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AT:	<u>06:18</u>	And uh, where, where did both of your parents go after camp and when?
GY:	<u>06:22</u>	They came to Chicago. My dad's family came to Chicago in part, because one of the older daughter's got a job working in a person's house. And so that was a reason for the whole family to come to Chicago.
AT:	<u>06:52</u>	So did she leave before
GY:	<u>06:53</u>	She did leave before, and then they all came, they all followed and they all lived together. And the same is true. I'm not sure about the employment, but my mother's family also came to Chicago directly from camps.
AT:	<u>07:12</u>	Was it a similar situation where one person had come up first or did they all come?
GY:	<u>07:18</u>	I think they probably all came together. I didn't hear anything about how or why.
AT:	<u>07:29</u>	And do you know where they first were, when they came to Chicago, which neighborhoods or part of town?
GY:	<u>07:36</u>	They started out around Diversey, Clark and Diversey part of the family, and part of my, um. Both families ended up in Uptown area. They started out living on Kenmore, just north of Irving Park, Kenmore and Wilson, they had an apartment building in there. Then we moved north to Uptown. Broadway, Wilson Avenue.
AT:	<u>08:10</u>	And so where were you born?

GY: 08:13 I was born on Eastwood, in the building that my grandmother owns. She ended up buying this like ah rooming house building. Don't ask me how much, how she got the money to do this. But when I was born there was the building. That's where we kind of grew up.

AT: 08:47 This is Eastwood that's in Lakeview or?

GY: 08:50 No, it's Eastwood in Uptown. It's Wilson and Sheridan. A block north of Wilson Avenue, so Wilson and Sheridan.

AT: 09:00 Do you know any more details about like when it was purchased or

GY: 09:04 It was probably purchased, um, around 1949, 1950.

AT: 09:14 You remember the address?

GY: 09:15 918 West Eastwood.

AT: 09:22 And so who is she, who was she leasing to?

GY: 09:24 It was like a rooming house with one and two room apartments with a little kitchenette. I think you have to go down the hall to go to the bathroom, take a shower. So, um, there were some long time ah renters, but there were a lot of more transient renters. She rented to Japanese students that would come in and she went and she had a lot of friends that were Alaskan, you know, they came to Chicago for work and they ended up, we had a little network Alaskan Indians that would live there. And then various people.

AT: 10:19 And this is um, early, mid fifties that she had it?

GY: 10:28 Fifties, sixties. Yeah. Up until the seventies. Yeah.

AT: 10:38 And so did she sell it?

GY: 10:41 They eventually sold it, yes. But as long as I lived there, you know, my grandmother lived there, she had her apartment and we grew up running around there.

AT: 10:55 And then just to clarify, is this your mom's dad or your dad's dad, mom? Sorry.

GY: 11:01 This is my mom's mom. Shimei Kushino. Yes.

AT: 11:11 And can you tell me just a little bit about your own family? Do you have any siblings?

GY: 11:18 I do. I have ah, I had an older sister, she passed away. I have two younger brothers, so there were the four of us.

AT: 11:30 How can you use, were you at the boarding house?

GY: 11:35 We were there, um, for the first 19 years of my life? Yeah. We were there a long time. We essentially went to grammar school, high school in that, living there.

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