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ORAL HISTORY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: Dorothy (first) - A. (middle) Wilbur (last)

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

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ (city/state/zip)

DATE OF BIRTH: Aug. 8, 1910 BIRTHPLACE Fairbanks, Ak. (city/state)

SPOUSE: <sup>①</sup> Ray Wrede <sup>②</sup> Alden Wilbur

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

CHILDREN: two daughters - Pat Babcock  
and Jeanette Bacon

ALASKAN RESIDENCY: 1910-1925, 1940-present

OCCUPATION/PROFESSION: Secretary, First Pres. Church  
1963 to 1977, Board of Regents - 1963-70  
(University of Alaska) Homemaker.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT IN RELATION TO ORAL HISTORY:

Dorothy Wilbur recalled her childhood in Fairbanks as a happy one. She saw history in the making with Ben Eielson's flights to and from Week's Field and President Warren Harding's trip to Fairbanks in 1923.

After completing high school in Seattle and while working for the Alaska Steamship Company, Dorothy Wilbur met and married Alaskan Ray Wrede, a mining partner of Bob Bartlett. The couple returned to Alaska in 1940, living in the Circle District during the mining season and the rest of the time in Fairbanks where they raised their two daughters. Widowed for 14 years, Mrs. Wilbur married lifelong friend, Alden Wilbur in 1978. The two had presided as the Pioneers of Alaska's King and Queen Regents in 1976. (over)

INTERVIEWER: M. Van Clene

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Mrs. Wilbur served on the University of Alaska Board of Regents from 1963 - 1970 when Dr. William Wood was p resident of the University and Elmer Rasmuson was President of the Board. Mrs. Wilbur is a charter member of the Pioneers of Alaska Auxiliary, having been an active member since 1948.

Names mentioned on tape

Bob and Vide Bartlett  
Doris Ann Bartlett  
Bill Hering  
Elmer Rasmuson  
Dr. William R. Wood  
Dr. Ribar  
George and Clarence Berry  
Joe Vogler  
Ray Wrede (pronounced "Reedy")  
Alden Wilbur  
Helen Bell  
Edna Lawson  
Betty Harrop  
Ben Eielson  
President Warren Harding

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