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NW: So you have five sisters. Oh yes, that's a big family. And two bro . . .

KS: Two, ah, three brother.

NW: Yeah, brothers. Right. So, were they, oh yeah, you told me that your brothers and sisters, older ones, were born in the States, right?

KS: Yeah, older one, born in this country, but after my grandfather was sick, they called my father to come home. So he did, with two [of] my older sisters. [He] took [them] home together to show, this is your granddaughter. And, I think, at the time, my mother was pregnant, and they don't allow her travel a long boat trip. So my father and two sisters go back to Japan. And I thought my father could [be] back right away after my grandfather passed away. [But] my grandmother hide his passport, so he could not come back to this country. So, my mother was pregnant then, after he was born, she came home with another sister and this baby, and they all joined together in Hiroshima.

NW: So, around what year was that that he went, that your father went back to Hiroshima?

KS: Oh, my sister, my oldest sister, right now, 82, 83. Well, maybe eighty years ago?

NW: 80 years ago.

KS: Because she was a . . .

NW: So, it's well before the Pacific War started.

KS: Just about it. Well, then, maybe, a little bit . . . timing. Maybe, I don't exactly . . . My sister was maybe five? Or six. Then, yeah, just before everybody had to go to camp, then they came back to Japan.

NW: Okay, so, let me try to capture it right.

KS: So, '40 . . .

NW: '41, '42?

KS: '41, '42, I think yes.

NW: So, wait. So they . . .

KS: Yeah, everybody, you know. Uncle, auntie, they did not want to go in the camp. So, I think that's why they went to, gone to Japan. I mean, here in the United States, but at that time they were at Portland.

NW: Oh, so, because they probably, did they renounced American citizenship, and then they came back to Japan?

KS: My two sisters were born here, that one, and oh, three sisters. They had citizenship.

NW: Right, yeah, right, but uncles and aunties.

KS: I don't think so, they don't. They just, that part of it, I don't know. I wasn't born. I don't know what, only I know, I was born in Japan, and I grew up in until that's . . .

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