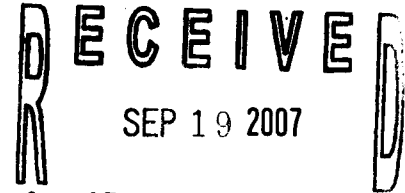


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Dear Boundary Commission,

These are my public comments on the Wrangell borough and its land and territory. My name is Richard J. Rinehart Sr. I was born August 31, 1926 here in Wrangell Alaska and have lived here all my entire life. However for two years I was in the US Army, which almost all was in the Aleutian Islands, still in Alaska.

When I got my Honorable Discharge in 1947 as a St. T/4, I came back to Wrangell to live and I'm still here at 81 years old.

This report that I want to make to your boundary commission, is how I look at how our local territory was and used by the Stikine natives "Tlingets" under the Chief Shakes tribes and clans.

The Haidas and Tsimshian tribes and clans also knew what was Wrangell country and how far south Wrangell people or Tlingets owed. The Saxman and Ketchikan Indians know too. I'm the head spokesman for the Tlingets-Tee-Lit-Ton, clan of Wrangell I'm raven, of the Bark tree House clan tribe. My Indian name is Ya-Kook, mean's "Raven box". Where part of the Stikine tribes under Chief Shacks of Wrangell Tlinget of which the white man knew. This is a report to the Commissioner of Indian affairs of possessor rights of the natives of Southeastern Alaska in October 3rd, 1946. And by Dr. Waler R Goldschmidt and Theodore H. Haas.

This is just one small paragraph telling of the Stikine territory is a very large one extending from "Union Bay" on the Cleveland Peninsula north along the mainland approximately to Cape Fanshan thence south across Kupreanof Island to include a portion of Portage bay and totem bay on the south across summer straits to including Red bay on Prince of Wales Island and south on that Island to Thome Bay and across Clarence Straits to "Union Bay". These boundaries were recognized not only by natives of Wrangell, but by natives of Kake, Saxman, Kazain and Douglas as well. White man were the ones to take this report in 1946.

Sincerely,
Richard Rinehart Sr.

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