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Tues.

Niska
Land Question

Wed. was "Teach-In"

Anybody see new museum?

Today, final group of Tsimshian speakers: Niska
- general background esp re territories
- next lecture on Land Question.



Wales

TSAUT

Kitwancool

ALASKA

Portland Canal

Alice Arm

Observatory Inlet

Kinsculich

Grant

Green

Gitlakams

Aiyansh

New Aiyansh
new village

Gitwankstik

Andegobay

Lakal

Angida
Kwanwog
Gitiks

Kinsculich

Red Bluff

Black Point

Fishery Bay

PIERCE IS

Kwanamass

2007

Name niska'aa what they call themselves

na-sga' Haida, Tlingit "a place of food" "great food depot"

Call river 1.50ms 'Leesems'

Relationships

Physically - same as Tsimshian

Linguistically - a dialect of Tsimshian

Niska-Gitksan } 2 langs
Tsimshian

Culturally - the heart of RWC -

finest art - rattles, charms
tallest totem poles

metrelined
all 4 photos

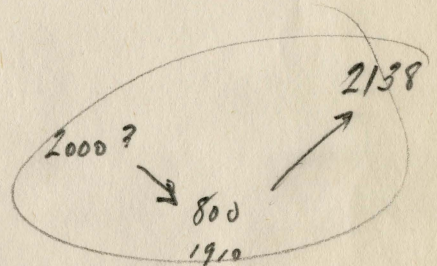
Population

1835 - 2000 ? HBC census gave 1600

1910 - 800

1963 - 1965

1965 - 2007 2060 2138 (1967)



Territories

(map)

far from
open sea

: up Nass River : Kinckuck and Kiteen in dispute
with Kitwancool.
1/3 of way up (claim kept of land beyond Miguaden Lake)

Portland Canal : The Tetsant (different Tetsant)

Boundary with Tsimshian in dispute - Kwanimass Bay,
Pearce Island

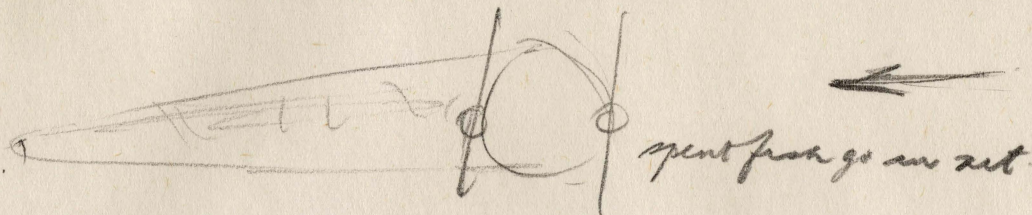
Tlingit (Tongass) neighbours, had earlier claim
to Kwanimass, Dundas Is., etc.

Eulachon Fracheville

eulachon

caught with herring rake

(net invented Kitimat)



brass to replace

boiled, oil extracted

dried for food - not candles

Mouth of Nass - all Tsimshian came, Gitksan, Niska, etc.

Tsimshian

Red Bluff

Black Pt

Pechomy Bay

Niska

Angida (name)

Kitiks

for spring only - net of year within Niska territory

Receives - Red Bluff common Tsimshian

Black Pt

Pechomy Bay

} Niska

Some hard feelings about that

Subdivisions : TRIBES

For list (former tribes)

- 22 Gitkateen
- 23 Gitgigenik
24. Gitwunksi thk
25. Gitlakdamiks

For map (present villages)

- Lincolith 678
Greenville (Lakalzap) 551
Canyon City 416
Gitlakdamiks (Anganah) 620

2 divisions :

1. Gitkateen git xat'i'n "people using fish traps"

saltwater summer territories -
villages on river near mouth

2. Gitanwiliks git'anwi'lks "people staying temporarily"
(travel down from upriver for
exchanges)

1. Gitkateen - didn't conform to usual definition of tribe.

Early village lax git xat'i'n at site of Greenville

Knew and split: to occupy 3 villages in 1850's

Angida 'an gedε' "where use burning racks"

Gitlakans git lax'a'ns "people on sandbar"

Kwunwog k'un wɔ'gɔ "where they sleep" - Chief Gitkun

first → Gitiks git'i'ks (-1905)

1867 Lincolith Anglican mission R Tomlinson knɔgɔ'i li place of seals
drew off some

1877 Greenville Methodist Lakalzap lax galzɔp on site of village
drew more - by 1910. ← reverted to Anglican in 1905

gitgigε'nix "people upriver"
Gitgigenik split off because of a dispute, and moved upriver to

Andegulay 'an tagwalc' 'where happy'

Chief "Long-Arm" ^{Wolf} nagwa'son - across river to prevent people
passing (Highest Chief on rise)
^{Wolf} reply - sga ti'n 'across weir'

- rejoined Gitkaten at Kitikama & Greenville.

Upriver - 2 tribes

Gitwunksi thk

gitwank si'tk^w
people where legends

Place of legends.

story of volcanic eruption 200 yrs ago Lava flow

boy
dog salmon

LAVA

lake washed away

si'aks "new water" formed again

New Lake
Lava Lake

1900's Salvation Army - "Canyon City"
on edge of lava.