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CARVED HOUSE POST:

Exhibited West wall, South end. U.S.National Museum, Hall #9.

Haida Indians, Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia.

Height: 17' 11 3/4"

Width: 41"

Painted.

Label reads: "Carved from a cedar log and painted in native colors. It represents the totem, or crest of the owner of the house, or of the mother of the family. The top figures are called the watchman, the other figures are the killer whale and grizzly bear, which are crests of the raven clan. The hole in the base of the post is the entrance to the house before which the column stands."

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