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ORAL HISTORY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: Charles (first) . (middle) Lazeration (last)

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

MAILING ADDRESS: Box 72000 FBKs Alaska 99707  
(city/state/zip)

DATE OF BIRTH: 11/25/1914 BIRTHPLACE Ginter Penna  
(city/state)

SPOUSE: Violet Ida

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

CHILDREN: 4

ALASKAN RESIDENCY: 54

OCCUPATION/PROFESSION: hardrock miner, heavy equipment operator, truck driver

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT IN RELATION TO ORAL HISTORY:

This tape describes hardrock mining for gold in the Fairbanks District during the late 1930s and 1940s. Charles Lazeration worked for Cleary Hill Mining Company, living in the company bunkhouses on site. During World War II, the U. S. government shut down gold mining operations so the company switched over to tungsten mining, a mineral needed for the war effort. n Lazeration operated heavy equipment during the construction of the DEW-line sites in Alaska and Canada. He drove a "snow-train" - a cat that hauled three sleds behind over a narrow bulldozed trail four feet wider than each 30 foot wide sled.

INTERVIEWER: Margaret Van Clave

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He also worked on the pipeline, again hauling equipment over bulldozed trails. Employed by different companies such as Burgess Construction, Alyeska Pipeline Company and Perini Heavy Construction, Lazeration covered nearly all areas on the pipeline from the north around Deadhorse to a section south of Delta through the Alaska Range to Sourdough.

Names mentioned

Jim Dalton  
Joe Dalton  
Joe Quigley  
Fannie Quigley  
Manny Olson  
George Natic  
Alfred Gizzi  
Lowell Morgan  
Billy Root  
Maxie Miller  
Earl Pilgrim

Places

Kantishna  
stampede  
Cleary Mill  
Coronation Gulf  
Dutch Harbor  
Cambridge Bay  
Eagle  
Deadhorse  
Kodiak

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