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ORAL HISTORY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: Eugene William Rogge
(first) (middle) (last)

(NICKNAME:) Gene (MAIDEN NAME:)

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(city/state/zip)

DATE OF BIRTH: 10-9-11 BIRTHPLACE Seattle, Washington
(city/state)

SPOUSE: Patricia Hering Rogge

MARRIAGE DATE: 9/14/35 PLACE: Fairbanks

CHILDREN: Judy Rogge Wise; William "Bill" Rogge; Kathy Rogge Maher

ALASKAN RESIDENCY: Raised on Montana homestead. Gene and his brother, Larry, came to Fairbanks in 1929. Their father came earlier and joined his own brother in working for the FE Company.

OCCUPATION/PROFESSION: Truck driver and businessman.

Gene Rogge made his first truck trip to Valdez in 1929. Owned Alaska Freight Lines; owned Sourdough Express, 1935-48.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT IN RELATION TO ORAL HISTORY:

Mr. Rogge recounts the hardships of trucking freight from Valdez to Fairbanks in the 1930s, when the Richardson was a one-lane road open only in summers. Among experiences shared are the notorious trucker "toll" battle with federal officials in 1940-41; the surge in military freight hauling during WWII; Fairbanks pioneer truckers; truck competition with the Alaska Railroad; development of the Richardson Highway; Rogge's first trip over the Alaska Highway in 1945; the founding of the Alaska Carriers Association.

INTERVIEWER: Susan Fisher ("On the Road" BP grant project)

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Gene Rogge tape

FE Company
FE Co.'s Chatanika operations, 1929
Richardson Trail, 1929
Paxson Roadhouse
Dan Whiteford, Paxson
Gakona
Our Home, roadhouse
Alaska Road Commission
Pete Malone, Fairbanks grocer

early truckers using Richardson:
Colonel and Harry Ravelle
Harold and Sylvia Schmidt
Buster Anderson
Tommy Hike
Dick Zender
Paul Greimann

Lavery Grocery Store, Fairbanks
Moose Creek, woodcutting

"Doc" Gordon
"Tanana Rebellion," 1940-41, truckers protest of federal
toll on truck freight
Deputy Marshal Denny Doyle
Billy Miller
Roy Derringer
Col. Otto Ohlson, Alaska Railroad
Gov. George Parks

Ladd Field, 1942 --- military freight (fuel) hauling during
war
Gakona, 1941

Col. Slim DeLong
Al Ghezzie
Maxie Miller

Thompson Pass

Army Corps of Engineers, truck purchases for Adak after
the war

Traveling Alaska Highway, 1945, by military permit
Whitehorse, 1945

Alaska Carriers Association, founding of, 1958

Sourdough Ellis
Ed Hering
Sourdough Express
Leo Schlotfeldt