

The Heart of San Francisco's Nihonmachi (Japantown)

Japanese American Businesses at Post & Buchanan Streets

1940 and 2000

Maps by Ben Pease



These maps are part of a set of maps I have drawn of Japanese American businesses districts in San Francisco and other cities showing how they have changed over time.

Buildings are based on Sanborn Insurance Map Co. maps of 1910, 1929, 1951, and 1987, from microfilm at the San Francisco Public Library History Room. I redrew the maps and copied buildings forward and backward to match what existed at the featured dates, based on directory and historic photo evidence. Buildings may or may not be accurate for the dates shown.

Japanese American business and institution names are from old directories published by newspapers such as the Hokkubei Mainichi, Nichibei Times, Japanese American News, and others. They are provided courtesy of Mr. Seizo Oka, curator of the Japanese American History Archives (JAHA) in San Francisco. Maps also build on a set of maps at JAHA created in 1990 by the Japantown Arts & Media Workshop (JAM).

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I have created similar maps for San Francisco's Western Addition neighborhood bounded by Pine, Laguna, McAllister, and Steiner Streets before and after Redevelopment, and for South Park, South of Market, Stockton, and Los Angeles.

Contact me if you need maps for your special projects.

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Map Legend:

Dwellings (single residences)
Flats and Apartments
Hotels, Housekeeping Rooms, Boarding Houses, etc.
Churches & Synagogues
Community Facilities (Schools, social, government, etc.)
Japanese American Businesses and Institutions
Generic business use from Sanborn Insurance map notes

Building Symbols:

□	Building
□	Porch or overhang, open structure, also lumber piles
□	Partition within building
□	Barn, stable, or hayloft
□	Property Line
□	Stairs
28	Number of Stories
153	Street Address

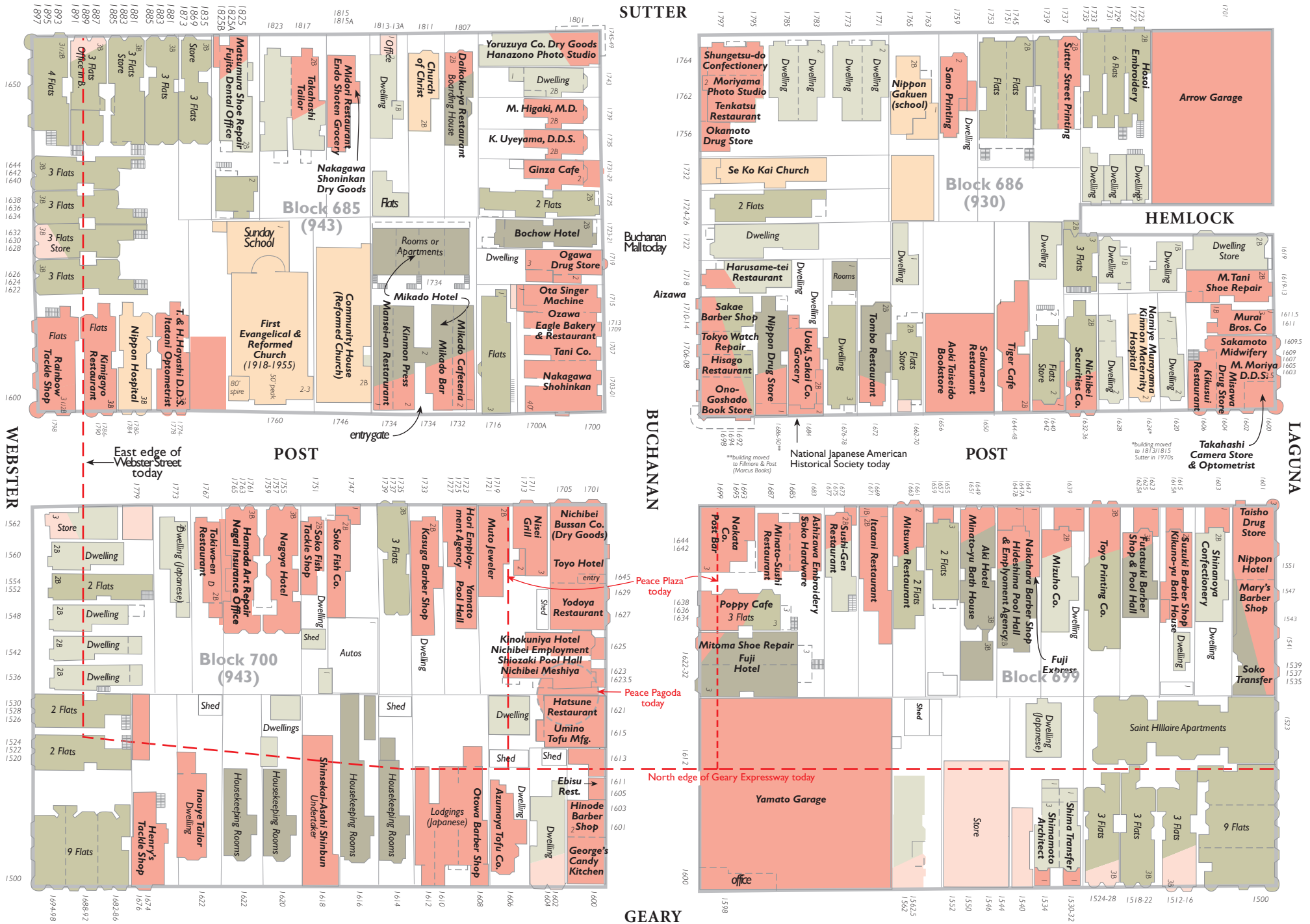


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The Heart of San Francisco's Nihonmachi in 1940



The Heart of San Francisco's Nihonmachi in 2000

