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NUNAVUT GENEALOGY



Boy in Windy River, Kivalliq, wearing the Eskimo Identification Canada disk, 1950. Library and Archives Canada: PA 102625, 1950



Clifford Inooya, Genealogy Project

Genealogy is the study of a family's history and peoples' lineage over time. Nunavut genealogy is distinguished from mainstream research which relies heavily on overseas immigration history with names registered on ships' passenger lists and ports of entry to Canada, notably Pier 21 in Halifax. Inuit family history included regional migration. Regardless, Inuit were settled long before the arrival of new Canadians from overseas.

Genealogists draw from written as well as taped oral history records, records preserved during and after a person's lifetime. Historic official documents include birth and baptism certificates, marriage registration, burial records, and RCMP land patrol reports from, 1924 to 1968. Inuit family histories gathered from oral histories are especially useful. Before the 1960s, births, marriages, deaths and adoptions were not recorded arbitrarily or consistently. Women and men born before 1939 were sometimes assigned January 1 for their dates of birth.

Inuit family research is augmented by the *Eskimo Identification Canada* program with the highly recognizable disk numbers issued to individuals. Other unique circumstances include the singularity of names; notably Avva who was contacted in 1924 by the explorer Knud Rasmussen near Igloodik; and, the Government of Canada's Project Surname of 1969 which formalized first and last names for Inuit. Even today, siblings of same parents have different surnames and name spellings from each other.

The first Nunavut-based genealogies began in the 1950s by four Catholic clergy: Father Jean-Marie Tréboal O.M.I. produced Igloodik's genealogy from parish registers and interviews. Details included births, adoptions and marriages: be they customary or church ceremony. In eastern Kitikmeot, Father Franz de Velde O.M.I. generated a 4,000-page family ledger dating back to 1903. In Pond Inlet, Father Guy-Marie Rousselière (*Ataata Maari*) accessed archives and interviewed Elders to reconstruct the mid-19th century migration to Greenland; published as *Qitdlarsuaq, the Story of a Polar Migration* (1991). In Kugluktuk, Father Maurice Métayer O.M.I. published three volumes on Inuit kinship and genealogy titled *Unipkat: Tradition esquimaude de Coppermine*.

Recently, the Department of Culture and Heritage of the Government of Nunavut, encouraged by the Elder Program Strategy 2010-2014, completed its Family Relations and Genealogy Workshops. The chief interest of the program was having local youth learn from the Elders in the workshop setting. Accordingly, the recorded family histories from 13 community workshops were assembled into Inukttut for distribution across Nunavut.

Beginning in 2018, the Government of Nunavut's Clifford Inooya generated, in two binder volumes, an in-depth pictorial genealogy of Amittuq families dating back to the early 1900s; precise dates of birth could only be estimated.

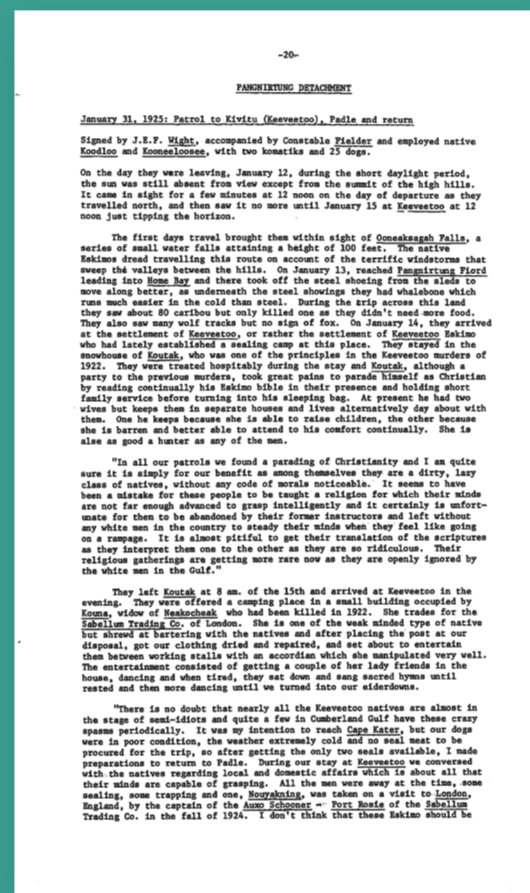
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Inuit in Summit Bay, Robert Bullivant, 1884. BCC-1000001-1884



Cover - Collected Data on Inuit Kinship Terminologies: Government of Nunavut, 2015

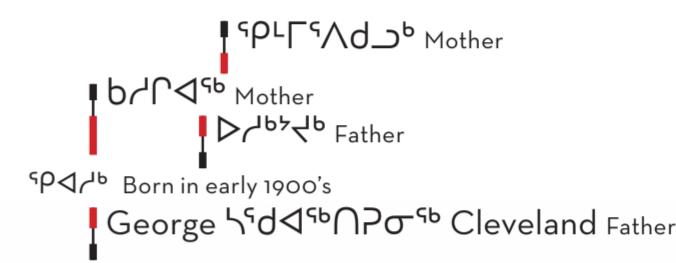


RCMP Reports: January 31, 1925 - Pangnirtung Detachment Patrol to Kivitu, Pagle and Return

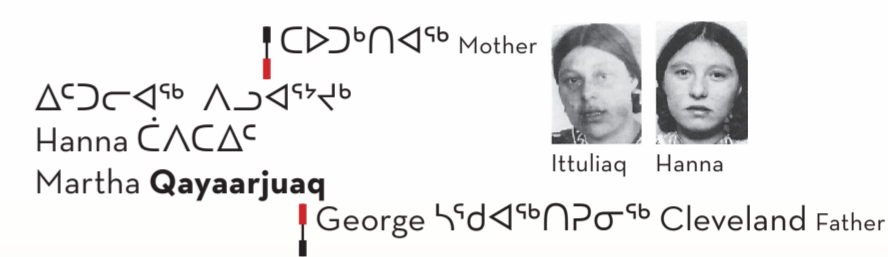


Koonoo (b.1892) interviewed by Father Guy Mary-Rousselière (Ataata Maari) for Pond Inlet genealogy, 1970; Pond Inlet Community Archives

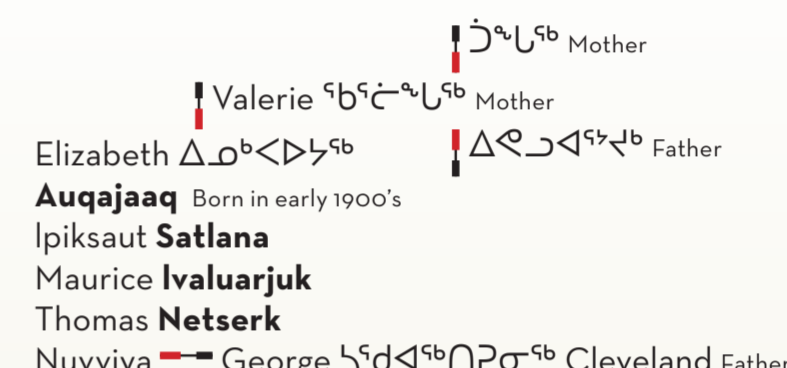
Qiasuk
It is thought Kasugia had a baby with George Comer, but some say it was George Cleveland. He also fathered Kasugia's daughters first born, Philip Kripanik.



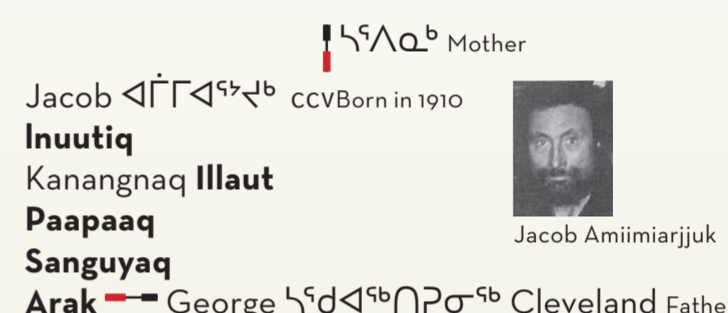
Ittuliaq and Hanna
2 kids with Tautuktiaq, Ittuliaq married to Piliuajjuk and Hanna married to Tapitait. Martha Ipiksaut was Qillaq's daughter.



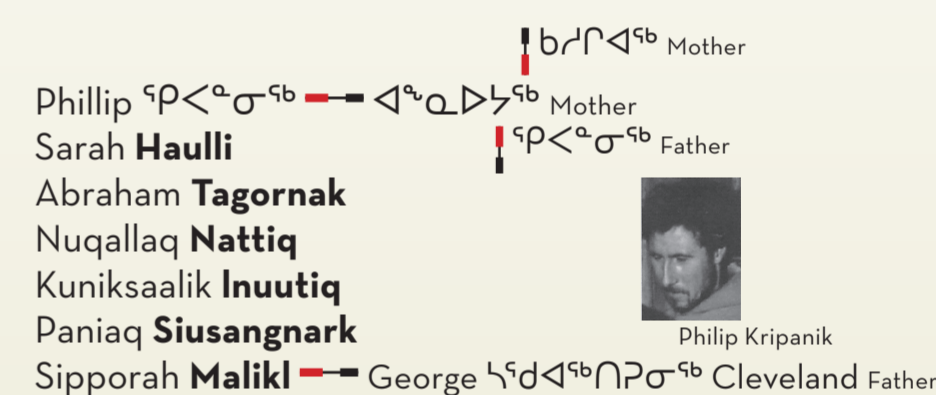
Elizabeth Inukpaujaq
Another child of George Washington Cleveland - Elizabeth Inukpaujaq with Valerie Qaglingaq. The rest with Remi Ivaluk.



Jacob Amimiarjuk
Saqipnak was the wife of Ingnirjuk, son of Inmarituaq and Ukaunguk. They didn't have other children, but Saqipnak had more children with Apitak after Ingnirjuk's death.



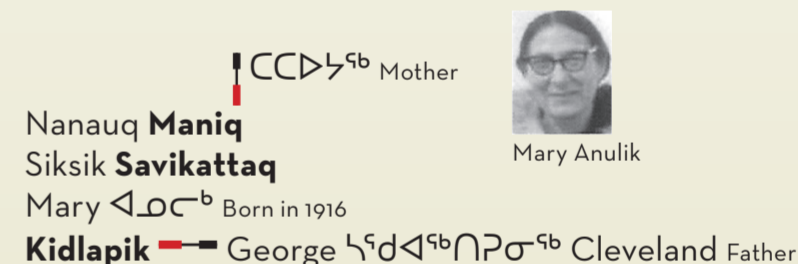
Philip Kripanik
George Cleveland child with Angnaujaq, Philip Kripanik. The rest are Quviq's, son of Angnaujaq's. Quviq, son of Qaunaq and Amak&ak.



Capt. George W.G. Cleveland (1871-1925), known to Nattlingmiut as Suquortaronik, was adopted by local Kitikmeot. He lived with them for 25 years and operated as a fur trader.



George Washington Cleveland Saqaqturiniq

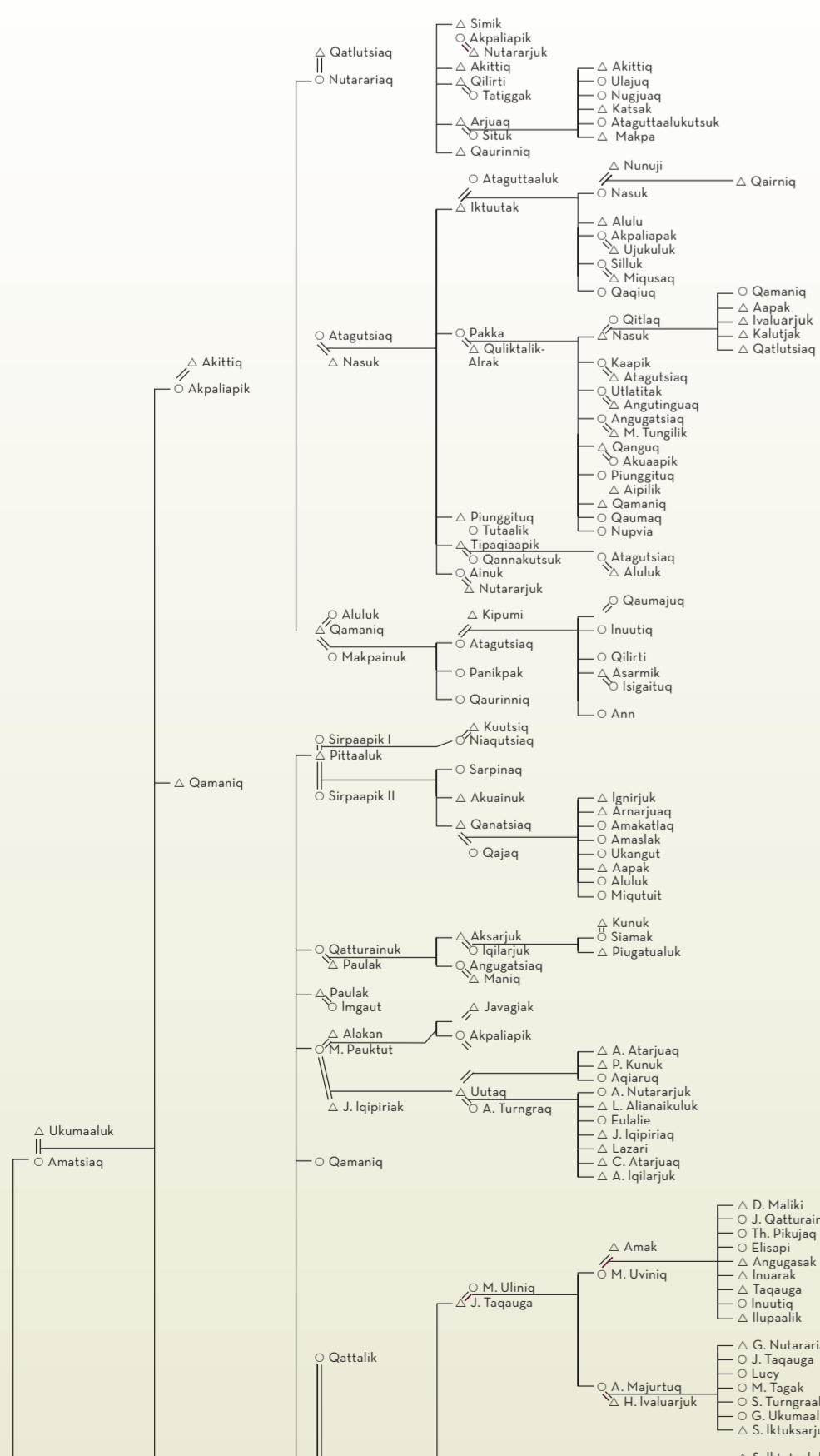


Mary Anulik
It is said that Peter was a white man, but Anulik's family says the father is George Cleveland.

Clifford Inooya (GN), Pictorial genealogy of Amittuq families - Kunmuk file, 2019

Genealogical Table

The Greenland names are taken from Inuterssuaq Uvdloriaq, with the exception of a few taken from Peary, Rasmussen, etc. and indicated by an asterisk. A comment by Cook (1911: page 55) shows that Manik is the same person as Alooqissaq, daughter of Ittukusuk and Ivalo. The Canadian names are included only to the 5th or 6th generation, so as to maintain simplicity.

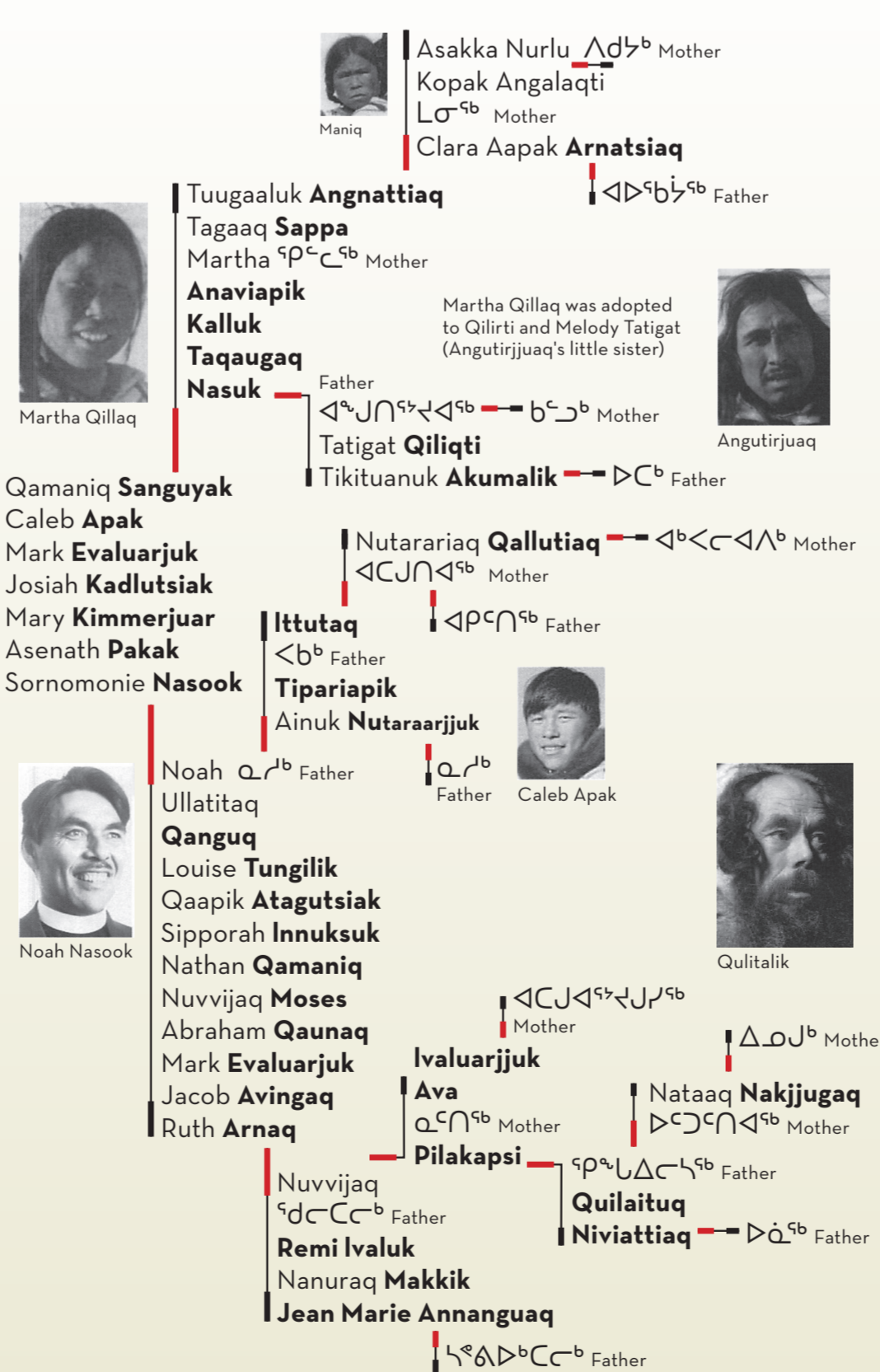


Genealogy pedigree chart for North Qiliqti Inuit, Rev. Guy Mary-Rousselière, Qitdlarsuaq: the Story of a Polar Migration (1991)

Showing the different last names of the brothers Aglak Qulitalik's

Sons of Qulitalik and Pakak - Noah **Nasook**, **Qanguq**, Nathan **Qamaniq**, Qaunaq and Jacob **Avingaq** adopted from Qanguq and Akuvaapik after Qanguq's death.

Sons of Noah Nasook and Martha Qillaq - Caleb **Aapak**, Mark **Evaluarjuk**, Josiah **Kadlutsiak** and Somonomie **Qallutiaq**, child of Josiah Kadlutsiak and Damaris Ittukusuk.



Clifford Inooya (GN), Pictorial genealogy of Amittuq families - Qulitalik file, 2019

Showing the different last names of the brothers Noah Piugaatuq's

Sons of Noah Piugaatuq and Elizabeth Tatigat - Semi **Maliki**, Ham **Qaunaq**, Jaipiti **Palluq** and Salomon **Mikki** adopted from Joanas Qajaarjuaq, Martha Ipiksaut and Abraham **Piugattuk**. Elizabeth's first child with Qumangaapik was Qaumajiq who starved to death in 1947.

Noah Piugaatuq's first wife was also Tatigat who died in late 1920's.



Clifford Inooya (GN), Pictorial genealogy of Amittuq families - Piugaatuq file, 2019

