Accessing the Archives

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Agenda

- Awareness
- Accessibility
- The Waugh Collection Project
- Working with Archives
Awareness:

- Of Indigenous Collections within your Archives
- Of collections related to home community
Accessibility

• Are your collections Accessible?

• Can communities Access your collections?

• How do you make your collections accessible for Communities?
The Waugh Collection Project
Frederick Wilkerson Waugh 1872 - 1924

- Born at Langford, ON. April 17, 1872.
- From 1912 until his death in 1924 he was a member of the staff of the National Museum of Canada at Ottawa, with the title of Preparator in Ethnology.
- He visited Six Nations every summer between 1911 and 1918 with the exception of 1917.
- 157 stories, over 700 pages
- 23 individuals, 21 men, 2 women – contributed stories
- Cayuga (93 stories), Onondaga (43 stories), Mohawk (6 stories), Oneida (4 stories), Seneca (3 stories), Tuscarora (8 stories).
Looming

F. Jack, Aug 12/15

1. Take a pot, place skin in it, fill with water, leave till hair loosens.
2. Scrape the hair off once log of hide comes on to coke off too.
3. Next, take clear water and soak one hour or more of soak age, etc.这次 is to remove hair. Both sides are scraped at this time & put through of meat removed.
4. Next, stretch (in old time this was by means of strings between trees) how it is rolled up outside.
5. Next fire up the decoction of apple, crab-apple (see breeding bugs) it is set to cook 1 day - pull out (complete)
6. Take pigs brains, place in a pot & place the wet skin in this water, stir around & scrabble with hands like washing clothes, removed eggs, etc. by this time the brain is done.
7. Hang up again to dry (stretching)
8. Next work between hands until dry, formerly inform, it is a stick was used to roll or work it up.
9. Smoking is last, place over a fire & sew skin into a long bag & suspended over the fire.
J. Echo, August 25th 1915

• ák'gai'ya'gę' (Here's my story)

• The others (Listeners) reply Hi•he'.

• The teller always says thats is the end Wak'ga ek'dę'

• Story too long storyteller would say ágatgaiänha'hi' (We'll tie (the story) up with bark.)

• Mo. - Here's my story ák'gäraya•gę' Answer: - Hi•he'
Regarding Story-Telling - J. Jamieson Jr. August 31st, 1915

- Ten years or so ago people used to meet together at different houses to tell stories.

- They would get someone who was good at it, then pass around a hat.

- They would arrange to meet at some other house for another evening's amusement.
Ongoing Work

• Transcription of Waugh Notebooks Ongoing
• Transcription of 1915 set of Notebooks (15) Completed
• Transcription of 1918 set of Notebooks (9) Ongoing
• Identifying Stories from the APS collection
• Additional Notebooks to be completed
• Digitizing Photographic collection Ongoing
Working with Archives

- Accessibility for Community
- Awareness of Collection
- Revitalization (Culture, Language, Traditional Knowledge)
- Books/Resource Materials