



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greenewald and family about 1923. Back row from left to right: Albert, Mabel, Mrs. Elsie Greenewald. Front row: Robert Jr., Mr. Greenewald, Matilda and Hilda.

Robert Greenewald has many a tale to tell about his varied and exciting life. He came to Alaska in 1901, went into the Yukon during the Gold Rush, married Elsie Johnstone in 1910, built a home at Ground Hog Bay and later homesteaded in Spasski.

As it became necessary to get one child after another of his family of 14 children into school, he moved to Hoonah. He supplemented his income from selling farm products, by working in mines, canneries, surveying and fishing.

In about 1931 the Greenewalds established a restaurant which they changed into a general store in 1935. It was located across the street from the present See's-Greenewald store. Naturally the big fire in 1944 demolished it and it was necessary to move into temporary quarters in some yak huts placed close to Gold Creek near the beach. As soon as they finished the present store they moved into it.

Mrs. Greenewald was very active in the political organization of the town after the fire, being one of the first city council members and serving several terms.