History Snapshots

The Kishi Farm:
Japanese Immigrants to Texas

The Kishis came to Texas in 1908. Kichimatsu Kishi was a successful businessman who founded a 3,500 acre rice colony at Terry, Texas on the Southern Pacific Railroad line between Orange and Jefferson Counties.

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[Images of Kichimatsu Kishi and his wife Kishi, digital image, crediting Heritage House Museum, Orange, Texas.]

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Group Portrait of many of the residents of the Kishi Colony.

Kichimatsu Kishi is second from the left on the second row. The residents of Kishi Colony brought their families with them to begin new lives in Texas.

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The Kishi colony residents became part of the Texas community building homes and constructing a church.

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Japanese immigrants of the Kishi Colony and Anglo children at the Terry School.

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Laboring in the Rice Fields

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Headquarters of the Kishi Rice Farm. Note the numerous well constructed buildings of Kishi farm.

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The Kishi Farm was originally worked with draft animals, such as those mules.

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Kichimatsu Kishi in the Rice Fields with Laborers

Kichimatsu drives a tractor harvesting rice on his 3,500 acre farm, with two farm hands working alongside.

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