## Densho Digital Repository Naoko Wake Collection of Oral Histories of US Survivors of the Atomic Bombs Collection Title: Matsuko Hayashi Interview Narrator: Matsuko Hayashi Interviewer: Naoko Wake Location: San Jose, California Date: June 3, 2012 Densho ID: ddr-densho-1021-4-2

## <Begin Segment 2>

NW: Right, right.

MH: But my father was really... he was good... you know, having so many children, father did everything he could to help mother, uh...like in those days, a lot of places, they didn't have any . . . they had wells and . . .

NW: Mhm.

MH: And, and he used to put pumps and everything that's easy. He used to . . . he made the kitchen the, the best, you know, for Issei. That's really unusual.

NW: It is, it is, yeah.

MH: And I remember him giving us, uh, you know, younger brothers and sister—my father used to . . . *ubuyu* . . . bath.

NW: Yeah.

MH: Baby *no*, bath.

NW: Right, right.

MH: Yeah, he used—in fact, he used to, take care of my-uh, my cousin. Uncle no . . .

NW: Mhm.

MH: Older... they were born first. Three of them.

NW: Mhm.

MH: And he used to give them bath and everything.

NW: Ohhh.

MH: So, he was really something. You can't find a father like that.

NW: Yeah. Yeah.

MH: And the kitchen was always the best place for, he, he used to say, you know, women spend most of the time in the kitchen.

NW: Mhm.

MH: So, in those days there was no running wa . . . you know . . .

NW: Right.

MH: ... hot water and cold water.

NW: Right.

MH: But he used to, you know, the wooden stove . . .

NW: Uh-huh.

MH: He used to put a pipe through it and get—make hot water. Things like that.

NW: Oh, so it was very convenient then.

MH: Yeah.

NW: Yeah, yeah.

MH: He did everything for the family.

NW: Did he cook, himself as well? Or?

MH: No, my mother used to cook.

NW: She did. Okay, but you said that they were farmers, so did she go out on the farm as well?

MH: No, she just, she just, uh, with that many children, she can't go.

NW: Right, right. They don't have time.

MH: Yeah.

NW: Mm.

<End Segment 2> - Copyright © 2012 Densho and Naoko Wake. All Rights Reserved.