

Community Based Access: Preserving and Sharing Indigenous Archival Materials

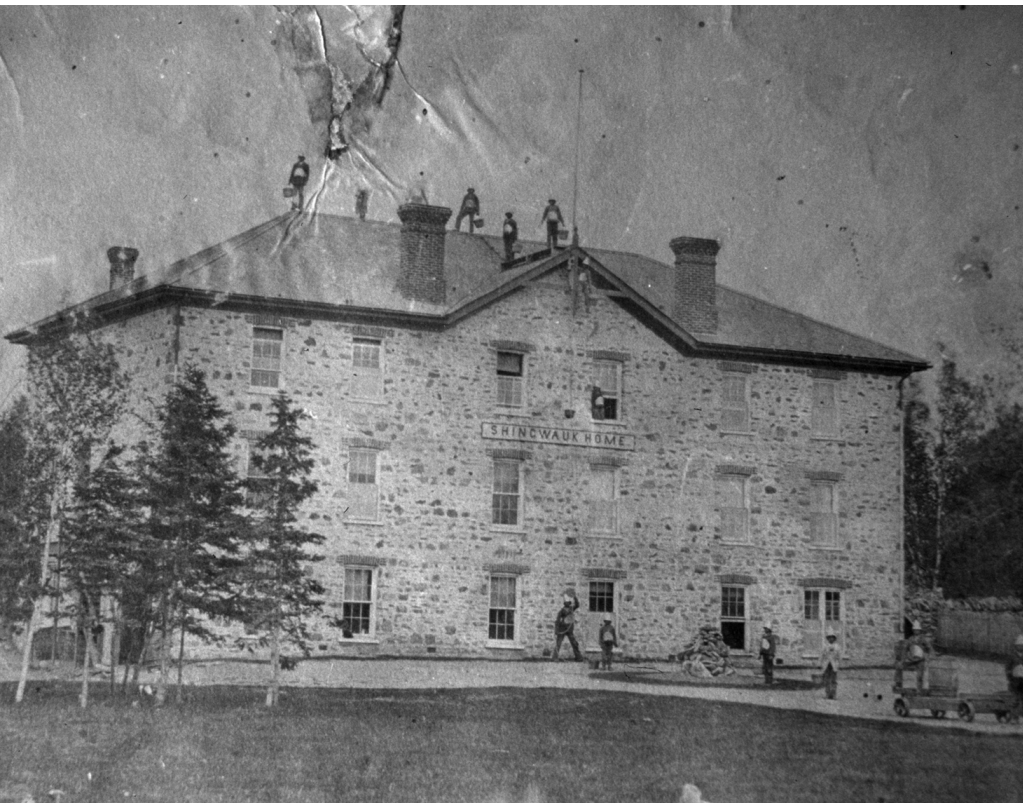
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Shingwauk Indian Residential School (1874-1970)



Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association



Existing Guidelines

- Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (1996)
- OCAP (1998)
- United Nations Declaration on Indigenous Peoples (2007)
- Protocols for Native American Archival Materials (2008)
- TRC Final Report and Calls to Action (2015)
- Reconciliation Framework for Canadian Archives (2020)

Digitization is Not Reconciliation

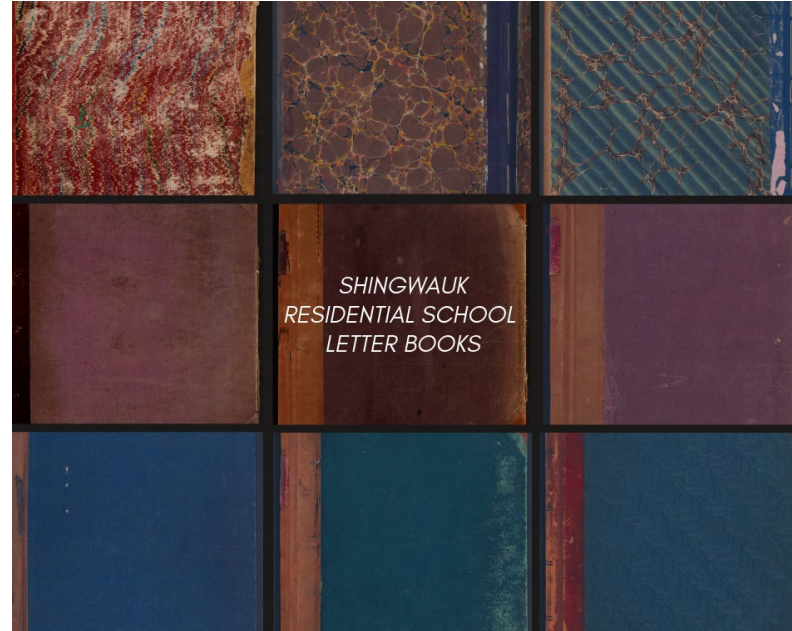
- Just because it's in the public domain...
- Community needs and priorities
- Relationship building



Survivor Mike Cachagee. Photograph from the Reclaiming Shingwauk Hall exhibition.

Description of Difficult Histories

- [Residential School Crisis Line](#),
[Hope For Wellness Help Line](#)
- Re-description projects addressing dated and racist language
- Even seemingly benign administration records document colonial violence



Covers of the Shingwauk Principal Letter books.

Health Support

- Staff and visitors
- Cultural and mental health support
- Staff training - first aid, mental health first aid, suicide safeTalk training



Visitor space in SRSC, including comfortable chairs and seating for groups.

Doing The Work

- Community first
- Listening
- Long term commitment
- Take care of yourself



Photo by [Ron Smith](#) on [Unsplash](#)

A top-down photograph of a white ceramic coffee cup with a green handle, filled with a frothy latte. The cup sits on a dark, round wooden table. To the left of the cup is a black rectangular card with the word "Thanks!" written in white cursive script.

Thanks!

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