



Traditional Indigenous Elders History Project

Established April 15, 2005 on unceded Squamish territory

A Message and Offer to British Columbia Secondary School Teachers

September 4, 2023

Dear fellow educators,

We are traditional clan mothers from the Squamish, Musqueam, Cowichan, Chilcotin, and Cree nations who are survivors of the deadly internment camps misnamed “Indian residential schools”. For many years we have struggled to speak the real story of our experiences and the history of genocide in Canada in the face of official coverup. To that end, on our first Aboriginal Holocaust Remembrance Day in 2005 in Vancouver, we formed our own History Project to share with the world the uncensored truth of the worst crime in Canadian history.

We have examined the “first nations” curriculum being taught to secondary school students in this province. We are alarmed at how much that curriculum has suppressed and sanitized our real history. Something as basic as the fifty percent death rate in the “residential schools” that spanned decades is never mentioned in the curriculum; nor is the evidence of murder, sexual sterilizations, and other crimes against humanity committed by the guilty Catholic, Anglican, and United churches.

For many years we protested these crimes while the world ignored us, and yet our campaign eventually caused the admission of guilt by Canada in June 2008. But now we find that a false and misleading account of our suffering and Canada’s genocide is being taught to the next generation of Canadian children.

That is not only tragic, but a crime. For it is prohibited under international law to issue false or inaccurate accounts of genocide and thereby obstruct and delay justice.

And so, beginning this September 2023, we are commencing high-profile public education seminars across the province that will present the untold story and evidence of the Canadian genocide, and the details of our grassroots campaign that since 1998 has exposed it.

We would like to include you in this work, and so we invite you to attend these seminars. We are also offering to you our hard evidence of that crime that has been censored and edited out of secondary school and college curricula.

Our material includes court-submitted videotaped eyewitness accounts, voluminous archival documentation, and accredited forensic evidence that has been deliberately censored by the Canadian government, media, academia, and so-called "Truth and Reconciliation" bodies.

We encourage you to use our material in your classrooms. We have enclosed some of it, including the website that contains a downloadable pdf of the book we published in 2016 entitled "*Murder by Decree: The Crime of Genocide in Canada*". (www.murderbydecree.com) That book can also be obtained from us in hard copy form along with other works we have published that are listed below.

Please study these historic works and our award-winning documentary film *Unrepentant* (2007) and use them with your students.

Also, we and our spokespeople are available to come and speak to your students.

As uninvited intruders on our land, you are obligated by law to cease colluding in Christian Canada's coverup and sanitizing of its horrific crime, and to set the record straight. This is an opportunity for you to do so.

Please contact us for more information through our fiduciary legal agent Eagle Strong Voice of the Anishinaabe nation at angelfire101@protonmail.com .

Respectfully,

The Elders of the History Project of the traditional Squamish, Musqueam, Cowichan, Chilcotin, and Cree indigenous nations

Please see these links and the following images:

Unrepentant film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Czej73SfYJc> (Winner of Best Documentary at the New York and Los Angeles Independent Film Festivals, 2007; DVD's are available)

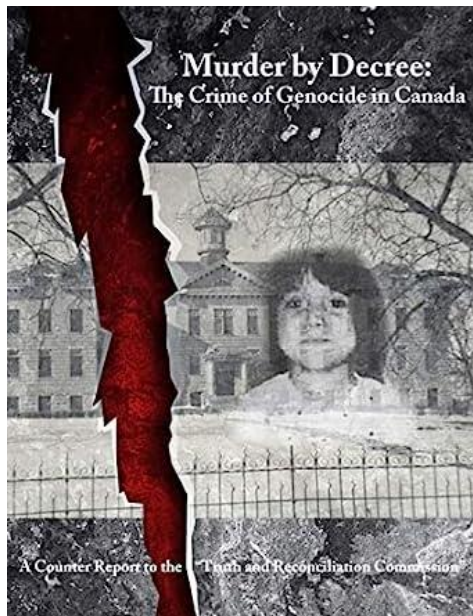
Exclusive interview on Genocide in Canada:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rk4g5I7FcFc&list=PLYEnChrKOgm7aRDzbo6yfszwCEdMI2P8e&index=1>

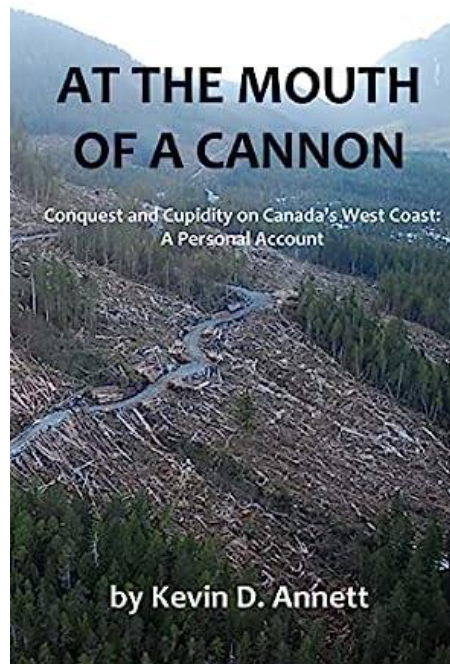
A Preview of Evidence of Genocide in Canada presented to the International Common Law Court of Justice, Brussels, 2012-2013: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pptFLwWaDHq&t=57s>

The Untold Story of Genocide in Canada: Found exclusively in these books!

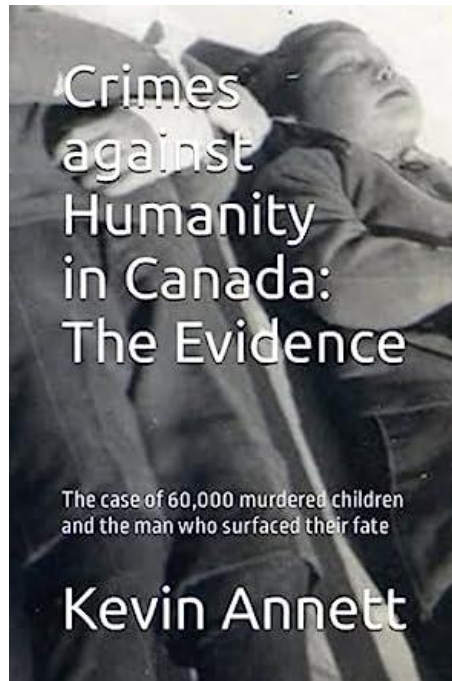
www.murderbydecree.com



[Murder by Decree: The Crime of Genocide in Canada: A Counter Report to the "Truth and Reconciliation Commission": Annett, Kevin Daniel: 9781530145614: Amazon.com: Books](#)



[At the Mouth of a Cannon: Conquest and Cupidity on Canada's West Coast: A Personal Account: Annett, Rev. Kevin Daniel: 9781983790843: Amazon.com: Books](#)



[Crimes against Humanity in Canada: A Dossier of Evidence: The case of 60,000 murdered children and the man who surfaced their fate: Annett, Kevin: 9798399033556: Amazon.com: Books](https://www.amazon.com/Books/dp/978399033556/)

| Industrial School, Regina. | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| No. 140 | Sam'l. As-ke-we-ass. | Single. | Died. |
| No. 52 | Maggie Baldhead. | Single. | Died. |
| No. 52 1/2 | Jane Fiddler. | Single. | Died. |
| No. 41 | Jim Crow. | Single. | Died. |
| No. 90 | -- Crow. | Single. | Died. |
| No. 83 | Lizzie Severight. | Single. | Died. |
| No. 56 | Maggie Torrange. | Single. | Sent home, is dying of consumption. |
| No. 69 | Joe Cote. | Single. | Sent home, weak lungs. |
| No. 67 | Kate Coto. | Single. | Sent home, weak lungs. |
| No. 60 | Alex Shinguish. | Single. | Blind, is recovering. |
| No. 20 | John Severight. | Single. | Recovering from effects of fever. |
| No. 48 | John Cook. | Single. | Died. |

| Father. Mother. Children. Av. child. liv'g. | | | | |
|---|--------|------|-------|------------------|
| liv'g. | liv'g. | liv. | Dead. | |
| 9. | 8. | 38. | 36. | → 50% death rate |
| | | | | 8.8 |

Official death records from "Indian residential schools" in Regina and on Vancouver Island. Two thirds of the children are dead or dying in the top record, caused by a murderous church practice of forcing healthy children to sleep with those dying of tuberculosis and then not treating them.

Total Results of 243 pupils examined in 7 Indian Schools:-
(Principal's tables summarized)

| Ages. | | | | No. in family alive. | | | Aver. childn. liv'g. | |
|-------------|------|--------|--------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----|
| 5 or under. | 6-9. | 10-14. | 15-18. | Father Alive. | Mother Alive. | Children Alive. | Dead. | |
| 9. | 62. | 99. | 73. | 145. | 171. | 527. | 229. | 3.7 |

30% death rate

| Temperature. | | Pulse. | | Respiration. | | | Glands. | | Nose. | |
|--------------|------|--------|----------|--------------|------|-----|---------|-------|-------|------|
| 98.4 | 99. | 100. | Under 81 | 81 | 91 | 17 | 21 | 25 | Nor. | Abn. |
| 99. | 100. | 101. | 80. | 90. | 120. | 20. | 25. | over. | | |
| 93. | 117. | 23. | 101. | 70. | 63. | 97. | 109. | 29. | 177. | 58. |

| Throat. | | Lungs. | | Chest. | | Av. exp'n of Chest. | |
|---------|------|--------|------|--------|------|---------------------|------|
| Nor. | Abn. | Nor. | Abn. | Nor. | Abn. | Nor. | Abn. |

Beaten to death for theft of a prune

Indian elder recalls strapping of 15-year-old boy at Island residential school in 1938 by United Church minister.

MARK HUME
Vancouver Sun

A 15-year-old boy who stole a prune from a jar in the kitchen of a United Church residential school was strapped so relentlessly his kidneys failed him and he later died in bed, says a native Indian elder who was there at the time.

Archie Frank, now 68, was just 11 years old when his school mate, Albert Gray, was caught stealing in the

Ahousat Residential School kitchen one night in 1938.

Frank, a retired commercial fisher, says he's never forgotten what happened to Gray, a husky youngster from the remote Vancouver Island community of Nitinat.

"He got strapped to death," said Frank in an interview on Tuesday.

"Just for stealing one prune, [Rev. A.E.] Caldwell strapped him to death.

"Beat the s--- right out of him."

Frank's story, told after a 57-year silence, crystallizes much of what the furor over residential schools is all about.

For the past year the RCMP has been probing a series of alleged abuses at church-run residential schools. So far

they have found evidence that 54 people were victims of abuse at the hands of 94 offenders. The investigation is concerned with 14 residential schools operated by the Anglican, United and Roman Catholic churches from the late 1800s to 1964.

The First United Church has come under scrutiny by the RCMP this week because of new allegations that two children were killed while at the residential school in the Port Alberni area in the 1940s and '50s.

Frank said Caldwell left Ahousat after the residential school burned down in 1940 and went on to be principal of the United Church school in Port Alberni.

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Frank said Gray was caught with his hand in the prune jar by the night watchman at the Ahousat school.

"The day after he got strapped so badly he couldn't get out of bed. The strap wore through a half inch of his skin.

"His kidneys gave out. He couldn't hold his water anymore," said Frank, who has never told his story to the police.

He said Gray lay in his bed for several weeks after the beating, while he and another boy at the school cared for him, bringing him meals, and changing the urine-soaked sheets on his bed.

"They wouldn't bring him to a doctor.

"I don't think they wanted to reveal the extent of his injuries," said Frank, who still lives in the tiny village of Ahousat, just outside Tofino on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Frank said he spent several years attending the First United Church residential school in Ahousat, and for the most part found it to be a good place.

"I had a very good experience in that school.

"That was the only one [bad incident] I experienced," said Frank of the death of his friend.

He said he never thought of reporting the death at the time because he was only 11 years old and because the principal of the school was seen as the ultimate authority.

When he grew older he sometimes remembered Gray, he said, but didn't go to the police because his philosophy was: "Keep out of harm's way — and learn to forgive."

Frank was asked why he thought a boy would be beaten so severely for such a minor offence.

"I don't know how you guys operate. That's not the Indian way," he replied.

Frank said he's aware of a province-wide inquiry into residential schools by the RCMP, but it's not something he wants to get caught up in.

"I don't want to get involved for something that happened so long ago."

Frank also said there seems little point because Caldwell is now dead.

"There's no use having hard feelings for a dead man. If he was alive, I'd still be angry," he said.

Rev. Bruce Gunn, the United Church minister in Ahousat, said Frank's attitude of forgiveness is typical of the older generation of Indian people.

"Their tradition was to get along because they lived in survival cultures. They knew how important it was to forgive," he said.

But Gunn said younger Indian people feel it's important to get to the bottom of what happened, and they are pressing for inquiries into crimes that may have happened more than 50 years ago.

Gunn said he has been talking to elders in Ahousat, trying to confirm some of the stories that have been going around.

He hadn't talked to Frank, but said he would.

Attention was drawn to the United Church residential school system on Vancouver Island earlier this month when Jack McDonald, a candidate for the New Democratic Party leadership, called for a public inquiry into alleged deaths at schools in the Port Alberni area.

McDonald said he'd heard of at least two deaths, one of which was in Ahousat.

Sgt. Paul Willis, who is heading the RCMP investigation into abuse at B.C. residential schools, said he hadn't heard any allegations about deaths in the Port Alberni area until McDonald brought them up.

The police in Port Alberni this week began questioning witnesses and promised a thorough investigation.

Meanwhile, Kevin McNamee-Annett, a former United Church minister, issued a statement Monday saying he's going on a fast to protest against the church's handling of the issue.

McNamee-Annett was fired by the Port Alberni presbytery last January. He claims he was dismissed for trying to unearth the truth about the residential schools.

But United Church representative Rev. Art Anderson said McNamee-Annett was let go because he wasn't doing a good job.

McNamee-Annett said that by undertaking his fast he hopes "to bring greater public and moral attention to the wrongs and negligence at work within the United Church. In this way the community as a whole can call the church back to its true spirit: that of truthful, just and loving people who 'are servants of the poor.'"

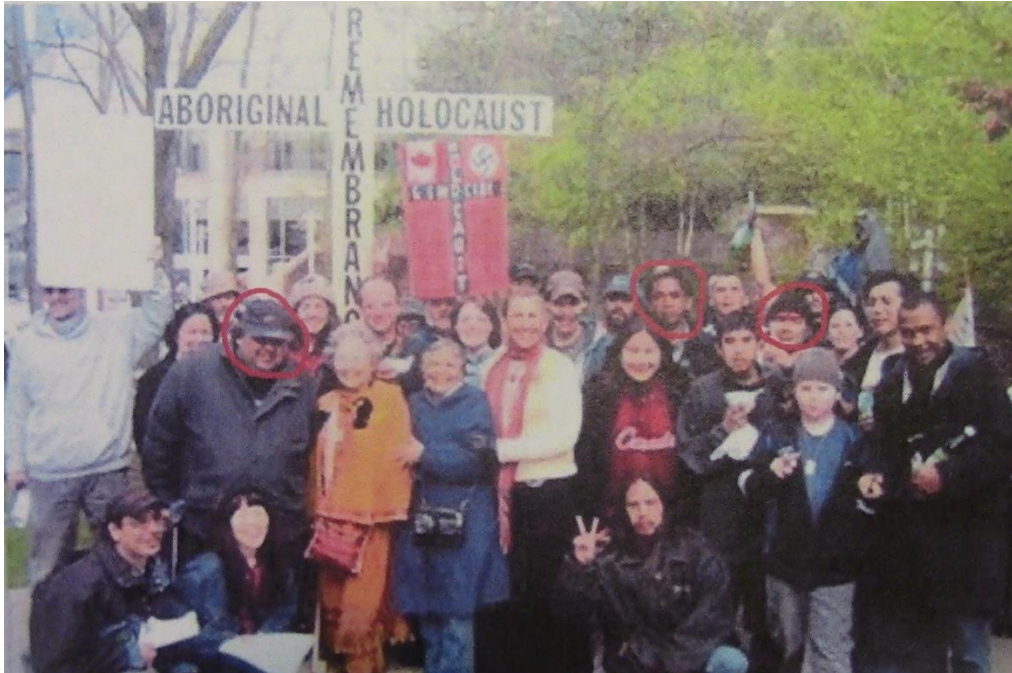
Vancouver Sun
December 20, 1993



Positively identified bone of a young Mohawk girl excavated at the Brantford Anglican "Indian residential school", October 2011, censored by the Canadian media



Children murdered at the Lejac Catholic Indian school, January 1937, censored by the Canadian media



The first Aboriginal Holocaust Remembrance Day, Vancouver, April 15, 2005

Eyewitnesses to murders in residential schools who were subsequently killed by police or in hospital:

(circled in red, left to right) Ricky Lavallee, Bingo Dawson, William Combes.



Sterilization Clinic: The United Church's R.W. Large Hospital in Bella Bella, BC, 1948.

Generations of indigenous women and children were made infertile and experimented on here

under the direction of church missionary Dr. George Darby. Few survived.

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