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Anna Takada: 00:00:00 To start, can you just state your full name?

Lois Shikami: 00:00:03 My name is Lois Shikami. Um

AT: 00:00:05 And um, Mrs. Shikami, where, where, and when were you born?

LS: 00:00:13 Where, I'm sorry?

AT: 00:00:15 Where and when were you born?

LS: 00:00:16 I was born in Seattle, Washington on August 25th, 1931.

AT: 00:00:26 And can you tell me a little bit about, um, what Seattle was like when you were growing up?

LS: 00:00:33 Ah yes, for a 10 year old girl, it was a wonderful place. I had a wonderful family. There were six of us children and my mom and dad had come from Japan. Well they were 10 years apart, so my dad was born in 1885 and my mom was born 1895 and my dad came over, I believe he was about 17 years old and so they had been there quite a bit. I was the second from the bottom of my family. So my parents had been there quite some time. I just, I loved my childhood. I think my whole family was absolutely wonderful and my parents are very religious. So we attended the Episcopal, Japanese American of Episcopal Church and our whole life seems to revolve around the church and uh, so our friends were from church except for some from school, but basically our family life revolved around our church and its activities.

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