

EM:

after glancing through Uncle Toichi's oral history I noticed that in the family tree, Em was noted as deceased.

I asked Waka when she died and she said in 1980. That she was buried in the family plot in Oakland.

After talking with Kay I spoke again with Waka and we noted some questions to ask Waka:

- Em's date of birth
- where
- dates of attendance at Mills College
- dates of commitment
- who signed
- when did she leave Stockton
- diagnosis
- legal guardian

Kay said that we could get a certified copy of the death certificate if we knew whenm she died:

- Hall of Records, Alameda County
- Dept of Public Health
- Dept of Vital STatistics
- Date and place of death

Pictures

(Yuki's tape : send to Kay)

Talk with Waka : October 21, 1993

Em was most sensitive; meant the most to her; Waka believes she owes her knowledge of Japanese culture to her mother and American culture to Em. Em directed Waka's reading from Shelley to Maurois, Treasure Island. Em liked to go to the theater and she went with Waka and Tok. Kaitch, Son and Em went to the opera together.

Em was born January 27, 1907 after Kaitch. Em died 1987.

She was always home; when they had to be relocated, Waka committed Em January 1942 to the State Hospital in Stockton.

Em was released in 1960's to Berkeley home and then to home in Hayward. Waka said that Em needed 24 hour care and that Waka could not care for her. Waka was concerned that the State would hold her responsible for Em but then she found out that siblings could not be responsible for each other.

There was a doctor involved: his name was Dr. Richards who was a psychiatrist in private practice. He moved to Santa Barbara where he was a doctor to an estate. Waka denied knowing the diagnosis and what medication Em was on. She reported that Son used to go to the doctor with Em and she knew what the medical condition was.

Em graduated from Mills in 3 years in 1927..she took classes in the summer and she graduate the same year as Kaitch probably



majoring in English.

Em was born before Goitch. When Em died, Waka had her cremated and buried in the same grave as Goitchi without a tombstone of her own.

Waka stated that no one ever asked about Em. She took responsibility for her and the family became busy with their own affairs and stopped asking about Em. She was the only one who visited her. Waka said that Naoye and MASato knew her.