

**Fukuda Family**  
**Papers, 1922-2006 (bulk: 1950s-2006)**  
**MSA 647**

**Introduction**

The collection contains printed Japanese language material, a memoir, a biography, and photographs from the lives of Drs. David and Michiko Fukuda of Barre, Vermont, and Japan. The collection was given to the Vermont Historical Society in July 2012 by Mariko Fukuda Blackburn, daughter of David and Michiko Fukuda. It is shelved in one archival flip top box and consumes .5 linear feet of shelf space.

**Biographical Note**

Dr. David Minoru Fukuda was born 19 December 1921 in San Francisco, California, to parents Dr. Yoshu and Miyashi Fukuda. His family returned to Japan in 1934 where he continued his education and attended medical school at Kyushu University. In 1951, Dr. Fukuda was accepted into the GARIO Scholars Program at the University of Vermont and began a residency in anesthesiology under Dr. John Abajian. He returned to Japan in 1953 but came back to Vermont in 1955 to complete his residency. He moved to Barre, Vermont, in 1958 to begin work at the Barre City Hospital, was the first full-time anesthesiologist in central Vermont, and spent the next 30 years working in the Barre area.

Dr. Fukuda married Michiko Nakamura, an OB-GYN doctor, in Tokyo in November 1946, and they had four children: Mariko, Yoshu (who died in infancy), Keiji and Christopher. Both Keiji and Christopher graduated from the University of Vermont Medical School and are practicing physicians. Dr. Michiko Fukuda did not continue her medical practice in the United States.

Following retirement in 1988, the Drs. Fukuda returned to Tokyo and worked at the Quaker Friends Center before moving to Seattle, Washington, to be nearer their grandchildren. Dr. Michiko Fukuda died in Seattle in 1993 after which Dr. David Fukuda moved to Atlanta, Georgia, to live with his son, Keiji, and his family before moving back to Vermont in 2005. Dr. Fukuda died 6 August 2006 in Middlebury, Vermont.

**Scope and Content**

This collection contains items from the family life of Drs. David and Michiko Fukuda of Barre, Vermont, and Japan. Japanese language materials include newspapers, a Bible, and two dictionaries. The collection also contains a family guest book for the years 1972 to 1997 as well as English language items related to David and Michiko Fukada, including a 1986 letter from Michiko to her children, a short eulogy written for her by her husband, and a family history and biography of David Fukuda by daughter Mariko. Additionally, the collection contains a collection of 30 photographs of the family, mostly

copy photographs. An original photograph of David Fukuda with Vermont Governor Philip Hoff and a page of published photographs of an event when Japanese dignitaries came to National Life of Vermont in Montpelier are also included.

### Related Collections

The Vermont Historical Society museum includes two gifts of items from the Fukuda family: 2012.38 and 2012.14.

### Inventory

- MSA 647: 01 Japanese newspapers  
 :02 Japanese New Testament with Psalms, Japan Bible Society, 1969  
 :03 Japanese – English dictionary, no title page (mostly Japanese; very little English)  
 :04 German – Japanese dictionary, 1931  
 :05 Home Guest Book 1972 – 1997  
 :06A Letter to children from Michiko and eulogy, 1986-1994  
 :06B “The Road Taken: Tokyo to Vermont, The Story of Dr. David Minoru Fukuda,” by Mariko Fukuda Blackburn  
 :06C Certificate, David M. Fukunda, Resident in Anesthesia, Mary Fletcher Hospital, 1953  
 Size C \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, State Board of Medical Registration, 1961  
 :07 Family photographs, 1922-2006

Photographs as arranged in folder:

Date	No.	Subject
Nov. 11, 1946	18	David and Michiko wedding day
1958	10	Dr. David Minoru Fukuda
1922	1	David with his mother Miyoshi, San Francisco
1948	3	Michiko holding Mariko with Yohiko Fukuda and daughter Nobuyoshi
1955	8	David with cat in Mt. Philo
1953	6	David on ship returning from Yokohama, Japan
1956	7	Michiko, David, Keiji and Mariko, Burlington, Vt.
1959	11	Fukuda's 13 <sup>th</sup> anniversary with Chris, Keiji and Mariko, Barre, Vt.
1949	4	David with Mariko
1959	12	Mariko's 11 <sup>th</sup> birthday party
1961	13	Christmas, David, Michiko, Mariko, Keiji and Chris
1964	14	Mariko Spring Dance, age 16

1956	9	WCAX-TV interview David, Michiko and Mariko
1986		Dr. Christopher Fukuda's graduation from UVM Medical School with family
1986	16	Graduation, Mariko holding Christopher's daughter, Christina
1984	15	Dr. Keiji Fukuda's graduation from UVM Medical School with Michiko and Mariko
1886	17	David and Michiko wearing graduation robes of Keiji and Chris from UVM
1987		David in Plainfield – winter
1987		Michiko in Plainfield – winter
1987		Michiko in Plainfield – Christmas tree
1987		David in Plainfield – with sled
1990	19	David and Michiko at wedding of Keiji and Holly in San Francisco
2005	24	David age 83 at Helen Porter Nursing Home
2005	25	Mariko's in last photo with David at Helen Porter Nursing Home
2006	23	Keiji, Mariko and Christopher
2006	20	Mariko with son Dylan and Daughter, Courtney at David's funeral
2006	22	Grandchildren of David at funeral
2006	21	Grandchildren of David at funeral

:08 Photograph, Fukudas with Governor Philip Hoff and magazine article

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