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ORAL HISTORY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: Clifford Floyd Haydon  
(first) (middle) (last)

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

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 55105 - North Pole, Alaska 99705  
(city/state/zip)

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 June 1910 BIRTHPLACE Spokane, Washington  
(city/state)

SPOUSE: Orea A. Johnson

MARRIAGE DATE: 7-31-42 PLACE: Circle Hot Springs, AK

CHILDREN: Cliff Lee, Gloria A. Haydon Johnson, and  
Melinda Mary Haydon Stevens

ALASKAN RESIDENCY: 56 years

OCCUPATION/PROFESSION: Steam Electric Engineer

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT IN RELATION TO ORAL HISTORY:

Cliff worked his way up the coast of S.E Alaska  
as a cook on fishing boats. Wanting to reach  
the interior, he traveled by truck from Valdez with  
a group of other young men. When a road wash-  
out threatened to delay the journey, another  
truck from General Transportation in Fairbanks  
was dispatched to meet the group on the other  
(over)

INTERVIEWER: Margaret Van Clive

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side.

With his varied work experience, Cliff had no trouble finding jobs. He cooked for the CCC camp, worked in mining and eventually landed a position at Ladd Field in the power plant. Shortly, before his marriage, he enlisted in the military.

He talked fondly of his friendship and good working relationship with Gen. Dale Gaffney. The general persuaded him to stay at Ladd and continue at the power plant after his discharge.

Cliff was a driving force in seeking REA funding for the establishment of Golden Valley Electric Association. His close association with ~~the~~ GVEA manager Bob Huffman was of importance especially during the 1967 Flood, Cliff was able to send Huffman the needed fuel from base to start GVEA's generators which were above the flood water. GVEA, in turn, supplied power to the base.

He retired from his position as Steam electrical engineer at the power plant in 1973.

Names mentioned

Hjalmar + Ladessa Nordale

Charlie Mortimer

Jack Boswell

Douglas Colp

George Ringstad

Oscar Nicholson

Otto Bayless

Bill Stroeker

Gen. Dale Gaffney

Maxie Miller

~~the~~ Pete Steger

Cliff Carlson

Bob Huffman

Lou Joy

Eidem

John Gilmore

Tilly Brockman

Tom Hunt