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ORAL HISTORY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: Joseph Enoch Vogler  
(first) (middle) (last)

(NICKNAME: ) Joe (MAIDEN NAME: ) \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: Box 40 Fbks AK 99707  
(city/state/zip)

DATE OF BIRTH: April 24, 1913 BIRTHPLACE Barnes, Kansas  
(city/state)

SPOUSE: Doris L. Vogler

MARRIAGE DATE: Dec. PLACE: Dallas Texas

CHILDREN: None

ALASKAN RESIDENCY: Since March 28 - 1942

OCCUPATION/PROFESSION: Subdivider, Miner (placer),  
Logger, mechanic, Road builder, farmer

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT IN RELATION TO ORAL HISTORY:  
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INTERVIEWER: Margaret Van Cleve

DATE OF INTERVIEW: 3/29/91 TAPE NUMBER: 311

Joe Vogler says he was run out of Texas for his criticism of President Roosevelt at the beginning of World War II. From there, he traveled to Seattle and eventually to Alaska, arriving in Kodiak in 1943. A year later he flew to Fairbanks and took a job working a dragline in Northway. He has fond memories of Fairbanks on as he first knew it.

Although trained as a lawyer in his native Kansas, Mr. Vogler never practiced law. Instead, he became a placer miner, logger, mechanic, subdivider and farmer. However, his background in law has given him an edge in interpreting the state and federal constitutions and pending legislation.

Vogler claims that land should be in control of the people, not the government, citing that less than one percent of Alaska's land is in private ownership. He states that private land ownership is what developed the United States.

In 1974, Joe Vogler founded the Alaska Independence Party and ran for governor of Alaska the first time that year. The Party is based on the belief that Alaska should have been given three choices as defined by the U. N. Charter - statehood, commonwealth, or independent nation status. He and party backers want such election held. Vogler says that Alaska did not come into the Union on equal footing with the rest of the states and that was precisely why Senator Sam Ervin of North Carolina voted against statehood in 1958.

In 1990, Walter J. Hickel became governor of Alaska, running on the Alaska Independence Party ticket.

Vogler and his wife, Doris, live above Farmers Loop near the University on property they developed in 1968.