

Powell Street Interview

396 Powell Street

Tadao Wakabayashi explains that at 396 Powell Street there was a rooming house called World Hotel. Next door, he explains, was a grocery store and a Japanese Canadian owned bank.

TADAO WAKABAYASHI

And 382 I'm quite certain it was Chinese restaurant. It called it Sun [Unclear]. And next to that was the Japanese drug store. And then next was Japanese bakery store run by ... I forgot the name now. But that's the coffee shop and next to that one was the grocery store. And then you come to 396 which was [loud truck]. 396 was called World Hotel.

INTERVIEWERS

Built by a Japanese person?

TADAO WAKABAYASHI

Yes. And then the corner store here used to be the Japanese bank.

INTERVIEWERS

Was this all built by Japanese, the building?

TADAO WAKABAYASHI

No. It was run by Japanese.