

Book Review

The Japanese in Hawaii, 1868-1967: A Bibliography of the First Hundred Years. By Mitsugu Matsuda. University of Hawaii, Social Science Research Institute's Hawaii Series No. 1: 1968, xi, 222 pp. Index, pp. 185-222.

A particularly timely contribution to knowledge coming as it does during the centennial celebration of the arrival in Hawaii of the first shipload of Japanese immigrants in the year 1868, this is an annotated bibliography of 378 items in Japanese and 515 items in English, with a 38-page index of all titles, in English or in English translation. It is the product of a year of assiduous search for and study of materials on all the major Hawaiian islands by a bilingual and thoroughly competent scholar. It lists the location or owner of every item.

The Japanese items are listed by consecutive number in diverse categories such as government documents, travel agency records concerning immigrants, general books and articles, diaries, autobiographies and biographies, reminiscences and general essays, writings on education and cultural life, religious writings, political social and economic writings, literary works by Japanese in Hawaii, almanacs and directories, newspapers and periodicals, travel accounts and guidebooks on Hawaii, and miscellany. The English materials are listed under the categories of government documents, works having major emphasis on the Japanese and their descendants in Hawaii, works partially bearing on same, and newspapers and periodicals.

Dr. Mitsugu Matsuda, who received his doctorate in history at the University of Hawaii in 1967 and who has written a number of excellent monographs relating to the Ryukyu Islands, his special field of study, has now placed all scholars interested in the history of the Japanese in Hawaii in grateful debt to him for this definitive and most welcome bibliography. And it is to be hoped that the Social Science Research Institute will be successful in producing similar bibliographies on the Chinese, Korean, and Filipino immigrants and their descendants in Hawaii.

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