

I Remember: a Letter to Ray Ono

My name is Tei Saisho. I'm 70 years old. Just lost my wife Oct. 17, 1993.

Dick Kunishima sent me a telegram to Chicago back in 1945. He wanted me to come to Seabrook Farms and help him open and run the General Store and cafeteria also he was going to start a baseball team for Seabrook Farms. I arrived on my 21st birthday to Seabrook Farms. Having a Deerfield truck for General Store and the cafeteria. I was able to help the community by delivering the sack rice, shoyu, and grocery to the families. Also, I was hauling food from the store to cafeteria, driving three times a week for three years to Philadelphia to pick up vegetables, meat, and grocery.

I got married Sept. 14, 1946 to Flora Nishimura and work two more years with Dick Kunishima, Geo Shuja General Store manager and came back to Los Angeles 1948 in February.

Why I'm writing this letter is to let you know, during my stay there Mr. Charles Seabrook and Dick Kunishima got along very well. Dick has really really done wonders for the community while I was there with the Kunishima family. Unfortunately he can not be there.

It was a great experience for me. I'm looking forward to this reunion.

Also enclosed is a picture of my truck. I had it all the time I was there also girls basketball team (good Bev.)

Thank you.

Tei Saisho
(written to Ray Ono)
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