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KG:	<u>09:53</u>	And then a few months later, you know, we have to go into the camp. There was a, uh, 1942 in May. We went in the camp. My god, you know, I didn't know where to go. No host.
AT:	<u>10:10</u>	So what, what do you remember about, um, Pearl Harbor and that time?
KG:	<u>10:16</u>	No, that time we were in camp. I said, yeah, well, no.
MG2:	<u>10:21</u>	You weren't in camp, until after Pearl Harbor.
KG:	<u>10:21</u>	No, no. I didn't know what's going on because, uh, I was, uh, you know, my brother three years older than I. My older brother was in, you know, his, he didn't have to go in the camp because he was in like New York or something, you know. So uh, I'm under age, so, so social worker moved us all over the place, you know, I was wandering you know, and you know, no worries so. So she, moved me to, my brother and I moved to a, uh, Methodist, uh, minister his wife different of the camp. It was to still Tule Lake, but different part it was. And then I stayed, I was so mad. I said, boy, you know, if I ever saw, I'm going to kill somebody. Hate, I had so much hate, you know, so they moved me to where they, I didn't even talk. And one day this, a minister's wife was doing a, uh, threading, you know, oh, I want to do that, you know, I said that. So right away she got the thing material. She teaching me how to do that, you know, oh, I was so happy. I started talking again. And you know, singing again up before I was so mad at everybody since I moved here, move there, you know, and I went and they had a place, a a in the camp, who showed you how to do it. So I went there, they said uh, no, I was 12 years old. You have to be 16. Okay. So I went to flowers and things, you know, so I was moving around, walking around, look like zombie, you know, hate, hate,

hate. Then I went to living with the minister's wife. She teach me all this needle point.

AT:	<u>12:15</u>	And, and which city was this in?
KG:	<u>12:19</u>	This was in California. Yeah.
AT:	<u>12:21</u>	In which city? Where? Where in California.
KG:	<u>12:24</u>	California, Tule Lake, that's the largest camp.
MG:	<u>12:24</u>	Same camp I'm in.
KG:	<u>12:24</u>	He came later, but I was there first.
MG2:	<u>12:24</u>	Well
AT:	<u>12:24</u>	Go ahead
MG2:	<u>12:38</u>	Well, back up a little bit. So you're in, you're in California? You're in Sacramento?
KG:	<u>12:43</u>	No
MG2:	<u>12:43</u>	No, before, before Tule Lake?
KG:	<u>12:46</u>	Well, I was in us
MG2:	<u>12:48</u>	Where, where were you when you heard about what happened at Pearl Harbor?
KG:	<u>12:52</u>	Oh, I guess I was in camp already.
MG2:	<u>12:55</u>	You were in the camp when Pearl Harbor happened?
KG:	<u>12:58</u>	See, I came 1941 and I was living in Oakland.
MG:	<u>13:04</u>	Even before I did.
KG:	<u>13:04</u>	Oakland, I was in Oakland. And then the following year, 1942, we had to go into the camp.
MG:	<u>13:12</u>	So that's the time.
KG:	<u>13:13</u>	Must have start

MG2:	<u>13:14</u>	Yeah. But to December 7th, 1941 was when Pearl Harbor was attacked.
KG:	<u>13:20</u>	Yeah but I didn't know, I didn't know.
MG2:	<u>13:20</u>	Where, where were you? You weren't in the camp yet?
KG:	<u>13:22</u>	No. No, because, uh, no, I wasn't in camp, but, uh, I didn't know what's going on, you know. And so, uh, following year, 1942, May, we all have to go to camp.
MG2:	<u>13:39</u>	Yeah. But what happened? What happened there? I mean, uh, did they come and knock on your door and tell you, you have to leave?
KG:	<u>13:44</u>	Oh, everybody knows they gotta move.
MG2:	<u>13:47</u>	How? How? Well, what happened there?
KG:	<u>13:51</u>	Well, we had to move out of the Oakland and then moved to Marysville. From there we went into the camp.
MG2:	<u>14:00</u>	Who was with you?
KG:	<u>14:02</u>	Oh, the Japanese family I was staying with, you know, and George, my brother and I, we moved to. So I didn't even know there was a, you know, bomb or anything. Yeah, I know my son.

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