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NW: How about your older sisters, you told me that their education was interrupted because of the war experience. Did they go back to school after the war?

JD: Well of course . . . the one that was between my older sister and me, she finished her high school in camp. We had high school, we had schools, you know. They were maybe not really the best quality teachers or anything, but we had, we still had our education.

NW: You could have a diploma and everything.

JD: They did. See, because I was like in the fifth grade, going into the sixth when the war ended, so I didn't have any kind of diploma. You know, but they did. She, uh, the one who graduated from high school did. Okay. Now, my other sister, she had hers interrupted because she was a junior at Cal, she went, oh, she did go to BYU, Brigham Young, in Utah. But she did not finish, she should have, but she didn't because she had a friend living in Chicago, who said, you know Meg, there are so many jobs out here begging for people to come work. So Maggie thought, maybe I'll go there, you know. Because, also to go to BYU you had to have money to go there too. And my mother and my dad didn't have that kind of money. So Maggie thought, maybe I'll go to Chicago. So she went to Chicago in probably '43 or '44 . . . so might have been '43 or '44, and she lived there for all her life in Chicago.

NW: So, even before the camp closed down, she moved out. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

JD: Oh, she left. in fact she wasn't in any camps, for maybe about two to three weeks. Because, I said, how come you left camp so early, she says well, because she was a young adult, they were asked when they came in what would you like to do to be a productive member of society here. And her answer to them was, well I want to get out of here, you know. So, a few weeks later she got a job with a family that was outside of the camp, and she became a nanny for their two young girls, and as a housekeeper as well. So she stayed and lived with them and did all these chores for I don't know how long before she went to BYU.

NW: And the fact that she had a solid employment probably helped her to get out of the camp.

JD: And of course, in Utah, everyone is Mormon, just about, and that was a Mormon family, and in fact, the name of the family that she worked for . . .

[Dairiki's husband]: This is it, the condition she was talking about, that's the family, somebody made a newspaper clipping and made a copy from that. Babysitter or a nanny.

NW: That's the family. I see, I see, yeah. Oh, so it's Margaret, that's why it's Meg. It's Meg, you mentioned.

JD: But her name is Margaret. But anyways, so she went to, when her friend said "There's so many jobs out here, so why don't you just come out here?" So that's what she did.

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