



Freddy Greenland

VAGÒONLIH: Vananh Dì'ìlì 8, 1937
dàì'

NIJÌN VAGÒONLIH: Aklavik

VIYÙUGHWÀN KAT: Joe ts'at Bella
Greenland kat hàh

VÌTSII TS'ÀT VÌTSUU: Kenneth ts'at
Annie Stewart (Vahanh ts'aii)

GWÌCH'IN: Ehdıtat Gwìch'in

GOONJIK: Old Crow, Yukon gwìzhìt
danh Vananh Dì'ìlì 23, 1960 dàì' Bella
Bruce gòonjik

VITR'IININ KAT: Judy, Debbie, Kathy,
Melma, Sheila, Shawna, Esmeralda,
Heather, Bobbi Jo, ts'at Sharla kat
hàh



BORN: September 8, 1937

BIRTHPLACE: Aklavik

PARENTS: Joe and Bella Greenland

GRANDPARENTS: Kenneth and Annie
Stewart (Maternal)

GWICH'IN: Ehdii Tat Gwich'in

MARRIED: Bella Bruce in Old Crow
Yukon, September 23rd, 1960

CHILDREN: Judy, Debbie, Kathy, Melma,
Sheila, Shawna, Esmeralda, Heather, Bobbi
Jo, and Sharla

Freddy Greenland zrit Aklavik gwìzhìt
danh vagòonlih. Viyùughwàn kat Joe ts'at
Bella Greenland kat hàh dı̀k'aguyahthat,
Freddy zrit tr'ıunin nihk'ıdaankat
gidılı gwàts'at khaıts'an' t'ıunch'uh.
Jidı ıısrıts'at ganadhındaiı geenjit
goodahkat dàì' zrit jıdı adàì' gwànoo
gwı̀k'it gwı̀nli' geenjit ıqo hàh ganaanjik
nùh. ıısrıts'at dııjı kat tat neekanh kat
goovanııjı'ıththat nuh ts'at Jıjı Reverend
James (Jim) Edwards (Sittichinli) ts'at
voondee Lazarus Sittichinli kat hàh.
Sreendit gwıtak gwınyàanch'uu dàì' ehdi-
tat gwà'àn dıgızhehk'oo kat hàh dzan een-
jit nàgılrı' geenjit ganadhındaiı. "Dachan
tat t'ııdich'uh dàì' dıyàh srugwııch'u'.
Jidı shàh ıısrıts'at gòonli' chan gàh-
shındaiı kwaa. Jidı tthak dàgweedi'in'
dàì' ıqo hàh gwı̀zrı nakhweevanh gwıtoh
gwıchıudhat." Àhnùh. Chaa tsal nıli dàì'
ıdınt'eh Anglican Residential School nıd-
hızhıı ts'at leih kat inıhkh gwà'àn gwàts'at
ezhik danh t'àngııch'uh ganadhındaiı.

Nagwıdàdhat 1958 dàì' Aklavik gwızhìt
dıtr'ııjòo Bella vagwàh'au ts'at Old Crow
gwızhìt Vananh Dì'ìlì 23, 1960 dàì'
nihkhàgoothııjik. Łaanch'u hàh gooveenjit
srugwııch'u' gwııchıı gogwàłtsaiı nuh
ts'at "Łı' hàh gwıızrı gwıtoh gwıchıud-
hat! ııtsı edlıı ts'at dıtsik gyıı', atr'aadzoo
ts'at lavàsdaa gwııchıı!" Nıhkhàh tr'ıunin
ıhłok gwıjıutın kat geedi'in'.

"Jidı tthak hàh dhı'ahı!" Freddy t'ınuh
guuzhik adlah. Gatr'oonıltın ts'at au
Nııdhòh Ookàt Zheh geenjit khaıhkar'

geenjit akòo t'èedi'in'. Au gwıchıı nag-
wıdàdhat ıhłogwııli' Hudson's Bay
Company goovàazhıı kat hàh gwıtr'ıt
t'agwah'in'. 1960 dàì' dııjı kat een-
jit ts'ànıı ııli', Hay River gwats'at
ıjıch'ıı nahazhik, tr'ıh choo kak gwıtr'ıt
t'agwah'in', dàh gwıch'in kat eenjit ada-
choo hàh gwıtr'ıt t'agwah'in' jıkwàa hee
t'at dııjı khàıhkàı' gıyàłtsaiı, au gwızhìt
nagwıdàdhat neekok gwıjıutın gwakak
ııli'.

Jık dıın t'at Freddy zrit vıchıı kat ıhłok
gwıjıutın ts'at tık gidılıı ts'at k'eejit kat
kheenjit gagıgıkhıı ts'at jıdı gıyeenjit
gııjıh leı dhıtsı ts'at ganııjı'adhat gòon-
lıı, au hàh shòh gıyàhıı.



Freddy Greenland was born in Aklavik.
Raised by his parents, Joe and Bella
Greenland, Freddy was the youngest
of eight children. When asked what
were some of his fondest memories, an
endearing term "the way things were",
can sum it up for Freddy. He remembers
inspirational people in his life, such as
Reverend James (Jim) Edwards and his
brother Lazarus Sittichinli. Every spring,
Freddy and his family would go out
ratting. "We enjoyed ourselves out on the
land. I simply can't pin point one fond
memory, there were so many things that
we've done and enjoyed throughout our

lives" he says. As a child, Freddy attended
the Anglican residential school in Aklavik
and remembers many different students
from all over the territories.

Freddy met his wife in Aklavik in 1958 and
married her in Old Crow on September
23rd, 1960. The celebration of his wedding
was memorable indeed, "Oh! It was really
good! Fiddle and guitar, dancing, and a
feast!" Together Freddy and his wife had
ten children.

"I was a jack of all trades!" Freddy laughs.
Freddy attended college to further his
knowledge as manager for the fur garment
shop. Before that, he had spent five years
working for the Hudson Bay Company.
From being a band councillor in the
1960's, hauling freight from Hay River,
working on barges, and getting involved
in politics, Freddy's life path led him to
become the chief of Aklavik, which he
remained for a good twenty years. Today
Freddy has thirteen grandchildren and
finds great pleasure in seeing the youth
of today expressing themselves, speaking
their minds and having their voices heard
when it comes to issues that will directly
affect their lives.