



Mark Asada Jr. By Matthew Asada

“Tribute to a Japanese American Member of Dinuba Union High School's Class of 1942”

On March 26, 1942 the farmer Mosaku Asada was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation from his home in Dinuba, California. Five months later, the Attorney General of the United States would parole him, thanks to the letter-writing campaign of Mosaku’s 16-year-old son Mark. Mark was born in Dinuba on August 10, 1925 and grew up as a second-generation Japanese American. He was a patriotic young American – a proud cadet of Dinuba Union High’s Company H – who had been looking forward to attending university, before being ordered to leave California. On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which led to the incarceration of 125,000 Japanese Americans in camps around the country, including Mark and his family. After three years living in the Poston, Arizona internment camp the family left for New Jersey never to return to California again.

Join American diplomat and the University of Southern California's visiting senior fellow , **Matthew Asada** for a slideshow presentation about his grandfather Mark Asada, Jr. and four generations of the Asada’s in California. The journey takes us to the National Archives in Washington, DC and the Tulare County courthouse as he explores the family history and what happened to 20 acres of farmland in Dinuba, California.

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