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- AT: And so, uh, what are, what are some of your memories of Terminal Islands?
- CO: 00:04:37 Oh, you know, that was such a wonderful place. We were only about four blocks from the ocean, from the beach. And-- we had-- it's a small island-- manmade island really. We had a ferry boat that went across the San Pedro and there was a drawbridge on one side of the island. We had a car. Not many people had cars, but my father was mad for cars and he had a number of, of wonderful old cars. And when I was growing up, I guess we had a car that no one has heard of: the Moon. And we had a Plymouth. He had two cars. One was called the Moon and the other one was a Plymouth. A Plymouth was a sedan and the Moon was a roadster, you know, with the-- what did they call those? A rumble seat. I, that's what they used to call them. The back was like a, a coupe with the, the back-- It would be like a trunk, that opened up and, there were seats, there was a seat back there and you would sit in the open air. Wonderful little car.
- AT: 00:06:19 And was it pretty common for people to have cars at that time?
- CO: 00:06:25 No. No. Whatever moneys there was, or there were [laughs] Papa had to have a car or two. And, I think grandfather enjoyed cars because we have a picture of the children in front of the cars. [Turns to 2nd interviewer off screen] Do you remember what, what that was? [No answer off screen]. It might've been an English car. I'll probably recall, then it'll be too late to report. But-- yeah, they-- my father loved cars. He was a bad driver.
- AT: 00:07:06 And does that mean-- you said there was a photograph with your grandparents, were they in the U S as well?

CO:

00:07:14

Yes. Yeah, my father-- my grandparents, I think the year I was born my grandfather died and-- a really sad accident in the-- at the seaside. But my father lived till he was 70, and he was very keen on educating the children, especially he wanted me to go to college and when the War came, you know, we were in camp-- I will jump ahead-- but I was in camp and my father said, well, "You have to get out of here because the education you're getting in campus so inadequate, you'll never be able to go to college otherwise. And so I left early. I left camp to go to live with my uncle in Pennsylvania and went to high school in Pennsylvania.

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