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AT:	<u>36:09</u>	Where, where did you raise your family?
KG:	36:13	Chicago. Yeah. Oh, we moved a lot. Well, you know, his friend had a, I lived on the LaSalle street you know with my roommate. And then we moved to his, his, I didn't know if it was his friend apartment. It was nice the third floor and all that. I didn't like the, you know, uh, lady, woman, you know, she, she, she was so jealous. I can't make a friends, in the same building, you know, she said, oh, she said this, I said that. Yeah, you know, made me so. And then my daughter was in kindergarten, and she had to walk so far in the wintertime, you know, close to Lincoln Avenue, all the way. So as soon as she, uh, finished, I said, I'm moving. She said, I'm not going to move, here's my friend. I said you stay, I'm moving. Yeah, because you know, you had to. Uh, and then um, uh, where I moved oh, oh cause it was a small apartment, five, a room, just very, you know. And a kinda dark both side, because the building there. So pros together, but this Japanese man had it and you know, he said, I have nobody I lived there, uh, five months, or six months. Say I don't care. And the school was a right cross street that, you know, she doesn't, they don't have to go too far away. And oh, kids are so happy, you know, and they could have anybody come over when I come home back home, what the kids did, they. I only had one room, room, the sofa, they sat on the floor. But they don't care, they sat on the floor you know? So that's how I did. He said, said, I'm not gonna move, this is my friend. I said, you stay, I'm moving. Yeah cause you know, because you got to think that's his friend, he's not home all the time. And you know, but I have to stay and then she complains uh, my daughter was small, but then she's spilled the water on the floor or something and a third, third floor not much heat coming up, you know because there's a opening there. If somebody downstairs stay open for me, the heat will come up. But some people, they don't want to bother, they'd rather, in the winter, if it's too hot, they open the window. And always so c

		time to heat up, you know, it's a seven room apartment. So you know, I mean I, I don't care if it's a small, the kids are happy, that's more important to me, then you know. So we had a bunch of kids come over, huh? So it's five room, yeah, yeah, but you know, it work out okay. Huh? Yeah
MG2:	<u>39:13</u>	Yeah.
KG:	<u>39:13</u>	Yeah because I know that we couldn't buy them a lot of good things, you know, cause we didn't have too much money. But he gets a good money, good credit, I give him a dollar and then, he buys a record or something, you know, he writes music, you know, and uh
MG2:	<u>39:29</u>	Well you asked me, you asked me when I was eight years old what I wanted to be when I grew up.
KG:	<u>39:35</u>	Yeah.
MG2:	<u>39:35</u>	I already loved movies and I said, I want to go to Hollywood and I want to make movies. And you said, well then that's what you should do.
KG:	<u>39:42</u>	Well, you know,
MG2:	<u>39:43</u>	And then you got me ah that used eight millimeter movie camera.
KG:	<u>39:47</u>	Yeah
MG2:	<u>39:47</u>	You know.
KG:	<u>39:47</u>	Yeah, yeah, yeah.
MG2:	<u>39:49</u>	And now I'm in Hollywood making movies.
KG:	<u>39:51</u>	So I'm glad, you know, and that when they graduate, you know high school, okay. And, uh, I asked my daughter, you know. Uh, she said she want to go to Loyola and I said okay. He wants to go to? What?
MG2:	<u>40:07</u>	Loyola Nursing School.
KG:	<u>40:08</u>	No, you.
MG2:	<u>40:09</u>	Oh me? Columbia College.

KG:	<u>40:11</u>	Columbia, he went to Columbia.
MG2:	<u>40:11</u>	Cause it was cheap.
KG:	<u>40:11</u>	Finished the [inaudible], you know. And so everything worked out okay. Well, they got to suffer too, you know, I never could buy them a lot of the things. Which is why I gave them a dollar, you know. But uh, yeah my, my daughter never complained too, either. She knows in a way. And she was uh sixth or seventh grade, you know. I had an old sewing machine, I helped her buy because I, this young guy was trying to make extra money taking orders. So I thought, oh well, we buy that. So I had that, and then she started sewing cause I couldn't buy any clothes. I had [inaudible] all the time, you know. And she buy material and she started sewing bras for me and she buy, make some clothes for herself, you know. So, yeah. Yeah. They had a hard life, but you know, who doesn't? That's why she, she's a real good house cleaner. Yeah.

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