



Frank St. Clair (Sakwuyei), Tribe: Raven (Yeil), Clan: T'akdeintaan,
House: Raven Nest House.

Frank St. Clair was born June 16, 1886. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Jim St. Clair. He first went to school at Sheldon Jackson, the old one. He went to school as far as the 4th grade because that was as far as school went back then. He was married to Losee. His first child was Josie. Then they adopted Oscar St. Clair. They were old and they don't remember when Losee died. Somewhere in 1917 or later. Then in February 1, 1919 he married Nancy Andrews. They had five children. They are: Dennis, Lurillie, Doris, Kelly, Shirley, and they adopted Edward.

About 1940 Frank Sinclair, in conjunction with a CCC Project, carved a totem pole for the Forestry Service. It now stands in the Auk Bay recreation area about ten miles from Juneau. Mr. St. Clair would say "That's the white-man's totem pole. It means nothing to us." Since it was made for the white people and has no real meaning for the Tlingit it is humorously designated by them with the name "Barbecue Raven".¹

Mr. St. Clair was town judge for twelve years and used to be a storyteller for the school. He was A. N. B. vice president and a chaplain until he died in 1958. Frank became a Salvation Army member in 1925. His wife followed him in 1926. Then they both became Envoys. Then, within three years they both became Senior Captains. He retired in 1955 or 1956 as Senior Captain in the Salvation Army. He died on May 14, 1958.

¹ Barbeau, Marius. Totem Poles. National Museum of Canada. Ottawa, Canada 1964. 409 p.