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AT:	<u>00:25:57</u>	And can you, uh, describe for me what the, what that area where you first went to in Cleveland was like?
YL:	<u>00:26:05</u>	It was the inner city.
AT:	<u>00:26:08</u>	And so it sounds like there's a number of Japanese Americans already there.
YL:	<u>00:26:14</u>	No
AT:	<u>00:26:14</u>	No
YL:	<u>00:26:15</u>	No, we were the only Japanese American family. The students all came from different places to this house. And then when they got their degree, they left, you know, and quite a few of them went back to California. They were from California. They went to the Midwest during the war. And um, and some of them settled and they got married. You know, started a family in Cleveland. And I have um, one of the former student's, wife's family. The wife became a really good friend of my mom's and their children and I correspond. But they, I don't think the kids realized that their dad was a student in a boarding house that my mom helped to prepare the food, you know? But just the friendship became because of the church. Cause they were all Buddhists.
KS:	<u>00:27:25</u>	Was that the church that sponsored you?
YL:	<u>00:27:28</u>	Yeah. Yeah.
KS:	<u>00:27:29</u>	That was a Japanese American Buddhist Community?
YL:	<u>00:27:34</u>	Yeah, kind of, but the Sashihara's were the only ones I ever met. They were the actual sponsors and they were kind of, you'd say,

upper middle class. The girls were going to college. They were high schoolers at the time, but they were already planning to go to college. I didn't know what college was. I didn't know that everybody got to go to college, you know? But it was that kind of thing there. Their house was so luxurious in my eyes, and my mom confirmed later on, you know, I said, was it really as nice as I thought it was because I was a child? She said no, they had a very nice house in a very nice neighborhood, but they were like the only Japanese living in that area, so there wasn't a Japanese community. I met Japanese people at church and when I went to school, there were Japanese kids already in school and there wasn't a welcome feeling from them. They were not in camp. They were all still in Cleveland. Um, I had a hard time with the Japanese community. My mom didn't, she, she had a better experience with the church. Um, made friends readily. I did not. Most of my friends were kids from school who were not Japanese. They weren't Asian at all. Um, they just were, they lived in the neighborhood. You know, there were people who lived next door to me. Um, there were some racial things from kids, but not a big effort on anybody's part. I was so used to it then as long as they weren't going to hurt me or my family, you know, I didn't care.

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