

Photo identification by Ed Zapel, Sr. on September 13, 2022 while looking through the photos with Karen Brewster of the UAF Oral History Program after having done two interviews with him. Ed was 99 years old and accompanied by his son, Ed Zapel, Jr.

2001-191-27: Zapel children on raft in Harding Lake where the family had a cabin that they went to in the summertime. Mary Ellen Zapel, Ed's youngest sister, is the girl standing in the water. His younger brother, Art Zapel, is the one sitting on the raft at the right. Ed could not identify the child in the middle but said it is not one of the Zapel children. Based on the age of his siblings, Ed thinks this would have been around 1935 or 1936.

2001-191-28: Misspelled name. Should be Growden not Graudenz. This is William (Bill) Growden. He was mayor of Fairbanks 1940-1943, He was good friends with Ed Zapel (Katherine Friss' husband) who is the one in the back. This is them in American Legion uniforms.

2001-191-62: House on left side of photo is Johnson's house. House across the street with the covered entryway (right side of photo) is the Zapel's house where Ed grew up. This is on Barnette Street standing at the corner of 7th Avenue.

A number of photos of military parades in downtown Fairbanks without dates. Ed said there were no such parades when he lived here and that they happened after he left in 1941, which was when Ladd Field was building up. His sister Betty was younger than him and still living in Fairbanks, so these would be her photos.

Photos of a crowd gathered to see off a couple of men attempting to ride their Indian motorcycles from Fairbanks to New York City. Ed thinks this was around 1938 or 1939. They were not from Fairbanks but were adventurers from someplace else who came to start their journey in Fairbanks. There were no roads out of Alaska at that time; the Alaska Highway had not yet been built. He does not know what their route was, or what did that about getting gas, but did say that they were successful in making it to New York.

2001-191-103: Mary Ellen Zapel in the foreground with the excelsior packing material that was around the pipe that was shipped to them for use with a keystone drill to drill their water well. In the background is the cabin on 7th Avenue across from Zapel's that belonged to one of the three African Americans in Fairbanks at the time and who was a former opera singer.

2001-168-57: On the left is Katherine Friss Zapel and Ed Zapel. Guy in the foreground is Bob Hendricks, who was a Tech Sergeant at Ladd Field who was a friend.

2001-168-58: Woman labeled as Elizabeth Zapel is Ed's sister who he refers to as Betty Zapel. He said she always went by Betty. Her married names would be Miller, Harkness, Sabourin (sp?) and Olson.

- 2001-168-60: Betty Zapel is in the foreground on the seesaw, and might be Ruth Johnson in the back. It's labeled with Munson Ferry, which was not familiar to Ed. He said it looks like the ferry at Big Delta which during his time was operated by Louis Grunsmore.
- 2001-168-76: Harding Lake
- 2001-168-79?: Betty (right) and Art (left) Zapel on Rika Wallen's oxen at the Big Delta river crossing. The tower for the cable that ran the ferry across the river is visible in the background.
- 2001-168-80: Art (left) and Mary Ellen (right) Zapel with Rika Wallen's oxen at the Big Delta river crossing.
- 2001-168-81: Mary Ellen Zapel is the one on the far right of the group with her hand up at her mouth.
- 2001-168-83: Betty Zapel is the woman in the middle
- 2001-168-84: Katherine Friss Zapel
- 2001-168-85: Oddfellows Temple gathering. Betty Zapel is in the front row, 5th in from the left (her dress has a shiny top portion). Mary Ellen Zapel is next to Betty, 6th in from the left.
- 2001-168-92: Ed Zapel (right) with Louis Grunsmore (left), the ferry operator at Big Delta.
- 2001-168-93: Katherine Zapel with Louis Grunsmore, the ferry operator at Big Delta.
- 2001-168-94: Louis Grunsmore, the ferry operator at Big Delta.
- 2001-168-98: Linc Miller, KFAR disc jockey that Betty married when she was 17 years old.
- 2001-168-99: The two woman who worked as housekeepers for the rooms upstairs from Friss' Bakery and Coffee Shop. They are standing in front of the bakery.
- 2001-168-101: Betty Zapel
- 2001-168-102: Ed thinks the elderly woman is Mrs. Olson, mother to Paul Olson, one of Betty's husbands. And that would mean the children could be Mrs. Olson's grandchildren.
- 2001-168-103: Betty Zapel is the one in the back of the canoe.

2001-168-104: Betty Zapel is 2nd from right

2001-168-105: Betty Zapel is the one in the back on the right partially in shadow. She is with two GI's who Ed does not know who they are.

2001-168-106: Betty Zapel is the 1st on the right at the bar

2001-168-107 to 109: Mining operation and dredge line at Chicken Creek near the town of Chicken and the Taylor Highway, circa 1949 when Ed was out there helping to survey and lay out the road.

2001-168-118: The Zapel's family dog, "Snookie."

2001-168-122: Person labeled as "me" is Betty Zapel.

2001-168-125: Betty Zapel

2001-168-127: Katherine Friss Zapel is seated in the back right. Woman in the front is Irene Zapel, the wife of Ed's brother Art. The children are their boys, Richard (front) and Michael (back). Probably in Milton-Freewater, Oregon where Art and Irene lived and where Katherine lived for a while, too.

2001-168-132: Person labeled as "me" is Betty Zapel.

2001-168-136: Pacific Alaska Airways hangar, which was located at the far west end of Weeks Field, Fairbanks. It housed the turboprop Lockheed Electra airplane which was used to fly the longer distances like to Anchorage or Seattle.

2001-168-139: Harding Lake

2001-168-146: Betty Zapel is the woman in the group.

2001-168-159 & 160: More photos of the mining operation at Chicken Creek

?? Membership of the American Legion Chapter in Fairbanks, Alaska. Ed Zapel is in the front row (near the center) just peaking his head out in between two women. According to Ed Zapel, Sr. this appears to have been taken near the railroad station at Garden Island.

In one of the boxes, there is 1941 Yearbook: There is a page of snapshots of people, and the picture at the top right of the page is of a boy holding up a large fish. This is Ed Zapel, Sr. He says it is a lake trout (what he called a mackinaw). He graduated from Fairbanks High School in 1941.

In one of the boxes, in one of the folders, there is a photo of Bernard Friss' flower garden by his house and it is labeled as being at 2nd and Barnette, but according to Ed Zapel, Sr., the house was at 8th and Barnette.