

Powell Street Interview

316 & 318 Powell Street

Tadao Wakabayashi tells the interviewers that the Lion Hotel was at 318 Powell Street. Behind the building, he explains, was an *ofuro* (a Japanese public bath) and an archery room.

TADA0 WAKABAYASHI

This 318 is Lion Hotel run by the Japanese. Below on the street level was archery. No – excuse me – not this one. 318, 316, you can go underneath and go to the back and this is ofuro, bathroom, public bath in here. And out in front, they had archery from here to the back of the building.

INTERVIEWERS

Would they practice in there?

TADA0 WAKABAYASHI

They would practice in here.

INTERVIEWERS

[Japanese term]?

TADA0 WAKABAYASHI

No archery. I don't know what you mean by that.

INTERVIEWERS

That's the Japanese term for archery.

TADA0 WAKABAYASHI

Oh I see, yeah the long one.