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AT: 00:09:08 Um, which assembly center did your grandfather go to and his family?

LD: 00:09:15 Which one? It's the one right by the, S, San Francisco airport. There's The P, um, and I'm totally blanking on it. It's a shopping mall now. I've driven past it,

AT: 00:09:27 Oh, okay.

LD: 00:09:27 Um, and I don't remember, um.

AT: 00:09:31 I don't know it off hand.

LD: 00:09:33 Uh, that's gonna bother me.

AT: 00:09:35 The only one that I know with the P is the one that I can't pronounce.

LD: 00:09:39 Puyallup? Puyallup. I can't pronounce that one. Maybe it's not maybe but didn't start with a P, but uh, no. Okay. So my grandfather and his family were, were taken to Tanforan, which is near San Francisco. And my grandmother, um, and her family were taken to Santa Anita in Southern California. And then actually all their families went to Rohwer after that. But my grandfather didn't go with them, so they did not meet until they came to Chicago.

AT: 00:10:05 Because he was in, he was at Wash. U.? Okay. Um, let's see. So, um, you're grandma. Okay. So they were both, you know, they were young people at the time also with like the ability to like kind of play around with those weird flex work leave rules or, or indefinitely even and things like that. Um, well I guess, uh, first I, I want to ask, um, about the size of each family. Like, did they

have, um, siblings or parents who are, you know, still in kind of the standard camps?

LD:

00:10:49

So my grandmother had four siblings and two parents who went to camp. Well, she had four siblings. One of them was in the U.S. Army before the war started. And I don't believe he went to assembly center or camp with them. Um, but his fiance did, or his girlfriend did. Um, so she went with three of her siblings and her two parents. My grandfather had two siblings and I just learned that, that his parents very late in life had another baby. Um, so they had a baby who was born and died in 1942. Um, my mom said it was before they went to assembly center. Um, but they would have been in their forties when they had this baby, which I thought was interesting. Um, so he, his father was taken by the FBI, so he went to a Department of Justice Camp. So my grandfather went to assembly center with, um, his sister, his brother and his mom. And actually he went with, uh, the Chikaraishi family as well. That, uh, both of those, the heads of both of those households were both taken by the, uh, FBI. The Chikaraishis had already lost their mom. And so even though they were all in their late teens and early 20s, what I've heard is that my great grandmother acted as the head of household for her children as well as the Chikaraishi children.

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