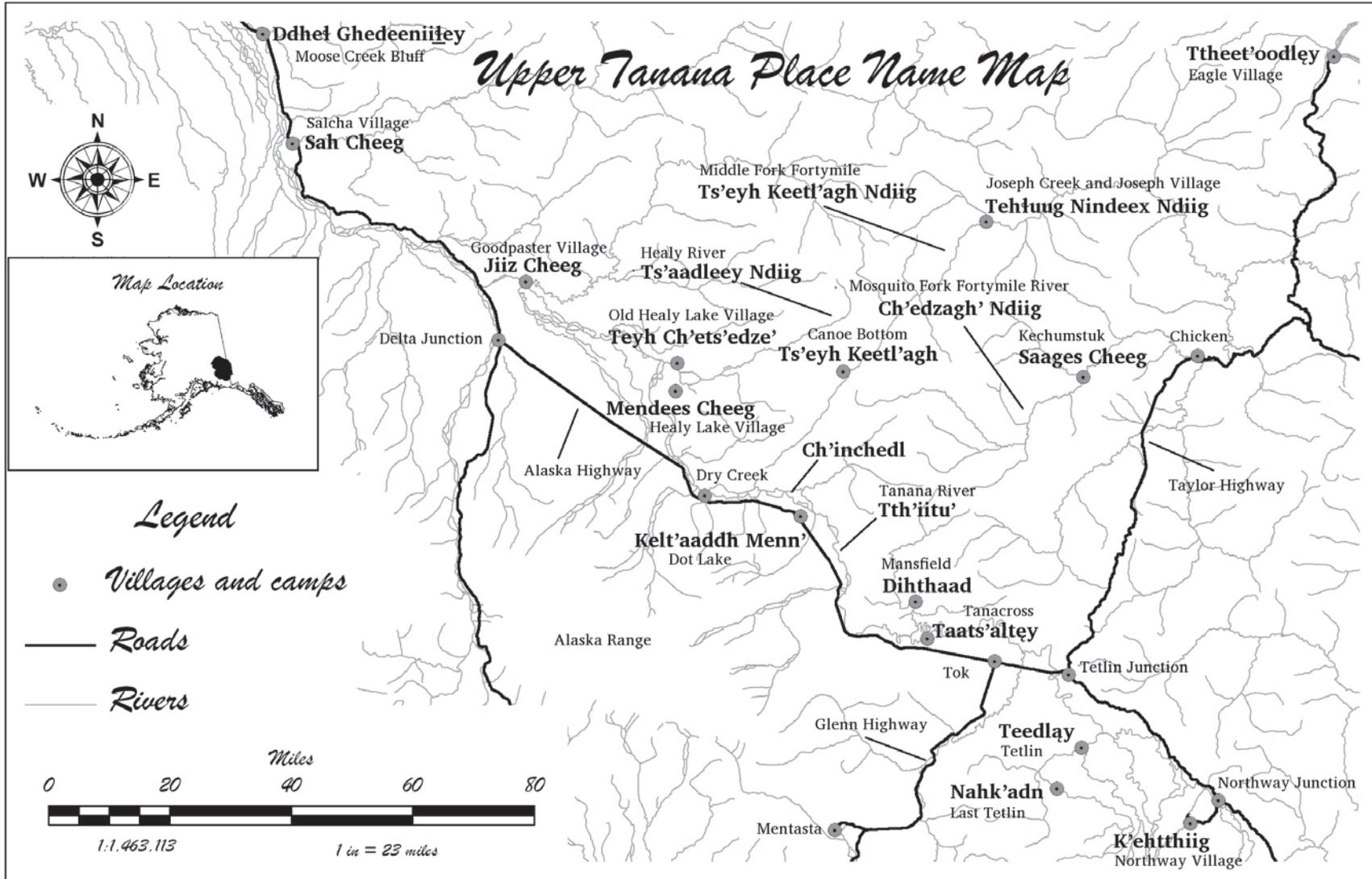


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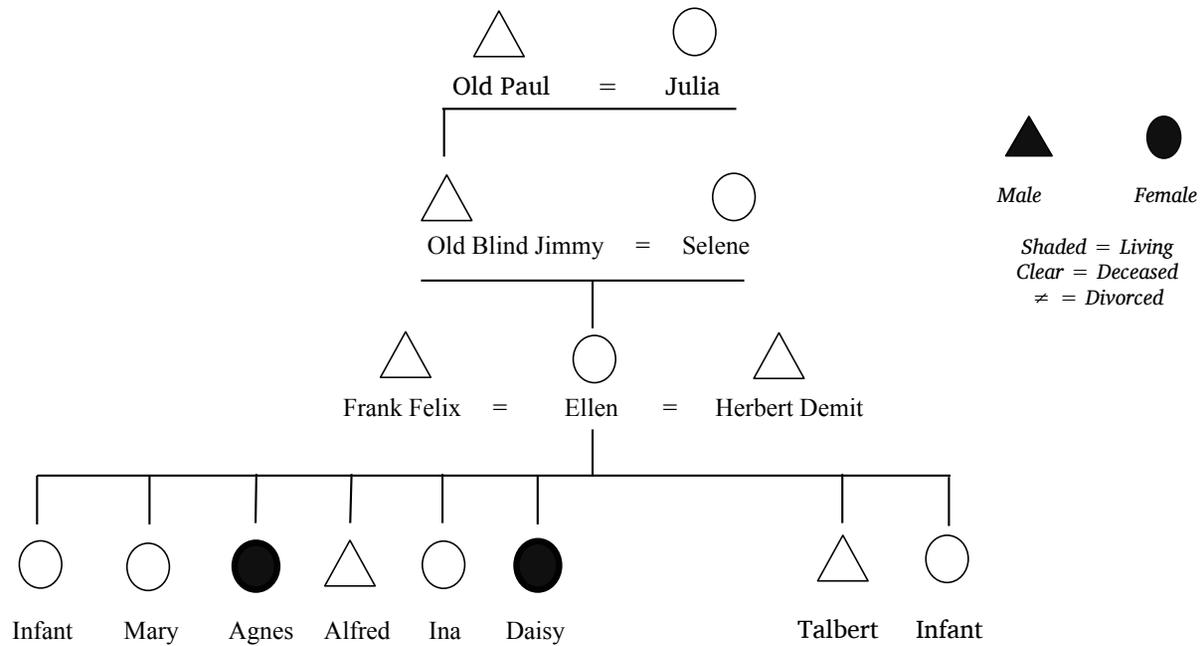


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Map of Healy Lake Area



Ellen Demit Abbreviated Kinship Chart



Abbreviated Kinship Chart of Healy Lake Chiefs' Descendants



Old Chief Healy

