

A note about the index for Grandpa Harold's Diary –

This index is a work in progress. Eventually, this index will encompass the entire 9-month diary. As such, there are a few orphaned subentries. This is because it is known that these subentries will not remain orphans. The index as it stands now covers only the first month and a half of the diary (June 15-July 31, 1946). The diary transcription that accompanies the index as it stands covers only that part of the diary indexed. Further, the diary excerpt is a rough transcription that has not been checked for accuracy of spelling, merely transcribed as best the handwriting in the diary allowed. The index, however, has been checked for standardized spelling of names, places, and products.

Also, locations are organized by state for the convenience of the reader who wishes to follow the overall travels recorded in the diary. Eventually, these location entries will also include cities and places in Japan. To include cross references for all the locations would make the index unwieldy, and therefore the locations are organized in a logical way that best reflects the variety of locations mentioned.

If a reader plans to read the index alone and not the diary first, it is still very helpful to first read the introduction, biography of Harold, and "People to Know" sections of the diary. While the index strives to include all people mentioned in the diary, the "People to Know" section covers only those people who are useful in knowing for clarity of reading, or for local genealogical significance.