

# Basic Detail Report

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## K\_aagwaal (Stone Ribs) and Jiila K\_uns (Creek Woman) Argillite Totem Pole

### Date

1879

### Primary Maker

Moody, Thomas

### Medium

argillite

### Description

pole, argillite. carved to represent the myth of Qugwaii and Dzelarhons with two vertical figures (from base): 1-deep water grizzly upper torso of bear with arms bent on chest. rounded eyebrows are incised above ovoid eyes and beneath upright ears. semi circular depressed nostrils are carved on angular muzzle. mouth is opened to expose projecting tongue. tail is upturned on chest and represents the dorsal fin of a whale with ovoid, circular and crescent shaped incised motifs. 2- upper figure represents Qagwaai. rounded eyebrows are incised above circular eyes with depressed pupil in centre. semicircular bulbous nostrils are carved in relief on each side of angular projecting nose. four vertical depressions are carved along each cheek. dorsal fin with two horizontal depressions and tail with upward curved projection flanked by two ovoids project from top of head. tail fin of vertical flattened halibut projects from centre of mouth. parallel incised lines follow each side of body which tapers towards rounded head with circular protruding eyes and dressed nostrils. head of raven with beak towards top of pole is contained within body of fish. ravens circular eyes are incised on each side of rounded forehead beneath rectangular ears carved in relief. elongated beak curves downwards towards tail fin. ravens legs, claws and downturned wings are carved on each side of chest. reverse is hollow. rests of two tier rectangular base. collected in Skidegate

### Dimensions

Other: 44.7 × 7.5 cm (17 5/8 × 2 15/16 in.) Other (base): 6.4 × 8.8 cm (2 1/2 × 3 7/16 in.)