

**Carl Farmer
Transcript**

Interview Clip: Japanese Americans

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CF: We had another, maybe 8 or 10 families of Japanese Americans, which seemed strange at the time when you think about it. Because we were fighting the Japanese and they were hiring American Japanese.

CF: But I'm sure they had to undergo some serious security before they were allowed to come to work out here.

TMP: Like background checks?

CF: They were just more people that we lived with every day. We really didn't realize how Japanese Americans were being treated in other parts of the country. Because they were put into, not concentration camps, but it was very controlled living circumstances.

CF: They lost their businesses and everything. The government just took it away from them. Which, you know, when we look back on it, we say it wasn't right. But that was the way it was during the war. They didn't know... "Well, we're fighting the Japanese, so they don't have any rights." [It was] very difficult for Japanese Americans in America at that time.

CF: They were just other people we lived with, so we never thought anything about it.