



Elizabeth Blake

NIJÙK DÀ' VAGÒONLÌH: November 5, 1914

NIJÌN VAGÒONLÌH: Edigiinjik

VIYÙUGHWÀN KAT: Esau ts'at Caroline George

GWÌCH'IN: Teetl'it Gwich'in

VATR'ÒONJIK: July 5, 1937

VITR'ÌINÌN NAT: Fredrick, Mabel, Phillip, Richard John, Sarah, Bella (d.), Robert (d.), Beatrice, Florence, James, Hugh, Georgie, Margaret, Albert

BORN: November 5, 1914

Birthplace: Caribou River, Yukon Territory

Parents: Esau and Caroline George

GWICH'IN: Teetl'it Gwich'in

MARRIED: Fred Blake, Sr.

CHILDREN: Frederick, Mabel, Phillip, Richard John, Sarah, Bella (d.), Robert (d.), Beatrice, Florence, James, Hugh, Georgie, Margaret, Albert

Elizabeth Blake zrit niijn gwà'an vagòonlii giyuudahkat chan, "Edigiinjik danh gwà'an gávihlii," àhnùu, " ezhik danh gwà'an". Viyùughwàn kat chan Caroline ts'at Esau George goovàazhii iinli'.

Yi'eenji' chuu t'it gwà'an dachaa kat chan diik'agiinjik, Dawson City gehkhee gwà'an tr'oochit aghan nichii neekaii gòodlit dai'. Niijn danh t'agiinch'uh tòo gyah nàgiinlik geh chan gòonlii gana-dhindaih.

Teetl'it Zheh gwizhìt July 5, 1937 dàit' Fred Blake Sr. vatr'òonjik. Ezhik dàit' atr'ijn'al nichii ts'at atr'aadzoo chan gooveenjìt gogwàtsaih. Nihkhàh zrit tr'iinin ihlok gwijùutin ts'at daankat gidilii eedi'in'. Vigii kat chan Fredrick, Mabel, Philip, Richard John, Sarah, Bella, Robert, Beatrice, Florence, James, Hugh, Georgie, Margaret akoo ts'at Albert kat hah t'angiinch'uh. Nahgwan gwánoo zrit Bella nàniindhat, aii t'ee Robert chan gwàt izhuu kat tth'aih giyàh t'angiinch'uh.

Juudin neenjìt iisrits'at dinjii gòo tr'iinjòo iinli' yuudahkat t'at Rebecca Modeste tàgwahnjik zrit nuh. Rebecca vats'at t'at gwiinlit chan giik'yàanjik zrinuh, tth'aih hee geenjit niinji'adhat ts'at gàhdàndaii. Vàgwijàht'oo ts'at vat'aii gòonlii zrit

ganalndaii ahnuh. Aii k'eejit kat anjòo kat tat ihlee gwàts'at giik'agahaandal geenjit diinjizhìt viiniindhan ts'at dàgwèhdeenjaa geenjit gootàdhahch'yaa geenjit nihthan zrinuh.

When asked the whereabouts of her birthplace, "I think it's Caribou River," says Elizabeth Blake, "Up that side!" Her parents were Caroline and Esau George. Elizabeth and her siblings were raised up the river, not far from Dawson during the initial years of the Second World War. She remembers her and her siblings catching rabbits up the river which was brimming with them.

Elizabeth was married in Fort McPherson on July 5, 1937. Her wedding day was celebrated with a feast and dance. Together, Elizabeth and her husband had fourteen children throughout the course of their marriage. Her children's names were Mabel, Frederick, Phillip, Richard John, Sarah, Bella, Robert, Beatrice, Florence, James, Hugh, Georgie, Margaret and Albert. Years ago she had lost Bella, but the rest of her children lived long and healthy lives. Throughout her lifetime, Elizabeth has many memories of when she lived down at Husky River with her husband, Fred Blake, Sr. She is glad that they spent many years together and even

though life was difficult at times, they marriage endured. Today, she is happy with what she has and gives thanks for it everyday.

Her cousin Rebecca Modeste is the person whom Elizabeth revered as an admirable person in her life. From Rebecca, she remembers learning very important lessons about the land, lessons that have remained with her until today. She remembers her resolve and strength. Elizabeth hopes that the younger generation can find inspiration and admirable qualities in an elder in their lives, and upon doing so, to listen to what they have to tell them.