

Lucy Islands

Box 162, Prince Rupert, B.C.  
August 9, 1960.

Dear Wilson,

Thank you very much for the argillite pieces, returned intact.

I have been camping on Lucy Island for a week and have become very curious about the huge kitchen midden there.

In case you aren't familiar....the Lucy Islands, twelve miles west of Prince Rupert, have the light station for the D.O.T.....They're across the sound from Metlakatla.

I've discovered that natives from Metlakatla have camped at Lucy to gather dulce and to gather seagull eggs. But that doesn't, to me, account for a midden which seems to stretch for a considerable distance along the trail.....on such a SMALL island.

Because I have many fiction plans for this area.... because Lucy is so close to the old Metlakatla Pass villages ....and because Lucy is such a delightful place, with beaches, I very much want to track down its native name and importance.

( If this letter seems messy, it's because I have just put in a new typewriter ribbon .)

Last weekend I managed to get to Port Simpson where old Charlie Dudeward showed me his window-blind painting of the place as it was when the fort and longhouses and totem poles were intact.

If you can tell me anything about Lucy Island's original importance, I shall be most grateful.

Sincerely,

*Christie Harris*

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## Villages in Metlakatla Passage.

Information is from Wallace, 1915 (Barbeau), working on a map, and two sketch maps <sup>accompanying narratives</sup> by Brynson. These do not all agree. Of course the real situation was not as simple as each of the 9 or 10 tribes having a single site which they occupied from time immemorial. Some tribes apparently owned 2 or more sites (occupied at the same time), and there has been shifting and moving of tribes or segments of tribes through time. It

It has not been possible to pinpoint the sites exactly; this would have to be done with an informant, on the ground.

The map shows the main villages <sup>by tribe</sup> in their general location. The numbers may be referred to the following list where more details are added.

Brynson maps

The myth of the Giant grub-worm (at kxe:n)

'Totem Poles' file

'The Iamshan of Metlakatla'



Gitwilgōts

1. tpu'nom g.altsap "plentiful village", the gitwilgōts village, on the site of the present community of Metlakatla. Kelly called it lax'adabi's on butterfly (from reflections in water)
2. to'tsəpəm g.altsap "fortified village" on Kaien Island, another (former?) gitwilgōts village. The exact location is uncertain, and the events involving this village are sometimes said to have occurred at kxe'n (19).

Gitzaklath

3. qa'du the main gitzaklath village

Gitsee

4. laxwəlgıye'ps "on high place", Wilgiapshi Island, the site of the gitsee's laxkibu village of 'asag.alye'n. It may also have been used at a later time by the gitsee's warrior Haimar. Kelly 1960 says gitsee's

Gitsee's

5. laxsg.a'nıən s Anian Island  
laxka'na'ye'n  
a gitsee's site

6. k'nu. The exact location of this former gitsee's village site is uncertain. Wallace placed it as shown, but a Beynon account indicates that some of the tribe were ~~just~~<sup>due</sup> north of Anian Island.

Ginaxangik

7. laxspə'a'us "on sandbar", a ginaxangik village.

8. kte'it, ginaxangik, exact location uncertain. ~~Beynon~~ It called miyēt'nt'k'ixsit in narrative of woodworm



Knadoiks

9. ktkut'e', gina'd>iks. All the information agreed on the location of the gina'd>'iks village, but only Wallace gave it this name.

Gitando

10. ʔalaxte'p, git>and>' village.

11. ksagagu'm, another git>and> village.

12. laxmes>'lo "on white bear" the gispaxlo>'ots village. <sup>Robertson Point</sup> <sub>see 41' SW 100's map from review</sub>

13. ktetxe'l

14. kanagat'si'yo't, both villages named and located by Wallace as villages of chief legε'x, gispaxlo>'ots.

15. gitwilksobe'. Wallace said that this extinct group lived between the git>and> and the gispaxlo>'ots. <sub>Byron nest of gouburron calls site of marine station 21' 12' + g. axss' "place where canoe land"</sub>

16. Informants differed on the location of the giludza'uθ village. Wallace named it laxkibe'lo.

17. There was agreement on the location of the gitlε'n village. Wallace named it laxt'su'te

18. Wallace indicated that a small island, probably Carolina Island, was a gitlε'n site, named laxksi'ask Lak-shish on 18 Survey map.

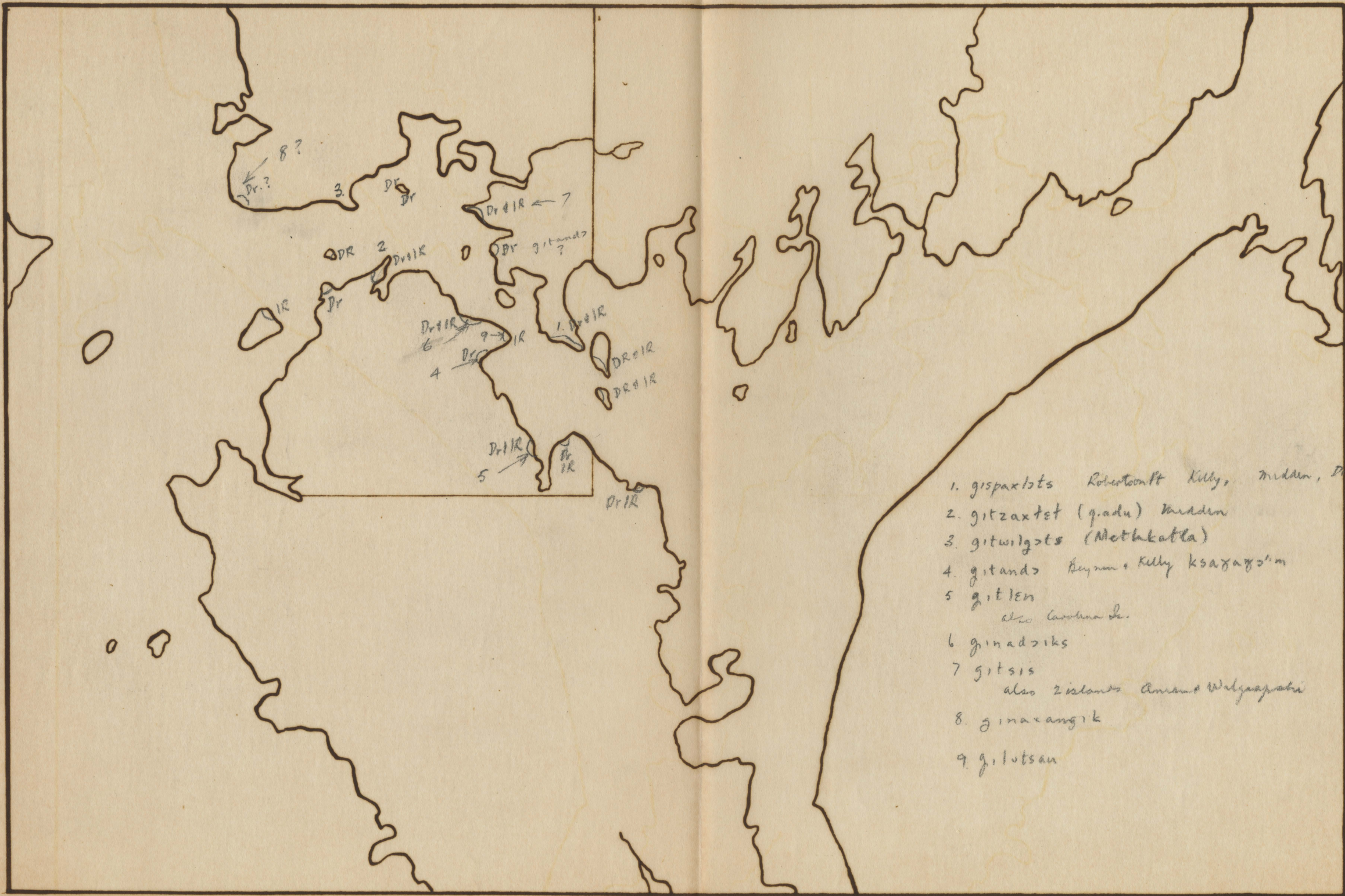
19. kxe'n is the name given to Kaien Island or the Bruce Rupert area. Byron located <sup>the site</sup> ~~it~~ as shown on the map. <sub>Kelly map at 96-04</sub> It may in fact be the same place as 2.



Isumshuan villages on Metlakatla Passage  
from narrative of Grub worm

1. 'n lɔt g. a x sɔ ' (place where the canoes land)  
on Sigby, site of Marine Station.
2. x t' sɔ | w ɛ ' l across travel on Sigby, at the site of the small sawmill.
3. m i y ɛ ' n t ' n t ' k ' | x s i t the head of down On Sigby (Crippen Cove?)  
Gronatan Pt.
4. l a x w ɔ | g i y ɛ ' p s The Wolf Clan village of ' a s a g. a l i y ɛ ' m  
Walgraphshi Island
5. g i s p a x l ɔ ' t s on shore opposite 4.  
(Who saw what happened at 4 and ignored the floating  
mine box, saving themselves. They called on to other  
villages, warning them too, but were unable to warn  
g. i d z a x t ɛ t at g. a ' d u .)
6. g. t ' a n d s village.





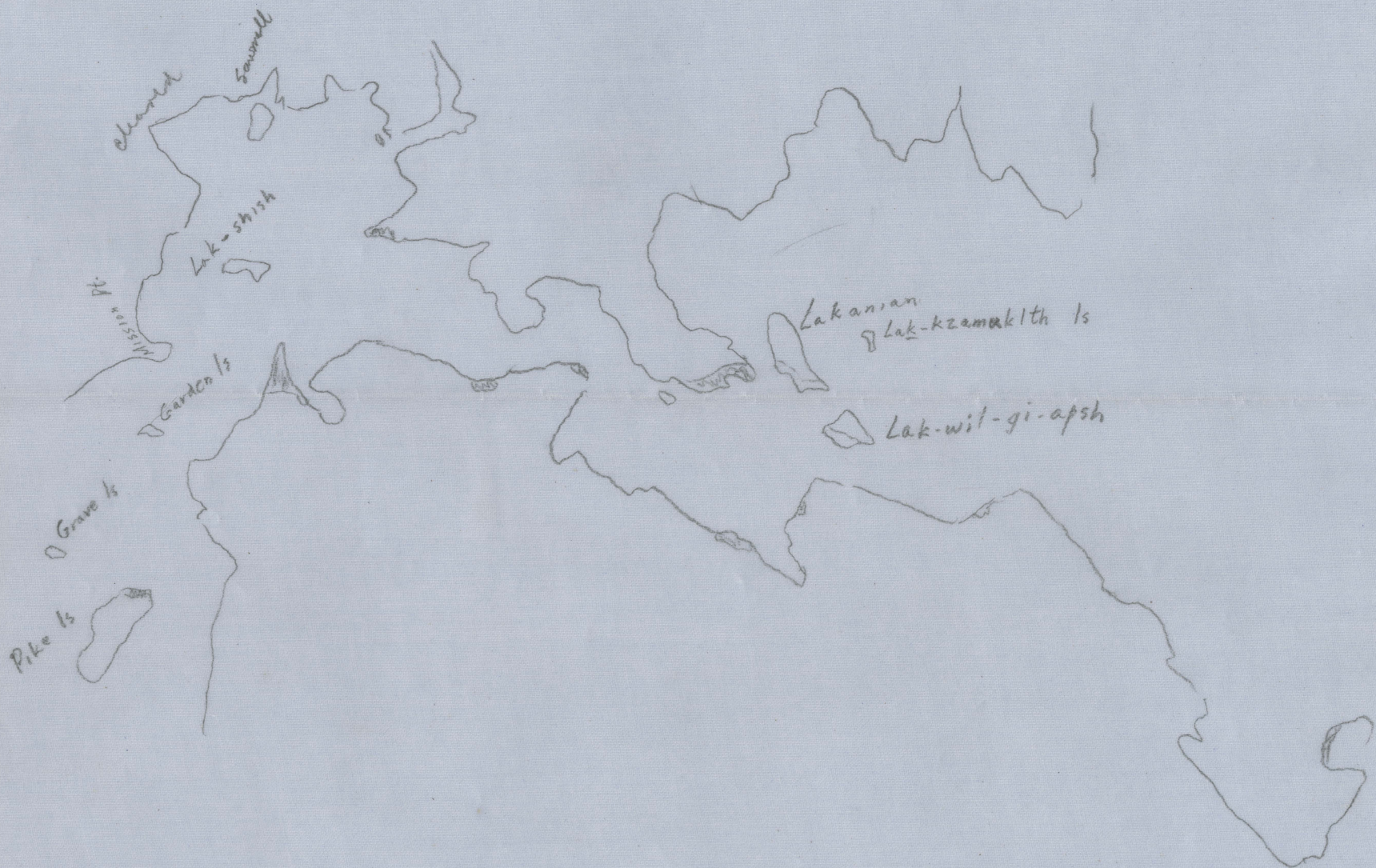
1. gispaxlots Robertson & Kelly, midden, Dr. & IR
2. gitaxtet (q.adu) midden
3. gitwilgots (Metlakatla)
4. gitands Beynon & Kelly ksaxagoo'm
5. gitlen  
also Carahna de.
6. ginadziks
7. gitsis  
also zislants Amens Wilgaxpaki
8. ginaxangik
9. gilutsan







From original IR survey  
legal surveys





# Metlakatla Area

Barbeau & Wolcott  
1915 Notes & map

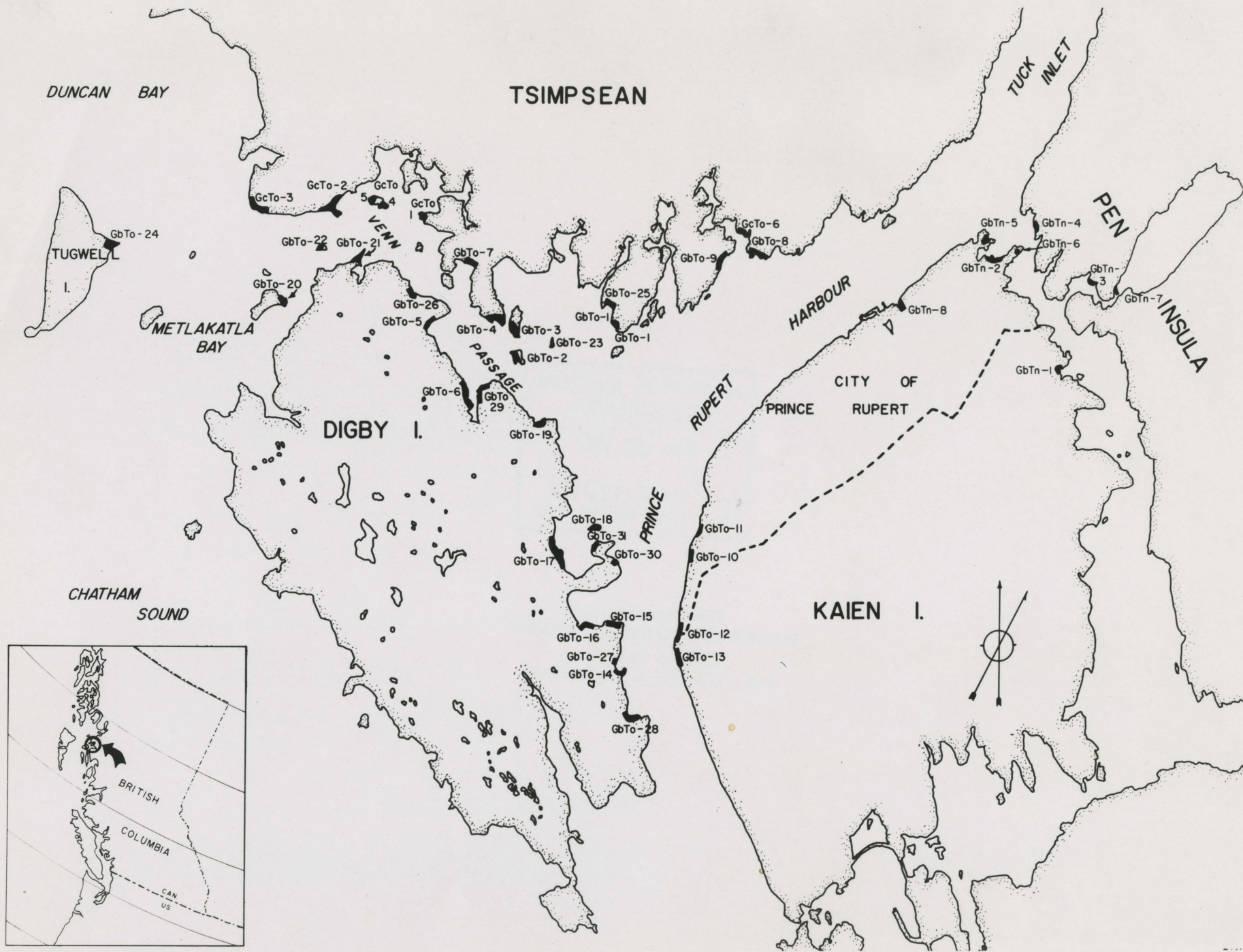
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1. gitwilg'ets - totsapamgalt'sap
2. kxado' gitzaxtel
3. laxsgahions gitsis (hmas) lathw, gitxata
4. laxspe'alus ginaxangik
5. knw gitsis.
6. alaxtep gitandz
7. laxmes'ol' gispaxl'ets
8. laxwilgeps gilodzar

9. laxka'na'ye'n gitsis (asagal'ya)
10. ksayagu'm gitandz'
11. laxkibe'lo gilodzar
12. ktkut's' ginadzik
13. laxtsu'te gitlan
14. laxksi'osk "
15. kte'it ginaxangik
16. kanaxats'i-yot gispaxl'ets eyer
17. ktetxe'i "









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