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Gary Yamagiwa:	<u>00:00</u>	You just start by stating your full name. My name is Gary Yamagiwa.
Anna Takada:	<u>00:04</u>	And um, where are you from?
GY:	<u>00:08</u>	I'm born and raised in Chicago, Illinois.
AT:	<u>00:10</u>	When were you born? What is your birthday?
GY:	<u>00:14</u>	May 8th, 1953.
AT:	<u>00:16</u>	Okay. Um, so to start, can you just tell me a little bit about your family, your parents maybe were where they're from?
GY:	<u>00:26</u>	Sure. My mother, uh, Tesui Kashino was born and raised, well I believe in Santa Ana, California. Uh, there was eight children.
AT:	<u>00:43</u>	Where was she in the group?
GY:	<u>00:45</u>	She's probably maybe fourth, third or fourth. Yeah. So she's older and um, they, I guess they farmed, had a farm. As a family, they ended up going to a Poston, Arizona for camps. My father and his, ah seven, the seven kids and his mother went to Tule Lake. Well, they were born in Bellevue. They lived in Bellevue, Washington. They too were farmers. My dad started out and going to Manzanar and then the whole family. He reunited with his family in Tule Lake.
AT:	<u>01:39</u>	How did that, how, how were they separated? How did that work?
GY:	<u>01:43</u>	Um, my father was a, a, a roguish individual, you know, he went out and he found work on his own. He traveled around the country on the East Coast, I mean on the West Coast on his

own, because that's what he liked to do. He liked to go out and meet people. So he kind of left. And then when the evacuation came up here, I think he was caught in California. So went to Manzanar.

- AT: 02:16 So was he on the older end of his siblings?
- GY: 02:20 Yes. Yes. She was the eldest
- AT: 02:25 Do you know anything about your grandparents, where they were coming from?
- GY: 02:31 My father's grandmother was from Nagano area. And my mother's grandmother, I mean my mother's mother was from Wakayama. Uh, I never knew my grandfathers, either one. They had passed away by that time, I was young.
- AT: 02:56 Do you have any sense of when they came to the US or what they were doing in Japan?
- GY: 03:01 No. Um, I believe they were both a picture brides. So they came as young people and maybe about, oh, in the 1910s or somewhere around there.

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