

**Alaska State Library
Historical Collections**

Guide to Collection

Kake Potlatch and Totem Raising Photograph Collection, 1971

Photograph Collection Album

PCA 263

August 30 - September 2, 1971, Kake, Alaska

INTRODUCTION

The 131 color and black & white photographs located in this collection reflect a 1971 ceremony and potlatch to raise a totem pole in Kake, Alaska. During the 1920s, many of the original totem poles in Kake were burned. After many years of not having totem poles, the residents of Kake, Alaska organized to acquire and place the 132-foot pole in the town. Also, arrangements were made for the totem pole to be exhibited at the Expo '70 (the 1970 World's Fair) held in Japan. Alaska Indian Arts, Inc. of Haines, Alaska carved the totem pole which is located on a bluff overlooking the village of Kake, Alaska.

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INVENTORY

- 1-8 Governor William Egan and Indian dancers at totem site.
- 9-52 Indian dancers.
- 53-75 Indian dancers. Color.
- 76-78 Totem raising. Color.
- 79-80 Indian dancers. Color.
- 81-82 Totem raising. Color.
- 83-110 Audience and native dancers. Color.
- 111-131 Outdoor views of natives in regalia and close-ups of the totem pole. Color.