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Anna Takada: 00:00:00 To start. Can you just state your full name?

Joe Takehara: 00:00:03 I'm Joe Takehara.

AT: 00:00:05 And uh, where and when were you born?

JT: 00:00:08 I was born April 2nd, 1942 in San Diego, California. Exact street is 1118 West Cannery Street. It was right across from the West Gate Cannery.

AT: 00:00:21 And what did your parents do?

JT: 00:00:24 My father was a fisherman. Came as a farmer first. He came, became uh, uh, fishermen lost his boat in the Depression. He's pretty much of an entrepreneur.

AT: 00:00:40 And um, did your parents, where were they from originally?

JT: 00:00:45 They, both parents were from Japan Wakayama, Shingu.

AT: 00:00:52 Umm and then, do you know when they came to the US?

JT: 00:00:59 My grandfather came to the US first, I don't know, if they, and the two sons followed him. He went back and the two boys stayed. Since my father I think was 16, 17 years old and supposedly I think he went to high school here, night school.

AT: 00:01:18 And was that in San Diego?

JT: 00:01:20 Yeah. That was it. I assume or San Diego or Chula Vista or one of those. It was San Diego I think.

AT: 00:01:27 And how about your mom?

JT: 00:01:29 My mom came later. She was 18 years old and it wasn't really a war bride picture bride rather because they were from the same hometown. They knew each other. So it was a little bit unusual. A lot of them were picture brides, so.

AT: 00:01:50 Um, do you, do you have siblings? Did you grow up with siblings?

JT: 00:01:56 I'm the youngest child of eight. There's four boys and four girls.

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