

BIRTHS AND DEATHS-FRESNO ASSEMBLY CENTER

There were more individual Japanese evacuees that left Fresno Assembly Center than entered it. The fact that new life (birth) held a 32 to 12 margin over death during the Japanese occupation of the Center, resulted in a net gain of 20 persons in population from entrance to exit.

A comprehensive report on Japanese internment titled "The Final Report On Japanese Evacuation From The West Coast, 1942 by J. L. DeWitt, Lieutenant General, Western Defense Command, lists a total of 32 births and 12 deaths at Fresno Assembly Center during its occupation by Japanese Evacuees

The total of births and deaths at all Assembly Centers from beginning to the end of occupancy, March 21, 1942 to October 30, 1942, was 504 births and 128 deaths, plus 6 still births. The report shows that on the basis of 9,485,202 evacuee days spent in the Assembly Centers, the realized birth rate was 19.5 births per thousand persons per year of Center residence, with a death rate of 4.9 per thousand. This indicated no discernable increase in number of deaths as a result of the evacuation, when compared to the available statistics on Japanese residents of California during the previous 5 years.

We list here the names of the 12 individuals that passed away while residents of the Fresno Assembly Center.

Naoki Mitsui (no age given-listed as elderly)
Masayoshi Doi (26 years)
Alex Sanada (20 years)
Tojuro Hana (64 years)
Masaru Torii (21 years)
Hisashi Nagai (16 months)
Kojiro Teranishi (65 years)
Yotaro Tominaga (70 years)
Kanji Nomura (69 years)
Sagoro Watanabe (54 years)
Kihei Imahara (64 years)
Seiji Wada (14 years)

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