

Recent Totem Pole Activity:

1 1936 high water knocked down Samuel Wesley's Pole. His brother, then  
 g<sup>w</sup> & k, gave a feast and it was pulled over to its present location.  
 Samuel, now owner, is just going to let it rot. Indian agent <sup>discourages</sup> ~~forbids~~  
 raising of poles but not headstones, he says. Change for stone.  
 Has bought a stone now on graveyard.

Sof.  
 Samuel  
 Wesley

The other pole that belongs to him (my no. 4); If it falls he will give  
 a feast, then let it rot.

Doesn't know the meaning of the ayu'ka (crests) on it any more.

2 About 7 years ago Mary Ann Jack of Glen Vowell, a Kuldor woman, put  
 up the new pole on the waterfront road (NE of other poles). She first  
 asked 6 chiefs (including Jacob Morrison. Presumably the leading Laxsaik  
 and Gwast chiefs, as Mary Ann was Laxgibu) to find and cut down  
 a suitable cedar tree. JM says he found the tree and cut it down  
 with a new ax Mary Ann had given him for the purpose.  
 A party (for Kuspiox only) was given and the log was brought  
 down. At the feast, money and food were given away. JM says he  
 was given \$28 plus a lot of food.

Sof.  
 Jacob  
 Morrison

The pole lay untouched for about 2 years. Then one August  
 Mary Ann called Arthur McDames of Kutezgulka and gave him the  
 chance to carve it. AM is a Gwast - no Wolf could touch it.  
 AM carved the pole.

That winter Mary Ann called the people of Kuspiox, Glen Vowell,  
 Hazelton, Kutezgulka, and some Hagwilgate for the raising. Early  
 in the morning it was raised with a frame and ropes. All were  
 invited to the feast that night.

Mary Ann had \$900 of her own in a pan in the big hall. Her husband added \$100. Other hasqebw also contributed. In addition they had lots of food (biscuits etc) to give away.

McDames was paid for carving the pole. JM doesn't know how much, but thought it might be about \$100 [Abel Oaks gave McDames a \$100 overcoat and some money for carving his in Hazelton]. Money was given out. The main chiefs got \$15 (Eg. 3 Kisp. Frog chiefs, Del<sup>o</sup> amux, quacan, axi'xi), other people got 8, 6, 5, 3, or 2.

3 New pole in ball park, put up ca 4 years ago by nu (Andrew Crosby, now dead, a Fireweed) It was carved by Jack Tait (Wolf).

Andrew chose the log himself, while cutting poles. He got Jacob Morrison to come out and cut it down. Had a party when it was brought in; and JM got \$15 for the service.

It was left about 3 years uncarved. When finished, the Kispix, Glen Vowell, and Hazelton were called to the raising party.

4 1936 high water knocked down an old pole and Albert Tait (ax'xi g'i') had a wolf repaint it and reset it in ball park. It doesn't cost as much to move an old one as it does to put up a new one.

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5. Jacob Morrison's frog pole fell down 4 years ago. J. called the Kuperuk people into the hall and gave a feast ("Everybody does that when a pole falls down") ate, drank coffee, smoked. Gave away \$30 above cost of food, etc.

He is leaving it to rot. Asked if he would sell it, he said "Nobody would buy it, it's rotten" Presumably would sell.

Reason given for not raising pole is that he spent money on a gravestone for his grandfather. It cost \$350, and he called people as far as Hazelton on the occasion.