

Basic Detail Report

[Home Movies of Heart Mountain / 1945]

Date

1945

Primary Maker

Hashizume, Naokichi

Medium

acetate

Description

Black and white home movie footage documenting life in Heart Mountain concentration camp, Wyoming by Naokichi Hashizume in February 1945. Composed of home movie clips of Japanese Americans engaged in a variety of activities, including people gathering at mess hall, laundry in industrial sinks, sewing and knitting, paper flower making for a wreath, mochitsuki from steaming rice to pounding into mochi to forming mochi, and a winter carnival. There is also footage of exterior and interior views of barracks, windstorms, basketball, girls dressed in kimono playing koto, children playing in snow, and people playing the board game Go. Some footage in reverse with children on slides, bike riding and a fire engine speeding by. 0:33 - "Heart Mountain Relocation Center Feb. 1945" written on black flag in both English and Japanese 0:42- Night time panning shots of barracks; many lights in the distance 1:09 - Daytime panning shots of barracks with Heart Mountain 2:06 - Barracks with icicles 2:17 - Three women walking away in the snow 2:31 - Barracks with snow outside 2:47 - Wide shot of barracks with Heart Mountain in the background 2:51 - US flag flying on pole 3:26 - People outside walking, bundled up 3:59 - People walking away from the camera on road in between barracks 4:18 - Girls running freely 4:29 - Men working to haul coal (?) 4:35 - Portrait shots of children 4:57 - A girl and a young boy (siblings?) playing with toy airplanes sitting down 5:09 - Men and women walking around barracks 6:05 - Many people walking /running hurriedly into mess hall 6:49 - Interior mess hall, people in line grabbing plates 7:09 - Mess hall workers serving food 7:22 - Family eating at a table 7:31 - Boy walking down an aisle 7:40 - Smiling shots of kids eating at the table 7:50 - Panning shots of mess hall, many people seated eating 8:06 - Woman walking around with water 8:11 - Family name written on a piece of wood 8:15 - Interior shots of a wall with frames 8:23 - Three girls knitting 8:29 - Two girls playing the koto in kimono 9:11 - Shots of the two kotos 9:54 - Group playing Chinese checkers 10:11 - A woman pouring tea with a man sitting next to her, both are laughing 10:44 - Shots of beds 10:57 - Girl combing hair at a desk, camera pans down from the ceiling 11:08 - Kitchen with a big pot 11:15 - Person walking with a pail full of clothes outside 11:29 - An older woman cleaning clothes 11:40 - Interior shots of the laundry room 12:07 - Two old women ironing and sewing clothes 12:29 - Woman sewing 12:39 - Large group of women making corsages around a table 13:44 - Close up shots of the paper flowers 14:22 - Women twirling around the flowers they made, working shots 14:50 - Man flower arranging 15:30 - Completed wreath 15:37 - Men playing Go inside a room 16:20 - Rice in a stacked wooden box cooking on top of a "stove" outside 16:37 - Rice being scooped out from the wooden container 16:50 - Men with mochitsuki 16:52 - Mochitsuki shots 17:29 - Group of women forming mochi with their hands 17:50 - Mochi being placed carefully on rack 17:52 - Shot of mochi's perfectly lined up 18:10 - Woman walking out of building with a pail 18:19 - Ice skating 18:24 - "Winter Carnival" sign hanging over ice skaters 18:34 - Panning shot of ice skaters 18:50 - Boys running and sliding in the snow, some with a sled 1 film reel (250 ft.) : si., b&w ; 8 mm. original pos.; Home movie footage documenting life in Heart Mountain concentration camp, Wyoming by Naokichi Hashizume in February 1945. Composed of home movie clips of Japanese Americans engaged in a variety of activities, including people gathering at mess hall, laundry in industrial sinks, sewing and knitting, paper flower making for a wreath, mochitsuki from steaming rice to pounding into mochi to forming mochi, and a winter carnival. There is also footage of exterior and interior views of barracks, windstorms, basketball, girls dressed in kimono playing koto, children playing in snow, and people playing the board game Go. Some footage in reverse with children on slides, bike riding and a fire engine speeding by.

Dimensions

Film Format: 8.00 mm, L: 250 ft, Diam: 7 in