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ORAL HISTORY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: OREA - A HAYDON
(first) (middle) (last)

(NICKNAME:) Cookie (MAIDEN NAME:) JOHNSTON

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 55105
(city/state/zip)

DATE OF BIRTH: 4-18-20 BIRTHPLACE FBKs, AK
(city/state)

SPOUSE: CLIFFORD L. HAYDON

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

CHILDREN: CLIFF LEE, GLORIA A. HAYDON

Johnson, Malinda, Mary, Stephen STEVENS

ALASKAN RESIDENCY: lived in Seattle area until 13 years

of age. Returned to Alaska and have been here for
a total of 59 years

OCCUPATION/PROFESSION: Home maker

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT IN RELATION TO ORAL HISTORY:

Orea, a third generation Alaskan, was born in
Fairbanks. Summers as a teenager were often spent
helping at Aunt Blanche Cascaden's gold mine
in Livengood. Orea's father, Louis Johnston, was
the projectionist at the Empress Theater, which is
now the Co-op Building on Second Avenue in
Fairbanks. After finishing school, Orea worked (over

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at St. Joseph's Hospital and (later at Ladd Field
Crown Ft. Wainwright) during World War II.

As an invited guest of Louis Johnston, Cliff first
met Orea in ~~the~~ family home. They eloped after
a courtship of one month in July 1942.

Orea also tells of life homesteading on Badger
Road, the challenges of managing without electricity
during those first years in their home. She ~~at~~
gives an account of the 1967 Flood and the
effects of that disaster on the house and family.

A charter member of her garden club, Orea
remains involved in raising beautiful flowers and
is known by many for her talents in that area.