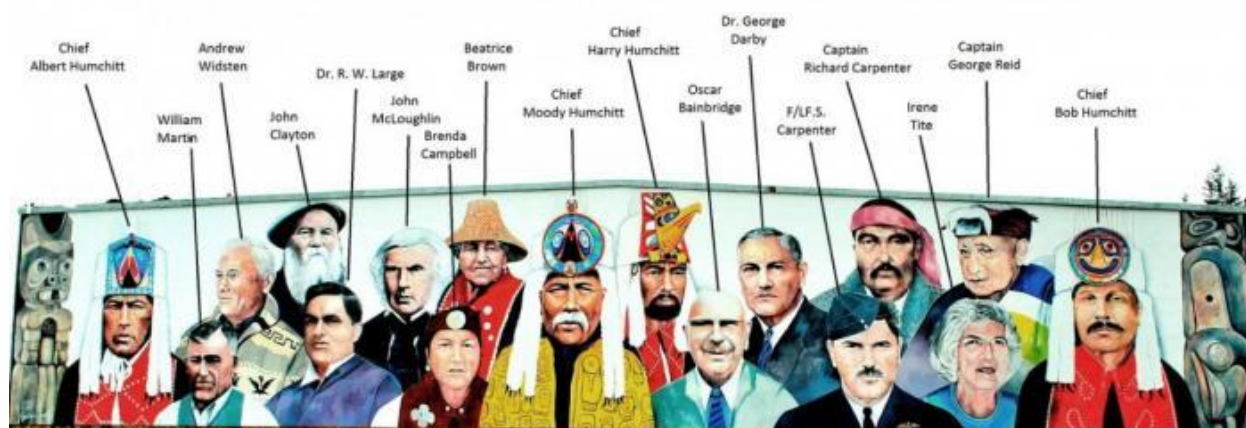


## Mural Who's Who

The 'United In History' mural displays portraits of the extraordinary individuals who contributed significantly to the historic development of the greater Bella Bella Community during the 18th and 19th century.

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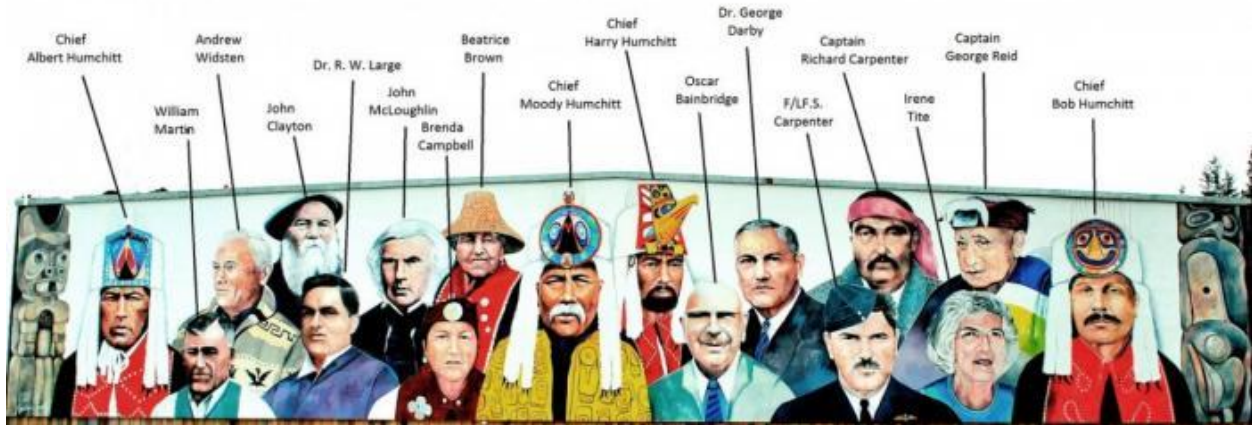
1. **Chief – Moody Humchitt** (1870-1949) (Humzeet/Woyala) of the Raven, Blackfish and Grizzly Bear clans. A chief of the highest rank, he was a true born leader and inherited his name and role as head chief of the Heiltsuk from his cousin Chief Robert Bell. Chief Moody was a founding father and honorary lifetime member of the Native Brotherhood of BC and dedicated his life to the rights, welfare and progress of his village and all First Nations people. He will always be remembered as an exceptional, powerful leader during a difficult transition time for his people.

2. **Chief – Harry Humchitt** (1865-1925) (Wigvilhba-Wakas) of the Wolf, Eagle and Killer Whale clans, Goose Island. Chief Harry was committed to his people during a period of change and transition and was influential in getting the first missionaries established in McLoughlin Bay and managed the Heiltsuk sawmill for many years. As a high ranking chief he spoke to the McKenna-McBride Commission regarding reserve designation and was the peace maker with the Haida people. His spirit, legacy and life's work lives on in all his descendants.

3. **Chief – Bob Humchitt** (1865-1937) Chief Bob was born into the Eagle and Raven clans to Qviltakv Humzeet and he inherited Hemas Robert's Chieftainship and the distinguished name 'Qa'ait' from the Gale Creek tribe. He was also a high ranking chief negotiator at the McBride Commission for his people and very familiar with early ceremonial customs and traditions. He leaves behind a legacy as a vector preserving the ancient ways, knowledge, customs and beliefs of the Heiltsuk people which remain vibrant today.

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4. **Chief – Albert Humchitt** (1884-1946) (Qaumanakvla) Born to Chief Albert Humzeet and Lucy Magaga Windsor of the Raven and Eagle clans and through marriage received rights to the Roscoe Inlet territory. Albert was a hard-working, self-reliant Chief, successful logger and exceptional commercial fisherman. He was a founding member of the Native Brotherhood and the first elected Heiltsuk Chief Councilor. His strength and determination as a leader is evident in his extended family

5. **John McLoughlin:** (1784-1857) Chief Factor (superintendent) for all Hudson's Bay Company fur trading operations from Oregon to Alaska from 1825-1846, known as the Columbia District. He constructed Fort Vancouver in Oregon, and Fort Langley, Fort Simpson and at Bella Bella, Fort McLoughlin in British Columbia, which founded this community's present location.

6. **John Clayton:** (1842-1910) First immigrant landowner and businessman in Bella Coola and agent for the Hudson's Bay Company. Purchased the Hudson's Bay property in Bella Coola and the Fort McLoughlin property in Bella Bella and operated the first store and post office in old town, then sold the property to the Gosse Millerd Packing Company of east Bella Bella.

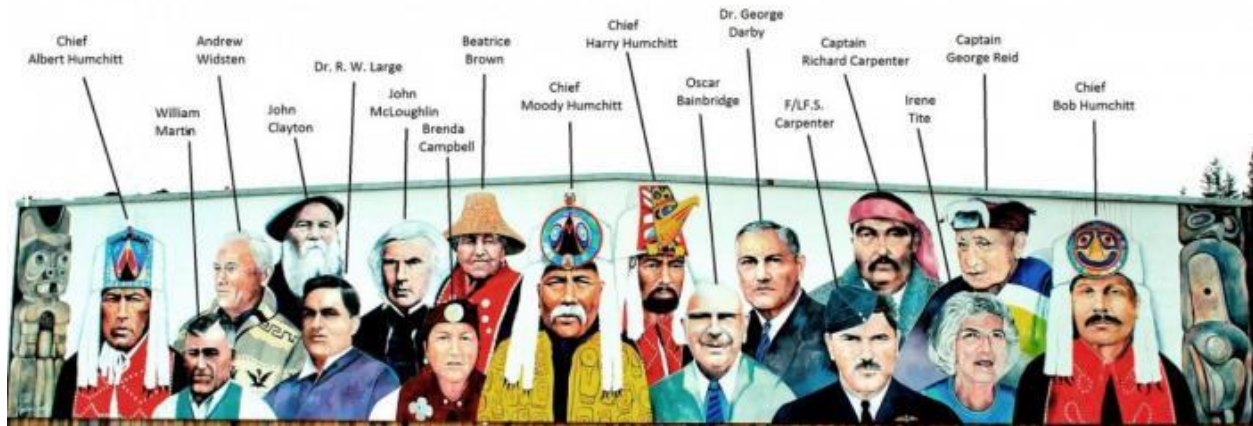
7. **Captain Richard Carpenter:** (1841-1931) Captain Carpenter was the most famous indigenous carver/artist, canoe and boat builder on the BC Coast during the turn of the century. He was also the recognized navigator/mariner for his tribe and the original light house Keeper at Dryad Point when commissioned 1899. Living to the age of 90 years, Carpenter's distinguished life and work is a true Heiltsuk legend.

8. **Beatrice Brown:** (1906-1989) Born into a high ranking family, Beatrice was a revered Heiltsuk elder of her day and inspiration to the Heiltsuk community. She was a tireless community organizer, supporter of families, children, education and Heiltsuk culture and proud teacher of traditional song and dance. Her enthusiasm for life is remembered and continues to inspire and motivate the Heiltsuk community today. (Grannie Bea)

9. **Brenda Campbell:** (1905-1964) First Heiltsuk Native to master reading and writing skills in the English language and tutoring her people in adapting British customs. She served with great distinction as President of the Native Sisterhood of BC, advocating health, justice and education for all Aboriginal people. Her commitment and dedication to the Heiltsuk Nation will always be remembered and her legacy will continue to live on. .

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10. **Captain Gordon Reid:** (1895-1989) Gordon was a respected elder and admired leader of the Heiltsuk community. He was an experienced fisherman, professional mariner, certified Captain, accomplished musician, engaging storyteller and life time member of the Native Brotherhood. His name was placed on the Coast Guard ship "Gordon Reid", a special honour bestowed on such a respected and able mariner. He was a patient, industrious and hardworking gentlemen, and his full life serves as a challenge and inspiration for others. (Grandpa Gordon)

11. **Oscar Bainbridge:** (1886-1962) Cannery manager at Walker Lake and Gosse Millerd/BC Packers Cannery operations at East Bella Bella on Denny Island including store manager and post master from 1919 to 1969.

12. **William Martin:** (1886-1958) Fur trader, cannery manager at Walker Lake and East Bella Bella, fish buyer, merchant, entrepreneur and poet, and in 1936 founded the William Martins General Store and Post Office at Campbell Island, Bella Bella.

13. **Dr. R. W. Large:** (1874-1929) An early Methodist Missionary, doctor to old town, Bella Bella, founder of the United Church, R. W. Large Memorial Hospital and major early collector of Heiltsuk artifacts.

14. **Dr. George Darby:** (1889-1962) A revered resident Doctor and administrator of the R W Large Memorial Hospital for 43 years and travelled throughout the central Coast on various missionary vessels providing medical services to the remote communities.

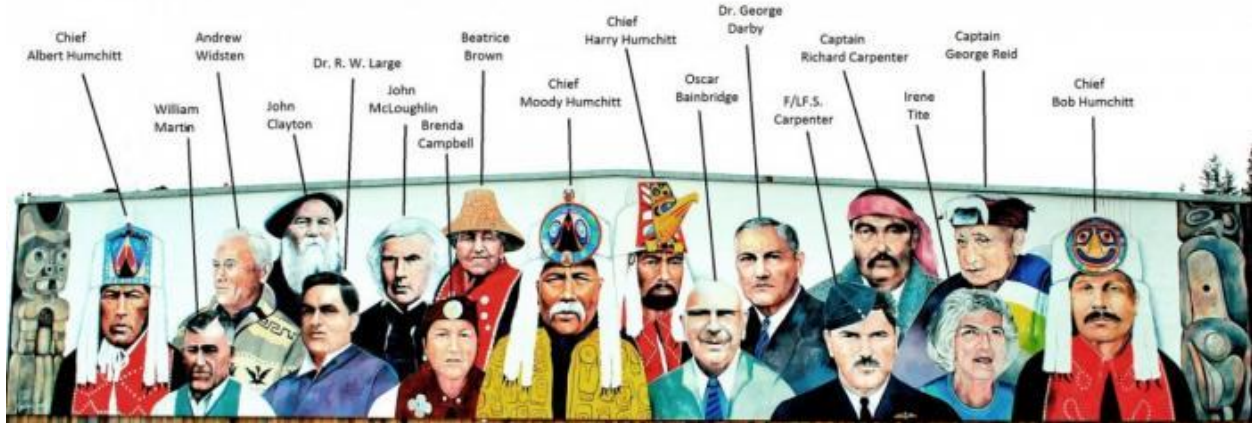
15. **Irene Tite:** (1908-1997) Student nurse and respected matron of the RW Large Memorial Hospital working closely with Dr. Darby serving the regional communities. Irene operated the boarding house at East Bella Bella and was Post Master and local airline agent for various airlines. She was the community "go to" person, a loving, caring lady who lived her life in service of others.

16. **F/L F.S. Carpenter:** (1914-1978) First resident Commander of RCAF Station Bella Bella during World War II. He flew in the original Stranraer aircraft to the station on December 8, 1941, one day after Pearl Harbour was bombed. Carpenter had a distinguished Canadian Armed forces career, retiring as Major General in 1969.



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17. **Andrew Widsten:** (1903-1973) Son of original Norwegian pioneers to Bella Coola, Andrew was 19 when his father was accidentally killed and with his mother he raised his 12 younger siblings. He was a family man, community organizer, and respected, hardworking businessman of the central coast. He became a certified captain and engineer, and the marine superintendent at Ocean Falls for many years. Andy joined the RCAF during WW-II, returned to Ocean Falls after the war and in 1947 purchased the Bella Bella RCAF Station where he established a marine business, sawmill and founded the community of Shearwater.

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