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Lisa Uyeda: And does that look ok?

Peter Wakayama: Yep. This looks fine.

LU: OK. Wonderful, so today is August 12, 2011. And can you please tell us your full name.

Umeko Kuba: My full name?

LU: Mhm-mm.

UK: Umeko Kuba.

LU: Umeko Kuba.

UK: No English name. [laughs]

LU: No English name? [laughs] And what were your parents names?

UK: [Toraji Ji ?]. Mother is [Nao ?]

LU: [Nao?]

UK: She was a Tamagi.

LU: She was a Tamagi. And when were you born?

UK: 1915.

LU: And which month and which date?

UK: January 20-- 28. [laughs] Several ages ago. [laughs]

LU: [laughs] That's okay.

UK: It doesn't matter. [unclear]

LU: Wonderful. And where were you born?

UK: Steveston. [unclear]

LU: Steveston. And did you grow up in Steveston?

UK: No. After--I guess [unclear] I was going to start public school, so.

LU: And where did you live after Steveston? Where did you grow up?

UK: Steveston?

LU: In Steveston.

UK: Oh that's [cannery?] house. I guess. My father was a [fisherman?]. So they [generally?] housed [unclear].

LU: And did he have a boat?

UK: Hm?

LU: Did he own a boat?

UK: No no. It's the cannery house.

LU: He worked in the cannery?

UK: Yeah. He's the fisherman.

LU: He's a fisherman.

UK: Yeah.

LU: Did you ever go--did you ever see him fishing? Did you ever go fishing with him?

UK: No. I was [unclear] [laughs]

LU: And would he live at the cannery? Where was your house when you were growing up?

UK: In Steveston along the, I think, down the Fraser, at the mouth of the Fraser River. All the houses around it are cannery--so many--one, two, three, or five were cannery [unclear]. All of the--not the top, but the second [main?] cannery, I think. Yeah. My mouth is dry.

LU: Oh.

UK: I got the water. Yeah there. At the window. I keep it there. It's--

LU: [Laughs].

UK: Nice. [unclear]

LU: Can you get it [unclear].

UK: No it's not.

PW: Oh over here. Yeah. Okay.

UK: [laughs]

LU: [laughs]

UK: Just [want water?]

LU: Oh it's perfect size.

PW: Oh I just have to move--

LU: Oh you're in the garbage can.

UK: [stands]

LU: [laughs]

PW: I just have to [unclear] Oh right by the window?

UK: So there be [help?]

LU: Would it?

UK: Yeah. And a cup.

PW: A cup.

UK: Cup for [yourself?] [Speaks in Japanese]

LU: Oh that's what--[laughs]

[video jumps to next clip]

PW: [unclear]

LU: Okay. And what are some of your childhood memories? What were some of your favourite toys or games when you were a little girl growing up?

UK: I have two older brother and I one younger one. So I play with the boys. [laughs]

LU: [laughs]

UK: Yeah. [I have somewhere?] ress the right top [unclear] and [put the hand over there?] and I didn't know what [unclear] there was a [unclear] with the [unclear] but [unclear]. I have long time had a mark. [laughs] No, not much.

LU: And would you go swimming? Or-

UK: No, no.

LU: --Would you go--

UK: There is no swimming in those days. Just a regular [unclear]. But there's a--the cannery house, have about [two hundred?] over there the river and one day I [unclear] tried to see them [unclear] and with myself-- [5 minutes]

after my father died, or what, I went myself, I tried a big one [and all of a sudden?] I was at the bottom of the river [laughs]. Good thing they all [die?] [laughs] How they found out, but I was [crying?] [laughs] [unclear] I just--Mother had [all her time?] to wash me-- [laughs]

LU: [laughs]

UK: That's only memory. And there were the [unclear] [breeds?] of the [unclear] put the sugar in then we ate it. [laughs] Not much memory. [unclear]

LU: Did your mother work at the cannery?

UK: I guess so. I guess so. Up to seven a night. Those days everybody--Japanese had a [gestures to back] baby on the [sa-ro?] [laughs]

LU: And what are your brothers names?

UK: Brother? [I-da-yo?], [Yoshio?], and then me, and [O-sa-ma?].

LU: No sisters?

UK: Eh?

LU: No sisters?

UK: No.

LU: No. [laughs]

UK: [laughs]

LU: And what do you remember about the house that you lived in? Do you remember what it looks like?

UK: It's a [rather?] big house. [gestures with hands] Long house. All the cannery houses were the same, you know.

LU: Did you have to share the house with anyone?

UK: No.

LU: No? It was just for your family?

UK: [unclear] Not like nowadays, but [normal?] house like here, I don't think. The cannery house--right after the war, after moving here we had [unclear], but I don't think, we didn't go that way, that far. Yeah.

LU: Did your house have electricity? Or--

UK: Oh yeah.

LU: --running water?

UK: Yeah. But they don't--they can build the best [by?] BC [British Columbia]. The [unclear]. Because water comes not like here. Water runs and high tide, the water goes, I don't know how, but they can't build the basement. They put above the ground. The house is so tall.

LU: And did you have a garden at the house?

UK: Not that time.

LU: Not at that time?

UK: Yeah. But after, after--no. [unclear] but that time I'm think [unclear]. When I was seven, [wipes eyes with tissue] my father died with pneumonia. They said pneumonia was no cure, no medication, not like now. So he died. And, mother was [unclear]. So she had a hard time. But luckily she was trained as a midwife in Japan. So she got a job. In \_\_ Association. They give her a--the job. Before, before--not right away, about a year later after father died she was going to other houses, other [lands?] to cook and washing. And I remember, I go with her. [Laughs] You know

what, I [mend?]. I don't know, I was six and a half or so. I moved the [bench on the floor?] [unclear] [laughs]

LU: [laughs] So you pulled his bench away from him? [laughs]

UK: [laughs] I thought it was just a joke. [unclear]

LU: How old was your father when he passed away?

UK: Seven.

LU: How old was your father?

UK: I don't know.

[Someone off screen shouts]: Veronica.

LU: [Laughs]

UK: I don't know.

LU: Not sure? Do you know when he came to Canada?

UK: No.

LU: No?

UK: Must not be too long out here at that time, when I was seven so—

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[Someone off screen shouts]: Maria, she's coming.

UK: No, no, no. I can't remember. [All I remember about?] that time they gave me-- fishermen people from Japan came together. He's not [unclear] the only one, but all the friends come together to--

LU: Oh.

UK: --Canada I guess.

LU: Was he married when he came to Canada? Or did your mother--

UK: That's [unclear]

LU: --come after?

UK: [unclear] But mother was trained for the midwives in Osaka. Her marriage was kind of late. [unclear] Those people married early. But, when mother died she was [unclear]. Me and young brother have to go to Japan, sent to Japan to stay with cousin. Because no more grandmother and grandfather. The uncle there--uncle's place.

LU: Oh so you stayed in your uncle's place. Your uncle's house?

UK: [At the house?]

LU: You stayed with him. Mm-hm.

UK: Nice, nice house. Those were the [fishermen?], before the tsunami. That's the what--tsunami is what, tornado? Japan is around the earthquake--and so before there they had a [fishermen?] it's a [unclear]. The beach is a nice--that place is a nice beach, they had sand--I had to go to the beach, I can't swim. [laughs] Nobody teach me how. But--I used to go there--long [gestures with hands] [speaks in Japanese] that's the [shio?], it was [three?], and you would dig deep and there's the calms in the ground. You'd put the bag in here and put the clams. That's the fun.

LU: So you would go and dig clams. Oh.

UK: After I came to Canada to [visiting?]. They had such a [unclear] it's not like there before.

LU: And that was at Wakayama?

UK: Yeah. Nice beach.

LU: And was that your uncle--was that on your father's side or mother's side?

UK: Father's side. There's my brother, younger brother [unclear] my mother's side. And I stayed [unclear]. Because they had a girl maybe older than me to--[two, three] older than me, [unclear] so [two, she want too much?] so separated. My brother stay at mother's side [unclear].

LU: And did your father have a lot of brothers and sisters, did he come from a big family?

UK: So. One girl, and two of them came here. Canada. Yeah.

LU: Oh two of them.

UK They all in a fishing business in the region. Yeah.

LU: Hm. And what about your mother's side of the family? Did she come from a big family?

UK: I don't know exactly how many she had. There was--I know she had one in China, another one in [unclear], and one brother. [unclear] [laughs]

LU: And how long did you live in Japan for?

UK: About eight or nine years. See when I went to Japan as--because mother come alone, she helped to stay here to--those days the fishermen do the fishing in the summertime and wintertime some people have family in Japan so they go to Japan. So she asked them everyday--no, [Shimoro?]

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he's going to Japan to give the wife away. So she ran there, she knew I guess from Steveston. So they--she [unclear] they wanted to take us [unclear] on the boat trip--the boat trip it's so rough. It roll to side, to the other side. [unclear]

LU: Oh my goodness.

UK: My brother is two younger than me. [He was in the bed?] they don't bother washing, they just throw it over. [laughs]

LU: Oh my goodness. And how long was the boat ride? Do you remember how long it took?

UK: That was eleven, or maybe [unclear]. Kobe or someone, come to--before several now [gestures to head] you know, in my brain [laughs]. [unclear] have a nice--I still remember that [unclear] [mountain there's rose?]. I think that's an [unclear].

There's a different meal you know, [than we eat] before. It's pretty. [laughs]

LU: And did you go to school in Japan?

UK: Yes, we--before I go, there was a--a [mastery savor?] public school in Steveston. They have a--those days, a [unclear] school [takes a sip from cup] more Japanese. We take a only one [half a day] [unclear] rest of the Japanese [unclear]. Even in those days all the [unclear] Japanese teacher came in back to Canada. That's a long time ago, you know.

LU: Yes that is a long time ago. And what else do you remember about spending time in Japan?

UK: I used to fall a lot.

LU: You fell a lot?

UK: Because I would go running.

LU: [Laughs]

UK: And at first I had a shoehorn, but then after Japanese [odori?] I'm not used to any--road is so rough. So used to fall--my cousin, older cousin wrote a poem. My knees are always going to [unclear]

LU: There's always wounds on your knees.

UK: [unclear]

LU: Aw. [Laughs]

UK: [Laughs]

LU: and did you learn odori dancing while in Japan?

UK: No. I thought [unclear] odori, but-- [shakes head]

LU: And what are some of your favourite memories of your time growing up in Japan? Was there certain activities or games you really liked to play?

UK: When I grown up [unclear] take something they give you a bag and it contain maybe a coin or something. [Looks off screen] Thank you.

PW: It's more water.

UK: I saved it. [takes water bottle] Arimasen. [Pours water in cup] That's a long time ago.

LU: [laughs]

PW: [unclear]

LU: Oh she's ok? That's ok.

UK: [Speaks in Japanese] You had to go just [unclear] or [unclear] the mountain. They make their own at the foot of that mountain and they go around. They had--and you don't know who are the car is coming. [laughs] Go around an the--mountains there [gestures with hands] and the mountain's tall so sometimes rain [comes around] and down to the ground. It was a bit rough.

LU: Oh my goodness. [laughs]

UK: I don't go myself. [unclear] children go at the same time. And the school is

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the next baggage, so you'd have [pairs mounted?] over there and go down the street [laughs] Sometimes you'd tumble down.

LU: Oh yeah? You would fall down. [Laughs]

UK: [Laughs] I don't think anything was--right now I enjoy and my cousins, cousin's wife she was looking after me and there is another people, but she's the most that did. Yeah. I have a nice memory. [Laughs]

LU: Mm-hm. And you lived in Japan for eight years, you said?

UK: About [unclear]

LU: Eight years.

UK: Started going to public school there then I finished and going back to Japan was end of the year. And put it in [grade one?] I guess--but the teacher must knew my mother. So they--she is--I'm not talking much but I pointed to the--she [gestures hands] put question on the 'arithmetic' [unclear] but then said she's [unclear] smart, so. [laughs] I guess she just not stay in the [unclear] repeat only, end of the--before new year's--in Japan--here you start new school grade in September, but in Japan--April. So most I got third grade after New Year. First three, four years at my--every

time--laugh at me they assume I can't write. [Laughs] Even now I'm not a good speaker.

LU: [Laughs]

UK: But the grade four--five are getting better. Tried going to the cousin's wife [unclear] graduated, [unclear] she was graduate from there--she wanted me to go there. So there, y you had to pass the exam, you had to stay after school and learn [algebra?] and from that would I get up so. But it's okay. I finished the junior, six, junior high, one two, and so in one year [unclear]. So nine year--yeah nine years.

LU: Mm-hm.

UK: And mother, I guess she---brothers got their job so she got us to come back. And at that time, still in a boat--come back. I think me and [unclear] somebody cam back. And the boat stopped--Victoria, I think.

LU: Oh it stopped in Victoria?

UK: Victoria. No airplanes, you know. [laughs]

LU: [Laughs] No airplanes.

UK: [Laughs] Yeah.

LU: When you were living in Japan, did you write letters to your mother?

UK: First I did. But gradually, no matter how much I say come back, come back to Japan, she would never come back, so I thought [swats hand] [laughs] For six years. Yeah. [Laughs]

LU: Mm-hm.

UK: It's funny. When come back from Japan, here, our relation--I know she is my mother--but it's not like you people.

LU: Mm-hm.

UK: That kind of [disappointing?] my mother.

LU: It's been such a long time since you saw each other.

UK: Childhood, you miss it. [laughs] Yeah. [Looks off camera] It's okay.

LU: What was it like when you first came back to Canada and you got off the boat? Did everything look different or did it look the same?

UK: You know, mother was working--she had a room in a hospital. No house. So she rent chicken house and they renovate it. There was a long [unclear] it was a long house and divided into two, three--three--and they rent it near the hospital. And she rented it one of--and she prepare or us for when we come. Soon as I came here--fifteen, sixteen--she wanted me to support myself. She gave a money, but had to cook--had to take care of my brother. What did I eat in Japan? [Laughs] Luckily there was a young bride from Japan next door. So if they bought tofu, I would buy the tofu. [Laughs] Rather she--my second brother was training for carpentering. He had the boat--carpentering. [Unclear] The house--he moved to the--[ongoing is the school?] to learn English. When he came to Canada, one boat ahead about my age, girl--she was from the nice Christian family. Mother I guess left in Japan. Don't say the mother. Even they don't want to separated but the parents or the somehow, I don't what they did, they separate living in the [unclear] to husband's side. And she was--there was some talk between--on the mother's side. She married again but no child. So they want--her baby child to come back. There was somebody in between there. She was bout one boat ahead of me. So about fifteen, sixteen. She was from a Christian home. We bought a nice [girl?]. The friend, she is a Canadian, Japanese--she picked

up--they all speak English. She was a nice girl. Her room was [bunk one and bunk two?] I [unclear] my tongue but [unclear] or somebody so take a long time to [laughs] and if finished two, two books--and if September comes, going to school here starts in September. So in order to be in school all of the Japanese children, English too. That's what the musician [Myza?] comes, she was about--she became [unclear] and come to the Steveston school. Because we knew whatever artist [unclear] take any job [unclear].

Escape from?--we went to the [unclear]. Study with us [unclear]. We knew all that thing except grade three. They skip us and we faced in the three, eight. [Laughs]

PW: [Laughs]

LU: [Laughs]

UK: Six years? Going to High School. [Laughs] If we go High School, [unclear] comes and nothing comes, and I don't know much English. [Laughs]

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I was almost--already, nineteen, eighteen or nineteen. And summer--we have a two months summertime. There was a Japanese teacher, she knows how to sew so I went to--I finished the Japanese--one year went to Japanese school, sewing in Japan. So I know the sewing. But mother take me to--it's a [unclear] --the school teacher, she showed us sew, so I went there. It's a new--the [unclear]--her [unclear] was. I went there. I went--High School in the one year and then--because I engaged to my husband.

LU: Hm.

UK: How many I was, eighteen--nineteen or something. [Laughs]

LU: [Laughs] And--

UK: People go, finish the [unclear] [laughs]

LU: Did you need a bit of water?

UK: Yeah. [Leans forward to get water cup and takes a sip] That's it.

LU: And where did you meet your husband?

UK: It's church. [Unclear] church. Because this girl, they were church goer. And I didn't know anybody those day, because I was in Japan. And I go to go with her to go to the church. And you know in my mind in Japanese there's a persecutor in Japan that was a Christian, must be bad, bad. But go to the church in Canada, and it's not bad! [Laughs] So I go with her to the church, because I haven't any friend in Canada. That's when [unclear]--it's not that he asked me to marry. When I come to the [unclear] all that we were the same, so many of you--someone asked me to go [laughs] three, three people--somebody not coming just himself. Go through the somebody. So I don't know. My mother would say--maybe just because they had a store, Kubo's had a store. His father and mother had a store. He was working at a Japanese fisherman's office and mother was working in the next-door hospital. And those days, the doctor--only the [university?] doctor comes. I guess only before doctor [knows father?] was there, but sometimes hakujin doctor comes. So had to interpret it, so he go to hospital to interpret it. So he knew my husband and she said maybe ok, because in [unclear] husband dies, there's a [unclear] [laughs] I say [unclear].



LU: [Laughs]

UK: And maybe you should talk to me and--you know, have a house--my house [gestures with hands] and this house, the church was here [gestures with hands]. So, every time I go to bed, put the blind up. I don't want to sleep in because had to go school. And in high school you had to take a tram--a streetcar to go. So I always put the blind up--for the church [gestures to right] [register?] over [unclear]--anytime they will come--my blind's up [gestures upward] so I'm [gestures to self] sitting down or up because I'm in the bed--still the blinds [laughs].

LU: [Laughs] And what year were you married?

UK: I wasn't quite twenty.

LU: You weren't quite twenty.

UK: But in the summertime, four years I [want to sewing?] you know sewing in this country, not Japan. Sewing in Japan only--just summertime I go after the school finish, I go there four years. I don't know a thing, my mother pay for the [three of us?] [laughs] I was [cold?]. No new friend I have, because this girl--church friends, so [laughs] I guess--[laughs].

LU: [Laughs] And did you go to any churches or temples when you were in Japan?

UK: Church?

LU: Mm-hm.

UK: They are Buddhist.

LU: They're Buddhist.

UK: But the--they are--uncle's wife die they every night for a hundred days they [places palms together mimicking prayer] [unclear]. Every night. The house is a--I guess--funny, this--they have simple [tomb?] and a Buddha. There the [gestures above with hands] [unclear] top of the ceiling, near the--[keeping the?] simple paper thing, you know. [Laughs]

LU: [Laughs]

UK: So. And they have a big--much bigger than here--Buddha church, for the [speaks in Japanese]. It's a Buddha's temple?

PW: Yeah. Buddha's temple.

UK: Sorry, I don't want to--

LU: You're trying.

UK: --Yeah, yeah. Oh he had a big one in the house. And he go there every time he cooked the rice for the supper time, put it in a small dish and he put it--and he bring something [raises hand to mouth] next meal time. Every time he would get a [unclear] he eat it.

LU: [Laughs] Wow.

UK: He's the only one, nobody touch. [Laughs] [mimicking uncle:] "Oh alright [raises hands in prayer] [unclear]." His wife died--hard night every night. Up to then there is some treats [laughs].

LU: [Laughs]

UK: Oh. And he owns the fish--the [unclear] is divided by three and they owns a fishing boat and the group--people, they [must have seen?] each other, but that's the business sale--the money divided. Not like a boat [like speed?] take the fish, you go by the catch by the net. Though I say the fish come through--the fish come to the bay, so they every day they three group, one people walk that small hill watch where the

fish comes in a bay or not and if they see the group of fish they make a sign. It's a some kind of sign [speaks in Japanese] so the [British?] people know. According to the direction of which way to go and how to go. And they order they put the net down that beach and go around the fish group and catch the other [business?] people or--they pull the fish net. [Laughs]

LU: And that's how they caught the fish. Wow.

UK: [Laughs] Fish [unclear] sardine.

LU: [Laughs]

UK: Sometimes shrimp and squid. Open--sometimes big mackerel--no, no--how much.

PW: Yeah, it's a--

UK: Like a mackerel.

PW: Yeah.

UK: It's [squid?]

PW: --like a different.

UK: It's a big one. It's a--where I live there they have a nice big [speaks in Japanese] but a--beach [unclear] these--nice [white?] sand. But across here was the [unclear] pebbles. Japan has a so many mountains or hills, so [unclear]. [Fridge begins to make noises][Laughs] Nice memory.

LU: Yes. [laughs] Um.

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UK: Still going? [Laughs]

LU: Yes, I'm just wondering with the fridge.

PW: Oh picking that up?

LU: Mm-hm

PW: [Unclear]

LU: Do you want to take a break for a moment?

PW: Yeah. Let's do that.

UK: Yeah. I mean I don't know. [Laughs]

PW: [Speaks in Japanese]

[Cuts to next clip, which restarts from the beginning. New portion of interview begins at 1:20:44]

LU: And so you were married in 1934 or 35, just before you were twenty? Just under twenty?

UK: [Laughs] I had to get the mother's side to--[laughs]

LU: And where did you live after you got married?

UK: Steveston with my mother and father in law. They had a store, we were on the upstairs of the store and then there's a road--we stay in the--we eat together in the kitchen of the store, and we sleep in the upstairs.

LU: OH.

UK: Father was--Father in law he was a, used to be blacksmith. He became [deaf?] his [unclear] was--and--he is a nice honest man. So he's not so strong so start have a

store--open the store, confectionary store. Toys, stationary--everything in the countryside. You know, we have all kind of everything.

LU: [Laughs]

UK: I remember the one time I go to Steveston to Vancouver there's a streetcar running. The car comes with a small booklet. If you buy in the car, I don't know exactly how much, but you can go to the--not too far--station and buy the booklet and it was still two, three cents more--I don't know how much exactly? People come to get it--[unclear] Put a sign, box for the church to raise the money--we did a--you put a name on it every time you show a ticket put a two, three cents in the box [unclear] [laughs]

LU: [Laughs]

UK: [Laughs] He was an honest man, too. [Laughs]

LU: [Laughs]

UK: [Laughs] But, the war started we sell most things half price and with just a [unclear] on the door. We trust the [customer?]-but the cashier had a [six beer?] on the books, but when he asked us to re-send back, we have all the junks from the store [that's came?] and we bought the new stove and washing machine, we asked the that [unclear] that we use at the [unclear] when you stay in one house, sharing two family. The Mr.[unclear] family was there, it was the--it was the [Takimoto?] family--and my family use the.

LU: Oh, a train? There's a train going by.

UK: Oh.

LU: [Laughs] What is your father-in-law's name?

UK: Last name?

LU: Last name.

UK: [Tamagi?]

LU: And what was his wife's name? Mother-in-law?

UK: No. Her maiden name? No. Maiden name was [Nakai?] but--

LU: No, your mother-in-law.

UK: Oh--

LU: Your husband's mom--

UK: [Aki?]

LU: [Aki?] And your husband's father's name?

UK: [Kumeijuji?] [says phonetically:] Ku-mei-ju-ji. [Laughs] They are from the Yamaguchi prefecture in Japan.

LU: Oh they're from Yamaguchi.

UK: In Canada married a different part of this--[gestures to someone off camera] even you married [speaks in Japanese]. Yeah, married different part.

LU: Mm-hm. Not like before in Japan.

UK: [unclear]

LU: They [married?] close to--

UK: Because the train and they bring them--it was small. [laughs] Yeah.

LU: And what happened when the war started? Do you remember Pearl Harbour?

UK: Oh. [unclear] The [Pearl Harbour?] breakout, they had the [unclear] set on the window, I was expecting the third or--

LU: You were expecting your third child?

UK: I [pain?]-my mother was in the hospital, midwife still there. She walked to, up to the [hill?]-we stayed there, very last. Because she work it out--[association?] look out for everybody--he speak Japanese and English so he--because of that he, we will stay in [unclear]

LU: What do you remember about Pearl Harbour? How did you hear about it?

UK: Blackout and the--so when I get the pains, I go to hospital and it stopped but you can't come home so I stayed there overnight. And the one time my friend engaged--we had went into her home--yeah. And that time too, got the bed. You can't walk during the night, but the cannery houses are close together. Behind, we had the police--go house to house. There is Mr Hayashi--all kind of story there. There is the story of [speaks in Japanese] and--oh you don't read Japanese. Too bad. He wrote a two book--Mr Hayashi good friend of my husband. They used to--when he came from BC to Toronto, I let them sleep here then because they talk so much. [Laughs]

LU: [Laughs]

UK: Mr [Kanda?] too, the three. [Laughs] I guess these days they play tennis. And he.

LU: And when were your first children born? Did you have a boy or a girl? Your first born? Because you were saying your were expecting your third child when we started

UK: Yeah. I had a boy. Had four altogether.

LU: Had four altogether.

UK:

LU: Or just a year. Do you remember? Or their names?

UK: [Achison?].

LU: Anna?

UK: [Achison?]. Alice.

LU: Alice.

UK: [Achison?]

LU: [Achison?]?

UK: A-C-H [Achison?] She's Alice.

LU: Oh.

UK: Yeah. She lives in the North Shore. I'm going there on Tuesday night. This coming Tuesday night. Stay over there. Three days. Because the grandson there--first [Achison's?] grandson's coming to see us from Victoria.

LU: Oh, wow.

UK: He married a girl through computer. [Laughs] Just through computer. [Laughs] Nowadays. [Laughs]

LU: And who was born next?

UK: Hm?

LU: Who was next? Who was your next born?

UK: Bob.

LU: Bob.

UK: Bob Kuba. Next Suzy.

LU: Suji?

UK: Suji.

[1 hour 30 minutes]

LU: Or Suzy?

UK: No, Suzy. S-U. She's a [Sake?] Her name [Tasi?]. [unclear]

LU: Oh.

UK: They all good people. [Laughs]

LU: Yes. [Laughs] And what happened when you had to leave the store? Where did you go when you left the store?

UK: Oh. First we put the name in Dr [Shimizu's?] [unclear]. When we waiting--after finish everybody Japanese had to evacuate, we go to Vancouver to stay with our--my mother is--no, my mother-in-law's niece, Suzuki--confectionary store, she had a Japanese [unclear] store. And she had her own residential house, so we above the [canvas] of the [Jewish?] store, above--just stay there until the room is vacant in Kaslo [British Columbia]. Can't go right away. And Suzy was a little baby. And--on the train she shriek or not. So we carry her all the time.

LU: Oh my goodness.

UK: And hot water bottle--get the water come to the nursery you have to transfer through the Kaslo [British Columbia] by the bus. Use the [part hot milk and water to make a milk?] --hot water [I remember?] the hot water [unclear] they'd charge you. [Laughs]

LU: They would charge you for the water?

UK: [Laughs]

LU: Oh my goodness. So we stayed there Kaslo [British Columbia] four years. War last and we had--we going to Japan or stay here, we had no--nothing in Japan, no house. And Japan was a poor country. And so we are nisei so we don't want to go to Japan, especially my husband. So, we made our mind we are not going to Japan. We stay here, so we had to move to over the Rockies. Four years--first year we stay in Summerville here--big highway, Summerville and there's a big Japanese--

LU: Summerville?

UK: --hostel. Mr [Tarumo?] was in there--he's head of the commission looking after all there.

LU: Oh.

UK: That's Mr Tarumo. Of course I [can't go [any job?]] but there are other people going to some job around Summerville hospital. They have [greenhouse?]-you get a [discarding?] job is open somebody people around here Ontario hire the all people. First wait till Stouffville for the looking out to the [cows?] thing but that's too hard for my husband. [Laughs] So, finally came a job for the fruit farming. The wife has to work part time.

[Korean spoken in background]

UK: All this time. For here Suzy always like why you have to work [laughs]

LU: [Laughs]

[Korean spoken in background]

UK: But the summer house--

LU: Let's just wait one second.

[Korean spoken in background]

UK: [Unclear]

PW: They're speaking Chinese or Korean, I think.

LU: Oh.

PW: It's Korean

[Conversation in Korean ends]

LU: So the house.

UK: Stay four years [unclear] public school has eight [groups?] so you get--so we stay there. Rest of us go in the high school, she bike to the same class he need to go high school [beside group or two] that time, I forgot, [seven seas?] member, he [unclear] he decide maybe [Truman House?] is better because the only one man working and the rest is older men and old people and children and [you can't work?] so we bought the [Truman House?] and we stayed downstairs and the rest was above--those must have been a hard time because people live in a one room and use the one bathroom water and [seal the bathroom?] too, yeah. Only one upstairs washroom and one downstairs. Two storey in the house, so they have water but used to come to the second floor to use the bathroom. They must been hard for the room. You put the sign in the window, "Room for Sale." But sometime any--to make some money is not so easy. During the night, some people paint up [unclear] and if you go they think [unclear] [laughs] Money making is not hard--it's not easy.

[Laughs]

LU: Mm-hm.

UK: And before you stay there and then go back to Toronto. Oh that--I've said that.

LU: We'll pause for one second.

[Next clip plays]

UK: I've gotta go home.

PW: No, no I said stay here.

LU: Okay. And let's talk a little bit about Kaslo [British Columbia] first, because we didn't really talk about--

UK: Kaslo.

LU: Yes.

UK: Kaslo we had a nice time.

LU: Yes?

UK: Because we had a bath. We don't like this country's bath, so they had a public bath--I guess she paid that, have a big tub [we go at night?]. You know how Japanese are, they don't go--they don't care. Little different.

LU: And how long did you live in Kaslo?

UK: Four year.

LU: Four years.

UK: Yeah, four year four year. Same [unclear] four year.

LU: And who did you live with in the house? Did you share the house?

UK: Share with [Takimoto's?] family. No, no. Yeah. [Takimoto] family. Because of-- Kimiko was working the commissioner office and she found the police-- commissioner found the police, but nobody--people died out--the house was vacant and so our grandfather, Mr Takimoto, created a garden and out back there this, I don't know, gradual [hill?] there's a small [unclear] there's a one point after that [unclear] family will be there [unclear] senior [unclear] by us they lived there. Yeah. Then the four years moved back to Toronto. Four year four year [anyway?]

LU: In Kaslo what did the house look like?

UK: It's a good house. It's a--people died out I guess and the furniture was left. Yeah. And that time we asked permission to get our stove and washing machine. And we used that stove in the kitchen. And washing machine we didn't use I can say. But bringing to the same [unclear] and then small house [unclear] lower over there.

[Laughs]

LU: [Laughs] What else did you bring with you? Did you have a sewing machine? That you brought?

UK: Yeah. Summerville move it to the [unclear] farm there's a prize they have a sewing machine.

LU: Wow.

[1 hour 40 minutes]

UK: And--I had to make my children's dress--they-- you had to go buy the grocery down the same [sette?] so we can go--not too far from the [cash?] go to the small store, [with all the Irish people] I guess--they are kind people. They know we need a car so he--somebody has our car to sell so they buy it and bring over--how many--cheap. And we just going to [setee?] afterwards. We don't have a [fleece?]-we have an ice, chunk of ice we buy and put it in ice box. Water melt sometimes--all the time also melts. I remember the supper car was--people above there--they don't watch the water run down to the floor and come down to our [seating?]. You finish [papering it all] and we talking [looks up and points upwards] come down--they see come down the--put the milk for the baby [to our fridge]. [Laughs]

LU: Oh no. [Laughs]

UK: All the day training for the [unclear]-I guess--first they came and no job-- and what kind of job--what good he is for the making the box by taping. So he is good for the putting the paper on the room. After that he was [unclear]. [Laughs]

LU: And were your husband's parents, were they living with you at the time?

UK: He die, after.

LU: He passed away?

UK: Well, let me see now. We first moved and before that we bought the house near the--between Jarvis and Sherbourne--in between there's a hall, there's there [Sakoka?] house. But our house was going near the Jarvis side. And Jarvis--new building coming in. They need a little bit more property--parking lot I guess. And they want to buy the, not the house, but the property--I don't know how much was square foot, by the square foot. And they can't take down the house until they pay the whole amount. But, the lawyer was Mr [Oye?] and we don't know anything about those thing but he told us over [touch?] but one time we coming back to--coming home from the church and we stopped over the house and the house start tearing down. So we go to the [Oye] and I said we are going to--I don't know how he [unclear] you had to pay before you do any tearing down. Then we decide looking--we have move to the [Scarborough?] house. But [unclear].[Laughs] Yeah.

LU: Mm-hm.

UK: When I move in here--when I move after the second we had to rid of the house after two years. I stay here two years and then they start selling the house. I still think you know the man--[who'd you call it?]-[Lapiche?]. This man is kind of kind

soul, I remember that. Always send us a--every [Canada Day?]-so I know that [unclear] he come here. [Laughs]

LU: [Laughs]

UK: He was a Protestant. We stay over there almost twenty years, something. Grandmother die. And Grandfather die. All in the house. Yeah.

LU: And what happened to—

[1 hour 45 minutes]

[leans forward to pick something up] sorry--what happened to your mother and your and your--

UK: Oh mother was---

LU: --brothers?

UK: --in the brothers house. She died nicely, quietly. She had heart trouble. Doctor called and said you stay in the bed upstairs. Even the--he told her to stay in the--you know, she was very wise so she knew the trouble daughter-in-law downstairs--so she can't call her. She get up and she [fell?] and that's [unclear]. You know I was at somebody's wedding--my daughter she can't make it so I went to her. And I got a headache so I come home before they--they want to have a dance but I don't care. So I come home. And my telephone was ringing. [Laughs] To tell my mother's [dead?]. She die so quickly. I can't [unclear] [laughs].

LU: So that was here in Toronto?

UK: Yeah, Toronto.

LU: She passed away?

UK: Yeah.

LU: Where was she living during the war years? Where were your brother?

UK: They go to [unclear] beach.

LU: Oh. [Unclear]

UK: That's where they go--all the family together and [unclear.] So mother's friends--that's why there are--second brother's wife's mother and father they are a bit more strong. So, they all part of that way to our [daughter?]. Oh, yes about besides come to Toronto they bought a [boat?] on the family [until she die?].

LU: And when you were living in Kaslo, what do you remember about the summers and winters?

UK: Oh nice breeze. It's a nice live there. Two days was [unclear] go down to the beach and they saw there's a going around the cherries there. The lake and over in the mountain [unclear] in the Kaslo. But Kaslo has--I don't know how the new building as done--they don't build the new houses like the other place. [Hopes?] and the [unclear] and they build the new shop but the we use the over house so it's okay. Not too cold.

LU: And did you get a lot of snow in the winter?

UK: I didn't notice that much. [Laughs] [Unclear] shovel the snow.

LU: And did you work when you were in Kaslo?

UK: Oh no.

LU: Or did you just look after the children?

UK: Nobody work unless the people work in the office. Nobody work, I don't think.



LU: So what would you do to pass the time?

UK: [Laughs]

LU: Just talk?

UK: I don't talk much but, I'm busy with the family.

LU: Did the children go to school?

UK: Yes.

LU: Did they have English school and Japanese school?

UK: They made another school. They made a very strong [unclear] school I [sent?]- and the teacher is a-- the people who the high school people or some--not the real teacher. Only the [unclear]. I don't know. But some--I don't know that much. They enjoy it. [Laughs]

LU: Mm-hm.

UK: I think. I don't know. [Laughs]

LU: [Laughs]

UK: Women never tired of [all?]-looking for the job or cook.

[1 hour 50 minutes]

House working.

LU: And where would you get your groceries from? Was there a store in Kaslo that you could buy groceries? Or did you have to grow everything in the garden?

UK: There's a butcher store. Our father-in-law and Mr Sakimoto they all garden they make garden. The commission supplied the property to grow the vegetables.

Commission is--they have somebody from outside and they--people go to work. You have to cut the lumber to make the fire stove wood. Fire to warm the house. With the--yeah. I guess--they don't have a furnace downstairs. They don't finish--no basement down there. Just a little stove, big stove. Now we were lucky because our [unclear] late in our [unclear]

because then we separate. But they first stay in a hotel. They have the people who [clean

the one stove] I hear they have overtime. [Out comes the lady] and they shove it down the [unclear]. It must be hard time.

LU: Yeah.

UK: But we are lucky we bring our own stove. [Laughs]

LU: Yes very lucky.

UK: [Unclear] So cook in there. But the [noodles?] in the [bungo?] bag. One that stay above the upper [part?]. It's so hot.

LU: Oh yeah.

UK: So I hear. [Laughs] Can used to live in--this is more like living in the ghost town. Small place. Have to keep in. And nowadays I know they, I know they give us a [prop?] so it's kind of hard so I put it in a [cellophane to ripen it?] I can once [somebody must shook?] [unclear]

LU: [Laughs]

UK: So I guess so soon. [Laughs]

LU: And what happened to the Kuba store? Did they sell it or was it taken?

UK: Oh I don't know, after the [commission?].

LU: After the--

UK: We don't go back. I think there's a [hire?] After we went back to BC. When did we go back? Oh the [unclear] [road?]. By that time the father and mother [unclear] gone and my father was gone too. He--he drove, but I flew over to Winnipeg. My--I have a good--the first girl that I made in Canada she--she live in Winnipeg. So we went to Winnipeg by airplane. Went back to--drove back to BC. But--now what was it we were talking? [Laughs]

LU: We were talking about the Kuba store.

UK: Oh. No, at that time the Kuba store was gone. Not there. Those houses were all wood. So each [burn?]

LU: And what street was it on? Do you remember the address?

UK: Moncton or [number one?] or--I don't know which is which.

LU: Mm-hm.

UK: And the Moncton is like [gestures horizontally] and the [number one?] is right there [gestures vertically] on there is on there [Terron?] Place and the school and the hospital. But the Moncton--my brother-in-law [shakes head] mother-in-law [shakes head, closes eyes] sister-in-law is still there [nods]. They are living now in a big house by herself.

LU: Oh wow.

UK: Sister. I write every year, new year time, see if they are home. She is by herself and the son is separate. Nobody married just--yeah. She is all by her now. Because the brother and sister are gone.

[1 hour 55 minutes]

And all friends gone. There's a Ms Hashimoto here. She's younger by a bit ten years. When she was small, she was--she didn't work the cannery, but she go upstairs and watch for the people--who they watch--they pay for the fish, put it in the can [unclear]. So she watch from the upstairs. She got the job over there. [Laughs] That's what she told me. [Laughs]

LU: [Laughs]

UK: She's lucky she is [breadwinner?]-no--yes she's [breadwinner?]. [unclear] not business, but she's a lucky girl. When I come here her husband was sick and she looking after him. She had two daughter and one son near here. September, one come from [Australia?] take her to [Bermuda?]. Other sister--they're all single. She's living now. She's coming back this week. She's the one to tell me watch the people go--who quite work. And that's a different time. [Laughs] Yeah.

LU: And have you ever been back to Japan?

UK: Oh.

LU: Did you ever go back?

LU: The people changed now. All the young generation. There doesn't be anything. I'm not interested. This time I cross back I say--her wife's son is still living, she knew me. But because I don't write she don't hear back. I don't know how it happen but.

LU: Mm-hm.

UK: Okay.

LU: Anymore questions? When you first came to St. Catharines and Toronto after the war, did you experience any discrimination? Or, what was it like coming into--

UK: Toronto?

LU: --Mm-hhm, and St. Catharines--

UK: [Unclear]

LU:--As a Japanese person?

UK: There is not many Japanese. Unless there is some--Dr Shimizu come around see looking out around here. I don't know how many time a year. Maybe once or twice. One night in the war, we were picking up [unclear] because it didn't [frost?]. And [bending down?] the Dr Shimizu come in and we were living in a small [shack?] and my mother was not there and she wanted to come in November to join us. So I [wrote?] this kind of situation before came [unclear]. Anyways she go okay, then they come this way. [Unclear] and the mother and they came. And we lived together in a small three room house. Children were small. Real summer house. Cold, so we put the--[Father Roshi?] made with the cardboard [unclear] so we wouldn't get cold. We used the two tonne coal lasts winter to cook and heat the house. And water we had to go up--not too far--but a little high. Each time is so slippery you had to be careful and the toilet is outside. So used to the bedpan. Only had a kitchen, and a living room, and one bedroom. That's what we stayed whole, no three [kids?] that time, five or seven [unclear] [laughs]. And friend in Toronto they got too much so they got mother and father-in-law in Toronto before we moved. They moved first. They rent a room in Toronto. I don't know how long, but.

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I don't what see--we were young so [unclear] [laughs].

LU: What about the discrimination in St. Catharines?

UK: It's okay. Nothing. You know, people who want to hire the Japanese they are okay. But come to Toronto and now, one teenager was near--opposite the--next door. Irish people. He always make a kind of--do the--not much but--he doesn't like us. When he grow up he just go like [straightens back] 'Hello Mrs Kuba' and I wonder what had taken him. [Laughs]

LU: Oh.

UK: Because when he was young he didn't understand. But when he grow up, my God. [Laughs]

LU: He would start saying hello.

UK: So it [only take twenty-one year?].

LU: Mm-hm. You mentioned that some--most people in St. Catharines--

UK: They are nice people.

LU:--they're nice. Did anyone have a hard time finding a job?

UK: Yeah. When you go to the buy the grocery in a small store and I heard these Irish people. [Unclear] they working downtown drapery store. He or she [unclear] to the store and I do the sewing. So they give us a job to make a drape. I can sew but I never made a drape. So they taught us to [unclear] [laughs]. I don't know first, I don't know how, but [unclear]. I did it two, three times and coming home on the highway I--somebody pick me up there was a school, home and school and me. Her

husband pick me up. I was the only Japanese there. But people nice. Not like BC. Even in BC we all [unclear]. Yeah. We don't [unclear] anything. And some government people.

LU: Do you remember the discrimination in BC?

UK: No, we didn't notice.

LU: Didn't notice?

UK: I don't go any outside, that's why. But my husband say he, he didn't complete the high school, but those days you want to finish the high school no hope. You won't get hired. You know. So he stop. He didn't complete high school. But he got all the Shakespeare book. Because he is get [unclear] he likes to read a lot. In the store there's a Japanese magazine that book he read it every day. So. He liked to do that. He didn't go any--but he [can't?] speak Japanese so maybe this goes.

LU: Mm-hm. What do you remember about Reverend Shimizu?

UK: Wow. [Laughs] That's a hard one. [Laughs]

LU: [Laughs]

UK: I can't speak anything about him.

LU: No? Did you know him?

UK: Oh yeah.

LU: Yeah.

UK: Yeah.

LU: Well tell me about him. I don't know who--I don't know--I don't know him. So tell me a little bit about him.

UK: [Laughs] First his sermon was too long. [Laughs] [Unclear] He's a good man. When we were living together, mother and father-in-law, he always come to the-- knock the door. I'm just around the [district?] that's why he drop by. That's what he always say. He never make [unclear] purpose. He just passing around. That's what he [unclear]

LU: Yeah.

UK: He's easy going. He always talk often marriage [unclear]

[2 hour 5 minutes]

You know private thing he talk to my husband. Yeah.

LU: [Laughs]

UK: [Laughs] He's-- I can't say much. He's a good man. Good. [Pause] He's a too good man. [Pauses, looks at the clock] Oh.

LU: Almost lunchtime. And what do you think about the nikkei community?

UK: Hm?

LU: The Nikkei community? And redress? Do you remember redress?

UK: [Nods]

LU: In the 1980s? Were you ever a part of redress or do you remember if it was being discussed--

UK: No.

LU: --amongst the community?

UK: But I don't go outside the house I don't know that. [Laughs] I guess my husband was.

LU: But you received your redress?

UK: Hm?

LU: You received your redress? Did you?

UK: I guess I didn't get it. But my father-in-law and mother-in-law they [don't?] got it. They discuss about it.

LU: Oh they didn't discuss it?

UK: [Laughs]

LU: Now what about in Toronto the Nikkei community in Toronto were there--I know the Japanese people were very dispersed but did you get together? And did you--

UK: We go to the church but outside I don't go outside. I can't answer this.

LU: What about the cultural centre? When the cultural centre was built in the 1960s-

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UK: Yeah.

LU: --do you remember that?

UK: Mr [Kanda?] [unclear] they put the house down just to see them--nothing really happen but if something happen they pay the whole [day?] [unclear]

LU: Oh they signed the mortgage? Is that what it was?

UK: Not the mortgage, but the [build, they help build there?] building the cultural centre but the--their name if something happen there will be [unclear] they have own house so they--if nothing does not happen but just put it as a sign. That's what I heard.

LU: They co-signed. Hm. Yeah.

UK: But my husband was not going too much outside besides the church. Not much go to centre. We don't go.

LU: No, you didn't go very often.

UK: We did go to help the Bazaar to prepare the food--

LU: Oh.

UK: --from the church. We had to go through--how many people had to go. They ahead to make a temporary [unclear] I go there. That's not long after. [Laughs]

LU: Mm-hm. And how many days of preparation for the Bazaar did it take?

UK: Some people go [unclear]. They all work hard. [Unclear] Everybody do their own thing.

LU: And what were some of the foods that they would cook? For the Bazaar?

UK: They already made different section. We always [tempura?] part. We had to go day ahead. Somebody ahead shrimp or [thaw?] it's frozen [thaw?] and unshell and cut the--leave the--[Laughs] I don't go the [waves hand]--they bread the [unclear]. Sometime you help the onigiri. Even [unclear] group of we can [unclear] have a time and able to go time. Yeah.

LU: And where did you learn to cook? Who taught you how to?

UK: Me.

LU: Just naturally?

UK: Nobody teach. [Laughs]

LU: [Laughs]

UK: You had to eat so we had to cook.

LU: [Laughs]

UK: And in Kaslo there's a cherry, lots of cherry they grow. Husband asked for the [unclear] for the [unclear] for the store they send all the bag in and [unclear]. And there, there is a Japanese book.

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And there, there's a [unclear] wrapped in a cherry leaf. That's all I learned during the [school?] time.

LU: Oh wow.

UK: I cooked till come here. But after that I not cooking. [Laughs]

LU: [Laughs]

UK: You think about those things when you see the cherries, leaves--you freeze this and you can make an ice, not too sweet. [Laughs]

LU: Mm-hm.

UK: This thing but.

LU: What about the holidays? Did you celebrate holidays when you were in Vancouver growing up? Or in Japan? Birthdays? New Years?

UK: Oh yeah.

LU: Christmas?

UK: Yeah.

LU: Did you celebrate that?

UK: We do, now. We--

LU: Now you do, but did you back before the war started?

UK: Before the war?

LU: Did you celebrate?

UK: Yes, sure.

LU: And what would you do for the special occasion?

[2 hour 10 minutes]

For New Years?

UK: Just eat.

LU: Just eat?

UK: [Laughs]

LU: Would you make special dishes for New Years?

UK: Yeah, special dishes.

LU: What would you make?

UK: First we have ozoni, put rice cake over [unclear]. The first you eat ozoni put it in a soup. Ozoni? Don't you know ozoni? [Laughs] Even here they make.

LU: Oh. No I don't know it.

UK: You should come here. [Laughs]

LU: I should come here. [Laughs]

UK: [Laughs] Yesterday he learned that [Dimple?] Mr. [Dimple?] was a good one and Ms [unclear] help him because she's so capable. She used a small [lesson?] in Toronto so she's good with that. She help that time. [Laughs] He always learning something.

LU: Mm-hm.

UK: Yeah.

LU: So, what other special dishes would you eat on New Year's Day?

UK: Here?

LU: No, when you were in Vancouver.

UK: Vancouver.

LU: Or in the War years?

UK: Not much is different.

LU: Not much is different?

UK: We do--

LU: So you'd have sushi, sashimi, would you have chow mein?

UK: Oh yes. I learned before teenage. I don't know how to cook it but I learned it from friend knows--Yeah, I guess must be friend. Yeah.

LU: Mm-hm.

UK: And my brother says 'What did you do?' He come to eat sometime. He was working in Vancouver in a [freer?] store. Sometimes he comes in 'What did you cook?' 'What did you [learned?]?' Because mom was working in the hospital she just come out in the end and come to eat. Do something but--I did.

LU: [Laughs]

UK: She turned Christian because before that she was a Buddhist. She [not really?] but even very [calm?] when [a Buddhist?]. One day, the Buddhist priest--she bought a small new one, Buddha--so they, they had to make a some Buddhist [tasaki?] and make a--the [praying?] [hotokesama?]. Doing that he was [unclear] [rubs calms together in prayer motion] [quickly moves arm in a downward-chopping motion] ka-cha. I made all those [unclear] stuff and put it in the shelf and--the shelf was--the leg was going to supported it from the wall. Maybe this fall and it was all over the floor. And he goes--the minister come to look at the kitchen and [Laughs].

PW: [Laughs]

UK: [Unclear, laughing] How I end up [that table?] [Laughs] That mistake. [Laughs]

LU: [Laughs]

UK: I should have put it on table. [Miming placing something down] Not on a small shelf. [Laughs]

LU: [Laughs]

UK: That's what I remember.

LU: And what about Christmas? Did you celebrate Christmas?

UK: Oh yeah.

LU: When you were in Vancouver?

UK: Yeah.

LU: And what would you do? You'd have a Christmas tree?

UK: Mostly we'd go to Church.

LU: Mm-hm. You know no how they have a turkey dinner, would you have a turkey at that time?

UK: Tired--you won't last long afterwards [Laughs]

LU: Mm-hm. And did you have presents? Would exchange presents?

UK: For the kids.

LU: For the kids. Mm-hm.

UK: He--my husband--he's good at it. He would always buy something.

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LU: [Laughs] Mm-hm. And I think we're all set. Are there any other stories you wanted--

UK: No, no.

LU: --to share?

UK: No. I don't want to share anything. [Laughs]

LU: Oh, you were doing so well.

UK: [Laughs and shakes hands] Don't really.

LU: [Laughs] Oh, no. Well I've asked all I can remember.

UK: [Laughs]

LU: Thank you very much.

**[End]**