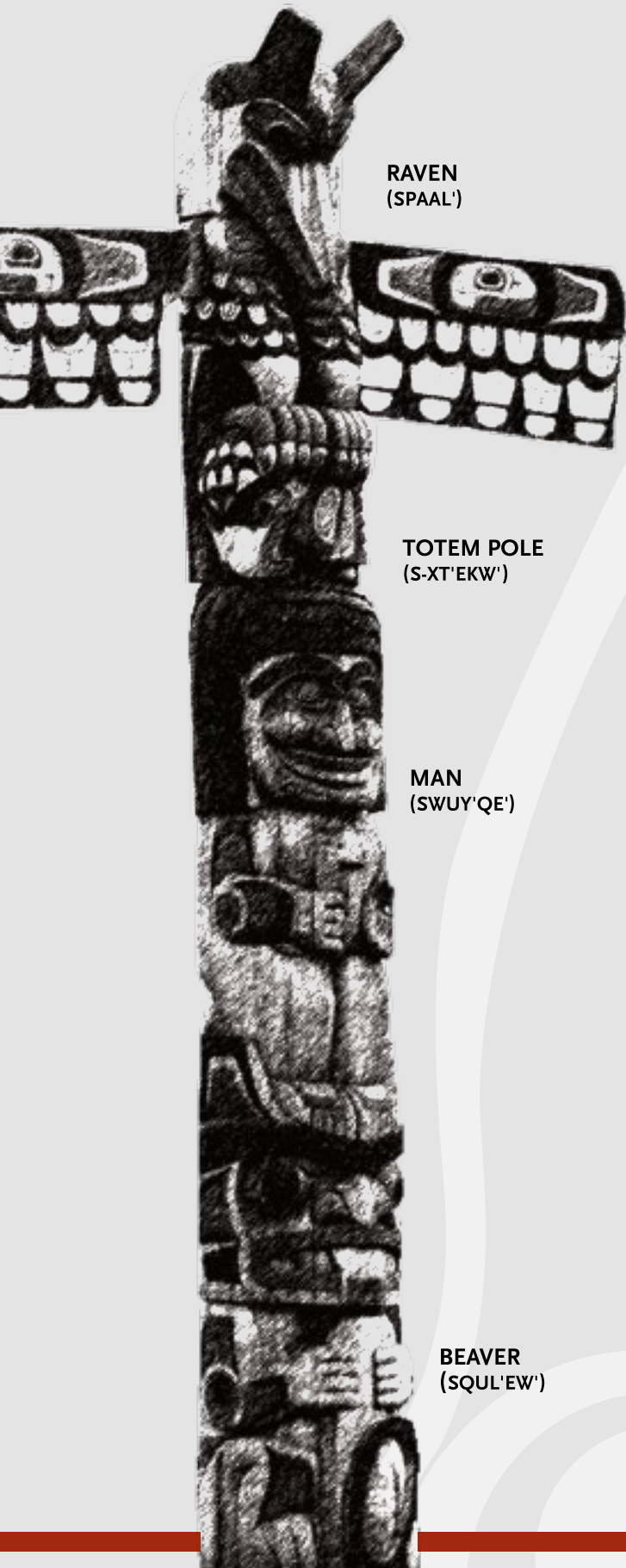


Raven's Gift



RAVEN
(SPAAL')

TOTEM POLE
(S-XT'EKW')

MAN
(SWUY'QE')

BEAVER
(SQUL'EW')

This one was a story about a young fellow... the Man in the middle with the adze in his hand was a carver. He's holding the adze, he is saying "Here is my gift to you". The Chief commissioned this pole and the Raven brought the carved pole to another village that was near the river... the Beaver helped provide the log. I enjoyed working on the poles and I liked the people in Duncan. I love carving; it's been my life's work. I've been doing it almost forty years. I just love to carve. I strive to get better every time I do something (Doug LaFortune, Interview, Sept 2012).[©]



1989 | Size: 20'10" (6.4 m)

Doug LaFortune (a.k.a. William Horne)

Doug was born in 1953 and grew up in Duncan. He is Coast Salish of Quw'utsun' (Cowichan) and Tsawout, WSÁNEĆ (Saanich) heritage. On his mother's side, his grandfather Dick Harry was a chief. Doug started carving when he was nineteen years old. Doug's brothers Perry, Howard, and Aubrey LaFortune all helped carve his poles for this collection. His other artistic passion is drawing.[©]



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