# [Home Movies of Westlake Park, Los Angeles; Flowers; Children and more / circa 1936 - 1939]

## Date

1936-1939

### **Primary Maker**

Hashizume, Naokichi

### Description

Color home movie footage of Los Angeles, filmed by Naokichi Hashizume, circa 1936-1939. Footage includes Westlake Park (now MacArthur Park), views of boaters and park-goers, the Hashizume family (Mrs. Kikuko Hashizume and their daughters Kimie and Teruko), the Yamashiro mansion in Hollywood, flowers and nature, and the Hashizumes playing at home. :29 - film starts [title card in Japanese] :45 - [second title card in Japanese] sparklers dance over title card :51 -[third title card in Japanese] sparklers over the title card (color) 1:04 - static exterior view of a home from across the street 1:13 - close ups of red petunias (or similar flower) and daisies 1:30 - Two little girls in pink dresses run toward and away from cameraman on sidewalk next to Westlake Park (now MacArthur Park); cars are parked at curb. A woman follows the little girls. (The little girls are Mr. Hashizume's daughters, Kimie and Teruko; the woman is Mrs. Kikuko Hashizume.) 1:55 - Closeup of the two little girls standing in front of a car and waving at the cameraman. 2:00 - Views of the lake at Westlake Park with boaters and people walking along the shore. Brief shots of the girls skipping along the sidewalk; family with a stroller; women with a dog. 2:40 - The two girls climb a railing by the lake and run along the sidewalk. 2:53 - Views of cars driving on Wilshire Boulevard through Westlake Park; the girls run along the sidewalk. 3:08 - Views of boaters on the lake. 3:24 – The two girls (now in blue versions of the pink dresses) sit on grass by the water; a woman walks with the girls; a man walks with the girls (possibly Mr. Naokichi Hashizume) 3:51 - View of pedestrians crossing bridge; the man walks with the girls towards the camera. Closeups of the girls. One of the girls sits with the woman on the grass. 4:42 -Groups of pedestrians walking by the lake. The woman walks with one girl; the girl crouches and pulls away from the woman and tries to escape. 5:04 - View from above the lake (likely from a bridge) of motorboats and canoes passing and pedestrians walking alongside the lake. 6:17 – The woman and one little girl walk towards the cameraman and smile. They look down at the lake from the bridge. The little girl attempts to get a leg up on the bridge. 7:00 - Views of the lake from the bridge. 7:11 - Closeups of flowers. (possibly black and white) 7:37 - Exterior of a building with small circular signs of Japanese characters. (color) 7:49 - Closeups of tall grasses by the lake. Ducks swimming. Giant chrysanthemums. 8:28 - Exterior of very large Japanese-style building on a hilltop, the Yamashiro mansion in Hollywood [Japanese characters appear to be overlaid in the film / scratched in, and the word 'color']. 8:57 - The two girls and woman walk around a raised exterior walkway at the Japanese-style building. 9:15 - Family walks over arched bridge in the gardens. Panning views of multi-tiered pagoda in the garden and other structures. 10:55 - Closeups of the girls crouched on a sidewalk waving at the cameraman. The woman stands near a railing and looks out over the city. 11:07 -Exterior views of the Yamashiro. 11:22 – Chrysanthemum closeups. 11:45 – Closeups of butterflies on flowering bushes. 12:17 - Top-down views of lily pads and flowers. 12:22 - The two girls sit outside in the yard of a home in an armchair, one wears a flowered kimono and holds a doll. The other wears a blue dress. The girl in kimono walks around carrying the doll; the girl in the blue dress sits on a blanket and pokes the doll's face and waves flowers. 13:27 - The woman poses in front of bushes in the yard and smiles at the cameraman. 13:38 - Closeup of fruit in a basket. The two little girls are in pink dresses and sit on a blanket with a teddy bear and stuffed dog. A third little girl with curly hair in a green dress sits at the edge of the blanket (a cousin or other family member?). The girls eat apples from the basket. Posed shots of the stuffed animals. 14:43 - Closeup of painted cartoon Disney characters playing musical instruments, including Horace Horsecollar, Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Morty or Ferdie (nephew) Fieldmouse, and Minnie Mouse. The object turns out to be a Disney character spinning top. 15:03 - The three little girls each play with their own Disney spinning top on the sidewalk. 15:33 – The three little girls push a small cart with a white rabbit and try to feed it a carrot. 15:53 – One girl carries the rabbit briefly; the rabbit runs across the yard. The girls try to feed the rabbit again. 16:41 - Views of hibiscus flowers on a wall (same as 7:37). More closeups of giant chrysanthemums and other flowers. 17:54 - View of curved roadway/bridge from above. Appears to be at a dammed lake or reservoir or similar. Hills are covered with orange or red flowers. Views of water, hillsides, small buildings. 20:46 - [Japanese title card], screen goes white. 21:05 - film ends

#### Dimensions

Film Format: 8.00 mm, L: 200 ft, Diam: 5 in