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AT: 00:42:40 And so you mentioned that um, your oldest sister Iko, went to Chicago with her husband?

JT: 00:42:48 Yes.

AT: 00:42:49 Um, do you know, would you happen to know what year that was?

JT: 00:42:52 I can't recall.

AT: 00:42:53 But it was, it was early.

JT: 00:42:55 One of the first, when you can leave camp.

AT: 00:42:58 And who was she sponsored by? Did they get a sponsor?

JT: 00:43:03 Yeah, they had a sponsor. I was a physician. I can't remember their name. That's how they would get out.

AT: 00:43:14 And how about the rest of the family?

JT: 00:43:18 Well, about that time my brothers were not No-No Boys. They did, I guess they sign it, but they did not volunteer for the draft. My one brother that was sharp, I think was sharp, he was probably the smartest kid in our family, but he was kind of out there, you know. He was a poker player that

AT: 00:43:42 What was his name?

JT: 00:43:42 Keo, we used to call him Kiyoshi. His name, nickname is coyote. The way I understand it, the people couldn't, couldn't pronounce Kiyoshi so they used to call him coyote. And then my oldest brother, cherry, Ichiro, they couldn't pronounce Ichiro. So they used to call him cherry. So he got the name cherry and it

stuck with him, which to this day we call him cherry. My other brother, Keo, who was called coyote, we didn't call him coyote, he gave himself the name Keo, or K. E. O. He had a business and he was saying Keo, K. E. O., that's what he went by. But both of them were here in Chicago. And my brother Keo told me he was trying to dodge the draft. He was against it, you know, because he felt it wasn't fair being incarcerated. So, so he said it was moving around. He was in Chicago or Detroit. But anyway, he was drafted. He went in the service. So both of my two oldest brothers were in the service while in camp. Then my third brother, the one third down, he's about in the middle, his name was Yo. And uh, I guess he did okay in school too, Poston. So he was one of two boys that, would give scholarships. They went to, I think to Mc, McPherson college in McPherson, Kansas. And I think the other name was uh, Cor, I forgot what, and my brother was one of them. So he hadn't graduated high school. I think he hadn't finished his senior year, but so he entered, he was able to go to college there. And so he spent a couple of years there, I guess when he hit 18 or something, he was there. Then he spent a couple of years there, then he was drafted too, and so all three of my older brothers, while in camp, they were all in service.

- AT: 00:46:08 So that means that's four siblings who were out of camp early then, the three were drafted or the scholarship.
- JT: 00:46:16 Yeah.
- AT: 00:46:17 And then drafted and then Iko.
- JT: 00:46:18 Well, they left camp than they were drafted when they were out of of camp.
- AT: 00:46:25 Oh I see.
- JT: 00:46:25 Yo was drafted while in school, so.
- AT: 00:46:26 Um, and then so for that would leave your mom and then?
- JT: 00:46:38 My mom and my old, my oldest sister, Ukie, she's the fourth child. She left too. She left camp earlier. We used to call them domestics. And I guess back in San Diego they used to call them school girls or something, but uh, she, she worked for some family too
- AT: 00:47:08 In?

JT: 00:47:08 In Chicago because my oldest sister was in Chicago and that's how she came there. I remember she worked for a glass factory. I think it's called Bennenfeld or something. I kind of remember that name and she used to cut glass.

AT: 00:47:27 That's Ukie?

JT: 00:47:27 Yeah, U. K. I. E. So. Then my other sister Sachi left too when she was older. Yeah. And she left before us. So there were just two of us left. Myself and the sister right above me and my mom. We were the last three and we were, were probably the last persons out of camp. We had no place to go, so my mom just stayed there. Then finally we had to leave. My oldest sister moved, left the uh, her work. They worked for the physician and my brother-in-law got a job at International Harbor. A lot of Japanese worked there. And then they moved to the West Side. It was not even South Marshall. That's the West Side of Chicago. That was right close to the medical center there, right. And uh, so when they moved in, then that's where we moved. We stayed with my sister, the last three. And uh, that's where we all lived.

AT: 00:48:44 What was the name of the sister right above you?

JT: 00:48:45 Fumiko

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