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ORAL HISTORY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: Marge Haggland  
(first) (middle) (last)

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

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(city/state/zip)

DATE OF BIRTH: 10-16-99 BIRTHPLACE Leavenworth, Wash,  
(city/state)

SPOUSE: Paul B Haggland

MARRIAGE DATE: May 1927 PLACE: Vancouver B.C.

CHILDREN: John and Paul, <sup>twins</sup> Peter Haggland

ALASKAN RESIDENCY: Peedee Home Fairbanks

OCCUPATION/PROFESSION: Homemaker

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT IN RELATION TO ORAL HISTORY:

Housing was hard to find in Fairbanks when Marge Haggland with her husband, Dr. Paul Haggland, and their three month old twin sons arrived in August of 1939. However, Dr. Carter who also worked at Fairbanks Clinic invited the family to move into his bachelor quarters, a small home near the river. During the first two years, the Hagglands moved five times.

The friendliness of the community made up for the transient style of life they had. They bought a lot on 5th and Kellum where they built their house.

Everyone knew one another; no one ever had to lock their homes. Neighbors trusted neighbors. A friendly caller might be more likely to bring moose steaks from a recent hunt rather than traditional cakes or cookies. Marge remembers Eva McGown bringin two fresh eggs in her pocket on one visit, a real treat compared to "boat

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eggs" which were often of questionable quality. Eva was a favorite with Marge as well as with the rest of the close knit community. "She had a heart of gold," Marge said in recalling this special friend. Eva always had pieces of candy or gum to give to patients she visited at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Marge Haggland was involved in the community, belonging to many organizations. She was a charter member of the first garden club in Fairbanks, serving as an officer. Through her leadership more garden clubs have been organized and the beautification of public grounds downtown and at the airport are a result of the members' collective efforts.

Now a resident of the Pioneers Home in Fairbanks, Marge Haggland looks back with fondness of the community as she first knew it 54 years ago. Two of her sons live in Fairbanks along with grandchildren. The third son and his family reside in Seattle.

Names mentioned

Dr. Sutherland  
Dr. Carter  
Jack Boswell  
Eva McGowan  
Dorothy Robe  
Mrs. Mackey (sp?)  
Dr. Paul Haggland  
Clyde Lawson

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