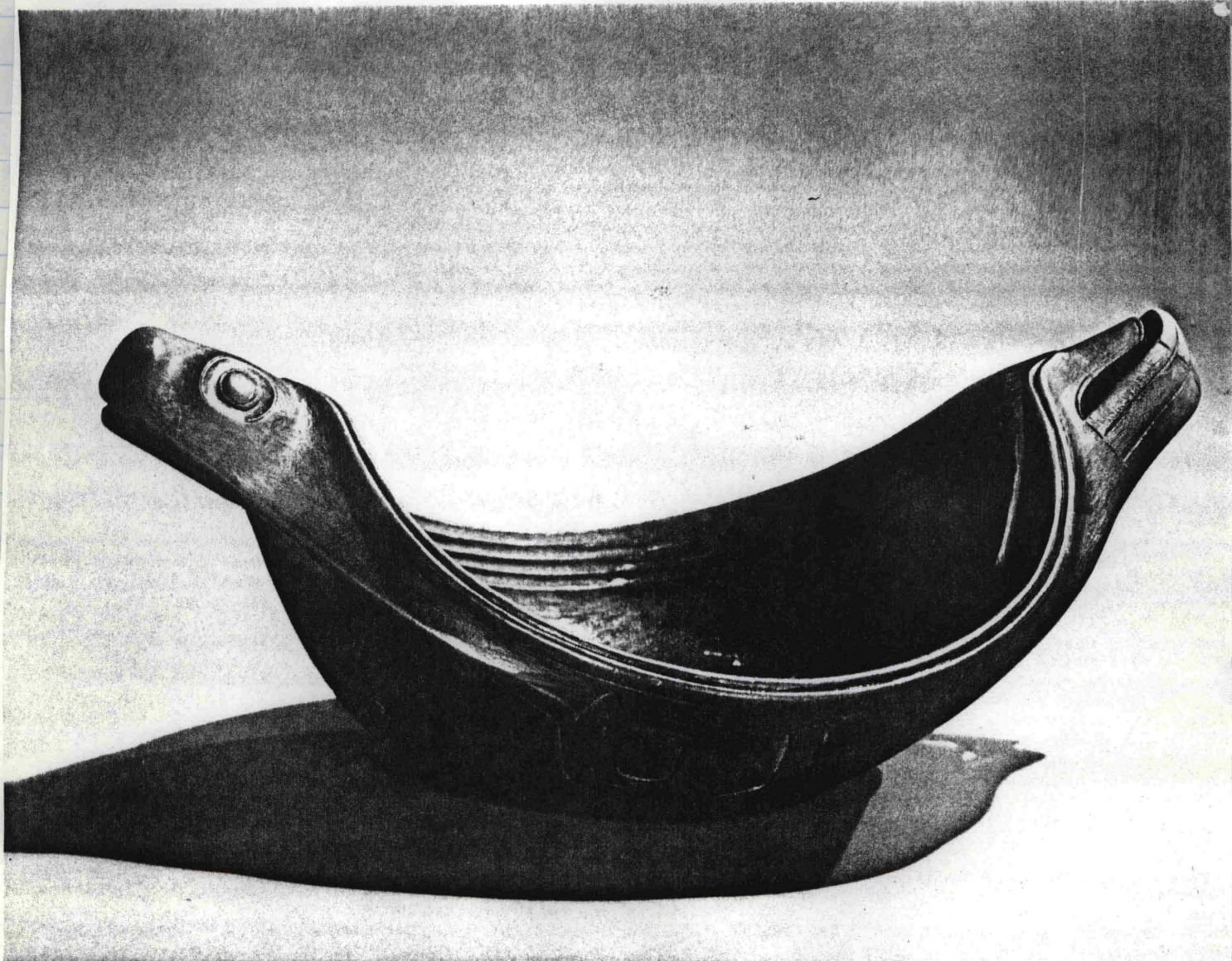


- a. Create plays important part in N. W. Coastal society and art.
- 3. World in darkness
  - a. all Tlingit clans lived in one village at head of Nass.
- 4. ~~The~~ Sun, moon & stars kept in darkness by Raven - at - head of - Nass -
  - a. Raven, Tlingit's principal deity.
    - 1. He is trickster, transformer -
    - 2. stole sun from his uncle.
- 5. When Raven came to Nass, villagers showed him no respect.
  - a. <sup>Raven</sup> promised to exchange daylight for food -
    - 1. villagers refused & called him liar.
- 6. Raven opened box containing sun & set it free.
  - a. Sun roared into sky
  - b. Frightened people
    - a. Some ran into sea & became fish
    - b. People in fur-bearing skins became animal whose fur they wore
    - c. Only those naked remained human.
- 7. Remaining Tlingits adopted as their first crest "The Raven", proudly displayed in ceremonial art since then.
  - a. as Tlingit clans moved up through Southeastern Alaska they continued to add new crests.
  - b. Common theme - a continuing interaction with anthropomorphized animals who were either insulted or befriended.





217 GREASE DISH OR FISH  
BOWL

Wood, impregnated with oil

34 (13 3/8) LONG

Collected, probably among the Haida  
Indians, by J. G. Swan

Museum collection, December 1883

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This container represents the form  
of a seal.