

Rank of Tsimshian Chiefs

Rank

When Hamas gave his "Crab feast" at Knoma's,
the chiefs were fed in this order:

leg²x
sgagwet
wiceks
nistkumiik
nidswe'xs
Saxsa'axt
nisyagane-t
nishi²t

Parr. Hamas Taunted by Legyaah.

Bradley 1926

Nelsons
gitrax file

Meaning of sigidamne? :

In referring to woman's name in n̄iash̄t house I
ts̄iḡ.m n̄e'x it says see girl's name (same house)
dzi'k , which is short for ts̄igum[n̄e'x]·n̄e'xt
"shellfish on the fin of blackfish" (a decoration used at
the feast of yagagweno's (House I)) Also adds :-
"the full term applied to a sigidam n̄a'x ; and the abbrev.
term applies to a girl , at the same time , both have the
same meaning "

Polygamy
Rank of children
Adoption

Wallace 1915

The chief and his several wives lived together. The wife married first sat on his right whenever they sat together or ate, and then the next, in order of seniority of marriage and regardless of their own rank. On the death of the senior wife the next in order ^{took} takes her place. The children "There is no difference at all in the children

Rank of children

Adoption

"In the case of *legex*, his children derived their nobility from him, as, when they were born he held festivals and declared them to be of the nobility, all of them, of all his different wives. He gave them names taken from the mother of each child's crest and tribe (He was not adopting them, although he did adopt one daughter because just before her birth her mother dreamed of *legex*, so he took her and gave her the name of his own mother *gamsmax* and she thereby became a *laxskik* of the *qispaxlats* tribe - ~~so~~ her mother was *taxkibun*. Her children will be *taxkibun* unless adopted by the *laxskik*).

Wallace named three chiefs who had several wives, and that was all he knew - 1 *legex*, 2 *nishoot* (had 3), 3 ?