

**NEDAA - Traditions**

3/4" video, 19 , NNB, colour, sound, 57 min. 38 sec.

This video consists of two productions with a common theme of traditions. The first production features an Elders conference and workshop in Fort McPherson; it features: Traditional uses for animal parts, preparation of hides and fish, language, and medicine. The second production features coverage of the Tlingit gathering in Juneau, Alaska in 1990. At the gathering there is art and dance; commentary is given by people in attendance at the gathering.

Archives has one 3/4" video master designated for storage and one 1/2" VHS viewing copy. VHS and Beta circulating copies are available at the A/V Unit.

**Subject headings:**

Indians of North America - Yukon Territory - Culture  
Indians of North America - Northwest Territories - Culture  
Indians of North America - Yukon Territory - Medicine  
Indians of North America - Northwest Territories - Medicine  
Indians of North America - Alaska - Culture  
Indians of North America - Alaska - Art  
Tlingit Indian Language  
Tlingit Indians - Art  
Tlingit Indians - Social Life and Customs

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DETAILED LISTING SHEET

Program title: Traditions

Time/Footage	Description	Format (Colour/ bw/mag/opt/sil)
0:00	Beginning of coverage of the Elders Conference and Workshop in Fort McPherson	colour, sound
0:40	Gwitchin Elders arriving	
1:12	Workshop Co-Ordinator, Alisteen Andre talks about activities at the gathering and what can be gained from Elders	
2:49	Elder Jim Edwards with opening prayer	
3:45	Fort McPherson Chief Dave Ross speaks to the Elders about how they can help the young	
6:01	Elders speak	
7:52	Dene medecine project; Elders divide into groups and exchange knowledge of traditional medecines and remedies	
10:00	Kids playing baseball	
10:45	Activities for the day are announced	
11:25	Mary Kenedi skins a Caribou head	
14:00	Christy Thompson and Nat Norbert show uses for Caribou legs and leggings	
17:35	Old Time dancing	

- 19:00 Preparing meat for smoking and drying
- 19:40 Elders Bella Ross and Katherine Mitchell make sinew
- 21:47 Wayne Firth giving language lessons to a group of people and talking about development of the language
- 23:25 Group of Elders demonstrates cleaning and preparing fish
- 25:40 Tools used for working with fish and animals
- 26:38 Johnny Charlie talks about starting an Elders Council and Elders Benefit Package
- 28:30 Preparing and tanning hides
- 29:50 Last day of Conference; gift giving and traditional clothing contest
- 31:57 End of coverage of the Elders Conference and Workshop
- 32:18 Beginning of coverage of Tlingit gathering 1990 in Juneau Alaska; entitled "Keep the Drum Beat Alive"
- 32:30 People gathered drumming and singing
- 33:00 Angela Sidney
- 33:30 Host Gordon Loverin
- 33:42 Louise Gordon talks about what the point of the gathering is
- 34:40 Photos and film of Tlingit art
- 35:39 Susan Drapeau talks about the experience of being at the gathering

- 36:20 L. Gordon talks about why the inland Tlingits have lost touch with their culture; film footage of mission schools is shown
- 38:17 Chief Sylvester Jack of the Taku River Tlingits talks of the pitfalls of a non-literate society
- 39:26 Scenes from the gathering
- 39:40 George Reamus dancing and speaking about Tlingit tradition
- 43:30 "Northern Lights" dance
- 45:50 G. Reamus talks about learning and teaching new dances
- 47:30 G. Reamus talks about Tlingit trading history as well as the history of dance
- 48:40 Louise Gordon talks about getting back the old ways
- 49:40 Mixed Tribe dance
- 50:00 Susan Drapeau talks about returning to spirituality
- 51:06 S. Jack talks about recovering from alcoholism
- 52:38 L. Gordon talks about the emotional experience of dancing at the gathering
- 53:37 S. Jack talks about the emotional experience of dancing at the gathering
- 54:30 Closing of the gathering
- 55:40 George Reamus with some words of inspiration
- 56:40 L. Gordon talks about getting in touch with her culture

57:17

Sunset

57:38

End/no credits