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NW: Yeah, yeah. So, you got married, was—was it, uh, another Japanese American . . .

MH: Uh-huh.

NW: . . . man then?

MH: Nisei.

NW: Nisei.

MH: Mhm.

NW: Just like yourself, then.

MH: Uh-huh.

NW: Did he have, did he—was he in the States during World War Two?

MH: No, he was in Tule Lake, a No-no, No-no-boys?

NW: I see, okay.

MH: Yeah.

NW: Yeah.

MH: Well, it's because he—his father was—he was—his father was 40 when he was born.

NW: Mm.

MH: And, he, he felt he, he . . . supposed to take care of his dad, cause . . .

NW: Right.

MH: Yeah.

NW: Right.

MH: That's why, the father was real Japan *no*. Things . . . So, he had to go with his father.

NW: Mm . . . Right, so, he must have been, then, in America but then he came back?

MH: Yeah, he never went back to Japan. And when he—he did go when he was 50.

NW: Ohhh.

MH: And he say he—he talked like an old man, but . . .

NW: Mm.

MH: . . . but he said yeah, men, they—they were laughing at his Hiroshima-*ben*.

NW: Oh. [laughter]. Ha. So, so you met with your husband two years after you came back to America?

MH: Actually, I met him the first year.

NW: Oh, okay. But got married with him . . .

MH: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

NW: Okay.

MH: Yeah.

NW: So you—you dated for a while?

MH: Yeah.

NW: Yeah. Okay.

MH: A couple years.

NW: Yeah, very different from your first marriage, then.

MH: Yeah.

NW: Because it was *omiaï kekkon*.

MH: Well, and, and in those days, if you're over twenty-two then you, you—they think you're an old maid in those days.

NW: Mhm. Mhm.

MH: But now, they're all getting married, thirty, thirty-one . . .

NW: Mmm. Did your husband care at all about the fact that you were—you had been married before?

MH: No, no.

NW: Mhm.

MH: That's the first thing I told him before—when I met him.

NW: Mm. Mhm. Did you also tell him that you are a survivor of the bomb?

MH: Oh, yeah.

NW: Yeah. Yeah.

MH: Yeah.

NW: Did he have any reaction to that?

MH: No. The parents were real good, too.

NW: Mm.

MH: They were so good.

NW: Mhm.

MH: Real considerate. I've been lucky.

NW: Mhm. Well that's really nice . . .

MH: Yeah.

NW: . . . that you can say that. Yeah.

MH: Yeah.

[Interruption]

NW: But, um, you know, many people say that, you know, because you are a survivor, and . . .

MH: Mhm.

NW: . . . exposed to radiation . . .

MH: Uh-huh.

NW: . . . then, you might have to worry about having kids.

MH: Yeah.

NW: Did you have that feeling as well, or no?

MH: No, those things don't bother me. Everything—there's always a reason. You just . . .

NW: So? Everything has reasons, but then, in this particular case . . .

MH: No, you can . . . I—I don't worry about those things.

NW: Uh-huh. But has it occurred to you? Did you think about it and then thought, okay, I'm not going to worry about it? Or . . .

MH: Yeah.

NW: . . . didn't you even . . .

MH: No use worrying. There's always—you make your worry.

NW: Mm.

MH: And, and . . .

NW: Did you talk to your husband about that at all? Or? Was it something that you took . . .

MH: Well . . .

NW: . . . care of in your own mind?

MH: Yeah, more or less. He—it doesn't seem to be worried.

NW: Mm. Mhm.

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