

# Basic Detail Report

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## [Home Movies of Forced Removal from Guadalupe, CA / 1942]

**Date**

1942

**Primary Maker**

Johnson, Franklin

**Medium**

film

**Description**

Black and white home movie footage of Japanese Americans leaving Guadalupe, California, filmed by Franklin Johnson in April, 1942. Franklin Johnson was the Superintendent of the Guadalupe School District. The footage shows Japanese Americans assembling at the site of their forced removal, soldiers patrolling the streets, buses and luggage, and buses departing from Guadalupe. Timecode list: :31 – Black/grey/white filmstrip and leader. :45 – Japanese American (JA) man, woman, and baby standing on front walkway with small purses and suitcases at their feet. :50 – Camera operator is now somewhat “on the move,” slightly shaky. Views down a street with JA men and women in coats standing along a sidewalk (on the same side as the camera operator), walking across a street, or milling around. 1:00 – Operator has moved positions; views across the street at a crowd of JA people with hand luggage. Camera pans slowly down the street to show scope of people waiting along the sidewalk. (US soldier standing with rifle on shoulder is visible at 1:07.) 1:18 – Group of soldiers, some with rifles, near trucks with crates and bagged luggage across the street from the camera operator. 1:23 – JA people cross the street carrying luggage, away from the camera operator. Scene breaks occasionally to pan across different JA groups waiting on the opposite sidewalk. 2:04 – Group of soldiers marching up the street with rifles, past JAs waiting on the sidewalk. 2:07 – Spectators in silhouette between camera operator and soldiers marching along the street. 2:14 – Closer view of JA family with baby and hand luggage. 2:18 – Panning views showing JA people waiting. Occasional soldiers. (Girl walking and carrying a large toy rabbit at 2:42.) 2:47 – JA people waiting to board Pacific Greyhound Lines buses; camera operator is across the street from the bus. 2:49 – Camera operator moved to film buses from down the street. 2:56 – Closer view of a group of soldiers from behind, supervising JA people boarding a bus. 3:00 – Short clips panning across buses and piles of luggage. 3:08 – Bus departing; Caucasians waving from streetside; one laughs. 3:19 – Short clips panning across buses and piles of luggage. 3:33 – Film turns grey/black. 1 film reel (70 ft.) : si., b&w ; 16 mm. reference print.; Amateur film footage documenting Japanese Americans gathering to leave from Guadalupe, California to the assembly centers, filmed in April of 1942 by Franklin Johnson, Superintendent of the Guadalupe School District. Includes footage of soldiers marching, Japanese Americans arriving at the site with their luggage, children waiting, buses parked along curb, and people waving goodbye as buses depart.

**Dimensions**

L: 70 ft, Film Format: 16.00 mm