



Dale Louis Clark

NIJÙK DÀI' VAGÒONLÌH: Tadhàa
Zrì' 16, 1928

NIJÌN VAGÒONLÌH: Khai Lùk
Gwìtshiga

VIYÙUGHWÀN KAT: Billy ts'at Anne
Clark

GWÌCH'IN: Gwichyàh Gwich'in

GÒONJIK: Rose Cardinal, East Three
danh 1938 dàr'

VITR'IININ KAT: Grace, David (d.),
Billy, ts'at Mavis kat hàh

BORN: April 16, 1928

BIRTHPLACE: Travaillant River, NWT

PARENTS: Billy and Anne Clark

GWICH'IN: Gwichyàh Gwich'in

MARRIED: Rose Cardinal in 1938

CHILDREN: Grace, David (d.), Billy, Mavis

Dale zrit Khai Lùk Gwìtshiga danh gwà'an vagòonlìi ts'at diik'iyahthat yeenji' Nàgwichòonjik gwinji' vachaa ts'at vijyidh kat nihk'iityik hàh. Diik'iidhat guuzhik viyùughwàn kat hàh t'iinch'uu, vahanh nehsrijahch'uu nilii geenjit vats'at tr'iniinjik digitr'iinin kat guk'anahtii geenjit gwàt veenjit gògòontreh. Gè'tr'oonahntan gwats'at chùuzhee kwaa, jidii tthak giik'yàanjik zrit diyùughwàn kat ts'at dalàk kat k'iighe' t'at gayuuniltyinh, dachantat gogwandàii eenjit. Nagwidàdhat 1939 dèi' aghan nichii neekajii nàgwinindhat dèi', Dale ts'at vizhehk'qo kat hàh Tsiigèhtshiga gwits'ee gichùundyè', nijin danh Arctic Red River gwik'it gwiinle'.

Ezhik dèi' tr'agwandàii t'at gòodhaji nàgwidaadhat, juudin kat geenjit shik ganaandaii goodahkat, Dale akòo dinuu dinjii ts'at tr'iinjòo kat lqo hàh gwitr'it gwiinchyee gogwàltsajii goonahandaii zrinuh. Guk'iighe' t'at dachantat gwitr'it chan adigiik'yàanjik, nits'òots'at khyàh t'agah'ii gòo nitr'aazrèe geenjit. Ezhik dèi' chan Rose Cardinal yik'àdadhizhee ts'at gòonjik, didii Louis ts'at diduu Caroline Cardinal goonich'it nilii. Nihkhàh digitr'iinin kat diik'agiinjik dachantat ts'at gagootr'oonahntan geenjit giiniindhan gwik'it gwitr'it t'agogwah'in'.

Dale t'at jùk gweendòo Tsiigèhtshik danh, shik gwitr'it t'agwah'ii gwàt aii k'eejit kat digiyùughwàn kat gòo goo'anjòo kat guk'iighe' tthak giik'agahaandal geenjit diinjidizhit. "K'eejit kat, nits'òots'at gogwandajii t'at nakhwik'it ejùk t'igidich'uu gòonli!" Dale akòo dinuu guuzhik aii k'eejit kat eenjit niinji'adhat.

Dale was born and raised around Travaillant River up the MacKenzie River along with his six siblings. Most of Dale's life was spent with his parents as his mom was disabled and unable to do most of the work of bringing the children up. Education was not in his future and what he learned as a youngster until his was older was taught to him out on the land. In 1939, during the beginning of the Second World War, Dale and his family moved to Arctic Red River, which is now called, Tsiigèhtchic.

Even though life was hard during the younger days of Dale's life, he still has fond memories of people that worked hard to make a living for their families. It was through some of these people that he taught himself how to hunt and trap for himself and his family. It was about this time that he met and married

Rose Cardinal, daughter of the late Louis and Caroline Cardinal. Together, the raised their children out on the land and ensured that they had a decent formal education.

Dale is still an active person who believes that the younger generation should learn from their parents if not the elders in their communities. "The younger generation; they got a different way of living!" says Dale as he contemplates the youth of today.