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AT:	<u>05:33</u>	Um, and then can you tell me about, uh, what happened when the Evacuation Orders went out? Where they were sent?
FK:	<u>05:40</u>	Well, um, they were, they decided to volunteer to go early to camp, so they weren't sent to, uh, one of the, um, temporary detention centers. They just went straight to Manzanar and I believe they got there about March of, uh, 42'. May?
LourdesNicholls:	<u>06:05</u>	April 8th.
FK:	<u>06:06</u>	Okay, April 8th of 42'.
AT:	<u>06:12</u>	And, um.
FK:	<u>06:14</u>	And my grandmother, my mother's mother, you know, had been living in Los Angeles all this time. And um, she came to live with my parents in the camp. Yeah. So that they would be together.
AT:	<u>06:31</u>	So does that mean they were a family unit of?
FK:	<u>06:36</u>	Right.
AT:	<u>06:37</u>	That would be for including your sister.
FK:	<u>06:39</u>	Including my sister, yeah.
AT:	<u>06:40</u>	And what do you, what do you know about their early experiences in Manzanar?
FK:	<u>06:48</u>	You know, I, um, my mother used to talk about it. My father didn't so much, but um, you know, she did talk about having to make the mattresses with the straw. She talked about how terrible the food was and how they had to use yellow dye to dye

the lard or whatever it was to substitute for, um, butter. And that everyone wanted rice and there wasn't any, you know, rice for dinner and that type of thing. And the dust, the dust everywhere. That was really hard I think.

AT: 07:29

And then, um, you were born in 45'?

FK: 07:33

Right Just six months or so before we left. So I really don't have any memories of camp.

AT: 07:41

Do you know, and do you have any information about kind of the, the conditions, um, at the time of your birth or you know, hearing stories from your parents?

FK: 07:50

Well, it was interesting. Um, my father had been going out to find the job, uh, you know, starting from I guess 44' or so. Uh, my mother had gone with him at least once, I believe, to Chicago, possibly to New York also. Um, but then she came back and he, um, was working I think in Seabrook at the farms in New Jersey, or um, at the time I was born. Um, so I've always sort of theorized that my mother probably got pregnant when they were off on one of the trips since they had to live together with my grandmother in the barracks at camp. So anyway, um, I just, you know, no, I was born in the hospital there, but I really hadn't heard in much else about that.

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