

**Kéex' Kwáan Tlingit History Collection  
Introduction**

Call number: Mss 24

Accession number: 2010.005

Date Range: 1903-05 and circa 1974-1995.

Size: 1 box

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## **Kéex Kwaan Tlingit History Collection Scope & Content Note**

This collection contains papers associated with the history of the Tlingit people of the Kake, Alaska area, or Kéex' Kwáan Tlingit and lands. The collection, comprised of approximately 100 pages of photocopied documents, contains various typed histories by Tlingit historians and five transcribed oral history recordings about the Kéex' Kwáan Tlingit by Tlingit elders Johnny C. Jackson (1893-1895) and Jimmy George Sr. (1889-1990). It appears these were all compiled by staff at the Organized Village of Kake circa 1995, but most of the transcribed oral histories in this collection date to circa 1975. Also included are three photocopied letters to Kake Tlingit dated to 1903 and 1905 from Alaska Governor John Brady.

Regarding the oral histories, four these concerning Johnny C. Jackson (*Gooch Eesh*) of Kake, who was of the Raven moiety, Kaach.adi clan, Sitkweidí yádi. One concerns Jimmy George Sr. (*Woochx Kaduhaa*), who was Dakl'aweidi; Deisheetaan yádi; Keet Hit. These transcribed oral histories speak about the history of the Kéex' Kwáan Tlingit.

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Provenance Note**

The materials in this collection were donated to SHI on 9/28/2010 by Alyssa R. Peterson.

## Keex Kwaan Tlingit History Collection Inventory

### Box 1: Keex Kwaan History Collection

- Fd 1: Transcribed oral histories of John C. Jackson, circa 1974. Includes; John C. Jackson, "Name Giving and How Kake got its Name; The Town that Never Sleeps," 4 pages, undated; John C. Jackson, "Origin of Kake Day," 4 pages (incomplete), undated; John C. Jackson, "Kaach.adi, Their Migration Back, After the Flood," 4 pages, dated May 4, 1974 from recording; John C. Jackson, "Heritage, Kaach.adi Tsimshian Songs, Version 1," 8 pages, undated, also includes words from Alice Duqaqua." Johnny C. Jackson (*Gooch Eesh*) of Kake was of the Raven moiety, Kaach.adi clan, Sitkweidí yádi.
- Fd 2: Transcribed oral history of Jimmy George Sr., 1976; Jimmy George Sr., "Heritage, The Shangukéidí, Their Return Migration After the Flood," 6 pages, dated October 26, 1976 from recording. Notes on document state those who were in attendance when J. George Sr. spoke. Jimmy George Sr. (Woochx Kaduhaa) was Dakl'aweidi; Deisheetaan yádi; Keet Hit.
- Fd 3: Papers on the history of Kake Tlingit by David Stuteen; David Stuteen, "Kake, Alaska History and Looks: Community Houses-Open Fireplaces," 4 pages, undated; and David Stuteen, "Community Houses-Open Fireplaces, 1891-1912," 4 pages, undated.
- Fd 4: Two compiled histories on the Kake War of Feb. 1869 when the US Army attacked the Keex Kwaan villages, 9 pages, undated.
- Fd 5: Two documents discussing the Kake clan houses, one document examining the totems of Kake, and one concerning the "Traditional Kéex Kwaan Ecological Knowledge Project," all undated and no assigned author.
- Fd 6: Miscellaneous incomplete documents on the history and heritage of the Kake Tlingit.
- Fd 7: Three photocopied letters to Kake Tlingit dated to 1903 and 1905 from Alaska Governor John Brady.