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Tlingit Rock Shelter transparencies

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Tlingit Rock Shelter transparencies
Date:	undated
Identifier:	NAA.MS4765
Creator:	Grainger, George (Collector)
Extent:	3 Slides
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Received from Mr George Grainger, B-2 2501 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa, California, 92626, January 20, 1966.

Citation

Manuscript 4765, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Scope and Contents

Transparencies are of Tlingit rock shelter or cave burials, probably 18th century or earlier, on the shores of an island in South East Alaska near Ketchikan.

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Catalog Number 4765: (1)-(3) Tribe: Tlingit Description: Color transparencies of Tlingit cave burials, probably 18th century or earlier, on the shores of an island in South East Alaska near Ketchikan.

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From Mr Grainger's letter of transmittal, (January 17, 1966): "...Apparently the central figure is of a Tlingit native. The empty boxes appear to be of Russian or Chinese origin. However there was at least one native steamed board box, sans nails. The matting and rope are apparently of cedar bark weave. The sacrificial skull might possibly date this burial site before the purchase of Alaska in the era of slavery. The area is all above ground overhanging rocks in a sort of cave..."

Local Numbers

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Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Alaska -- Ketchikan -- cave burials
- Mortuary customs -- Tlingit
- Tlingit

Cultures:

- Tlingit

Types of Materials:

- Slides (photographs)