

History Snapshots:

The Kishi Farm: Japanese Immigrants to Texas



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Kichimatsu Kishi and Fuji Kishi; crediting Heritage House Museum, Orange, Texas.

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The Kishi Farm: a growing rice 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.

[Japanese Group Portrait], Photograph, n.d.; digital image, (<http://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph37172>); crediting Heritage House Museum, Orange, Texas.

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The Kishi Farm: building a community



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

Methodist church at Terry, Texas, Photograph, ca. 1922; digital image, (<http://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph37171>); crediting Heritage House Museum, Orange, Texas.

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The Kishi Farm: a school for the community



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

Terry Schoolchildren and Teachers, Photograph, n.d.; digital image, (<http://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph37169>); crediting Heritage House Museum, Orange, Texas.

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The Kishi Farm: Rice paddies in Texas

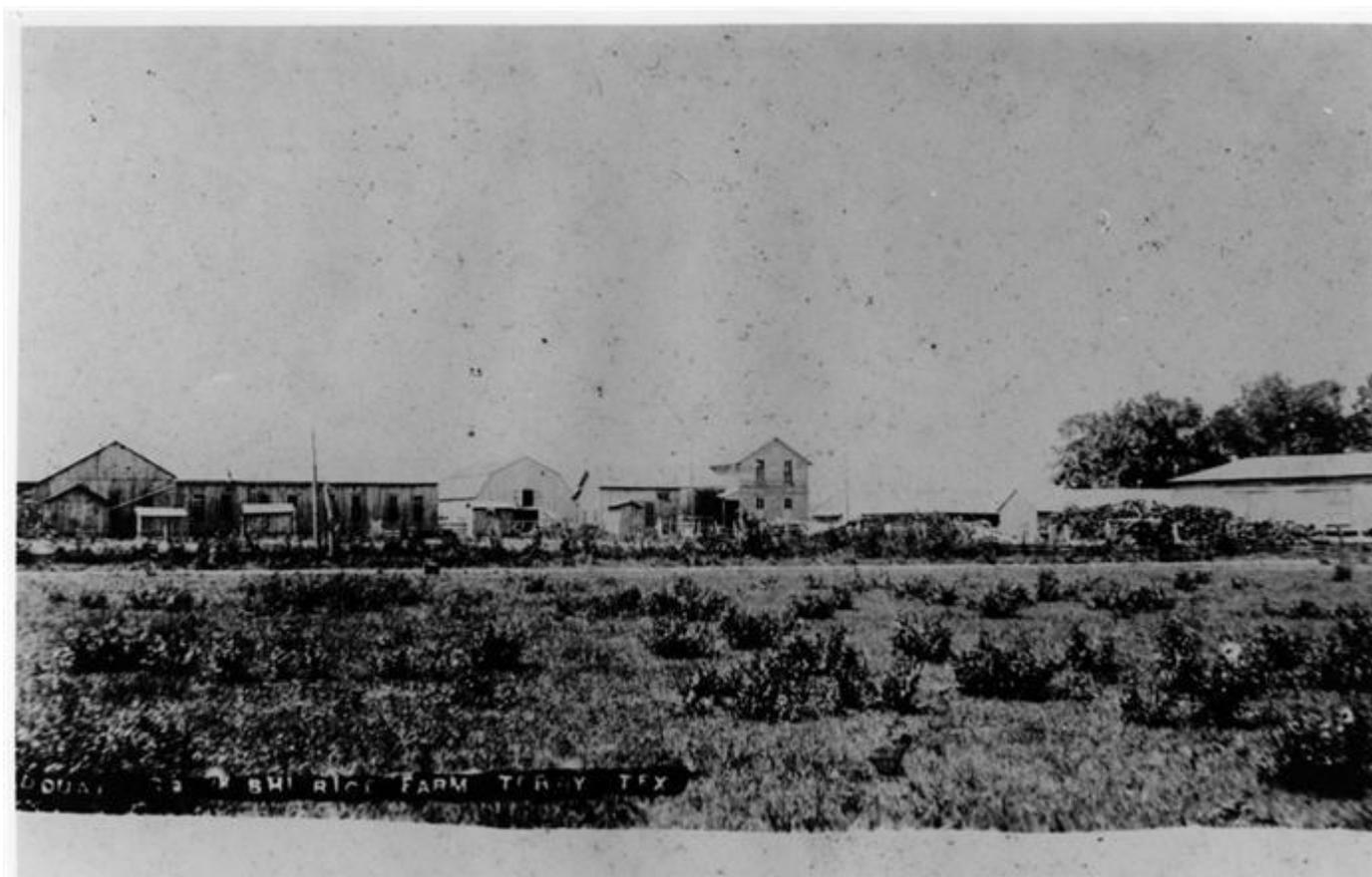


[Laboring in the Rice Fields], Photograph, n.d.; digital image, (<http://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph37192>); crediting Heritage House Museum, Orange, Texas.

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The Kishi Farm: the farm headquarters



[Kishi Rice Farm's Headquarters.] Heritage House Museum. Photograph: B&W 5 x 7 in.

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The Kishi Farm: Changes with technology



[Team of Mules Pulling Cultivator at Kishi Farm], Photograph, n.d.; digital image, (<http://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph37181>); crediting Heritage House

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



[Harvesting Rice at the Kishi Farm], Photograph, n.d.; digital image, (<http://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph37185>); crediting Heritage House Museum, Orange, Texas.

However, technological progress saw draft animals replaced by mechanized farm equipment. Harvesters, such as the one pictured here, allowed rice to be collected more quickly and efficiently on the Kishi farm.

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The Kishi Farm: Harvesting rice



Kichimatsu Kishi in the rice fields with laborers. Kichimatsu drives a tractor harvesting rice on his 3,500 acre farm, with two farmhands working alongside.

[Kichimatsu Kishi in the Rice Field with Laborers.] Photographic: B&W: 8 x 10 in.
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