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NW: How about daily life when you were growing up as a child here? So. . . do you have a memory of any favorite food that you had when you were little?

YF: I wasn't particular. I would eat anything, but I noticed, my father used to have chicken. You know, plantation have quite a bit of yard and you know, small house with yard, yeah? And then he used to raise chicken, I guess, you know, he'd kill 'em and then we'd eat chicken *sukiyaki* or something like that for food. And then we have the eggs, you know. Because I don't think my father had too much salary. Very, very hard to raise ten kids, so you have to kinda, you know. And he used to raise vegetables, onions, and eggplant, and that was my favorite food. And then string beans and all that. So, in Kahuku, eggplant grows really good, sandy kind of soil and a lot of heat, hot place, so we used to get eggplant a lot.

NW: So, do you think that your parents cook mostly Japanese style meals?

YF: Oh, yeah. My mother cooked Japanese food only. And we hardly had meat, I don't think the market sold a lot of meat, I guess that was really hard to come by. Maybe canned kind of, beef, once in a while, but modestly, you know? We couldn't afford anything that's luxury.

NW: How about the language within your family? Did you speak mostly in Japanese or did you mix Japanese and English, or mostly English?

YF: We used to Hongan-ji, and I had a little bit of Japanese.

NW: So, you mean, like a school that you go after . . .

YF: Yeah, after school.

NW: After school, right, right.

YF: All the Japanese kids used to go to the Hongan-ji. This one Japanese temple, I mean temple Hongan-ji. I mean, most Japanese kids, after school, they go there. Some of them more, and some of them don't like it too much, but I remember all of my classmates went. So I went too.

NW: Did you look forwards to going to the Japanese language school? Or did you not like it?

YF: I never hated it, but I went because my friends went too. And then after that, we play, you know. We go in the ocean side. You see, this town is located right by the, close to the ocean. Just like this, down, close to the ocean. But we used to live quite a bit, I mean, really close, you just walk and here's the ocean. We used to play in the sand dunes, alongside the ocean, swimming, stuff like that. But the Japanese school was right in the middle of the plantation. Plantation, they supplied the house, you know? My father worked for the plantations, so we have this modest, small house, and I guess was free.

NW: It was included in the contract.

YF: Yeah, included in the, yeah. He didn't have any extra money, but we could go to the store and just buy necessity things, I think. I didn't go but my mother and my older sister used to go and, you charge it. And then the company just take it out of your salary, you know.

NW: So you don't actually use cash, you just have it taken away from your salary.

YF: We all . . . [?] money, you know? Like, but it's okay, we gonna buy bread and necessity things, they'll actually charge you, I think. Something like that. We don't have no luxury, we hardly eat ice cream and stuff like that, no. We didn't have those things, and he tried to grow vegetables and lettuce and stuff like that, so we don't need to buy them, with all the kids.

NW: Right, right, it makes sense.

YF: Like, my brother was around 13 years old, and there was a golf course. It's still there, but he used to . . . when he was 12 or 15, he used to have a job caddying during the weekends, all that, you know? And my older sister, this one, she was, she was around 15, maybe, when I was little . . .

NW: So, she's the one like ten years older than you are.

YF: Yeah. No, yeah, yeah. She's 92. She's not ten years older, six years older. I have one that's ten years older, but she died.

NW: Oh, so she's six years older.

YF: Six years older than me. Her name is Dorothy. She's in a nursing home now and she's 91 or 92. Yeah, 92, I think. And she's living, but the next one, he died. He was in a service. When I was in Japan, he came to look for me. Occupational term, the troop. And this one, she died, early. And this is me. And this younger brother is dead. I mean, he was 82 or something, and he died. Four, five years ago.

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