

Finding Aid - Gordon and Louanne Houston fonds (50)

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Summary information

Repository:**Title:** Gordon and Louanne Houston fonds**ID:** 50**Accession number
[alternative]:** 2011-06**Date:** 1985 - 1987 (date of creation)**Physical description:** 80 photographs : col. slides ; 35 mm**Physical location:** 5-C-3**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:** Copied from MemoryBC on November 20, 2015, by Katie Ferrante. Digital images added March 2016.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

From 1985-1987, Gordon and Louanne Houston lived with their young son Peter in the village of Bella Bella (Waglisla) on Campbell Island in British Columbia. Gordon was the village dentist and Louanne was employed as a nurse at W.R. Large Memorial Hospital during this period.

Scope and content

During their time living in Bella Bella, the Houstons took many photographs of the lives of the Heiltsuk First Nation community documenting the day-to-day lives of the Heiltsuk First Nation as well as ceremonial activities. The colour slides document the construction, painting, and launching of the Gi'wa, a Heiltsuk canoe which sailed with the Lootaas, the Haida canoe built by Bill Reid for Expo 86. Some of the slides document the welcome feast at Bella Bella in honour of the Haida crew of the Lootaas. The colour slides also document several potlatches and wedding feasts held in the community hall, and the local Sports Day parade. Slides also depict the role of the fishing in the community, such as smoking salmon and processing roe. Other photos document gravestones on a nearby cemetery island, derelict canneries, petroglyphs and pictographs, totem poles and house posts, all in or near Bella Bella.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on provenance of fonds

Alternative form available

Some material in this fonds has been digitized and is available to view online.

Restrictions on access

Access restricted to some items in this fonds due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.

Conditions governing use

Consult archivist for details.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
 - **Rights:** Copyright transferred to MOA by Houston.
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Access points

- Houston (family)
 - Graphic material (documentary form)
 - First Nations (subject)
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Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
A033427	Item - Funeral feast, Wawiskas hall.	Fall 1985	Access restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.	
A033428	Item - Funeral feast, Wawiskas hall.	Fall 1985	Access restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.	

A033429	Item - Funeral feast, Wawiskas hall.	Fall 1985	Access restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.
A033430	Item - Cyril Carpenter talking [blessing Ceremony for the two Gi'wa logs]	Spring 1986	
A033431	Item - Blessing Ceremony for the two Gi'wa logs	Spring 1986	
A033432	Item - Blessing Ceremony for Gi'wa logs. Kids watching.	Spring 1986	
A033433	Item - Blessing Ceremony for Gi'wa logs. Kids watching.	Spring 1986	
A033434	Item - Blessing Ceremony for Gi'wa logs. Kids watching.	Spring 1986	
A033435	Item - Early carving of Gi'wa logs.	Spring 1986	
A033436	Item - Fishboats at Bella Bella dock - herring season.	Spring 1986	
A033437	Item - Herring roe on branches, drying.	Spring 1986	
A033438	Item - Last remnants of board walk.	Spring 1986	
A033439	Item - Basketball game in front of Grandpa Gordon's house	1986	
A033440	Item - Cemetery at Old Town	1986	Restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.
A033441	Item - Cemetery at Old Town	1986	Restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.
A033442	Item - Cemetery at Old Town - Utensils at grave	1986	Restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.
A033443	Item - Cemetery at Old Town - Wolf Girl headstone detail	1986	Restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.
A033444	Item - Liz and Don Wilson stringing oolichaas for smoking (from Bella Coola)	1986	
A033445	Item - Carving Gi'wa canoe	1986	
A033446	Item - Sports Day parade starts	1986	
A033447	Item - Seaweed drying	1986	
A033448	Item - Sports Day ribbons [on children]	1986	
A033449	Item - Sports Day parade - Delbert Reid in front of end of Gi'wa	1986	
A033450	Item - Sports day parade ["Lazy Dazy flower children"]	1986	
A033451	Item - Sports day parade	[1986]	
A033452	Item - Sports Day - Gi'wa canoe [and?] Delbert Reid	[1986]	

A033453	Item - Sports Day parade in front of Dental Clinic and R.W. Large Hospital	[1986]	
A033454	Item - Sports Day parade	[1986]	
A033455	Item - Shirl Hall paints Gi'wa bow	Summer 1986	
A033456	Item - Gi'wa in shed at beach - Marshall Windsor	Summer 1986	
A033457	Item - Gi'wa launching ceremony - Granny B. (Beatrice Brown)	September 1986	
A033458	Item - Gi'wa launching ceremony - Moses [Huwchitt] (David Gladstone on left)	September 1986	
A033459	Item - Gi'wa launching ceremony - David Gladstone, Frank Brown	September 1986	
A033460	Item - Gi'wa launching ceremony - "Queen of the North" passes by.	September 1986	
A033461	Item - Gi'wa launching ceremony - Elders, Granny Eva and Granny B. R.W. Large Memorial Hospital in background.	September 1986	
A033462	Item - Gi'wa launching ceremony - Gi'wa launched! Frank Brown in stern, passing Government Dock.	September 1986	
A033463	Item - Gi'wa celebration feast - the paddlers.	[September 1986]	
A033464	Item - Pictographs in Roscoe Inlet - Claudius Rudin (Swiss medical student) and Mitchell Vickers	[1986]	
A033465	Item - Gravesite across channel from Old Town	September 1986	Restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.
A033466	Item - Gravesite across channel from Old Town - grave goods	1986	Restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.
A033467	Item - Carving-Deer Pass grave site	1986	Restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.
A033468	Item - Carving-Deer Pass grave site	1986	Restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.
A033469	Item - Carving-Deer Pass grave site	1986	Restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.
A033470	Item - Gi'wa Conclusion Ceremony - April Reid leads	1986	Access restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive

			material. Consult archivist for details.
A033471	Item - Gi'wa Conclusion Ceremony - dancer with bow	1986	
A033472	Item - Gi'wa Conclusion Ceremony - clown	1986	
A033473	Item - Gi'wa Conclusion Ceremony - Wawiskas hall	1986	Access restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.
A033474	Item - Paul and Shirley Thompson Potlatch - Paul and family	1986	Access restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.
A033475	Item - Paul and Shirley Thompson Potlatch - Wawiskas hall	1986	Access restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.
A033476	Item - Paul and Shirley Thompson Potlatch - Peter Houston and local kids	1986	Access restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.
A033477	Item - Paul and Shirley Thompson Potlatch - Brent reid, [unknown], Delbert Reid.	1986	
A033478	Item - Maxwell and Cathy Brown Wedding - Susan Walkus dances	Late 1986	Access restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.
A033479	Item - Maxwell and Cathy Brown Wedding - Ernie Willie (left) dances.	Late 1986	Access restricted due to presence of culturally sensitive material. Consult archivist for details.
A033480	Item - Maxwell and Cathy Brown Wedding.	Late 1986	
A033481	Item - Robert Windsor funeral. Gi'wa prepares to leave.	Early 1987	
A033482	Item - Robert Windsor funeral.	Early 1987	
A033483	Item - Robert Windsor funeral	Early 1987	
A033484	Item - Herring roe on branches.	1987	
A033485	Item - School "fun Potlatch" - students and "gifts."	June 1987	
A033486	Item - School "fun Potlatch" - Kindergarten.	June 1987	
A033487	Item - School "fun Potlatch" - Elders sing and drum.	June 1987	
A033488	Item - Ernie Williams tells a story in "Heiltsuk TV" - "Bella Bella 2 Nite."	[1987]	
A033489	Item - Lootaas expedition visits.	August 1987	

A033490	Item - Lootaas expedition visits - salmon BBQ on beach	August 1987	
A033491	Item - Lootaas expedition visits - Gi'wa goes out to meet the Lootaas. Frank Brown at stern.	August 1987	
A033492	Item - Lootaas expedition visits - Evelyn Windsor on beach, waiting.	[1987]	
A033493	Item - Lootaas expedition visits - Miles Richardson and Bill Reid arrive.	[1987]	
A033494	Item - Lootaas expedition visits - Bella Bella hereditary chiefs on beach.	[1987]	
A033495	Item - Lootaas expedition visits - Lootaas and Gi'wa	[1987]	
A033496	Item - Lootaas expedition visits - Lootas drummer, paddle salute.	[1987]	
A033497	Item - Lootaas expedition visits - Haida paddlers on beach. Note eagle down.	[1987]	
A033498	Item - Lootaas expedition visits - Haida paddlers	[1987]	
A033499	Item - Lootaas expedition visits	[1987]	
A033500	Item - Moses Hamchitt in Lootaas canoe	[1987]	
A033501	Item - Totem pole – Storey Point, Bella Bella	[1987]	
A033502	Item - Totem pole – Storey Point, Bella Bella	[1987]	
A033503	Item - Salmon berries [children picking]	[1987]	Access restricted. Consult archivist for details.
A033504	Item - Longhouse remains – Deer Pass Narrows – corner post	[1987]	
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