

ORAL HISTORY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: Herk W. Edwards  
(first) (middle) (last)

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

MAILING ADDRESS: 931 Pacific Street; Morrow Bay, California 93442  
(city/state/zip)

DATE OF BIRTH: 7 June 1906 BIRTHPLACE Selma, California  
(city/state)

1st marriage to May Christina Anderson: 17 June 1925  
SPOUSE: 2nd marriage to Elizabeth Florence: 30 September 1939

MARRIAGE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN: Louise May McManus and James Wesley Edwards

ALASKAN RESIDENCY: Came to Whitehorse August 1943 and worked on Alcan Highway. After highway completed moved to Anchorage for short time then went to Nome where he spent about 30 years.

OCCUPATION/PROFESSION: Alcan Highway worker; machine repair; member of Operating Engineers. Had his own business (Nome Machine Works) in Nome.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT IN RELATION TO ORAL HISTORY:

- (1.) Life at Nome in the early 1940s
- (2.) Alcan Highway construction
- (3.) Dew Line-- 1954-55
- (4.) Mining experiences-- found an 8 oz gold nugget
- (5.) Cushman Street Bridge in Fairbanks moved
- (6.) Bear story-- killed a bear with a .22 and an ax
- (7.) Someone wrote an unpublished manuscript about Herk's life-- it is full of stories about Alaska.

INTERVIEWER: Phyllis D. Movius

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