

ORAL HISTORY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: FRANK J. GRUBER  
 (first) (middle) (last)

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

MAILING ADDRESS: 940 SPRAGUE ST. EDMONDS WA. 98020  
 (city/state/zip)

DATE OF BIRTH: 07-17-13 BIRTHPLACE VICTORIA B.C. CANADA  
 (city/state)

SPOUSE: HAZEL GRUBER

MARRIAGE DATE: 07-10-82 PLACE: EDMONDS.

CHILDREN: WIFES 3 BY FORMER MARRIAGE.  
NONE ON MY SIDE.

ALASKAN RESIDENCY: FEB. 1933 - DEC. 20, 1938.

OCCUPATION/PROFESSION: RETIRED BARRING INDUSTRY  
EXEC.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT IN RELATION TO ORAL HISTORY:

Frank Gruber came to Alaska in Feb. 1933. Came because he was interested  
in gold mining and because there were few jobs in Wash. due to depression.  
Arrived in Nenana, Ak. Came with Bell Fonda who had previously mined  
in Alaska, and model for statue at Pioneer Home in Sitka. Worked in Nenana  
reassembling the riverboat Nenana until spring when he went to Spring  
Creek above Bettles in the Endicott Mts. Fonda had a claim, but returned to Wash.  
He learned mining techniques from companions and had successful year.

INTERVIEWER: David A. Hales

DATE OF INTERVIEW: Aug 5, 1993 TAPE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Later lived in Fairbank & worked on dredger for F.E. Company  
and later in kitchen. He became interested in baking and  
later became an executive in an eastern baking company.  
Attended University of Alaska Fall 1935, spring 1936,  
Honor student in math. Knew Dean Duckering well.  
This is first time Frank has returned since leaving in 1938  
some 55 years ago.