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Comins - Kuwada

Arthur C. Comins - Gompei Kuwada Papers

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Correspondence

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Gompei Kuwada and Arthur Comins were friends and classmates at WPI, graduating in 1893. They were charter members of the Tech Co-operative Society, which became a chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in 1894. The Class of 1893 introduces the Goat as WPI's mascot. Members of the class acquired a goat, and Gompei Kuwada was appointed as the keeper of the goat. In an article in the WPI journal, Arthur Comins wrote that Kuwada was chosen as the official mascot-keeper "because he had already injected into class life a few original ideas as to mascots, and had shown quite some latent engineering ability in the loading, transportation, and placating of a usually rampant goat. Moreover, he possessed the only initials in the class that would fit the words Goat-Keeper." (see The Journal of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Vol. 31, no. 9, July 1928)

After graduation, Kuwada returned to his home country of Japan, and Comins remained in Worcester. They corresponded regularly after that time until Arthur Comins' death in December, 1936. After that, Kuwada corresponded with Comins' wife Margaret, through 1948, except after the U.S. entry into World War II.

Gompei Kuwada was born October 7, 1870 in Tokyo, Japan. In 1884 he accompanied his uncle on a visit to the United States, and they saw Benjamin S. Lyman in Northampton, Massachusetts. Mr. Kuwada (the uncle), a mining engineer, had assisted Mr. Lyman in surveying Japanese coal and oil fields. Gompei was enrolled in the Clarke School in Northampton, and later graduated from Northampton High School. At WPI he enrolled in the course in Mechanical Engineering, graduating in 1893. He received the honorary degree of doctor of engineering from WPI in 1928.

When he returned to Japan after graduation, he worked as a mechanical engineer for the Imperial Military Arsenal in Osaka, later moving to Kobe to manage the machine shops at the Kawasaki Dockyard Company. He married Eho Mataki of Osaka; she died in May 1908 after an illness, and he married her sister, Katsuko in November 1908.

In 1910 Kotaro Shimomura, WPI Class of 1888, asked Kuwada to take charge of the mechanical engineering operation of the Osaka Gas Company; in 1916 he began doing construction work for the Japan Dye Stuff Manufacturing Company, which had been established by Shimomura.

During World War I, Japan was unable to obtain textile machine parts from outside the country, Kuwada began a company to manufacture these parts, Nihon Spindle Seizosho, in Osaka in 1918. The spindle company became very successful in the next 20 years, with clients in other parts of the world as well as Japan. Arthur Comins helped Gompei obtain steel from the U.S. Gompei also continued in a leadership position with, and later as an advisor to, Osaka Gas for many years. He also worked in the manufacture of airplanes during the 1930s.

Gompei and Katsuko did not have children, but Gompei took on much responsibility for care of relatives' children at various times throughout his life. He and his wife adopted his sister's son Suenori, and in 1926 Suenori came to Worcester and enrolled at WPI with the Class of 1930. He contracted tuberculosis during his sophomore year and was treated at a private sanitarium in Lunenburg. Although Arthur Comins, his guardian, and the Kuwadases, hoped he would improve, he died there May 2, 1929.

Gompei traveled to the United States several times, and attended several WPI reunions. He died September 13, 1949 in Japan.

Arthur Comins was born August 30, 1971 in Leicester, Massachusetts. He prepared for WPI at Worcester Classical High School, and at WPI was enrolled in the course in Mechanical Engineering. In his obituary in the WPI Journal, he is described as "one of the most delightful gentlemen whom the Institute ever graduated, and one of its most loyal sons..." At WPI he served as class vice-president and president, and was editor-in-chief of the W P I (school newspaper)

and the Aftermath (yearbook). After graduation from WPI, Comins studied at Harvard for a year, then joined his father and brother in Comins & Co., woolen manufacturers, in Rochdale, MA. Later he became president of the J.D. Clark Co., a woolen mill also in Rochdale.

In 1899, Arthur Comins married Margaret Lake. They had two children, John and Betty.

Arthur Comins died in Worcester December 14, 1936.

[Note: Much of the material for these brief biographies was taken from The Journal of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Vol. 39, No. 3, Jan. 1936, p.13; Vol. 40, No. 3, Jan. 1937; Vol. 53, No. 3, Jan. 1950.]

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection spans the years 1893 through 1949. There are no letters from 1942 through 1944. Almost all the letters were written by Gompei Kuwada, but there are a few notes from his wife, Katsuko, and there are a few letters by Arthur Comins (generally copies of letters Comins sent to Kuwada), and a few to or by other people throughout the collection. At the end are letters sent to Arthur Comins by other people, almost all Japanese men. Quite a few times, Kuwada sent friends and associates to the Comins with letters of introduction, and the Comins entertained them. The collection also contains photographs, many postcards, and other items, including brochures, newspaper articles and pages with four-leaf clovers. Some pages contain sketches done by Kuwada.

Gompei's letters to Arthur related both to business and personal matters. Gompei recounted to Arthur many of his business ventures, and asked for Arthur's help in making contacts in the U.S. and arranging for shipments of materials to Japan. Probably because they were both involved in the textile business, there was correspondence from and to Mr. Knowles of Crompton and Knowles, and apparently a personal relationship with him. Although almost all the correspondence is from Gompei, he often referred to Arthur's textile business, the difficulties it was facing, and the economic conditions of both the U.S. and Japan.

Many of Gompei's letters beginning in the early 1930s until the U.S.'s entry into the Second World War in December 1941 (when apparently it became impossible to correspond any longer) discuss Japan's war with China and later its alliance with Germany. Gompei believed that Japan was justified in its actions, and tried in his correspondence to explain Japan's position and was distressed that America and much of Europe seemed to sympathize with China.

After Arthur's death in December 1936, Gompei corresponded with Arthur's wife, Margaret (also affectionately known as "Pudge" in some letters). Once they were able to correspond again after World War II, the Kuwadases asked Margaret to send seeds for planting, and other items. Gompei described privations they suffered during the American occupation of Japan.

Note: Most of the letters from Gompei, after the first few years, have notes (usually small slips of yellow paper) attached to them, with the major points of the letters. These notes were apparently made by Arthur, and are kept with the letters.

Container List

Container	Folder	Date	Title
None			

Comins-Kuwada Correspondence 1892-1921

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Letter

Container List

Container	Folder	Date	Title
Box 1	Folder 01	6/21/1892	Letter of recommendation for A. C. Comins <i>Letter of recommendation from George Alden for A. C. Comins, 6/21/1892</i>

Box 1	Folder 02	1892 & 1893	Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- July 4, 1892 [Kuwada in Worcester/Comins in Paris] - 11 sides/6 sheets of paper -- July 27, 1893 [Kuwada in San Francisco, en route to Japan] - 6 sides/3 sheets -- August 7, 1893 [Kuwada in Hawaii] - 2 sides/1 sheet, includes newspaper clipping -- August 22, 1893 [Kuwada in Tokyo] - 2 sides/1 sheet -- September 14, 1893 - 8 sides/2 folded sheets -- October 3, 1893 - 10 sides/5 sheets -- November 26, 1893 - 20 sides/5 folded sheets -- December 31/1893 - 16 sides/4 folded sheets
Box 1	Folder 03	1894	Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- February 7, 1894 - 4 sides/1 folded sheet -- n.d. [possibly with above] - 2 sides/1 sheet -- March 14, 1894 - 12 sides/3 folded sheets -- April 16, 1894 - 10 sides/5 sheets -- April 29, 1894 - post card -- June 3, 1894 - 14 sides/3 folded sheets & 1 sheet -- July 4, 1894 - 4 sides/2 large sheets -- September 25, 1894 - 11 sides/5 large sheets, 1 small sheet -- November 24, 1894 & November 27, 1894 - 10 sides/4 sheets -- December 22, 1894 - 11 sides/3 sheets
Box 1	Folder 04	1895	Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- January 26, 1895 - 15 sides/4 sheets folded -- March 14, 1895 - 6 sides/2 sheets -- April 17, 1895 - 21 sides/6 sheets -- May 20, 1895 - 20 sides/5 sheets [18 sides are letter to classmates] -- June 6, 1895 - 10 sides/3 sheets -- June 27, 1895 - 2 sides/1 sheet -- August 8, 1895 - 10 sides/3 sheets -- August 30, 1895 - 4 sides/1 sheet -- September 13, 1895 - 10 sides/5 sheets -- December 2, 1895 - 7 sides/3 sheets
Box 1	Folder 05	1896	Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> --January 14, 1896 - 8 sides/4 sheets --February 9, 1896 - 3 sides/1 sheet --April 9, 1896 - 10 sides/3 sheets --July 4, 1896 - 4 sides/1 sheet --n.d. - 8 sides/2 sheets --August 5, 1896 - 2 sides/1 sheet --August 20, 1896 - 19 sides/6 sheets --September 23, 1896 - 6 sides/3 sheets --November 20, 1896 - 2 sides/1 sheet & 4 cyanotype photos
Box 1	Folder 06	1897	Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> --January 7, 1897 - 6 sides/2 sheets --January 31, 1897 - 9 sides/3 sheets --n.d. - 12 sides/3 sheets, with photo of Kuwada --June 4, 1897 - 8 sides/4 sheets, with 4 photos --June 20, 1897 - 9 sides/4 sheets --July 14, 1897 - 4 sides/1 sheet --August 29, 1897 - 2 sides/1 sheet

--November 30, 1897 - 10 sides/6 sheets

Box 1 Folder 07 1898 & 1899 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
--January 30, 1898 - 6 sides/3 sheets
--March 18, 1898 - 5 sides/4 sheets [2 sides are letter; 3 sheets are lists of paintings and artists
--June 10, 1898 - 9 sides/5 sheets
--August 19, 1898 - 5 sides/3 sheets
--May 16, 1899 - 3 sides/2 sheets
--September 8, 1899 - 6 sides/3 sheets
--October 29, 1899 - 3 sides/3 sheets, plus photo
--November 24, 1899 - 1 side/1 sheet

Box 1 Folder 08 1900 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
[Gompei Kuwada's trip to United States]
--February 3, 1900 - 3 sides/1 sheet
--February 5, 1900 - 1 side/1 sheet
--February 8, 1900 - 2 sides/2 sheets - from Suez
--March 25, 1900 - 2 sides/1 sheet - from Chicago
--April 1, 1900 - 3 sides/5 sheets - from Cleveland
--April 14, 1900 - 2 sides/2 sheets - from New York
--April 17, 1900 - 2 sides/2 sheets - from New York
--April 20, 1900 - 3 sides/2 sheets - from New Haven
--April 24, 1900 - 2 sides/2 sheets - from Hartford
--May 11, 1900 - 2 sides/2 sheets - from Albany, NY
--May 18, 1900 - to "Mrs. Art" - 4 sides/1 sheet - from U.S.M.S. St. Paul
--May 26, 1900 - 8 sides/2 sheets, with drawings - from London
--June 6, 1900 - 2 sides/1 sheet - from Leeds, England
--June 12, 1900 - 6 sides/3 sheets - from Paris
--July 4, 1900 - 4 sides/1 sheet - from Switzerland
--August 21, 1900 - 6 sides/3 sheets - from Singapore
--September 24, 1900 - 15 sides/14 sheets, with 2 page receipt for parcel sent, and customs declaration rules - from Osaka

Box 1 Folder 09 1901 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
--February 2, 1901 - 6 sides/1 folded sheet plus 1 sheet
--March 26, 1901 - 7 sides/2 sheets, with drawing
--July 4, 1901 - 4 sides/2 sheets
--September 16, 1901 - 1 side/1 folded sheet
--November 3, 1901 - to Mrs. Comins - 6 sides/3 sheets
--November 13, 1901 - 9 sides/5 sheets
--November 20, 1901 - 1 side/1 sheet
--December 2, 1901 - 4 sides/1 sheet

Box 1 Folder 10 1902 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
--January 3, 1902 - 12 sides/3 sheets, plus news clippings and photo
--August 5, 1902 - 16 sides/4 sheets
--October 5, 1902 - 8 sides/4 sheets
--December 5, 1902 - 14 sides/7 sheets

Box 1 Folder 11 1903 & 1904 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
--January 22, 1903 - 6 sides/2 sheets [Gompei beginning his own business]

--January 24, 1903 - Letter from Eho (Mrs. Kuwada) to Margaret (Mrs. Comins) -
 2 sides/1 folded sheet
 --February 11, 1903 - 1 side/1 folded sheet
 --July 4, 1903 - 14 sides/5 sheets [Gompei left arsenal to begin business]
 --July 28, 1903 - 2 sides/1 sheet
 --December 8, 1903 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --January 7, 1904 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --January 31, 1904 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --February 1, 1904 - 9 sides/5 sheets, plus "supplement" 3 sides/2 sheets
 --February 11, 1904 - 1 side/1 sheet [war declared against Russia]
 --March 12, 1904 - 5 sides/3 sheets
 --July 4, 1904 - post card
 --November 29, 1904 - 1 side/1 folded sheet

Box 1 Folder 12 1905 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

--January 2, 1905 - 2 sides/1 sheet
 --March 11, 1905 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --April 3, 1905 - postcard with photo of soldiers
 --April 3, 1905 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --July 30, 1905 - 9 sides/9 sheets
 --November 17, 1905 - 1 side/1 sheet, and sketches [Gompei's father died]

Box 1 Folder 13 1906 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

--March 23, 1906 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --April 30, 1906 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --June 10, 1906 - 6 sides/3 sheets
 --July 4, 1906 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --July 18, 1906 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --December 2, 1906 - 2 sides/1 sheet
 --December 23, 1906 - 1 side/1 sheet

Box 1 Folder 14 1907 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

--January 6, 1907 - 4 sides/3 sheets
 --n.d. - 2 sides/2 sheets [middle of unidentified letter]
 --January 14, 1907 -
 --February 26, 1907 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus writing of Kuwada in 1893 - 8 sides/
 8 sheets
 --June 15, 1907 - 4 sides/4 sheets, plus manuscript on Double Cut Planer - 7 sides/
 7 sheets and 4 drawings on 4 sheets
 --July 4, 1907 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --July 22, 1907 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --September 10, 1907 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --September 21, 1907 - 2 sides/2 sheets

Box 1 Folder 15 1908 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

--February 15, 1908 - 6 sides/3 sheets
 --April 19, 1908 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --May 17, 1908 - 2 sides/2 sheets [death of Gompei's wife, Eho]
 --June 23, 1908 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --August 3, 1908 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --November 14, 1908 - 1 side/1 sheet [marriage to Eho's sister, Katsuko]
 --December 6, 1908 - 1 side/1 sheet

Box 1	Folder 16	1909	Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
			--February 28, 1909 - 2 sides/1 sheet --March 21, 1909 - 5 sides/5 sheets --May 28, 1909 - 3 sides/2 sheets --July 4, 1909 - 2 sides/2 sheets --August 8, 1909 - 2 sides/2 sheets --October 10, 1909 - 9 sides/9 sheets [1 sheet torn] --November 21, 1909 - 4 sides/4 sheets
Box 1	Folder 17	1910 & 1911	Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
			--March 16, 1910 - 5 sides/3 sheets [Gompei resigned from dockyard: "have served the government for 10 years, the dockyard for 7 years"] --August 26, 1910 - 15 sides/4 folded sheets --October 2, 1910 - 2 sides/2 sheets [job in Osaka] --December 4, 1910 - 1 side/1 folded sheet --January 19, 1911 - 6 sides/2 folded sheets --June 3, 1911 - 4 sides/4 sheets --July 1, 1911 - 3 sides/1 folded sheet
Box 1	Folder 18	1912 & 1913	Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
			--February 29, 1912 - 16 sides/9 sheets and Worcester Magazine photo --July 4, 1912 - 3 sides/1 folded sheet and news clipping in Japanese --December 11, 1912 - 3 sides/1 folded sheet, sketch: "Capt. Of Stanley House" --January 26, 1913 - 8 sides/2 folded sheets --June 29, 1913 - 2 sides/1 large sheet --August 11, 1913 - 1 side/1 sheet --September 21, 1913 - 7 sides/4 sheets
Box 1	Folder 19	1914 & 1915	Letters to Arthur Comins to Gompei Kuwada
			--January 18, 1914 - 4 sides/1 sheet --April 10, 1914 - 7 sides/2 sheets --July 5, 1914 - 4 sides/1 sheet --August 18, 1914 - 7 sides/4 large sheets [Japan's entry in war] --November 4, 1914 - 4 sides/1 sheet --January 28, 1915 - 4 sides/1 sheet --July 4, 1915 - 5 sides/3 sheets --November 10, 1915 - 4 sides/2 sheets
Box 1	Folder 20	1916 & 1917	Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
			--April 10, 1916 - 11 sides/3 sheets --February 7, 1917 - 4 sides/2 sheets --May 31, 1917 - 7 sides/4 sheets, photo [U.S. in war] --July 17, 1917 - 3 sides/3 sheets [discussion of spindles] --October 17, 1917 - 4 sides/2 sheets --October 29, 1917 - 4 sides/2 sheets
Box 1	Folder 21	1918	Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
			--January 10, 1918 & January 11, 1918 - 2 sides/2 sheets [Gompei resigning from dye Business and beginning spindle business] --March 26, 1918 - 6 sides/3 sheets

--April 17, 1918 - 2 sides/1 sheet
 --May 14, 1918 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --June 19, 1918 - 5 sides/3 sheets
 --August 21, 1918 - 11 sides/6 sheets
 --November 23, 1918 - 8 sides/4 sheets
 --December 11, 1918 - 4 sides/2 sheets

Box 1 Folder 22 1919 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
 --February 1, 1919 - 4 sides/2 sheets [*League of Nations/influenza*]
 --February 16, 1919 - 2 sides/1sheet
 --February 19, 1919 - 4 sides/2 sheets
 --February 22, 1919 - 2 sides/1 sheet, plus 3 photots
 --February 24, 1919 - 3 sides/3 sheets [*"notes on a trial order for spindle steel"*]
 --March 27, 1919 - 3 sides/2 sheets, plus 1 side/1 sheet re. ordering steel
 --April 2, 1919 - 2 sides/1 sheet
 --April 11, 1919 - 1 side/1 sheet [*cables with code re. steel*]
 --May 11, 1919 - 4 sides/2 sheets
 --May 13, 1919 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --August 28, 1919 - 7 sides/4 sheets
 --September 30, 1919 - 4 sides/4 sheets
 --October 5, 1919 - 3 sides/3sheets

Box 1 Folder 23 1920 & 1921 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
 --March 8, 1920 - 1 side/1 sheet [*letter from treasure department, U. S. Customs Service, re. duty assessment for cloisonné bowl*]
 --March 22, 1920 - 3 sides/2 sheets
 --April 12, 1920 - 4 sides/3 sheets
 --April 17, 1920 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus 2 receipts for cloisonné bowl
 --April 24, 1920 - 1 side/1 sheet [*re. tax for cloisonné bowl*]
 --April 27, 1920 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --July 4, 1920 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --February 22, 1921 - 4 sides/2sheets, plus letter of introduction for Koziro Matsugata, to Arthur Comins
 --May 25, 1921 - 2 sides/1 sheet, plus news clipping
 --July 4, 1921 - 4 sides/1 sheet
 --August 28, 1921 - 4 sides/2 sheets, plus report from Kuwada's company and paper mostly in Japanese with A.C. Comins written on it
 --October 10, 1921 - 4 sides/3 sheets
 --November 16, 1921 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --November 26, 1921 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --December 1, 1921 - 1 side/1 sheet

Comins-Kuwada Correspondence 1922-1929

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Letter

Container List

Container	Folder	Date	Title
Box 2	Folder 1	1922	Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada --January 12, 1922 - 5 sides/5 sheets --February 4, 1922 - 5 sides/5 sheets [<i>brown paper/pencil - "Sermon on the Train"</i>] --April 1, 1922 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus 1 side/1 sheet letter to John from Suenori Kuwada --April 14, 1922 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus 4 photographs

--April 20, 1922 - 6 sides/6 sheets
--June 6, 1922 - 4 sides/2 sheets
--July 4, 1922 - 3 sides/3 sheets
--July 20, 1922 - 2 sides/2 sheets
--October 5, 1922 - 7 sides/4 sheets
--November 13, 1922 - 8 sides/4 sheets [from Tsingtao in North China]

Box 2 Folder 2 1923 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

--January 8, 1923 - 5 sides/3 sheets
--March 4, 1923 - 6 sides/6 sheets
--May 20, 1923 - 8 sides/4 sheets [R.M.S. Empress of Australia, on way to U. S. for 30th WPI reunion]
--August 12, 1923 - 4 sides/4 sheets [Northampton]
--August 29, 1923 - 4 sides/2 sheets , with two August 30 letters, each 1 side/1 sheet [Albany]
--August 31, 1923 - 2 sides/2 sheets [Albany]
--August 31, 1923 - 2 sides/2 sheets [Albany]
--September 2, 1923 - 3 sides/3 sheets [just out of Minneapolis]
--September 5, 1923 - 1 side/1 sheet [Vancouver, reference to disaster in Japan]
--Article from WPI Journal by Gompei Kuwada, 1923
--September 10, 1923 - 33 sides/33 sheets [reflections on board Empress of Russia]
--September 17, 1923 - 4 sides/1 folded sheet [R.M.S. Empress of Russia]
--September 30, 1923 - 9 sides/5 sheets [Tokyo - Gompei reports nearly 100,000 dead in earthquake]
 The same letter is typed on two pages, probably by Arthur]
--November 25, 1923 - 4 sides/2 sheets
--November 28, 1923 - 1 side/1 sheet - letter to Gompei Kuwada from Deerfield Academy re. Shinsuke's progress
--December 1, 1923 - 6 sides/3 sheets [Tokyo - staying there temporarily]
--Typewritten pages - 12 pages/12 sheets - of Gompei's letters Dec. 1, 1923-Aug. 31, 1924
--December 29, 1923 - 1 side/1 sheet

Box 2 Folder 3 1924 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

--January 3, 1924 - 4 sides/4 sheets
--January 14, 1924 - 1 side/1 sheet - letter of introduction for Chicao Mataka, Brother of Gompei's wife, Katsuko
--February 4, 1924 - 4 sides/2 sheets, with enclosed Deerfield letter and letter Gompei's son wrote to him
--February 25, 1924 - 11 sides/6 sheets
--March 7, 1924 - 4 sides/2 sheets
--April 13, 1924 - 5 sides/3 sheets
--April 18, 1924 - 4 sides/2 sheets
--April 26, 1924 - 5 sides/3 sheets
--May 20, 1924 - 4 sides/4 sheets [immigration views]
--June 12, 1924 - 6 sides/3 sheets [report on strike]
--June 19, 1924 -5 sides/2 sheets (one folded)
--July 4, 1924 - 9 sides/7 sheets
--August 8, 1924 - 2 sides/2 sheets
--August 31, 1924 - 8 sides/4 sheets
--September 8, 1924 - 2 sides/2 sheets
--October 3, 1924 - 2 sides/1 sheet, and heavier sheet in Japanese
--October 10, 1924 - 11 sides/11 sheets
--October 18, 1924 -3 sides/3 sheets

- November 11, 1924 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- November 19, 1924 - 4 sides/2 sheets, plus 1 side/1 sheet letter to Gompei from his son, Suenori
- December 5, 1924 - 6 sides/5 sheets
- December 14, 1924 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus picture post card - Gilmore visit
- June 12, 1925 - 2 typewritten sheets, plus 3 photos from Howard Gilmore re. above visit [these were with Dec. 14 letter, and photos were in envelope addressed to Mr. Chikao Mataka]
- December 25, 1924 - 2 sides/1 sheet [grateful for friendship]

Box 2

Folder 4

1925

Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

- January 14, 1925 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- February 3, 1925 - 3 sides/3 sheets
- December 15, 1924 - 12 sides/12 sheets [sent to Carltons, then to Comins, with Drawings of inside of home]
- February 9, 1925 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- February 10, 1925 - 5 sides/3 sheets
- February 14, 1925 - 1 side/1 sheet
- February 28, 1945 - 3 sides/3 sheets
- March 7, 1925 - 7 sides/4 sheets
- March 14, 1925 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- March 23, 1925 - 3 sides/3 sheets
- April 5, April 8, 1925 - 9 sides/8 sheets [includes 1 side/1 sheet copy: "To Whom It May Concern" for Gompei's son, Suenori, to carry with him on trip to U.S. and 1 side/1 sheet copy - Letter to Prof. Coombs, WPI, re. Suenori]
- April 7, 1925 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- April 8, 1925 - 6 sides/6 sheets [allegorical history of Kuwada family]
- April 19, 1925 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- April 22, 1925 - 4 sides/4 sheets
- April 28, 1925 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- May 7, 1925 - 6 sides/3 sheets
- May 19, 22, 1925 - 5 sides/4 sheets
- June 2, 1925 - 2 sides/1 sheet
- June 14, 1925 - 4 sides/2 sheets
- July 4, 1925 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- July 12, 1925 - 4 sides/3 sheets
- August 26, 1925 - 9 sides/8 sheets
- September 1, 1925 - 3 sides/2 sheets [letter from G. Kuwada to Mr. Gilmore]
- September 19, 1925 - 3 sides/3 sheets
- October 8, 1925 - 9 sides/9 sheets
- October 31, 1925 - 2 sides/1 sheet
- November 21, 23, 1925 - 3 sides/3 sheets
- November 25, 1925 - 1 side/1 sheet
- December 17, 1925 - 4 sides/4 sheets

Box 2

Folder 5

1926

Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

- January 4, 1926 - 1 side/1 sheet
- January 16, 1926 - 5 sides/5 sheets
- January 17, 1926 - 6 sides/3 sheets
- February 14, 1926 - 7 sides/4 sheets
- March 1, 1926 - 8 sides/4 sheets
- March 17, 1926 - 1 side/1 sheet
- March 22, 1926 - 3 sides/3 sheets
- April 3, 1926 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus two advertisements with photos, for gas meter

and gas water heater
 --April 8, 1926 - 4 sides/4 sheets, plus one typed sheet - Howard Gilmore's letter to Gompei Kuwada
 --May 1, 1926 - 2 sides/1 sheet
 --May 15, 1926 - 6 sides/3 sheets
 --May 18, 1926 - 2 sides/2 sheets [Worcester Academy for Gompei's son, Suenori]
 --May 25, 1926 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --May 27, 1926 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --August 15, 1926 - 1 side/1 sheet [possibly Suenori will go to Tech]
 --August 17, 1926 - 2 sides/2 sheets - from New York City
 --September 8, 1926 - 2 sides/2 sheets [letter and itinerary]
 --September 9, 1926 - 1 side/1 sheet - from New York City
 --September 11, 1926 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --September 12, 1926 - 1 side/1 sheet, with sketch of Congress Hall, Philadelphia
 --September 16, 1926 - 3 sides/3 sheets - New York City
 --September 17, 1926 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --September 19, 1926 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --October 1, 1926 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --October 2, 1926 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --October 4, 1926 - 3 sides/1 folded sheet
 --October 4, 1926 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --n.d. - 4 printed sides/2 sheets -- Article: "Does a Nightingale Really Sing?" and sketch of Huntington Estate, Bronx, NY
 --October 5, 1926 - 5 sides/3 folded sheets, with sketches
 --October 7, 1926 - 2 sides/folded card, also Railway information and Yellowstone drawing, 2 sheets with sketches
 --October 8, 1926 - 1 side/1 page memorandum, plus 5 sides/4 sheets - Seattle
 --October 8, 1926 - 6 sides/6 sheets [to Mrs. Comins]
 --October 9, 1926 - 5 sides/5 sheets
 --n.d. - 1 side/1 folded sheet [to Mrs. Comins]
 --n.d. - 1 side/1 sheet - partial letter with signature
 --October 15, 1926 & October 20, 1926 - 9 sides/6 sheets
 --October 21, 1926 - 4 sides/4 sheets - typed - Thoughts on Prohibition by Gompei, Plus 4 page transcription
 --November 4, 1926 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --November 13 & November 17, 1926 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --November 28, 1926 - 4 sides/4 sheets
 --December 1, 1926 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --December 5, 1926 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus 4 sheets with bill, etc. for shipping
 --December 6, 1926 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --December 17, 1926 - sides/2 sheets

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Folder 6

1927

Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

--January 3, 1927 - 4 sides/4 sheets
 --January 20, 1927 - 5 sides/2 folded sheets
 --January 23, 1927 - 1 side/1 sheet [drawings on Palace Hotel Stationery - "Protecting Life and Property"]
 --February 4, 1927 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --February 12, 1927 - 4 sides/4 sheets
 --February 12, 1927 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --March 1, 1927 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --March 14, 1927 - 7 sides/4 sheets, plus typed Feb. 16 letter to Gompei from YMCA of WPI
 --March 27, 1927 - 3 sides/3 sheets

--March 31, 1927 - 8 sides/5 sheets
 --April 9, 1927 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --April 20, 1927 - 7 sides/7 sheets
 --May 14, 1927 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --June 6, 1927 - 5 sides/5 sheets
 --July 4, 1927 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --July 7, 1927 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --July 17, 1927 - 3 sides/2 sheets, plus 3 photos
 --July 31, 1927 - 6 sides/3 sheets [*Gompei working for Osaka Gas much of the time, and doing more work on spindles*]
 --August 16, 1927 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --August 21, 1927 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --August 24, 1927 - 3 sides/3 sheets, plus order for 10 tons spindle steel
 --September 11, 1927 - 6 sides/6 sheets
 --October 1, 1927 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --October 3, 1927 - 14 sides/7 sheets
 --October 6, 1927 - 2 sides/1 sheet
 --October 17, 1927 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --October 22, 1927 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --November 9, 1927 - 4 sides/4 sheets
 --November 20, 1927 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --November 26, 1927 - 4 sides/3 sheets

Box 2

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Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

--January 8, 1928 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus gift card for WPI Alumni Fund
 --February 15, 1928 - 4 sides/4 sheets [*Gompei appointed technical adviser for Osaka Gas*]
 --February 17, 1928 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --March 14, 1928 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus 2 sketches
 --March 18, 1928 - 2 sides/1 sheet
 --March 29, 1928 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --April 3, 1928 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --April 12, 1928 - 3 sides/3 sheets [*Gompei appointed WPI delegate for WPI to world engineering convention in Tokyo in Oct. 1929*]
 --April 28, 1928 - 1 sheet [*Western Union telegram from Kuwada to Comins - arrive Worcester June 2nd*]
 --April 30, 1928 - 1 side/1 sheet - Letter from Herbert F. Taylor to Comins
 --April 30, 1928 - 3 sides/3 sheets [*Pres. Earle offers Gompei honorary degree; Gompei will be at graduation*]
 --May 21, 1928 - 7 sides/2 folded sheets
 --June 8, 1928 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --July 21, 1928 - 9 sides/3 sheets - from Hamburg [*re. Suenori's illness/thanking Comins for their care of him*]
 --July 25, 1928 - 4 sides/3 sheets
 --July 31, 1928 - 3 sides/3 sheets - from Berlin
 --September 18, 1928 - 8 sides/4 sheets - on ship
 --October 7, 1928 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --October 31, 1928 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus newspaper clipping in Japanese
 --November 6, 1928 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --November 24, 1928 - 2 side/1 sheet
 --December 6, 1928 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus letter to Edward Bauer of Worcester Gas Light Co. (2 sheets) re. request for report of Worcester Gas Light from Osaka Gas Co.
 --December 31, 1928 - 4 sides/2 sheets

Box 2 Folder 8 Jan. 2-April 30, 1929 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

- January 2, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet
- January 6, 1929 - 5 sides/5 sheets [doctor's report: Suenori's condition little changed]
- January 29, 1929 - 3 sides/2 sheets
- February 12, 1929 - 6 sides/6 sheets, plus carbon copies of letters to Edward Bauer and Messrs. Research Institute of Combustion Utility (2 pages)
- February 14, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet
- March 9, 1929 - 5 sides/5 sheets, plus 2 typed
- March 9, 1929 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus receipt for paid import taxes
- March 12, 1929 - 3 sides/3 sheets [comments re. cable - greatly encouraged, Suenori steadily improving]
- March 15, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet - letter to Mr. Knowles
- March 21, 1929 - 3 sides/3 sheets [summary of Suenori's recent medical situation/ thoughts about Gompei visiting]
- March 30, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet
- April 9, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet
- April 16, 1929 - 3 sides/3 sheets, plus diagram of lantern and Western Union telegram [thoughts of Suenori - possibly try Arizona if climate better]
- April 24, 1929 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- April 30, 1929 - 2 sides/2 sheets [re. Arthur's cable "sudden change...failing rapidly... expect anything" -- Gompei arranging to come to U.S.]

Box 2 Folder 8 May 8, 1929-Dec. 25, 1929 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

- May 8, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet - Vancouver, on way to Boston
- June 15, 1929 - 30 sides/15 sheets, plus 2 drawings - on ship returning to Tokyo ["sorrowful feelings...new light"]
- June 25, 1929 - telegram ["ceremony Thursday decorated Comins floral Kuwada"]
- July 11 & July 29, 1929 - 5 sides/5 sheets, plus photo [account of service for Suenori]
- July 19, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet
- August 12, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet [hundredth day for Suenori/souvenirs to friends]
- August 12, 1929 - 3 sides/3 sheets, plus spindle price list (in German)
- August 18, 1929 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- September 12, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus newspaper clipping and World Engineering Congress membership card
- September 13, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus order for safety guards for presses
- September 21, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet
- September 25, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet
- September 30, 1929 - 2 sides/2 sheets [sending curio cabinet]
- October 19, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus invoice for wooden cabinet
- October 21, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet [re. payment for steel]
- October 24, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet
- October 18, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet
- November 1, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet [letter pertaining to granddaughter of Dr. Von Siebold]
- November 5, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus program for World Engineering Congress Conference in Tokyo
- November 10, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet - letter to Mrs. Comins
- November 16, 1929 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus 2 page translation
- November 25, 1929 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- December 25, 1929 - 6 sides/3 sheets ["thoughts recur to Sue...no celebrating mood... Next October I shall be 60...let us plan travel"]
- Undated - 6 sides/3 sheets

Container List

Container	Folder	Date	Title
Box 3	Folder 1	1930	Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
			--January 14, 1930 - 1 side/1 sheet
			--January 21, 1930 - 1 side/1 sheet
			--February 12, 1930 - 3 sides/3 sheets [soon leave for Paris via Siberia, plan to be in U.S. in May, will see some folks about spindles]
			--March 2, 1930 - 6 sides/3 sheets [Katsuko coming to America with Gompei, bad condition of U.S. mills - "yours not the worst"]
			--March 7, 1930 - 3 sides/3 sheets - translation of German letter concerning the descendants of Dr. Philipp Franz von Siebold, plus one page of Arthur's writing re. von Siebold
			--March 22, 1930 - 1 side/1 sheet
			--April 1, 1930 - 1 side/1 sheet
			--April 17, 1930 - 4 sides/1 folded sheet - Paris
			--April 27, 1930 - 4 sides/1 folded sheet - Paris
			--May 14, 1930 - 2 sides/1 sheet - letter to Mrs. Masson from Munich
			--May 19, 1930 - 11 sides/4 folded sheets - Naples
			--May 20, 1930 - 1 side/1 sheet - Munich
			--May 21, 1930 - 2 sides/1 sheet - Munich
			--May 27, 1930 - 3 sides/1 folded sheet - Berlin
			--May 29, 1930 - 2 sides/1 sheet - Berlin
			--June 8, 1930 - 2 sides/2 sheets -Paris
			--June 15, 1930 - 2 sides/2 sheets - London
			--June 15, 1930 - 2 sides/2 sheets - London
			--July 22, 1930 - 3 sides/3 sheets - New York City, includes notes from Mr. Nakada, T. Tada, Masako, Katsuko
			--July 22, 1930 - 1 side/1 sheet
			--July 24, 1930 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus 2 sides/2 sheets letter from Katsuko
			--July 29, 1930 - 1 side/1 sheet - Yosemite
			--August 28, 1930 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus letter from Wetherell Bros. Co.
			--September 25, 1930 - 1 side/1 sheet
			--October 9, 1930 - 3 sides/3 sheets [Gompei 60 years old]
			--October 14, 1930 - 4 sides/1 folded sheet, plus floor plan of Gompei's house
			--October 26, 1930 - 3 sides/2 sheets
			--November 20, 1930 - 2 sides/2 sheets [strikes at the factory]
			--November 24, 1930 - 2 sides/2 sheets [sabotage at spindle factory]
			--December 3, 1930 - 3 sides/2 sheets (one sheet is note from Katsuko)
			--December 5, 1930 - 2 sides/2 sheets - letter to Margaret Comins from Gompei and Katsuko
			--December 5, 1930 - 14 sides/14 sheets
			--December 22 & 23, 1930 - 7 sides/7 sheets & 8 sides/8 sheets [Tada baby born (Masako's)]
			--December 25, 1930 - 4 sides/4 sheets (2 sheets are letter to Margaret from Katsuko and drawings)
			--December 31, 1930 - 4 sides/4 sheets

Box 3 Folder 2 January 1-May 19, 1931 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

- January 1, 1931 - 1 side/1 sheet
- January 11, 1931 - 4 sides/4 sheets - letters to Mrs. Comins from Gompei
- January 15, 1931 - 4 sides/2 sheets
- February 4, 1931 - 2 sides/2 sheets - one to Arthur, plus copy of letter to Sarah Lake ("Aunt Sadie")]
- February 4, 1931 - 1 side/1 sheet
- February 14, 1931 - 3 sides/3 sheets
- March 4, 1931 - 2 sides/2 sheets [received telegram from Sadie - will see her and Betty at Hotel Oriental in Kobe in 2 days]
- March 8, 1931 - 3 sides/3 sheets - Kyoto [Sadie and Bet arrived]
- March 18, 1931 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- April 3, 1931 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- April 12, 1931 - 6 sides/3 sheets
- April 21, 1931 - 5 sides/5 sheets
- c. April 21, 1931 - 2 sides/1 folded sheet - note from Katsuko [re. Aunt Sadie's and Betty's visit], plus news article in Japanese
- May 2, 1931 - 6 sides/6 sheets -- Tsingtao, China [visiting mills where Gompei's company supplies spindles and rings]
- May 2, 1931 - 3 sides/3 sheets, plus drawings and newspaper clippings
- May 5, 1931 - 1 side/1 sheet
- May 9, 1931 - 5 sides/5 sheets [Description of Arthur's mill affairs is discouraging/ Gompei's company beginning manufacture of nitrided steel rings and spindle blades]
- May 18, 1931 - 6 sides/3 sheets [Mr. Wells sent information on taps and dies]
- May 19, 1931 - 4 sides/1 sheet

Box 3 Folder 3 June 1-December 29, 1931 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

- June 1, 1931 - 6 sides/6 sheets, plus baggage ticket - Tsingtao, China
- June 20, 1931 - 5 sides/5 sheets, plus color sketch from Tsingtao
- July 4, 1931 - 3 sides/3 sheets
- July 10, 1931 - 1 side/1 sheet [going to Shanghai to nail big spindle and ring order/ by separate envelope ordering 5 tons of steel from Wetherell]
- July 27, 1931 - 4 sides/4 sheets
- August 12, 1931 - 1 side/1 sheet
- September 7, 1931 - 4 sides/4 sheets
- September 12, 1931 - 1 side/1 sheet
- October 7, 1931 - 1 side/1 sheet [Mrs. Bruce Lancaster taking 15 dolls to be presented to Worcester's Natural History Museum]
- October 25, 1931 - 3 sides/3 sheets
- October 26, 1931 - 3 sides/2 sheets - letter to Margaret from Katsuko
- November 11, 1931 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- November 18, 1931 - 4 sides/4 sheets [ordering machinery from Mr. Wells]
- November 24, 1931 - 4 sides/4 sheets
- December 2, 1931 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- December 13, 1931 - 3 sides/3 sheets
- December 20, 1931 - 4 sides/4 sheets [sent art \$10,500 by wire -- \$6,500 to Wells for machinery]
- December 29, 1931 - 3 sides/3 sheets

Box 3 Folder 4 January 16-May 20, 1932 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

- January 16, 1932 - 2 sides/1 sheet

--January 25, 1932 - 2 sides/2 sheets [*\$4,000 he sent from Nihon Spindle to Art can be used for Art and Margaret's travel and visit to Japan*]
 --February 7, 1932 - 6 sides/3 sheets
 --February 11, 1932 - 8 sides/2 folded sheets [*arranging for 5 men to take charge and be shareholders of Nihon Spindle by next year*]
 --February 15, 1932 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --February 22, 1932 - 4 sides/4 sheets
 --February 24, 1932 - 3 sides/3 sheets [*comments re. Japan's invasion of Manchuria*]
 --March 9, 1932 - 4 sides/2 sheets
 --March 10, 1932 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --March 14, 1932 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --March 20, 1932 - 3 sides/2 sheets
 --April 21, 1932 - 5 sides/5 sheets
 --April 26, 1932 - 3 sides/2 sheets
 --April 29, 1932 - 3 sides/3 sheets - to Podge (Mrs. Comins) and Aunt Sadie [*signature was a goat*]
 Telegraph - 2 sheets - from Aunt Sadie [*may be out of order - date stamp says 6.3.4*]
 --May 1, 1932 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --May 9, 1932 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --May 12, 1932 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --May 14, 1932 - 6 sides/3 sheets
 --May 20, 1932 - 3 sides/2 sheets

Box 3 Folder 5 June 15-December 18, 1932 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

--June 15, 1932 - 6 sides/3 sheets [*first nitride rings sent to Mitsui, NY*]
 --n.d. - note for Pudge and Bet (*found elsewhere*)
 --June 23, 1932 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --June 28, 1932 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --July 2, 1932 - 4 sides/4 sheets
 --July 9, 1932 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --July 11, 1932 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --July 14, 1932 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --July 26, 1932 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --August 2, 1932 - 4 sides/4 sheets (*one with places in Japan to visit*)
 --August 6, 1932 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --August 14, 1932 - 2 sides/2 sheets [*Masako coming to Japan with children/Tada asks Gompei to have them at their house*]
 --August 23, 1932 - 5 sides/5 sheets
 --September 6, 1932 - 8 sides/4 sheets
 --September 22, 1932 - 4 sides/2 sheets, plus map and pictures of Sanno Hotel in Tokyo
 --September 30, 1932 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --October 9, 1932 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus map - trip to Ayaji Island, off Kobe
 --October 14, 1932 - 3 sides/3 sheets, plus drawing of seeds
 --October 24, 1932 - 4 sides/4 sheets
 --November 11, 1932 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --November 20, 1932 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --December 2, 1932 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --December 12, 1932 - 5 sides/3 sheets
 --December 18, 1932 - 2 sides/2 sheets

Box 3 Folder 6 January 3-April 11, 1933 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

--January 3, 1933 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --January 12, 1933 - 2 sides/2 sheets [*encouraging Art & Podge to come this Spring*]
 --February 6, 1933 - 3 sides/2 sheets

- February 6, 1933 - 2 sides/1 sheet
- February 9, 1933 - 3 sides/3 sheets
- February 10, 1933 - 3 sides/3 sheets
- February 19, 1933 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- March 5, 1933 - 3 sides/3 sheets
- March 7, 1933 - 1 side/1 sheet
- March 19, 1933 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- March 23, 1933 - 1 side/1 sheet
- March 31, 1933 - 1 side/1 sheet
- c. April 1, 1933 - 4 sides/3 sheets
- April 6, 1933 - 1 sheet - Western Union wired message from Comins
- April 7, 1933 - 5 sides/3 sheets
- April 8, 1933 - 1 sheet - Western Union wired message from Kuwada
- April 9, 1933 - 1 side/1 sheet
- April 10, 1933 - 1 sheet -- Western Union message from Kuwadas
- April 11, 1933 - 3 sides/2 sheets [anticipate visit]
- June 1933 - 2 sides/2 sheets typewritten - Itinerary for Comins's visit to Japan

Box 3	Folder 7	July 2-December 30, 1933	Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
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- July 2, 1933 - 2 sides/2 sheets [first letter after Comins's left Japan]
- July 3, 1933 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- July 12, 1933 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- July 23, 1933 - 3 sides/1 folded sheet, with sketches
- July 31, 1933 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- August 3, 1933 - 1 side/1 sheet
- August 11, 1933 - 1 side/1 sheet
- August 31, 1933 - 6 sides/3 sheets, plus newspaper clipping
- September 4, 1933 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- September 6, 1933 - 1 side/1 sheet
- September 8, 1933 - 4 sides/2 sheets, plus machinery drawing [will apply for patent on Rawson's clutch]
- September 12, 1933 - 1 side/1 sheet
- September 19, 1933 - 5 sides/3 sheets
- September 26, 1933 - 2 sides/1 sheet
- September 27, 1933 - 1 side/1 sheet
- September 30, 1933 - 2 sides/1 sheet, plus 2 pictures
- September 30, 1933 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- October 4, 1933 - 3 sides/2 sheets
- October 10, 1933 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- October 29, 1933 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus newspaper clipping
- November 15, 1933 - 2 sides/1 sheet
- November 18, 1933 - 8 sides/6 sheets, plus 3 sheets with drawings
- December 10, 1933 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- December 19, 1933 - 8 sides/4 sheets
- December 27, 1933 - 1 side/1 sheet
- December 30, 1933 - 2 sides/2 sheets

Box 3	Folder 8	January 14-June 30, 1934	Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
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- January 14, 1934 - 2 sides/1 sheet
- January 14, 1934 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus newspaper clipping
- January 15, 1934 - 3 sides/2 sheets
- January 17, 1934 - 5 sides/3 sheets
- January 23, 1934 - 1 side/1 sheet - note, with sketch of mountain
- February 10, 1934 - 2 sides/2 sheets

--February 28, 1934 - 2 sides/2 sheets [order]
 --March 11, 1934 - 2 sides/1 sheet
 --March 21, 1934 - 5 sides/5 sheets
 --April 1, 1934 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --April 1, 1934 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --April 6, 1934 - 2 sides/1 sheet
 --April 6, 1934 - 2 sides/1 sheet, plus news clipping of tea cup
 --April 6, 1934 - 1 side/1 sheet - typed by Arthur
 --April 10, 1934 - 5 sides/5 sheets [Nihon Spindle will become public company]
 --April 15, 1934 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --April 27, 1934 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --April 1934 - 4 typewritten sheets -- American Etiquette guidelines
 --May 16, 1934 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --May 20, 1934 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --May 23, 1934 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus postcard and 2 drawings
 --June 1, 1934 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --June 5, 1934 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --June 27, 1934 - 3 sides/3 sheets [shareholder meeting for Nihon spindle held;
 Gompei will continue as president]
 --June 30, 1934 - 6 sides/3 sheets

Box 3 Folder 9 July 4-December 27, 1934 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
 --July 4, 1934 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --July 6, 1934 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --July 12, 1934 - 3 sides/3 sheets, plus 2 postcards of machines [one of micrometer,
 patent granted]
 --July 16, 1934 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --July 31, 1934 - 1 side/ sheet [to Margaret Comins, re. Betty's wedding]
 --August 2, 1934 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --August 6, 1934 - 4 sides/4 sheets
 --August 14, 1934 - 3 sides/2 sheets
 --August 28, 1934 - 3 sides/2 sheets - letter from Arthur to Gompei]
 --August 29, 1934 - 5 sides/3 sheets [Tada in Japan now]
 --August 30, 1934 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus Railroad menu
 --September 4, 1934 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --September 14, 1934 - 3 sides/2 sheets, plus envelope
 --September 23, 1934 - Western Union telegram
 --October 2, 1934 - 2 sides/1 sheet
 --October 16, 1934 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --October 20, 1934 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus newspaper clipping
 --October 26, 1934 - Newsflash note for WPI Journal
 --October 29, 1934 - 4 sides/2 sheets
 --November 11, 1934 - 4 sides/4 sheets
 --December 27, 1934 - 3 sides/2 sheets, plus order
 --December 27, 1934 - 3 sides/1 sheet folded - Note to Gompei from Annie W. Comins
 ("Mother Comins," Arthur's mother)

Box 3 Folder 10 Jan 6 - May 29, 1935 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
 --January 6, 1935 - 4 sides/4 sheets
 --January 16, 1935 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --January 17, 1935 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --January 28, 1935 - 3 sides/3 sheets, plus balance sheet
 --February 2, 1935 - 4 sides/4 sheets
 --February 7, 1935 - 3 sides/2 sheets

--February 16, 1935 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --February 23, 1935 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus news clipping
 --March 1, 1935 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --March 3, 1935 - 4 sides/2 sheets
 --March 5, 1935 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --March 29, 1935 - 2 sides/1 sheet
 --April 15, 1935 - 7 sides/7 sheets
 --April 16, 1935 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --n.d., received April 22, 1935 - 3 sides/2 sheets
 --April 29, 1935 - 1 side/1 sheet - to Pudge [6 years since Suenori's death/remembering]
 --April 30, 1935 - 4 sides/4 sheets - addressed to Mr. Knowles [let's go fishing]
 --April 30, 1935 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --May 4, 1935 - 5 sides/5 sheets, plus 2 copies of typed letter about Ronald McDonald's
 grave updating]
 --May 8, 1935 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --May 28, 1935 - 3 sides/2 sheets

Box 3	Folder 11	June 2 - December 25, 1935	Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
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--June 2, 1935 - 4 sides/2 sheets
 --June 4, 1935 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus caliper/micrometer postcard
 --June 14, 1935 - 2 sides/2 sheets [thoughts on "Uncle Knowles' death"]
 --June 23, 1935 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --June 26, 1935 - 11 sides/11 sheets
 --July 1, 1935 - 4 sides/4 sheets, plus 1 sheet Account Balance
 --July 5, 1935 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --July 8, 1935 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --July 10, 1935 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --July 11, 1935 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --July 15, 1935 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --July 27, 1935 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --August 2, 1935 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --August 9-15, 1935 - 4 sides/2 sheets
 --August 27, 1935 - 6 sides/3 sheets
 --n.d., received about August 20, 1935 - news article: "Who Was Gumpei Kuwada?"
 --September 18, 1935 - 1 sheet/1 side
 --September 19, 1935 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus newspaper articles - 2 from Hampshire
 Gazette re. Gompei Kuwada, and obit of U. Waldo Cutler, Class of 1874
 (plus photocopies of articles)
 --September 27, 1935 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 --September 30, 1935 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --October 2, 1935 - 1 side/1 sheet
 --October 7, 1935 - 4 sides/4 sheets [observations on 65th birthday]
 --October 20, 1935 - 4 sides/2 sheets
 --n.d., received October 16, 1935 - 1 side/1 sheet [explanation re. pictures sent]
 --November 22, 1935 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 --December 9, 1935 - 3 sides/2 sheets [concern for Arthur's health]
 --December 19, 1935 - 3 sides/2 sheets
 --December 25, 1935 - 2 sides/2 sheets

Box 3	Folder 12	Jan 9 - June 29, 1936	Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada
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--January 9, 1936 - 4 sides/2 sheets
 --January 25, 1936 - 2 sides/1 sheet [\$3,000 gift to WPI and letter to Pres. Earle]
 --January 26, 1936 - 4 sides/3 sheets [Japanese soldiers in Manchuria - Manchuria and
 Mongolia must be brought under control of civilization]

- February 6, 1936 - 3 sides/3 sheets
- February 16, 1936 - 4 sides/2 sheets
- March 2, 1936 - 4 sides/3 sheets
- March 8, 1936 - 5 sides/4 sheets
- March 9, 1936 - 1 sheet - Western Union telegraph [won't arrive in Worcester before May 10th]
- March 12, 1936 - 3 sides/3 sheets [plans for trip/business in Paris]
- March 22, 1936 - 1 side/1 sheet [reach Worcester by May 8th/Katsuko and her neice will accompany]
- March 25, 1936 - 4 sides/4 sheets - to Mrs. Comins
- April 23, 1936 - 1 sheet - Western Union telegraph - arrived San Francisco
- April 24, 1936 - 1 sheet - Postal telegraph [thank you for flowers, from Katsuko and Kiiko]
- April 25, 1936 - 4 sides/4 sheets
- May 3, 1936 - 3 sides/3 sheets - from Chicago
- May 6, 1936 - 1 side/1 sheet - Buffalo, visiting Bet (Comins' daughter) and George Marcy
- May 8, 1936 - 1 sheet - Western Union telegraph [arrive tomorrow]
- May 31, 1936 - 5 sides/2 sheets (one folded) - on board Cunard White Star Berengaria
- June 4, 1936 - 4 sides/3 sheets - arrive London
- June 8, 1936 - 4 sides/2 sheets, plus pamphlet - in Paris
- June 23, 1936 - 4 sides/4 sheets, plus 3 sheets of drawings
- June 29, 1936 - 4 sides/4 sheets - Paris

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Folder 12

July 3 - Oct 26, 1939

Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

- July 3, 1936 - 2 sides/1 sheet, with drawings - Paris
- July 5, 1936 - 1 side/1 sheet, typed - probably by Arthur for telegram to Gompei
- July 6, 1936 - 1 side/1 sheet
- July 10, 1936 - 1 side/1 sheet - Paris [plans to return to U.S.]
- July 16, 1936 - 2 sides/1 sheet - Paris [strike continues/cannot visit works]
- July 18, 1936 - 2 sides/1 sheet [further delays for visit]
- July 21 & 26, 1936 - 3 sides/2 sheets
- July 25, 1936 - 1 sheet - Bill for subscription to *The Trans-Pacific*
- July 27 & 29, 1936 - 3 sheets - typed messages from Arthur for Western Union telegram
- July 28, 1936 - 1 sheet - telegraph from Gompei from Paris
- July 28, 1936 - 2 sides/2 sheets [cable received/must stay in Paris]
- July 30, 1936 - 1 sheet - telegraph [arrive NY 7th]
- August 1, 1936 - 2 sides/1 sheet - Paris [at last ready]
- August 5, 1936 - 1 sheet/1 side - Ozean-Brief, ocean letter [due 7th NY]
- August 6, 1936 - 1 sheet/1 side - Arthur's handwritten note [phone 60226, wireless just received, S.S. Europa]
- August 6, 1936 - 1 sheet/1 side - Arthur's typewritten note to Gompei
- August 7, 1936 - 1 sheet - Western Union telegram
- August 7, 1936 - 3 sides/2 sheets - in Washington
- August 10, 1936 - 2 sheets - handwritten copies of sent telegraphs
- August 10, 1936 - 1 sheet - telegraph from Gompei
- August 24, 1936 - 2 sides/1 sheet
- August 26, 1936 - 1 side/1 sheet - draft of night letter from Arthur to Gompei [forwarding letters from Japan]
- August 31, 1936 - 4 sides/1 folded sheet
- September 6, 1936 - 4 sides/1 folded sheet
- September 10, 1936 - 2 sides/1 folded sheet

- September 11, 1936 - 4 post cards of N.Y.K. line boat, with continuing letter on them (probably mailed with September 10 letter)
- September 18, 1936 - 2 sides/2 sheets - typed copy of letter Arthur sent to Gompei [Arthur's X-Ray treatments/continuing pain/business matters]
- October 3, 1936 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- October 7, 1936 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus picture and shipping list; also: 3 sheets - *The Foreign Situation*, and 2 sheets/2 sides - *Impression of Travel, August 1936*
- October 21, 1936 - 6 sides/3 sheets, plus news clippings
- October 26, 1936 - 4 sides/2 sheets

Box 3 Folder 12 Nov 4 - December 23, 1936 Letters to Arthur Comins from Gompei Kuwada

- November 4, 1936 - 3 sides/3 sheets, plus 8 photographs, 1 brochure with sheeting sample, folder for Kuwada memorial building opening celebration, with photos
- November 11, 1936 - 3 sides/3 sheets
- November 11, 1936 - 4 sides/4 sheets - to Margaret (Mrs. Comins) [John wrote that Arthur is in hospital]
- November 20, 1936 - 1 side/1 sheet
- November 23, 1936 - 2 sides/1 sheet, plus 5 photographs
- December 6, 1936 - 6 sides/6 sheets - with letters from Katsuko and Kiiko, plus drawing [Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito putting heads together vs. communism]
- December 11, 1936 - 2 sides/2 sheets
- December 11, 1936 - 3 sides/3 sheets - to Podge (Mrs. Comins) [re. Arthur's health]
- December 15, 1936 - 1 side/1 sheet [Condolence letter after hearing of Arthur's death]
- December 23, 1936 - 4 sides/4 sheets

Comins-Kuwada Correspondence 1930-1936

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Container	Folder	Date	Title
Box 4	Folder 1	January 4-June 29, 1937	Letters to Margaret Comins from Gompei Kuwada
			--January 4, 1937 - 2 sides/2 sheets
			--n.d. - 2 post cards, written in Japanese, plus advertisement for Hotel New Osaka
			--January 20, 1937 - 6 sides/6 sheets
			--January 28, 1937 - 1 sheet, typed [re. soap sent by Nihon Spindle, a by-product of silk industry]
			--February 5, 1937 - 1 side/1 sheet
			--February 22, 1937 - 3 sides/3 sheets
			--February 26, 1937 - 1 side/1 sheet
			--March 21, 1937 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus postcard - Tokyo Railway Hotel
			--March 26, 1937 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus note from Mr. Green [Gompie will be in Worcester early in June]
			--April 18, 1937 - Card - from ship, "Bremen"
			--April 19, 1937 - 1 sheet, folded, 4 sides, plus 5 photographs
			--April 25, 1937 - 2 sides/1 sheet - from Shunkichi Horiba, who traveled with Gompei and Katsuko
			--April 26, 1937 - 4 sides/1 folded sheet - Paris
			--May 13, 1937 - 4 sides/1 folded sheet
			--May 18, 1937 - 3 sides/1 folded sheet
			--June 29, 1937 - 1 side/1 sheet - letter on front of brochure, Hotel Excelsior, Berlin
			--June 29, 1937 - post card from Berlin

- Box 4 Folder 2 July 4 - December 19, 1937 Letters to Margaret Comins from Gompei Kuwada
- July 4, 1937 - 3 sides/1 folded sheet, including sketches [congratulations on granddaughter]
 - July 11, 1937 - 2 sides/2 sheets ["this time my work has been entirely to do with plans for aircraft building work...Nippon Aircraft Co. Ltd.]
 - August 12, 1937 - post card -- Vancouver
 - August 14, 1937 - 4 sides/1 folded sheet [visit to Worcester over/thoughts about situation in China]
 - August 14, 1937 - post card -- Vancouver
 - August 25, 1937 -- 4 sides/1 folded sheet [re. Japan's war with China/hope for better government for Chinese people]
 - September 7, 1937 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 - September 21, 1937 - 2 sides/2 sheets [Japan to bombard Nanking]
 - October 11, 1937 - 3 sides/3 sheets [war was inevitable/depend on discretion of the government]
 - October 15, 1937 - 3 sides/3 sheets, plus sketch
 - October 20, 1937 - 1 side/1 sheet - Letter from Louis Rawson - enclosing invoice
 - October 24, 1937 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus invoice for package, plus 4 sheets - short story, plus 4 sheets - stray thoughts
 - November 10, 1937 - 2 sides/1 sheet
 - November 12, 1937 - Post card -- of dancer
 - December 19, 1937 - 4 sides/2 sheets [no pillaging by Japanese soldiers in Nanking]
- Box 4 Folder 3 January 4-July 22, 1938 Letters to Margaret Comins from Gompei Kuwada
- January 4, 1938 - 10 sides/5 sheets - letter to Mrs. Everett Carleton [Gompei defending Japanese government in war/says airplane and spindle businesses are helping]
 - January 12, 1938 - 1 side/1 sheet
 - January 28, 1938 - 1 side/1 sheet
 - February 19, 1938 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 - March 3, 1938 - 3 sides/3 sheets
 - March 31, 1938 - Post card
 - April 8, 1938 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus newspaper article
 - May 22, 1938 - 2 sides/1 sheet
 - June 6, 1938 - 2 sides/2 sheets
 - July 2, 1938 - 2 sides/1 sheet
 - July 3, 1938 - 2 sides/1 sheet
 - July 4, 1938 - 1 side/1 sheet
 - July 20, 1938 - 1 side/1 sheet
 - July 22, 1938 - 4 sides/1 folded sheet
- Box 4 Folder 4 August 7 - Dec. 24, 1938 Letters to Margaret Comins from Gompei Kuwada
- August 7, 1938 - 4 sides/1 folded sheet
 - August 16, 1938 - 2 sides/1 sheet
 - August 30, 1938 - 3 sides/1 folded sheet - notes from Katsuko & Gompei, postcard from Kiiko and picture
 - September 2, 1938 - 1 sides/1 sheet
 - September 11, 1938 - 2 sides/2 sheet, plus blotter and sheet with clovers
 - October 3, 1938 - 2 sides/1 folded sheet -- in Vancouver
 - October 10, 1938 - 3 sides/1 folded sheet - New York [to Mrs. Comins and Aunt Sadie, Thanks for visit/Japan justified in war with China]
 - October 13, 1938 - 4 sides/2 sheets
 - October 16, 1938 - 3 sides/2 sheets
 - October 18, 1938 - 2 sides/2 sheets

- October 20, 1938 - 3 sides/2 sheets
- October 20, 1938 - postcard of Roosevelt Hotel
- October 24, 1938 - 3 sides/1 folded sheet
- October 28, 1938 - 6 sides/3 sheets, plus newspaper article, Sept. 25, 1938
- October 29, 1938 - 2 postcards
- November 6 & 9, 1938 - 11 sides/3 folded sheets
- November 12, 1938 - 2 sides/1 folded sheet, plus note from Katsuko
- November 23, 1938 - 4 sides/2 sheets
- November 30, 1938 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus menu - dining car, Express Kobe to Tokyo
- December 24, 1938 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus blank postcard and note from Katsuko

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| Box 4 | Folder 5 | January 4 - February 28, 1939 | Letters to Margaret Comins from Gompei Kuwada |
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --January 4, 1939 - 3 sides/3 sheets, plus photos from pamphlet --February 1, 1939 - 4 sides/4 sheets --February 15, 1939 - 1 side/1 sheet --February 24, 1939 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus photographs of Gompei, family, houses --February 28, 1939 - 3 sides/3 sheets [sending some of Art's letters to Margaret] |
| Box 4 | Folder 6 | March 1-Nov. 26, 1939 | Letters to Margaret Comins from Gompei Kuwada |
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --March 1, 1939 - 2 sides/1 sheet --March 26, 1939 - 3 sides/2 sheets --April 16, 1939 - 4 sides/2 sheets [Gompei's time: 1/3 for textile mills/ 2/3 for government - steel, airplanes] --April 1939 - 6 sheets, typewritten - "Un Tenement Militaire" --May 20, 1939 - 3 sides/2 sheets --June 23, 1939 - 1 side/1 sheet --July 4, 1939 - 2 sides/2 sheets --July 24, 1939 - 2 sides/1 sheet, plus 2 photographs --August 27, 1939 - 3 sides/3 sheets [Louis Berry coming for 6 months/instructor in melting and forging] --September 6, 1939 - 3 sides/2 sheets [Gompei retiring from presidency of steel company] --October 7, 1939 - 4 sides/2 sheets --November 6, 1939 - 1 side/1 sheet ---November 26, 1939 - 3 sides/1 folded sheet [bought house in Kyoto] |
| Box 4 | Folder 7 | January 7 - May 31, 1940 | Letters to Margaret Comins from Gompei Kuwada |
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --January 7, 1940 - 2 sides/1 sheet --January 21, 1940 - 4 sides/1 folded sheet, plus 2 sides/1 sheet, plus 1 sheet - P.S. --February 22, 1940 - Washington's birthday -- 2 sides/1 sheet --February 25, 1940 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus newspaper page --March 25, 1940 - 3 sides/2 sheets --April 25, 1940 - Pamphlets from the American Committee for non-participation in Japanese Aggression --May 3, 1940 - 4 sides/2 sheets, plus booklet with patterns and fabric samples for women's clothing [sees democracy ahead for China] --May 14, 1940 - 3 sides/3 sheets, plus postcard (2 pages to Aunt Celia, 1 page to Margaret, plus postcard with Katsuko's note to Celia) --May 31, 1940 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus note with large clovers |

Box 4	Folder 8	June 17 - December 29, 1940	Letters to Margaret Comins from Gompei Kuwada
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> --June 17, 1940 -4 sides/2 sheets --July 3, 1940 - 1 side/1 sheet --July 15, 1940 - 4 sides/1 folded sheet --September 4, 1940 - 3 sides/2 sheets --September 29, 1940 - 1 side/1 sheet --October 17, 1940 - postcard --November 4, 1940 - 2 sides/1 sheet --November 8, 1940 - 2 sides/1 sheet --November 27, 1940 - 2 sides/2 sheets --December 12, 1940 - 3 sides/3 sheets --December 29, 1940 - 3 sides/3 sheets
Box 4	Folder 9	1941	Letters to Margaret Comins from Gompei Kuwada
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> --January 4, 1941 - 1 side/1 sheet --January 22, 1941 - 2 sides/1 sheet --January 24, 1941 - 5 sides/4 sheets --February 2, 1941 - 1 side/1 sheet --February 15, 1941 - 1 sheet - letter from Kiiko Mataka --February 24, 1941 - 4 sides/4 sheets --March 8, 1941 - 3 sides/2 sheets --April 1, 1941 - 1 side/1 sheet --May 2, 1941 - 3 sides/2 sheets, plus 2 postcards --May 6, 1941 - 2 sides/2 sheets --May 25, 1941 - 5 sides/3 sheets, plus photograph of Gompei --June 18, 1941 - 4 sides/2 sheets, plus newspaper and page of sports day photographs --July 4, 1941 - 3 sides/2 sheets --August 1, 1941 -4 sides/2 sheets, plus greeting from Teddy --August 9, 1941 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus 3 postcards [mail boats between U.S. and Japan are getting scarce] --August 27, 1941 - 2 sides/1 sheet --September 2, 1941 - 1 side/1 sheet, plus photograph of Gompei and two postcards/ menu - Osaka Gas Building dining room --October 14, 1941 - 2 sides/1 sheet
Box 4	Folder 10	1945 & 1946	Letters to Margaret Comins from Gompei Kuwada
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> --November 27, 1945 - 2 sides/1 sheet --February 14, 1946 - 1 side/1 sheet - enclosed with Nov. letter, from Maj. Lardner Moore, who brought letter to U.S. and mailed it --March 19, 1946 - 2 sides/2 sheets - letter to Mrs. Comins from Aldus Higgins re. letter from Gompei --March 19, 1946 - copy of letter Aldus Higgins wrote to Gompei Kuwada --n.d. - 3 drafts of letters from Margaret Comins - to Aldus Higgins, Maj. Moore, and Gompei and Katsuko
Box 4	Folder 11	Jan. 20-May 29, 1947	Letters to Margaret Comins from Gompei Kuwada
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> --January 20, 1947 - Postcard [reference to Mr. Comins' portrait in reception room] --January 28, 1947 - 1 side/1 sheet [request for seeds for Mr. Kataoka and Gompei] --January 31, 1947 - 1 side/1 sheet [list of seeds] --February 22, 1947 - 1 side/1 sheet --n.d. - 5 news clippings, including U.S. military and Japanese, and cut-out of elephant --March 12, 1947 - 1 side/1 sheet - possible draft of letter, on Comins stationery --March 21, 1947 - 2 sides/2 sheets, plus painted card attached, addressed to "Pudge"

[deprivations of life under occupation]

- March 25, 1947 - 4 sides/2 sheets [condolences re. death of Aunt Sadie]
- April 1, 1947 - 2 sides/2 sheets - receipt with seed list from Ross. Bros.
- May 7, 1947 - 4 sides/2 sheets - letter to George and Betty [re. Aunt Sadie/Japan can again fly rising sun (national flag)/have new constitution]
- May 9 & 29, 1947 - 4 sides/2 sheets, plus returned letter form
- May 26, 1947 - 4 sides/2 sheets [received seeds/now have maid]

Box 4 Folder 12 June 8-Dec. 25, 1947 Letters to Margaret Comins from Gompei Kuwada

- June 8, 1947 - 4 sides/2 sheets, plus censor detachment note of clipping removed [mention of scholarships/Kuwadas' support]
- June 9, 1947 - 1 side/1 sheet typewritten - from Mr. Kataoka [thank you letter for seeds]
- July 4, 1947 - 2 sides/1 sheet, plus postcard from Katsuko
- July 29, 1947 - 6 sides/3 sheets, plus 1 pink sheet with precepts by Tokugawa
- August 9, 1947 - 4 sides/2 sheets [thoughts on the war, and other thoughts]
- August 12, 1947 - folder with note and drawing of peach
- August 17, 1947 - 5 sides/3 sheets - censor-damaged
- August 29, 1947 - 2 sides/1 sheet, plus censor note that letter was found damaged
- September 7, 1947 - 6 sides/3 sheets [story of toad in his garden, also hares, snakes, frogs, birds, worms - with drawings]
- September 15 & 21, 1947 - 4 sides/2 sheets
- October 7, 1947 - 6 sides/3 sheets, with small note on green paper attached to envelope made by Mrs. Comins [Gompei's 77th birthday/request for seeds]
- November 4, 1947 - 4 sides/2 sheets [55th reunion coming in 1948/thoughts on WPI]
- November 14, 1947 - 4 sides/2 sheets [still technical advisor for Osaka Gas Co./ sending package with WPI students now with occupation forces]
- November 26, 1947 - 4 sides/2 sheets [report on indemnity Japan must pay/hardships]
- n.d. - 4 sides/2 sheets [one sheet is description of pictures/second probably goes with earlier letter of Gompei]
- December 1, 1947 - 4 sides/2 sheets
- December 25, 1947 - 4 sides/2 sheets, plus censor slip - letter damaged [thanks for packages with food], short note from Katsuko

Box 4 Folder 13 Jan. 1-March 8, 1948 Letters to Margaret Comins from Gompei Kuwada

- n.d. - 1 sheet, approximately 8" X 10" - color painting of woman and child
- January 1, 1948 - 2 sides/1 sheet - typed letter on one side [to Gompei re. dues to Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity] and Gompei's note on other side [requesting that Mrs. Comins pay dues from his account]
- January 14, 1948 - 2 sides/2 typed sheets - Invoice for seeds from Ross Bros.
- January 17, 1948 - 4 sides/2 sheets (with clovers) [difficulties of life/privations under occupation]
- January 27, 1948 - 4 sides/2 sheets [thanks for Christmas food package/received invitation to 55th WPI anniversary - would not be permitted to leave Japan for "mere travel." Story about his water color paintings/thanks for vegetable seeds]
- February 12, 1948 - 4 sides/2 sheets [selling more items to get money]
- February 21, 1948 - 4 sides/1 folded sheet
- February 27, 1948 - 6 sides/3 sheets, plus card with sketch of apple pie
- February 27, 1948 - 1 side/1 sheet - typed letter from Mr. Kataoka thanking Mrs. Comins for seeds
- March 3, 1948 - 4 sides/2 sheets, plus card with sketch of "petit d'journee"
- March 7, 1948 - 2 sides/1 sheet [thoughts on friends, correspondents]
- March 8, 1948 - 1 side/1 sheet [inquiry re. illustrating for American advertisements]

to "earn a dollar or two"]

Box 4 Folder 14 April 1-Dec. 8, 1948 Letters to Margaret Comins from Gompei Kuwada
--April 1, 1948 - 2 sides/1 sheet [wrote to Aldus - letter to read at 55th reunion]
--April 23, 1948 - 2 sides/1 sheet
--April 26, 1948 - 4 sides/2 sheets
--May 24, 1948 - 4 sides/2 sheets
--June 8, 1948 - 2 sides/1 sheet, plus bookmark with clovers and flowers
--June 14, 1948 - 2 sides/1 sheet
--June 21, 1948 - 1 side/1 sheet
--June 29, 1948 - 1 side/1 sheet
--July 4, 1948 - 3 sides/2 sheets
--August 3, 1948 - 2 sides/1 sheet
--August 17, 1948 - 2 sides/1 sheet, plus 2 flower bookmarks
--September 5, 1948 - 3 sides/2 sheets [comments on Gompei's health]
--September 6, 1948 - 1 side/1 sheet
--September 12, 1948 - 6 sides/3 sheets [report on 55th reunion/WPI memories]
--December 8, 1948 - 2 sides/1 sheet, plus two magazine photos of furniture

Letters from Japanese correspondents, alphabetical, 1931-1940

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Letters from other correspondents, souvenirs of Comins' trip to Japan, Photograph of Suenori, Gompei Kuwada professional materials, miscellaneous materials, postcards, c. 1925-1940

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Box 5	Folder 16	n.d.	Professional biography of and by Gompei Kuwada
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Box 5	Folder 24		Postcards, various <i>[all appear to be from Comins' trip]</i>
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Box 5	Folder 26		Postcards - children's school, with notes
Box 5	Folder 27		Postcards of Shanghai, China
Box 5	Folder 27	1932 <i>[Gompei's writing, site visited by Bet and Sadie]</i>	Postcard