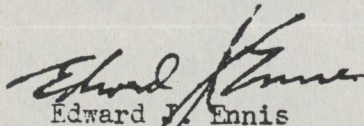
Dear Mr. Takanori:

I have for reply your letter of August 27, 1945.

With reference to your statement that you desire to withdraw your renunciation of United States nationality, you are advised that no such procedure is possible. Under the law, neither the Attorney General nor any other official of this Government has any authority whatsoever to permit you to reconsider your action in renouncing United States nationality. Immediately upon the approval of your renunciation by the Attorney General you ceased to be a United States national.

I regret the hardship to which you may now find yourself exposed as a legal consequence of your renunciation. It was to prevent such hardship, wherever possible, that a hearing was required prior to the approval of any renunciation application.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Ennis
Director, Alien Enemy Control Unit

FOR DEFENSE



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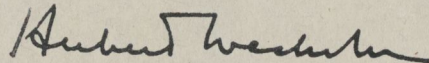
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF RENUNCIATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

To: Takemori Thomas Amemiya
(born August 17, 1920, Gardener, California)
6917-F
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

You are hereby notified that, pursuant to Section 401(i) of the Nationality Act of 1940, as Amended, and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, your renunciation of United States nationality has been approved by the Attorney General as not contrary to the interests of national defense. Accordingly you are no longer a citizen of the United States of America nor are you entitled to any of the rights and privileges of such citizenship.

Date: April 17, 1945



Herbert Wechsler
Assistant Attorney General
War Division

607

October 24, 1945

HONORABLE TOM C. CLARK
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

On about March, 1945, I signed an application for renunciation of United States nationality form at the WRA Segregation Center situated at Tule Lake, Modoc County, California, at a perfunctory appearance before a government official, and I have received a letter dated April 17, 1945 from Mr. Herbert Wechsler, Assistant Attorney General, approving the same.

I hereby repudiate, withdraw, retract, and revoke the said renunciation upon the following grounds and for the following reasons:

- (1) The circumstances under which said renunciation form was signed by me did not constitute a fair and impartial hearing and was a denial of my constitutional guaranty of due process of law and of the equal protection of the laws;
- (2) I was not a free agent at the time when and the place where said renunciation form was signed but was then and there held in duress and was the victim of fraud, menace and undue influence and mistake of law;
- (3) I then and there was and continuously from April 29, 1942 had been detained in the said WRA Segregation Center by official authority and was deprived of substantially all my constitutional rights, liberties, privileges and immunities as an American citizen by birth and by choice and was thusly discriminated against solely by reason of the Japanese nationality of my ancestors;
- (4) I was intimidated, coerced, and compelled to sign the said renunciation form by threats of physical violence to myself made by a pressure group in said camp, and by members thereof, and I was in constant fear, that said threats would be carried into execution if I refused to sign it. I was acting under the menace and fraud of said group and its members and the undue influence exerted by them upon me and I signed said renunciation form under duress.

Because of the foregoing reasons the said renunciation and approval thereof were, and each of them is, invalid, null and void.

I am not a citizen or subject of Japan and I do not and never have owed or given that country or nation any allegiance. I am not an alien enemy. I am a native American by birth and also by choice. I recognize as my sovereign the United States of America and I give and ever have given the United States my undivided loyalty and allegiance. I have no dual citizenship through any act or acceptance upon my individual part.

Therefore I demand that you withdraw, recall, cancel, and refoke your approval of said renunciation form.

I am ready and willing to have this matter re-opened and a hearing be granted to me in order to prove that said renunciation form was signed when I was not a free agent in any sense of the words but was acting under duress and under menace, fraud and undue influence and mistake of law.

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

Name: Takanori Thomas Amemiya
Address:
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

CONFIDENTIAL

Committee No. 607

(For Use Only of My Attorney)

Atty. No. _____

Name (type or print) Takanori Thomas Amemiya

Block No. 6917-F

Sex: Male Female _____

Age: 25 years Date of Birth: Month: Aug. Day: 17 Year: 1920

Place of Birth: (City) gardena (County) Los Angeles State) Calif.

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: _____

1641 W. 37th Place, Los Angeles, California

Occupation at time of evacuation: Gardener

Have you "dual citizenship"? Yes

Did you ever have "dual citizenship"? Yes

If you have or have had dual citizenship, who registered you as
a dual citizen: Parents When: Not known

Where: gardena, California

Did you ever take any steps to cancel dual citizenship? No

When: _____ Where: _____

What steps were taken to cancel it? _____

On what date did you sign a form renouncing your U. S. citizenship:

Month: March Day: _____ Year: 1945

Were you under 21 years of age at the time you signed that
renunciation form? No

Was there a hearing officer present when you signed? Yes

What was his name? Not known

Did you have a hearing on the matter at that time? Yes

Did anyone represent you at that appearance or hearing? No

If so, who? _____

Did you attend that hearing alone? Yes If not, who went with
you? _____

Have you received a letter approving your renunciation? Yes

If you have, what date does it bear? April 17, 1945

On what date did you receive the letter of approval? July 14, 1945

Who signed that letter of approval? Herbert Wechsler

_____. (Attach the letter of approval and the envelope.)

Did you write a letter revoking your renunciation before you received
a letter approving your renunciation? No

If you did, what date did you send that letter in the U. S. mail? _____

Have you a copy of that letter? _____

(If you have, annex it to this form)

Since receiving a letter from the Attorney General's office approving your renunciation, have you sent a letter to that office or to the Attorney General revoking your renunciation? Yes

What date did you send that letter revoking your renunciation of U. S. citizenship? August 27, 1945 October 23, 1945

(If you have a copy of that letter revoking your renunciation, annex it to this form.)

Have you served in our military forces? No

If so, what date did you enroll? _____ When were you discharged or released from military service? _____

What type of discharge did you receive? _____

What was your last draft classification? 4C

Did you refuse to be drafted? No

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Hoshi Dan, the Hokoku Dan, Seinen Dan or similar organizations while in camp, either becoming such by intimidation, coercion, or otherwise? No

Are your parents U. S. citizens? No

What are their names: Tokuhei Amemiya Masayo Amemiya

Have they been released from detention? In Japan

Have they been relocated? _____

What members of your family, if any, are serving or have served in the military forces of the U. S.? _____

Have you registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? Yes When: October 23, 1945

Where: Tule Lake, California Who was present with you at that time, if anyone? _____ Were you represented by anyone at that time? No

Was any hearing given to you at that time? No

Who registered you, if you know? Not known

Did you protest registering as an alien? Yes

Did you write your protest on the form? Yes

Did you file a letter of protest with the registering officer?

No (If so, annex a copy of the letter to this form.)

Have you signed non-repatriation form asking to stay in U.S.? Not of
as this date

Have you filled out a Department of Justice Repatriation form asking
to be sent to Japan? No If you did, when? _____

Where: _____ Before whom did you appear to
sign that repatriation form? _____

Did anyone represent you at that time or were you alone _____

_____ Were you given a hearing by anyone
on the question of signing the repatriation form? _____

If so, by whom? _____

Did you protest signing that Repatriation form? _____

Did you write the protest on the form? _____

Did you file a letter of protest with the registering officer at
the time you signed it? _____

What was the name of the officer present when you signed, if you
know? _____

When, if ever, did you fill out a repatriation form for W. R. A.
Social Welfare? June, 1944

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? Sept. , 1945

Do you own any agricultural land, a home, or commercial property in
the U. S.? No If so, where? _____

The following space is for any remarks you care to write:

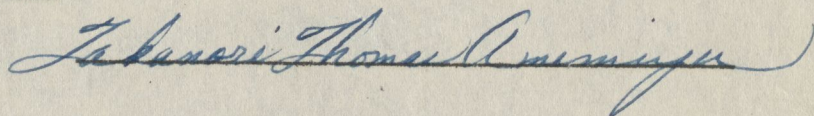
I have not as yet signed the non-repatriation form but will when it
comes.

Marital status: single. Renuncees in family: Brother
George Mashiro, age 30 yrs. and myself.

Other member of family: Sister Ayako Maruyama (married) age 28 yr

Haruko Furuya (married) age 26 yrs. Not renuncees.

Date: October 25, 1945



Takanori Thomas Amemiya

(Name)

Date Oct. 25, 1945

Honorable Tom C. Clark
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D. C.

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I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

Name Zakuroi Thomas Oremizu
Address 6917-35
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower - 220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California

Telephone GARfield 1-1218

Mr. Masahiro George Amemiya
814 Temple Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Amemiya:

I would thank you to inform me of the present address of your brother, Takanori Thomas Amemiya, whose last address known to me was as follows:

Bacon Island, Camp 1, Stockton, California .

Mail sent to that address, however, has been returned to me.

If you are acquainted with said person's present address, I would thank you to fill in the enclosed post card and mail it back to me promptly.

Very truly yours,

P.S. It is extremely urgent that I communicate with your brother as it is now possible that his U.S. citizenship be restored to him.

Sept. 7, 1954K6

The present address of Takanori Thomas Amemiya

is as follows:

Below
3414 1/2 5th Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.

I do not know the address _____

(Please check here
if you do not
know the address)



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Wayne M. Collins
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California

RECEIVED
SEP 1 1956

Sam
Zakoni Thomas Anomija
3414 1/2 5th Ave., L.A. 18 Calif.
Dec. 19th, 1956.

Dear Sir:

Gov't Schedule
Judgment 12/4/57

I recieved your letter
about my citigen-ship on November.

I hesitate to send a
reply now, because I can not
pay you all two hundred
dollars at once. If you let
me pay by small monthly payments,
(like \$20. a month) I will pay
you all \$200.⁰⁰ within a year.
And I promise you to pay the
amount without fail.

Your Very Truly,
Zakoni T. Anomija

January 3, 1957

Mr. Takanori Thomas Amemiya
3414½ 5th Avenue
Los Angeles 18, California

Dear Mr. Amemiya:

In reply to your letter of December 19th, the Tule Lake Defense Committee which represents the interests of the renunciant-plaintiffs in the mass class suits has been reluctant to assist those who have not cooperated with the Committee by arranging to make their contributions, as fixed by the Committee, to the defense fund to defray the costs, expenses and attorney fees involved in the lawsuits.

I suggest you immediately begin making your contributions made payable in my name. In due course the certified copy of the judgment declaring you to be a U.S. citizen will be sent to you.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

Judgment order sent 7/25/57 - out.

FINAL JUDGMENT

12/4/56

same
Zakanori Homes Amemiya

3414½ 5th Ave.,

Los Angeles 18, Calif.

July 24th, 1957

Dear Mr. Collins:

I enclosed the money-order cheque for my payments. I just have paid up my hospital, doctor bills and my car payments, so I will possibly pay you regularly from this month, and I am going to paid up as soon as possible.

I need my citizenship very urgent, because I am trying to get the visa (the permission of entering U.S.A.) for my wife's mother who is living in Japan alone, and I am sending money to support her.

If it is possible to get the certified copy of my citizenship before I have paid the balance, I am sure glad, and will pay the balance without fail until this December under any circumstance.

I am always thanking you.

Very Truly yours,
J. J. Amemiya

Thomas Ameyga
3444 1/2 5th Ave.,
L.A. 18, Calif..



WAYNE M. COLLINS

ATTORNEY AT LAW

MILLS TOWER

220 BUSH STREET

SAN FRANCISCO 4

CALIFORNIA

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MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA
GARFIELD 1-5827

NOV 1 1959

Mr. Takanori Thomas Amemiya
3414-1/2 5th Ave
Los Angeles 18, Calif.

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12/4/56

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FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

BALANCE \$175.00

年 月 日

November , 1959

Dear Sir ;

Noted on 5/7/8
Will bill 3/60

I received your mail today. I was in the hospital for about two weeks. I had a operation for internal hemorrhoidectomy, and won't be able to work for about two months. Last year I had a baby boy.

I am awfully sorry to write this, but I can not pay you the whole balance. Please let me pay you little by little. I am always thanking you, what you done to me and all of us.

Yours Very Truly
Thomas J. Amunigo

TO: T.H.
6/3/60

AMEMIYA, Takanori Thomas

F.J. 12/4/56 Consent (U.S.)

3414-1/2 5th Ave.
Los Angeles 18, Calif.

Balance: \$165.00

Billed: 6 times

Judgment Order mailed in 1957

File: Enclosed herewith 6/3/60

Reference:

Brother: AMEMIYA, Masahiro George
Bal. \$300 Billed 4 times

AUG 1 1960

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney At Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA
GARfield 1-5827

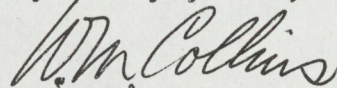
September 13, 1960

Mr. Takanori Thomas Amemiya
3414-1/2 5th Ave.
Los Angeles 18, Calif.

Dear Mr. Amemiya:

Quite some time ago you received from me your individual certified copy of the "Final Judgment" of the Court that cancelled your wartime renunciation of citizenship and that declared you to be a U. S. citizen. However, you have not yet paid the balance of \$ 165.00 due on your account. If it presses you too much to pay this balance in a lump sum, you can let me know and arrangements can be made for you to pay by installments. I am enclosing a stamped envelope for your reply.

Very truly yours,



Enc.

DEC 11 1961

Mr. Thomas Takanori Amemiya
3414-1/2 5th Ave
Los Angeles 18, Calif.

Brother of Masahiro Geo.
Billed 10 times
Balance \$165 (paid \$10 in 1959)