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ORAL HISTORY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: JANE B. MACDONALD  
(first) (middle) (last)

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

MAILING ADDRESS: 131 ADAK ST. FAIRBANKS, AK. 99701-3205  
(city/state/zip)

DATE OF BIRTH: 6/5/24 BIRTHPLACE EDGEWOOD, WASHINGTON  
(city/state)

SPOUSE: COLIN H. MACDONALD

MARRIAGE DATE: 9/29/45 PLACE: FAIRBANKS, AK.

CHILDREN: ALAN, COLEN, MATTHEW

ALASKAN RESIDENCY: 69 years

OCCUPATION/PROFESSION: RETIRED

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT IN RELATION TO ORAL HISTORY:

June MacDonald talks about her childhood and way of life in the 1920s and 1930s in Selawik. Her parents, Irus and Sara Purkeypile, taught school there fore nine years. She also tells about life in Fairbanks during World War II, working at Ladd Field and serving as a hostess at the USO. In the early 1970s, she and her husband, Colin, became auxiliary captains in the Salvation Army. They were in charge of all the Fairbanks Salvation Army operations ranging from overseeing the three thrift shops, the shelter and chapel, to running programs for both men and women. The tape concludes with MacDonald's return to Selawik for a visit with her brother and sisters after an absence of 50 years.

INTERVIEWER: Margaret Van Cleve

DATE OF INTERVIEW: 2/15/94 TAPE NUMBER: 552

Names mentioned

Keenuruk ( brother David's middle name and name of family boat)  
Hadley Ferguson  
"Sapolio" - the Greek neighbor in Selawik  
Ronald Emry  
Cora Lake (Gray)  
Marie Clark  
Alan MacDonald  
Archie Ferguson  
Mr. and Mrs. George Hicks  
Jim Dodson  
Eva McGown  
Paul Greimann  
Billy Root  
Ken Murray  
William Sheldon  
Irus and Sara Purkeypile