

# Basic Detail Report

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## [Home Movies of the Nishikawa Onion Farm on Liberty Island, CA / circa 1935]

### Date

ca. 1935

### Primary Maker

Jarrett, William Toward

### Medium

acetate

### Description

Color and black and white home movie footage, filmed by William Toward Jarrett circa 1935. Footage includes Mr. Kurakichi

Nishikawa showcasing his onion crop at Liberty Island, CA; scenes at his farmstead with family members; sheep; dredging machinery for clearing material away from a water body and a Caterpillar tractor plowing a field. Features frequent handwritten intertitles in Japanese that contextualizes each major scene recorded. Timecode list: (color title) 0:30 -- Japanese writing ("Liberty," "Nishikawa(?)," "farm" -unsure of the rest) on film (black and white) 0:37 -- Farm workers walking through field that has bags of onions grouped together; Mr. Nishikawa inspecting products and supervising workers harvesting crops 1:23 -- Mr. Nishikawa showing a bag of onions to a white man (possibly a potential buyer?) 1:53 -- Japanese text intertitle ("Nishikawa(?)" - unsure of the rest, possibly "onion?") 2:00 -- Workers harvesting bunches of onions in a field 2:26 -- Japanese intertitle ("Liberty [Island?]" "white people" -unsure of the rest, possibly "Photo") 2:40 -- Two boys and three girls standing with Mr. Nishikawa (their father?) 3:16 -- Mr. Nishikawa supervising workers harvesting in field 3:55 -- Mr. Nishikawa and a woman (possibly his wife?) 4:03 -- Onions moving on a machine with conveyor belt and dropping into bags on the edge of a field; "Sunkist Oranges" can be seen on the side of one of the conveyor belts 4:36 -- Japanese intertitle (something about onions?) 4:43 -- Workers loading onions bags onto truck bed 4:52 -- Mr. Nishikawa and man from 1:23 walking through the field 5:16 -- Truck carrying bags of onions stacked in its bed drives through a field full of bags of harvested onions; bags say "California Onions" and bear a logo that says "RKM" (color) 5:45 -- Onion field after harvesting, bags being loaded up 6:05 -- B&W Japanese intertitle 6:14 -- Three men loading bags of onions onto truck in a field 6:29 -- B&W Japanese intertitle ("Mr. and Mrs. Nishikawa" -unsure of the rest, 'watch work' possibly?) 6:42 -- Mr. and Mrs. Nishikawa arrive at the onion field where laborers are working at a machine (black and white) 7:31 -- Onion field 8:02 -- Japanese intertitle ("Liberty [Island]" "Nishikawa" "yellow[?]" "six"? -unsure of the rest) 8:17 -- Onion field with sacks of onions neatly arranged in rows; close up of logo on onion bag (color) 8:55 -- Onion field with onion sacks 9:23 -- B&W Japanese intertitle 9:33 -- Man holding three onions up to the camera 9:37 -- B&W Japanese intertitle ("Liberty [Island?]" -unsure of the rest) 9:45 -- Sign that says "Liberty Island Ferry California State Automobile Ass'n." and car drives onto small ferry 10:02 -- B&W Japanese intertitle 10:08 -- Field with house and buildings in the background (also water tower?) 10:22 -- B&W Japanese intertitle ("Nishikawa house?") 10:32 -- Woman and two children walking in farm yard; man runs to barn 10:55 -- B&W Japanese intertitle 11:01 -- Mr. Nishikawa and son with truck that is being loaded with onion bags; onions also being put through agricultural machine 11:34 -- B&W Japanese intertitle (something about white onions?) 11:52 -- Mr. Nishikawa and workers using a conveyor machine on the field to sort and bag onions; white onions being bagged up (black and white) 12:33 -- Japanese intertitle 13:02 -- Large flock of sheep that have been recently shorn walking, grazing, drinking from a small body of water. Shepherd can be seen in the background 14:36 -- Japanese intertitle ("dredger") 14:44 -- Large mechanical grab dredger in an area filled with water 15:37 -- Japanese intertitle ("small dredger") 15:48 -- A smaller grab dredger operated by one person clearing brush away from a creek 17:09 -- Japanese intertitle (something about Caterpillar brand tractor, 40 horsepower?) 17:19 -- Man operating a tractor through a rocky field; tractor has a plowing attachment 17:35 -- Film ends 16mm film at donor's father, Mr. Kurakichi Nishikawa's, onion crop at Liberty Island, CA.