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- AT: 06:31 And then, um, your parents, where did their families or where did they settle in, in Chicago? Which areas?
- KO: 06:40 You know, generally in the Lincoln Park area, around here, Old, Old Town maybe more specifically, I think. Um, um, I think you heard from my mother, you know, they lived in a variety of places, but around Clark, LaSalle, uh, across from the Moody Bible Institute, um, that's where my mother was. My father was I think farther south of that, maybe more on the West Side of Chicago. I remember him saying he lived on Marshfield. So that was a street that he lived on as well. And so, a little bit separated in distance, but, um, you know, the, eventually they were to meet in Chicago.
- AT: 07:20 And where did they meet?
- KO: 07:22 I think it was in this fellowship group, um, through a church and it was, I think it was more a social club than anything else, but, um, it was an opportunity to meet other, uh, Japanese Americans who- Nisei specifically that, uh, were in camp as well and had emigrated to Chicago. So I think a lot of people sort of, uh, met their future spouses in that, in that place.
- AT: 07:51 And when did they get married?
- KO: 07:54 1950.
- AT: 07:56 And you were born '53?
- KO: 07:58 '53, right.
- AT: 07:59 So, um, where, where were they living at the time that you were born?
- KO: 08:07 Oh, well, once they got married, um, and this, this is interesting because I don't think she shared this with you, but you know they got married in 1950. They had a very difficult time finding a place to live because it, nobody would rent to Japanese Americans. They didn't want anything to do with them. So what they did is they put an ad in the paper. They said, they said specifically 'Japanese American couple seeking apartment'. And the wonderful thing, there was a lady, a landlord who answered the ad and said, you know, I'm specifically looking for a Japanese American couple. She wanted to rent to a couple that had the camp experience. So, so they able to get an apartment. It was a small apartment, one

bedroom apartment. And um, that's eventually, that's where we lived at least for the first five years of my life.

- AT: 09:06 And where was that apartment?
- KO: 09:09 Oh, let's see. It was on, um, let me think. Oh, it's on Hudson, which is not too far from here either.
- AT: 09:17 Do you know any, any more details about why the um, the landlord was interested in having Japanese Americans specifically?
- KO: 09:28 You know, no, other than she just said when they, she answered the ad and talked to my parents, they, she just said, I think she said something to the effect that, you, 'I feel very badly about what happened to a lot of the Japanese Americans. And I wanted to be able to help by providing a place to live, knowing that it was very difficult for Japanese Americans to find apartments to rent.' So, very compassionate woman, I'm sure. I don't, I don't know her name. I don't know if she's still around, but um, that was really an answer, you know, to their needs.

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