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Anna Takada:	<u>00:00:00</u>	To start, can you state your full name?
Ryoko Kobayashi:	<u>00:00:03</u>	Ryoko Kobayashi.
AT:	<u>00:00:05</u>	And where and when were you born?
RK:	<u>00:00:07</u>	I was born in Seattle, Washington. September 20, 1926.
AT:	<u>00:00:15</u>	And, what did your parents do for a living?
RK:	<u>00:00:20</u>	Well, in Seattle? Well, my mother was a housewife and my father, he worked for the farmer's market. He had a little booth with apples or whatever he had to sell those days. It was a great depression.
AT:	<u>00:00:38</u>	Did he farm the produce or just sell it?
RK:	<u>00:00:42</u>	He sold uh, just what he had like maybe if it was apple or oranges and then trying to make a living that way.
AT:	<u>00:00:51</u>	And did you grow up with any siblings?
RK:	<u>00:00:54</u>	I have two brothers, one older and one younger than me.
AT:	<u>00:00:59</u>	And, can you tell me a little bit about, what it was like growing up in Seattle? What kind of city it was at the time
RK:	<u>00:01:11</u>	It was a, it was very depressing because the great depression and, we lived in a house where cold water flat, like, you know, no water, hot water. So my mother had to boil water for everything, cooking, bathing, and uh, a very depressing. And if I got a 3 cents for allowance to go to school, I was lucky. Yeah. It was real bad in those days. So I never want to go back to

Seattle. That's a memory within, I don't wish to retain it, you know. I feel sor, no, I, we feel real bad for my folks because they had to live that way and they couldn't afford to give their children too much of a good thing, like now children get everything they want. But now in my days, I was lucky if I had a Christmas tree or like my mother's friend come over and she, they want to talk. Woman talk was, she gave me a dime to say, you know, get lost, go, go to the candy store or something. But that's how life was. And I was as a child, I had epilepsy, so it wasn't on top of that depression and epilepsy and, I was a very sickly child. So my, my mother had an extra work taking care of me and the boys were okay. You know. And, so that's why that's my opinion on Seattle.

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