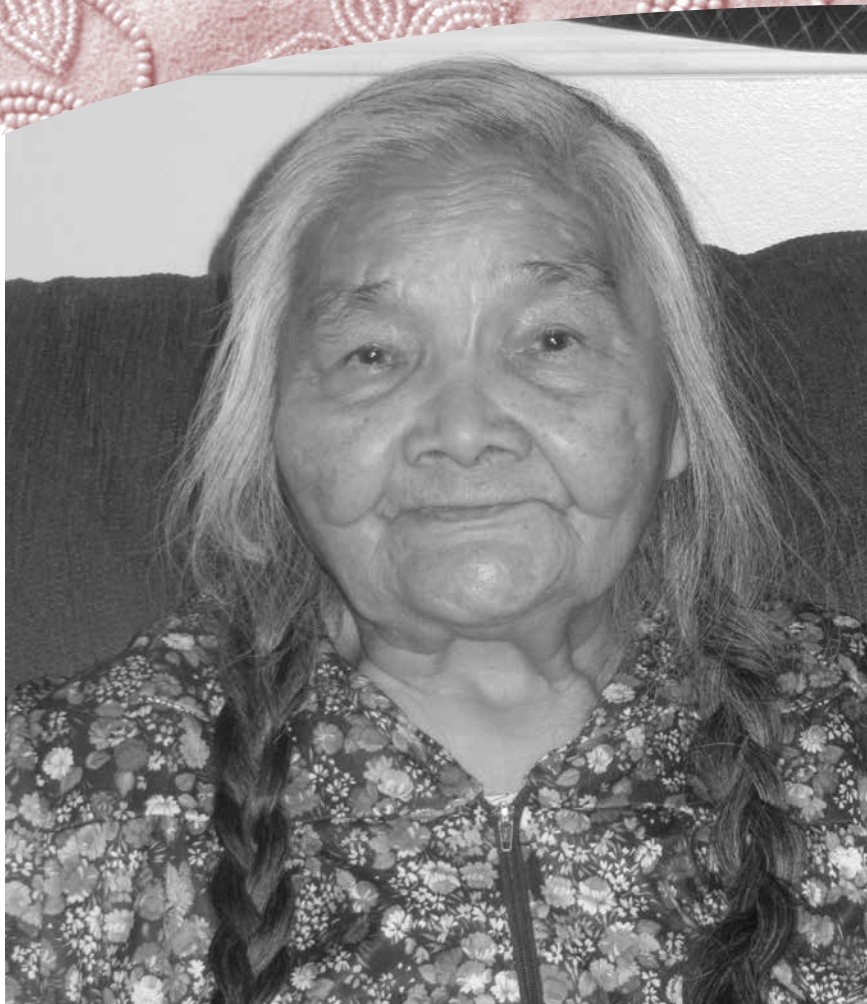




DAVÀAZHÌ:
Elizabeth Mitchell

VAGÒONLII DRÌN:
December 29, 1928

VIYÙUGHWÀN KAT: Jar-
vis ts'at Nellie Mitchell

VITR'IINÌN KAT: Phillip
(d.), Ben, Mary ts'at Edith (d.)



BORN: December 29, 1928

BIRTHPLACE: Yukon

PARENTS: Jarvis and
Nellie Mitchell

CHILDREN: Phillip (d.),
Ben, Mary and Edith (d.)



Elizabeth was born on December 29, 1928 in the Yukon, precisely where is not known. Elizabeth was one of twelve children born to Jarvis and Nellie Mitchell. Elizabeth's grandparents on her mother's side were the late Louisa and Simon Choo. Elizabeth spent most of her childhood, before attending school, on the land with her parents and grandparents.

In 1941, Elizabeth attended All Saints Anglican School in Aklavik and was there for three years, consecutively, throughout the winter months and came home in June until September when she would return back to school. While living on the land with her parents, Elizabeth recalls hunting, trapping and moving with her parents from place to place throughout the mountains. Her main chore was fishing and picking berries. Throughout her life, Elizabeth bore four children, two of whom are still living today. Most of her life was working at odd jobs either at Flemming Hall or at the Fort McPherson Tent and Canvas Shop. She did work for the local RCMP and sewed various clothing to make her living. Elizabeth always tried to be independent and show her children love and compassion as well as telling them to get a good education.

She thinks about the younger generation and how their way of life has changed. She recalls that life in the small community was much quieter and the youth used to speak in Gwich'in more often than they do today.

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Elizabeth t'at December 29, 1928 dàì' vagòonlii yee'ohts'aii Yukon ts'aii gwàt nijìn gwà'àn chan gàhdàndaih kwàa. Tr'iinin ihłok gwijùutin ts'at ihłak gwatat ihłee nilii, Jarvis àn Nellie Mitchell gooyùughwàn kat iinli'. Vitsii vitsuu vitì' ts'aii t'at Simon àn Louisa Choo giinli'. Elizabeth zrit tr'iinin nilii dàì' shìk dachan tat gogweech'in' school nachìdhìzhii gwichih digiyùughwàn ts'at ditsii ditsuu kat hàh.

1941 dàì' zrit, Aklavik gwizhìt All Saint's Anglican School gwizhìt nèetr'inyàhchih t'ee nag-widàdhat daankat gwizhìt gwiindai' khaii tthak gwàt sreendit dàì' Teetl'it Zheh gwiits'ee nag-ichìthìjil khaiints'àn gwiits'at. Digiyùughwàn kat hàh gweech'in dàì' t'at natr'ilzrii khyàh t'agah'ii ts'at nihk'yùu natr'ahdinjik ddhah tat gwà'àn.

Łuk kàadi'ii ts'at jak naatsii gwizrih hàh gwitr'it t'agwaa'ii ganadhindàih. Tr'iinin daankat eedi'ii gwàt neekaii gwizrih diiyàh gwandaii nùh. Ìnihłik gwà'àn gwitr'it t'agwaa'ii zhik uu'at Fleming Hall gitr'àhnuu gwizhìt gòo Teetl'it Zheh gwizhìt Labalaa Dagàii Zheh gwizhìt danh. Niveh t'ah'ii eenjit chants'at gwich'yàa gwadàl k'e'jàhkai' adagwidaandaii geenjit. Than gwandaii lòo gwik'it gwiindai' gwàt digitr'iinin kat zhùu ghat'idich'uu k'iighe' gàhgiheedandaii geenjit diinjidizhit gwàt tth'aih gik'àgaanjii.

Jùk gweendòo aii k'eejit kat goovanìinji'adhat nits'òo gogwandaii ejùk gòodlit geenjit. Kaiik'it gwizhìt shìk khe' gidaach'uu gòonlii ànts'at aii tr'iinin kat adài' gwànoo lòo dìnjii zhuh k'yùu nihkhan gagigijikhi ganadhandàih.