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ORAL HISTORY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: Marjorie D. Conger
(first) (middle) (last)

(NICKNAME:) Marge (MAIDEN NAME:) DeBerg

MAILING ADDRESS: 15 Farewell, #201 Fairbanks, Ak 99701-3503
(city/state/zip)

DATE OF BIRTH: April 18, 1916 BIRTHPLACE Kesley, Iowa
(city/state)

SPOUSE: Jack A. Conger (deceased)

MARRIAGE DATE: May 15, 1941 PLACE: _____

CHILDREN: son - Floyd Conger

ALASKAN RESIDENCY: since 1952

OCCUPATION/PROFESSION: retired - postal service

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT IN RELATION TO ORAL HISTORY:

Talks about Fairbanks as having only one paved street (Cushman) when she arrived in 1952. Worked for the postal service from 1958 to 1976 and ^{she tells of} the many changes that occurred over that period of time. Some good anecdotes about postal customers including Eva McGown and Johnny Albright. Talked about the 1967 flood and the fire in July 1952 when the Pioneer Hotel burned. Also an interesting account of an attempted robbery while she was working at Garden Island Party Store in 1953. The customer later robbed and killed a clerk in Slaterville that same night. Conger identified the suspect and was called on the witness stand in Juneau as the trial was moved there because suspect might not get a fair trial in Fairbanks.

INTERVIEWER: Margaret Van Cleve

DATE OF INTERVIEW: March 9, 1994 TAPE NUMBER: 557

Some names mentioned on tape

J. C. Thomas

Lindy (

Johnny Albright - Samsons Hardware

Jack Tripp

Mr. Barnett

Betty Garrett

Lydia Barnes

Helen Bell

Sullivan (Bill)

John Wilson

Fred Gwalthney

Twogood family