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STORY OF THE GRANDMA WHO PULLED THE GROUND ACROSS, SHAMAN, MAKING HOUSES, FIRST WALRUS HUNT. No release. Summarized by Cecilie R. Ebsen Summary date: 10.25.14 Length of recording: 00.29.30

Child

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A child asks how Kalut [sp?] got here

Woman

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A woman explains that she never saw it herself. And it was before Mickey's [sp?] time too.

Woman

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[This is a resume and not word for word of the story] One upon a time a lady had a grandson and they lived on a beach where there was no kalut. They could pick green leaves and the grandson told his grandmother he wanted those green leaves. They call them sweet leaves. Sometimes the grandmother told him that she would go and get some tomorrow. She told him he had to stay in the house no matter how long she was gone. The grandmother took her ulu and left. It gets dark and the grandmother is not back. So he goes to look for her and there she was pulling a big piece of ground. Just as she reaches the beach, her grandson sees her and she stops. She can't pull it anymore.

Woman

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Mickey came down in the late 1900s. Maybe the grandmother was a shaman and that is why she could pull that piece of ground across. [She explains how she does not know anything about shamans so she can't say for sure]. Shamans are no good.

Child

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Asks how they made houses?

Woman

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Here in Point Lay. They made walls out of driftwood.

Woman

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Her first walrus hunt was around 1930 in Point Lay. First time she went out with her father. They had a skin boat.

Woman

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A plane landed and crashed into some ice. Everyone was okay.

Woman

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The first time she went walrus hunting it was the last week of June. They went out to where they could not see the mountains anymore, only hear the walrus. They followed the current to where the walrus were lying on the ice. The walrus made loud noises. It was the first time she saw walrus and she only observed the hunt. They would slide all the boats up on the ice quietly. The walrus were all there still. She had to make tea for the hunters.

Woman

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They cut up the walrus meat. It is jerky. An old lady drained and washed the walrus stomach.

Woman

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They go home and when they reach Point Lay they are told to make noises like walrus. The people at home will know that they have killed walrus and they will come to the beach to help.

Woman

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A boy who was around nine or ten when they had two whaling crews come in. They cooked on a big stove. They made donuts on the stove. All of a sudden the donuts started flying up in the air. They had put too much baking powder in them. There were donuts everywhere, but luckily it was outdoors and a real nice spring day.

Woman

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The people who first came here, came from Point Hope. It was Toksok's [sp?] family, Machine's [sp?] family, Stone's [sp?] family, TwoStone's [sp?] family and another Machines [sp?]. Another family was at the end of the lagune, their baby was Rose Qalaiok [sp?]. There was also Pituk [sp?] and his wife. There was someone else [?] and his wife. And then there was Norena [sp?] and another boy [?]. Their parents were [?]. One daughter was married to Machine in the first town.

Woman

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There was Neakoks [sp?] and Point Lay. There was Mr. Moier [sp?], the first teacher, and the next summer Patricks [sp?] came. Then the Samuels [sp?] and the Mickeys [sp?] came. Then the [?] came from up north.

Woman

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These were the first Point Lay people when she arrived in the 1930s.

Unknown

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[Recording breaks and a man is talking when it comes back]

Man

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He talks mostly in Inupiaq

Child

00:28:13.73

[Recording breaks and comes back as a testing of the recorder and then a presentation of a new interview session] Someone is going to interview Mama Kate [K? sp?] about hunting, housing, women's roles and legends.