

Albert Edward Edenshaw

Colonist June 26 1894 (?)

See Massett 1894 Albert Edward Edenshaw, chief of the Haidas

"Until he became chief he bore the name Gwai-gu-un-Ithin or 'The man who rests his head on an island'"

He was born at a village called Althins Kwun, which stood on the promontory now known as Cape Ball ... somewhere between 1810 and 1815.

As early as 1842 when the ship Canada, of New Bedford, visited Skidegate, her first officer considered [him] of sufficient importance to write for him a commendatory certificate.

About this time [he] removed to North Island ... Here his uncle, bearing the hereditary name of Edenshaw, was already established as a powerful chief. (The chief had no dam, so E. married the dam of an Alaskan Haida) "On his uncle's death, Edenshaw succeeded ... 6 slaves ... wifes dowry 10 slaves..."

[details of slave trade, wealth]

in the course of his life made no less than seven large potlatches
Fight with Tsimchians at Mass.

"In 1852, Captain Rooney of the schooner Arsen Sturges called at Massett... the Indians took possession of the vessel, Edenshaw saved the white men's lives and took them in his canoe to Fort Simpson. Capt. Rooney gave him a document. dated Ft. Simpson Oct 10, 1852

The beaver Edenshaw "is chief of the tribe of Indians residing on North Island" he was on board enroute from Skidegate to North Is when Massetts attacked. He held them off 7 hours 26 Sept 1852

1853 two government boats visited Edenshaw's Territory

HMS Tsimshian Capt W Houstoun found E a man of great influence in the neighbourhood
HBM sloop Virago Comm. J.C. Prevost found him a fine pilot

"When at the invitation of the Rev. W.H. Collican the various small tribes on the n shore of Q C I gathered to form one settlement at Massett, Edenshaw came with them and henceforth made Massett his home."

Cathlamet
1815

Skidegate
1842

North Island

Will lived at
North Island
1852
1853

Albert Edward Edenshaw died at Massett Nov 16, 1894. He had 2 children one, George, died before him; the other, Henry, still survives. He was succeeded in the chieftainship by his nephew, Charles Edenshaw

Untitled article in Archives Vertical File - by someone who knew him well personally. [Prob Chas Harrison]

From E-din-50 which in the lang. of 3rd Wrangell Indians means waterfall So Kennedy, chief factor of HBC in 1851 wrote it as E-din-500

He received this name "when he succeeded his uncle as the chief of the Shon-galth Lennas, who had their headquarters at Dadans, near North Island".

Born about 1812. The uncle he succeeded was a most powerful chief at Dadans near Cape Knox, and bore the hereditary name of Edinso

Henry Edenshaw Massett pioneer, son of A E E

died Massett ^{Nov} 1935 age 65

Wife Fred Nash of Terrace is a dau.

1870-1935

1935
65
1870

Charles Edenshaw

1839-1924

nephew of A E E

Carver?

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