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ORAL HISTORY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: Rudy (first) Voight (last)

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

MAILING ADDRESS: 2550 Cushman Fairbanks (city/state/zip) 99701  
(Motor Inn)

DATE OF BIRTH: 4/7/1911 BIRTHPLACE Ladysmith Wisconsin  
(city/state)

SPOUSE: Della Voight

MARRIAGE DATE: Aug 17, 1934 PLACE: Crocker City Minn.

CHILDREN: 4 - Charles Gene Lois Wayne

ALASKAN RESIDENCY: 1949

OCCUPATION/PROFESSION: Garage owner

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT IN RELATION TO ORAL HISTORY:

A pioneer garage owner, Rudy Voight signed a contract written on a piece of newspaper and sealed with a handshake when he purchased his first garage in 1950. His garage, Motor Inn Co., also includes a towing service. He has tackled some tough jobs, salvaging flood damaged cars after the 1967 flood and later rescuing overturned trucks during the pipeline construction. Voight was a registered guide, hunting in his assigned area near Arctic Village.

Proud to be an American, Voight was active in the Populist Party during the 1970s - a party that promoted "America first." A garrison sized American flag measuring 20' by 30' has flown in front of his business for seventeen years, a landmark and a statement of his patriotism.

INTERVIEWER: Margaret Van Clive

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Names mentioned on tape

Al Holth(sp?) - Voight's first employer  
dee Roberts  
Jay Pett  
Wayne Pepler  
Warren Prax  
Dick Randolph  
John Ritter  
Glenn De Spain  
Ted Stevens  
Les Nerland  
Brown - cab company  
(Brown and Sons)  
Gene Immel  
James Barrack

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