

## Miyuki Remembers

- 1916 S.F. Mitsuye arrives from Japan. [unknown if she came to marry one "Kamito", or if she was already married to him by the picture bride method. If not, she could have been called over by her sister, Asao (and brother-in-law, Chogoro) Asamoto, who probably were then raising hogs somewhere in the Imperial Valley. It's unlikely that she came over after being called by Asao, because there is always the "Kamito" name to explain.]
- 1919, Aug 28 El Centro Mitsuye married Kenden Yabe. Married certificate in possession.
- 1921 Mar El Centro Emi (Emmie) born.
- 1922 L.A. Elosa born.
- 1924 L.A. Elosa died. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, L.A.
- 1925 Jan L.A. Rayko (Reiko) born.
- 1926 Sep S. Pasadena Miyuki born at home on El Centro Ave. This birth home is now owned by the Pasadena Historical Society ?
- L.A. Merchant St. Mitsuye threw empty buckets at ~~front~~ <sup>back</sup> door, when would-be burglar tried to break in when family at home, but asleep. Kenden at meeting. Burglar ran away, but wrecked front door lock by attempted jimmy.
- L.A. 1268 E. 25th. St. (<sup>in back yard</sup> Apricot tree) located across street from the store [the produce stand? ~~the fruit stand?~~] If M. can remember this, then they year when they lived there maybe can also be pinpointed. Cary's were neighbors. M & R went to 20th. St. school [~~was this a grade school?~~] <sup>I was a first grade. Had teacher named Miss Watts</sup>
- L.A. 2021 E. 1st. St. This ~~probably~~ was the home of the Takeharas, of whom Hide was a second cousin. It was located in Boyle Heights, next to a police station. [Why were the Yabe's living with the Takeharas?]
- 1932 L.A. Kohler St. home. Church of All Nations located <sup>nearby</sup> ~~across the street,~~ & M. & R. would happily bring home Thanksgiving & Christmas baskets for indigent families.
- 1937-41 L.A. 426 N. Juanita Ave. Mr. Aniya, a Stanford College graduate, would pick thru garbage cans, looking for food to bring the Yabe family. M. & R. attended Virgil Jr. High School.   
also M attended Dayton Hgts. Elementary School.   
6th grade

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- 1941 Mar L.A. 302 Crocker St. Mitsuye ran the Polk Hotel, located in 'Lil Tokyo.  
 1942 May 9 It was bought by Robert Nakama, a bachelor friend. He also bought new clothes for M., but not for R. Why?  
 M. & R. went to Belmont Hi School until evacuated.
- 1942 May 9 Santa Anita Evacuation of Yabe family. Their family number was 5196.
- 1942 Sep 3 Ht. Mountain Permanent WRA camp. Rayko & Emi took permanent leave early, R. to work as a domestic somewhere in Kansas, and E. to ..... Mitsuye & M. didn't leave until late 1944. *Emi stayed in camp to have tonsillectomy.*
- 1944 Dec 6 Seabrook Located in NJ, a place where Birdseye vegetables were <sup>quick</sup> fast-frozen *+ food dehydrated for troops overseas*
- 1945 NY City M. in Phila. going to Drexel; R. & Mitsuye at 102 W. 29th. Ave., NY? ~~Where was Emi?~~ *Emi*
- 1953 NY City *You are questioning me →* ~~M. thinks Yabes lived there during that period~~, but it had to be earlier than that, because we were married in 1950, and Rayko & Mitsuye were already living there then. R. & M. almost had to be living at 102 from around 1946 or so.
- 1958-59 Chicago Mitsuye lived with Asao Obasan?
- 1959-60 L.A. Mitsuye moved to L.A. and lived with the Kishabas at 143 N. Chicago Ave. ~~It was during this period when she suffered her broken hip.~~
- 1961? L.A. Mitsuye lived with the Shingi Nakamuras on Serrano Ave? St?
- 1978-80 L.A. Mitsuye moved to live alone in an upstairs apt. at [redacted] LA 90015. Once, while there for a visit — seems to me that it was when M., Kennie Wada & I went to the 1978 Salt Lake JACL convention — we stopped to visit G'ma. At the time, Mitsuye was quite sick with what later was diagnosed as a kidney infection — it was terribly hot in LA then, and G'ma was lying in bed in her hot apartment with the blankets pulled over her head. M. decided to stay with G'ma for awhile, and Kennie & I headed for home alone.
- This apt. was owned by Jack Yamasaki, who later gave M. his watercolor painting of Heart Mountain, which now hangs on the wall of the study in our home.
- 1983 Apr 1 L.A. Mitsuye went to live in the Tokyo Towers retirement home in 'Lil Tokyo, [redacted] LA 90013. She was quite happy there, and for a couple of years, in excellent health and spirits.
- 1985 June Portland After having been diagnosed as having cancer of the pancreas in early 1985, it was evident that G'ma was going to require intensive nursing care. Surgery and/or chemotherapy was rejected by her, upon our recommendations. She didn't want to go to a nursing home, so we brought her to our home in Portland, where she peacefully died about a month later in bed on August 15, 1985.

arr, SF 1916

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South Pasadena El Centro Avenue

L.A. Merchant Street

L.A. Kohler Street

L.A. <sup>1268</sup> E. 25th. Street

L.A. 2021 E. 1st. Street

L.A. <sup>N.</sup> 426 Juanita Avenue

L.A. 302 Crocker Street

Santa Anita WCCA Evacuation of Yabe family

Heart Mt., WY WRA Permanent evacuation camp

Seabrook Farms, NJ Mitsuye & Miyuki only

1945 ? NY City 102 West 29th. Avenue

58, 59 - Chicago

LA <sup>143 N.</sup> Chicago Avenue, L.A.

194- ? L.A.

1950- ? L.A.

1960- ? L.A.

6/ 1985 ? Portland, OR

Little Tokyo Towers (a retirement home) in Lil Tokyo

Mitsuye dies at age 88, pancreatic ca.

birth home - now owned by Pasadena Historical Soc Burg

earthquake / church of All Nations across street from store Carg's / 20th g. school

Takehara, next to police station Boyle Heights Mr. Aniya, Virgil Jr. Hi

Polk Hotel, J. Town ?, Belmont Hi

Family # 5196

Many Peruvian Nikkei

Mitsuye, Emi & Rayko; lots of OK there

Mitsuye only, lived w Kishabas

Mitsuye lived w Nakamura

Mitsuye only

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9-'37 to 3'41

Mar, 1941

May 9, 1942

May 9

1942, Mar

Sept. 3,

1942, Aug 30

Dec. 6, 1944

1943-?

1953 }  
1956 }

59- }  
60- hip fracture

'78 }  
1980 }

Apr. 1, 1983  
to June, 1985

1963-LA  
1979

1960-LA hip fracture  
1953-NY

90015

90013

PAPA

Car

- He always had a car, type unknown
- Left mama when she was saying very prolonged goodbye to \_\_\_\_\_. One foot on running board? Took Rayko & Emi? & bought ice cream. How did mama & Miyuki get home

Physical

- Ambidextrous
- Ate w left hand, wrote and drew w right.
- Laughter always choked him up, unable to continue talking, tears streamed down face.
- What was his physical build?
- What sort of temperament?
- How did he usually dress?

Talents

- Musical — could play mandolin — how, where & when did he learn? What pieces did he play?
- Played violin — at least Emi said so. Did M. ever hear/see him play? What & when?
- Singing — always embarrassed Rayko, when, what occasions? What favorite pieces of music? M. once heard him singing Aloha Oe.
- Art — trained? taught? what kind of art did he like?
- Athletics — any interest or talents?
- Hobbies
- Nature of work liked best
- Helpful at home/yard/to Mitsuye/to kids?