

PAUL SOLOMONS. T Y H 54

Arctic Village 1883 Paul Solomon born  
19 children, married twice

(6 die, 13 living - 4 went to college)

15 before seeing whiteman - general  
Hershell island - trade for guns - lots of meat  
school - didn't go - had to make a living

John Tisha - taught Solomon abc's

Father Wallace - baptiz ed Solomon

Caribou fence - 2-300 snares - they go in + never come out  
Fort Yukon - '97 - steam boat

marten, fox, wolverine, wolf, bear furs

Bishop Rowe, Archdeacon ~~Stuck~~ (Stuck)  
organized 1st Native Council ↑

Dr. Burke, Frank Yasuda (named it after him near A. Village)

*Nevato* Euvolo Yasuda (his wife)

diet exclusively of meat except some sweet roots + berries  
one skin (caribou), hair in clothing

caribou calf underwear, bare feet

2 families, one fire in the middle, caribou skinhouse <sup>WIGWAM</sup>

dogs were always w/ the people, 5 to a family

snare made out of rawhide

Capture sheep w/ bow + arrow, gun

Hudson Bay Company store

make caribou run + then shoot w/ bow + arrow

flint arrow heads fastened w/ sinew to shaft for arrow

grayling fish trapped (no nets)

whole village moved almost every day

1899 Solomon goes to Circle on the premise of going to school  
Chinese matches, sulphur matches

Koyukuk + Nulato - battle?

snare for rabbit + ptarmigan

head of a man, tail of a fish - over Brookrage creek  
everyone heard about this "manfish"

~~mythology~~ - St. Lawrence Island

Christian village, Chief Joseph

birch bark canoe

women make skin clothing - tan, sew - Fall + Spring

men make snowshoe, bow + arrow

Chief Peter (after he died, long time no Chief)

"god" w/ no name - "if somebody see you ~~they~~ you better  
know what yer doing."

Circle City, AK - 17 years old, worked in the mine

<sup>Mastodon</sup> Mastodon Creek - Miller House 1910

Pedro was here in 1903

Eagle Summit - dog kam - gold rush

Tanana River

Circle - Ft. Yukon - Arctic Village - Eagle<sup>old Crow</sup> → can understand each other

Tanana language different, ~~Tanana Cross~~ Tanacross.

Solomon's father baptized w/ the name Solomon

1st missionary

Russians -

(Father could  
not make  
white man's  
living)

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empty Indian house, brush, spruce bough, caribou skins

CHIEF - got to school, know a lot, get to be chief

grandfather

Solomon's mother side had a chief

90% people can't think, need leader

10% born w/ brain, be leader

School, preacher, parent teaching - children confused

Joseph Gilbert (chief), Chief Peter

ANNIC - lots of chiefs from there

extrasensory perception, "magic" why he is chief

graduate - big potlatch - 23 yrs. old - youngest

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Jussaus didn't get further than Tanana -  
Arctic Village - farthest Indian village (after that  
all Eskimo)

Eskimo / Indian trade: Eskimo sew  
whaling boat items - ~~barge~~ bargain place  
can't say no - if someone wants coat, have to ~~sell~~ <sup>sell</sup> it.

Brushman - Eskimo (go in bush never come out)

"superstition" - punishment is to live alone

Some people believe in medicine man, not everybody

"I don't know how to quit the power I've got." - man

who can't give up being a medicine man to be a Christian

Christians are not enemies but someone who doesn't

something wrong to you is an enemy

medicine men have done good + bad.

Henry <sup>APPELLE</sup> ~~Appel~~ - homestead at Circle

"nickelhead flat" - meaning of Appelle's native name

bear w/ horns - Nation River - hope.

horses; dogs from Dawson - lots of meat in Circle

cranberries

steam boat, travel in spring at night (day "Joosoft")

Felipe Pedro let Solomon rest in his cabin during day

whole summer + most of winter in Fairbanks - 5 cabins

Capt. Barnette's Ave, Japanese, 1903

lots of tents, some trees

he went back to Circle until 1911 (father died)

1912 Ft. Yukon

1936 Solomon gets married (1st child 60 yrs old)

MUSK OX en → bear w/ horns? (Solomon doesn't know)

20 great grandchildren, 68(?) grandchildren

Solomon possibly had cancer - Dr. Burke

Bill McPhee, Helen Callahan, Steve Callahan

2 prospectors killed in Arctic Village? - "lots of things you heard not so." - says Solomon

Circle Country - gold - preacher - creek - drink water + found gold in Mastodon Creek

Frank Vanhatter

Horton + Moore - 1st store in Ft. Yukon (after Hudson Bay left)

Ramparts

Manook - 196 - discovered gold - earlier than Dawson

Frank Budo - 40 mile - 1896 - gold rush

Steel family from Eagle - Steel Hotel - BOB STEEL

**CDV** Miller drove a herd of cattle

Frank Miller worked at same company in 1910 as Solomon

snarcs on ground + little pole w/ snarcs - break necks bears - brown

Hershell Island - whalers - seals

potlatch - too much \$ no good

Food story -

Colleen River - Ed Owens

catch bear w/ snare, moose snare made out of rawhide

parents didn't allow Solomon + family to drink cold H<sub>2</sub>O (doesn't know why)

smoking - father said it's just a waste of \$,

"body don't need it"

Solomon never learned to use cuss words

dried meat - dry house, smoke underneath