

Ke-xu

/axkibn

Rames

Orgue

Crest

myth of crest

K'ε·xu (haidəx)

(Pax̕k̕iba)

Men

1. K'ε·xu "to flee from", a naxn̕q name. The performer in a mask flees from a reported intruder.
2. mədi'-gəm̕q̕et "grizzly bear person", naxn̕q name. The performer imitates the bear, wearing a grizzly robe with a human face mask.
3. kuhada'qx "always miserly", naxn̕q name. The m.c. calls on the performer to make gifts, but he refuses.
4. ha'·idəx "Haida", a naxn̕q name. The performer in a white mask [?] imitated a Haida.
5. pag. et'ε' "in the centre sets" (the sun)
The sun sets in the centre of the sky.
6. maxsip̕əmdil̕ax "bone-like tongue" (of grouse)
7. ya g. a usi'p "suspended bone", a naxn̕q name.
The performer has a white disc of bone suspended on a string, and shakes this in front of the guests as his name is announced.
8. 'wiłkse's "large strange dog", naxn̕q name.
The performer wore a mask and garment representing a dog, and all the guests refused to claim him; he was a strange dog. (Kihm portrait of informant F Clarke in this headress)
9. kw̕sg̕xt "twisted cedar branches", naxn̕q name
10. 'widiw̕yet "like stout setting" (the owl) The owl puffs itself out when setting
11. 'nu·tsu (a bird) naxn̕q name.
12. kwit̕kwa' / The crop of the grouse resembles a basket

other
informant of guxhada'xqu [piste'i] "always mean" (the grouse) The grouse is always mean when defending its young

'wiłkse's (Yum) 'wiłk'a'us (Kiths)

13. q̥ib̥e'ng̥et "wolf man"; nax̥sq name.

Boys

1. payuks

2. g̥amu't

g̥amhut "only runaway"

l̥g̥amu't tk̥tk̥i'f piste'i
into flight offspring grouse

The young grouse have taken flight into a tree.

3. g̥amg̥et pu'-x ^{too soon} "sudden spouting" (of blackfish)

4. haspaye'ts "on its back, struck" (the frog)
The frog has been struck and turned over on its back.

5. hisnu'u'ts

hisnu'u'tks t g̥ana'-o
feigning death the frog

6. lig̥in̥ig̥.e'q "about on crawling" (grouse)

The grouse crawls along on the log it drums on

7. 'mas̥m di'laq "grown tongue" (grouse) The tongue of the
grouse is attached tight to the end - tongue tied.

8. ts̥mag̥.mdzax "mouth nose" (grouse).

The grouse uses its mouth for the same things as its nose

Women

1. n̄isku'uts "grandfather of sexual intercourse (Tsimshian term)."
2. k̄simwudzin "woman mouse", n̄axn̄og name.
represented by the children of the house, wearing small masks and robes to represent mice.

Girls

1. 'in for 'n̄og.əm̄g-a-t̄iñ p̄iste';
robe tail feathers grouse
The grouse makes a robe of its tail feathers
2. tsaha'daks "on top swims" (the frog)
The frog swims on the surface
3. 'anu t̄m̄g.ə'.ix "drum, wings" (grouse)
The wings of the grouse make a drumming sound
4. 'atta t̄s̄. "late walks about" (the frog, at night)
The frog walks about at night
5. ks̄ma'q "out putting" (frog, outside)
The frog is thrown outside
6. t̄gwantxum t̄siñ "falling down, entering"
(the frog)
The frog falls down while entering the house

17x5

1. nɔxs ha'idiðx

2. nɔxs g-agausip

3. nɔxs 'axmɔ'.g.asu from naŋŋɔq ✓
"suffering from pain"

Orogen
Crests

k'ε·xu (ha'idx)

Holland: Same origin, crests, myth as spaq.

Dens: k'ε·xu: from kisagas, house of w.i.g.a'i·x. They separated long ago but have same myth, crests, names.

Crests: 1. kei'a wa·tu new cubs (of bear)
on pole (standing). 2 cubs climbing pole,
one on top.

2 g.ans'-dzənx shadows.

represented by red cross-hatching painted
in house. Conn. with myth of suw.g.aus.

3 n̄idzabm̄ taxgen? see below.

Origin of g.ans'-dzənx crest. Ed. Clark. 1920

nuxs (taxsc'l) was a very fierce warrior, and with his war club chased away or killed young men who came seeking his daughter as brides. Then came *tsixsg.axsg.a'us* (of this house), who entered the house of *nuxs* and went to his daughter's sleeping place.

nuxs leapt up with his club, but *tsixsg.axsg.a'us* fought back on even terms. *nuxs* had been waiting for just such a brave man, and took him for his son-in-law.

The two men went on a war raid together. On the first night out they ~~st~~ camped at the foot of a large tree. Something kept falling on them, and *tsixs* climbed the tree and found a human-like creature, which he killed. (This is the *n̄idzabm̄ taxg.a'n* on the fallen pole on the point.) He took it as a crest.

The next day they arrived at a lake, and *tsixs* saw shadows moving on the lake. There he also took as his crest, the *g.ans'-dzənx*.

The following day they saw and killed a large white talking owl, 'masgut k̄w̄nuxs, which *nuxs* took as his crest.