

Work, census, 1841 Skedans 115 men 439 total 30 houses (big village)

1832 mention "Skedance Point" if not the village. Work, in 1835, mentions being off "Skiddinas" harbour (p. May 10). By 1862 Chief "Skiddan" was the highest ranking chief in the area, and his house, at the present site, measured 50 by 50 and had a ten foot excavation and seated 700, according to Poole, who visited it (pp. 108-111).

Swanton obtained a list of 27 houses in Skedans. Twenty of these belonged to three branches of the Raven lineage of the town chief Gidansta^{2x}. The remainder belonged to two Eagle lineages which were centred at Tanoo (E3 and E4) (pp. 284-5). It should be noticed that although Cumshewa's Eagle lineage had owned the site in the 1790's, none of them lived there in later years. Where then did these people come from? The Raven lineage was called Cumshewa people; possibly they had been present in 1790's though subordinate to Cumshewa and not mentioned. Maybe settled permanently they stayed at the summer site and it took its name from their chief. The Eagles are evidently from farther south, being of the same origin as the rulers of Tanoo. Possibly they moved to Skedans to be closer to the trading vessels that habitually visited Cumshewa Inlet.

Dawson said of Skedans in 1878: "This is a place of more importance than the Cumshewa village proper, and appears always to have been so. Many of the houses are still inhabited, but most look old and moss-grown, and the carved posts have the same aspect. Of the houses there are now about sixteen, of posts