



DÀVÀAZHÌ:
Tabitha Nerysoo (Francis)

VAGÒNLII DRÌN:
February 6, 1927

NIJÌN VAGÒNLII:
Trail Creek, YT

VIYÙUGHWÀN KAT: Brian ts'at
Lucy Francis

VAKAI': Peter Nerysoo (d.)

VITR'IINÌN KAT: Mary Ruth
Wilson ts'at Richard kat hàh



BORN: February 6, 1927

BIRTHPLACE: Trail Creek, YT

PARENTS: Brian and Lucy Francis

MARRIED: Peter Nerysoo (d.)

CHILDREN: Mary Ruth Wilson
and Richard (adopted)

Tabitha Nerysoo (Francis)

Tabitha zrit sriinanh February 6, 1927 dàì' yì'eenjì' Tr'atr'aataii Tshik danh gwà'an vagònlìh. Vi-yùughwàn kat chan Brian, Lucy Francis hàh giinlì'. Viti' ts'ài vitsii vitsuu kat hàh chan Chief Julius ditr'iinjoo Maggie kat goovàazhii inlì'. Vahanh ts'ài chan vitsii vitsuu kat chan William ditr'iinjoo Merika Vittrekwa giinlì'.

Nich'it zhuu nilii dàì', digiyùughwàn kat ts'at ditsii ditsuu kat hàh ddhah tat gòo yeenjì' Tl'oondih gwà'an gogweech'in'. K'eejit nilii dàì' t'at yì'eedì' Aklavik gwizhìt School geenjit nèetr'inyahchih khaii tik gahshùk t'ee chan digiyùughwan kat hàh gweech'in ganadhindaih nùh. Troo gòo fyuu shik tr'it'ii ànts'at yeelil fài hàh. Shìk gwitr'it t'agwaa'ii ànts'at duuyeh khè' daach'uh nilii.

Aii t'ee zrit, ts'èhch'in nilii dàì' Peter Nerysoo vatr'òonjìk, vitr'iinjòo vakwaa ànts'at tr'iinin

neekaii di'ii. Aii t'ee nich'it ihlee Mary Ruth eedi'in' ànts'at Richard giyùunjìk. Dachan tat shìk gogwiindai' aii t'ee digii kat school gwits'at geedaa geenjit gàgàdhan, Fleming Hall, Teet'it Zheh gwizhìt gootr'inyahchih aii t'ee Stringer Hall Inuvik danh chan. Peter chan ts'at Tabitha hàh tth'aih dachan tat adagogwidaandai' nàtr'aazrii, luk kàageedi'i' ànts'at khyah t'agah'in' khaii shin gwitak gwìnyàanch'uh dàì'. Nihkhàh nagwidàdhat tik gwjùutin ànts'at nihk'iidaankat gweedhaa gwàt nihkhan goovàh srugòonch'uu ganadhindaih.

K'eejit nilii dàì' khaii gwiyaan' fòo gwiniink'oo ganlindaii gwàt jùk gweendòo zrit akòo t'agwiinch'uh kwàa gwàt tth'aih nihk'yùu natr'ahdinjìk. Gwiniink'oo geenjit gwjìzrii nàgaazhii gwàt geenjit ginjih lei dhitsii kwàa, digilik hàh tr'aagik aii k'iighe' sriiogwandàih.

Jùk drin aii k'eejit kat geenjit giikhii dàì' t'at chìl-zhìh ts'at aii duulèh digiginjìk gòo nekhwek'yùu tthak gwat giik'àvilnjìh geenjit gogoodaakat jì' chan gwiheezaa ànts'at duulèh gat'r'ijkhii geenjit guk'àgogwandàih..



Tabitha was born on February 6, 1927 at Trail Creek in the Yukon. Her parents were the late Brian and Lucy (Salu) Francis. Her paternal grandparents were the late Chief Julius and Maggie (Vittrekwa) Salu. Her maternal grandparents were the late William and Merika Vittrekwa (Neyando).

Most of Tabitha's childhood was spent living out on the land with her parents and grandparents in the mountains and at Tl'oondih. When she was young, Tabitha went to school in Aklavik for three years and after returning she again joined her parents out on the land. She was always working with either wood or hauling ice. She remembers having to do her daily chores and kept herself busy.

Later on, when she was still a young woman she married the late Peter Nerysoo; a widower who had two children from a previous marriage. Tabitha bore Peter one daughter Mary Ruth Wilson and adopted a son Richard. They lived mainly out on the land and when her children were of school age, they were sent to Fleming Hall in Fort McPherson and later on to Stringer Hall in Inuvik. Peter and Tabitha continued to live out on the land hunting, fishing and trapping and following the seasons. They were together for 38 years and had many good times together.

When Tabitha was younger she recalls that it was colder than it is today, however, they endured and traveled where they had to despite the weather. They were dressed for it and it wasn't a big issue to them, as working and running with their dog teams was enough to keep them fit and healthy.

When speaking about the youth of today, Tabitha sighs and says that she would like to see the children begin to take an interest in their Native language and speak it more often.