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- AT: 01:04:16 And where did you meet your husband?
- JM: 01:04:17 I met him at church.
- AT: 01:04:20 And when, when did you get married or how long
- JM: 01:04:27 We got married in '58.
- AT: 01:04:34 And did you meet him when you first arrived in Chicago from going to church or?
- JM: 01:04:47 I don't know when I met him (laughs), love at first sight. I don't remember anything.
- AT: 01:04:51 And ah, when you got married did you move from Grace Street?
- JM: 01:04:55 Yeah. No, what happened was when we got married, we were looking for some place to live and there was prejudice there. So we would go to these places that had "For Rent" signs and they would come to the door and just say, oh, we just rented the place. Well, we knew that they hadn't. I'd go by there a month later, the "For Rent" sign is still there. And we had, you know, several of those experiences. One time I called an ad in the paper and this guy answered. He is such a heavy accent. I could hardly understand him. And I asked him if he would rent to Japanese Americans and in his heavy accent he would say I'd like to, but if I did, my tenants would complain so I can't. So that was that. But then we saw another for rent sign on Grace Street, about a block from my Mom and we went there and it was a German lady. She had an accent and she was very willing to rent to us. So we had a third floor, three or four bedroom apartment, which was nice.
- AT: 01:06:19 And has your work changed?

JM: 01:06:25 No, I was still down at Northwestern.

AT: 01:06:28 How long were you at Northwestern?

JM: 01:06:30 Oh no, I guess I had gone to work for a doctor and I was doing some of her lab work. I don't know, do you know of a Dr. Farnsworth?

AT: 01:06:45 Sorry?

JM: 01:06:45 Farnsworth. She had that Mies van der Rohe house. It's on the Fox River. It gets flooded. It's an all glass house.

AT: 01:07:01 I don't know.

JM: 01:07:01 Well, anyway, that was her house and she was going to a, a battle with him. She was suing him and he was well known architect and um, so she used to tell me the latest, uh, what was going on with her and the legal battles she was having. Now, I worked for her for about three years I think, but I didn't particularly care for the office environment, so I went back to Northwestern and got another research job and I stayed there until I got pregnant and then I left there.

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