

Handout for "Preserving Your New York Story: Okinawan Genealogy"

1. Where is Okinawa located in Japan?

A) Okinawa Prefectural Library YouTube:

Cases of visiting relatives in Okinawa (English Subtitles)

Higa family from Hawaii

https://youtu.be/Pk_r4wvQ8yc?si=__TEamXplE62721b

Shukumine family from Brazil

https://youtu.be/HKv_QtrKG0g?si=qQ825LvX6LzF4LEc

2. Is your ancestor from Okinawa or Japan?

A) Find A Grave - Millions of Cemetery Records

<https://www.findagrave.com/>

3. Main Resources for Okinawan Genealogy

A) Okinawan Migration Record Database 1899-1944

<https://opl.okinawan-migration.com/main.php>

B) Immigration Card at Consulate-General of Japan in Honolulu

https://www.honolulu.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/findingroots.html

C) Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii: Translation Services

<https://www.jcchawaii.org/resources/koseki-and-translation-services>

Densho: Koseki Retrieval and Translation Services

<https://densho.org/koseki/>

D) Okinawa Prefectural Library Supplemental Database

<https://archive.okinawan-migration.com/>

4. Supporting Entities for Your Research

A) Okinawan Genealogical Society of Hawaii

<https://ogsh.org/>

B) Okinawa Prefectural Library's "Finding Okinawan Roots!" Project

<https://www.library.pref.okinawa.jp/about-okinawa/cat1/post-12.html>

C) World Young Uchinanchu Network's Roots-Related-Consultation

<https://wyua.okinawa/2024/07/roots-related-consultation/>

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