

Beynon 1927 from Geo. Edgar

Origin of gitxawaks endogamy
Origin of gid'astsu endogamy

Narr: The Gidestau Tribe.

The gid'astsu at one time had all four phratries, and these were strictly exogamous. (Only two remain at present laxskiook and gispawudwa'da). At Temdo (Klentia) there were two groups of people, the gitxawaks of wudste origin and the original gid'astsu.

One day a party of gitxawaks out hunting saw a black bear. One boy recognized it as a raiding scout in disguise, and that night he and his "sister" (maternal first cousin) hid in the woods. All the gitxawaks were killed by a Haida raid. Not knowing who their enemies were, the young couple stayed, married, and founded the new population, who intermarried among themselves. That is why gitxawaks still prefer endogamy.

Beynon notes that original gid'astsu still preserve exogamy, and that at Bella Bella "most of the marriages are endogamous, even between brother and sister."

Seymour 1927

gidostsu .

Origins

A I & A II royal gisp. Separate houses, but same origin, names, myth, crest.

A III, A IV, royal laxskiook, ditto.

Also related to sgagwet, logex, lutkudzenti

A XI, XII, XIII. Same origin as above. These 3 share names.

A VI to X Common origin, names, myths, crests. Known as
also XVIII nugun'aks group having this one myth as their
myth of origin

B IX is of Stikin origin

1 gidastsu

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Myth Abstracts

Origin of gitxawaks endogamy. Edgar 1927

Name

Houses

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Names

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Crests

Territories

Origins

gidʷstsu territories

Barbeau 1939
Geo. Edgar

Narr. Where were the Gidʷstsu Located

The gidʷstsu are located farther south than the Kwakwaka'wakw of Loxson Cove, who may be Heiltsug. The Bella Bella are now segregated at the other side of Melbank sound at Bella Bella....

There are two distinct groups among the gidʷstsu, the gitxawɛ:iks "people from the other direction" ~~and~~ Kwakwaka'wakw origin and the gidʷstsu of Tsimshian origin.

This follows the same narrative as 1927.

gidztsu territories

From Clifton 1939 on gitga'atɔ territories

1. ni'slɔ's group owned w. side Princess Royal Is
2. tsɔg.əmseqisk " 5 " " "
3. Aristazabal divided among laxskik,
gisp,
ganha'dɔ

Banders were also used by gitga'atɔ

Orogen.

A IV tkwɔlaxɛ' (laxskik)

Of Skidegate Kaida origin, he settled on
Anstazabal Island (its name kə'a'ntəs
is Kaida) and became part of gidəstsu
laxskik. group.

(Clifton, 1939)

The gid'astsu

Bynon 1927 from James
Robertson (n125125)

Narrative: Who Were the Gid'astu

Abstract:

The gid'astu are made up of two different groups having different languages. The original gid'astu were Iumayan; the other group, the gitxawaks of watsta origin migrated here from the region back of Millbank Sound from Kynoch Inlet and Tolson Cove. The two groups amalgamated and made their main village at Kemdo (Swindle Island), which had formerly been only a fishing village.

Previously, the main villages had been on the other side of Swindle Island: knamax¹⁸⁶t and sgang'. These are now used by all the git'astu.

Each group had its own ^{head} chief, both were of equal rank, the eldest (in years) being called first at a feast. They were n125125 (gid'astu) and nankum'asu (gitxawaks); both were gispawudwad and claimed Iemlaham origin. nankum'asu claimed relationship to saxsa'axt (royal gisp. gitwilgots)

Each group had its royal houses, lekagiget houses, crests and names. At feasts, all the royal houses were called first, then all the lekagiget of the group opposite the host, then all the host's group.

The gitxawaks did not follow the same custom regarding succession. Often the father's position went to a son rather than a nephew. The gid'astu proper adhere to the Iemshian custom of maternal succession, "The gitxawaks do so in a general way, but change to suit their individual families".

B. gid'əstsu gitxawaiks

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I nən kum'as u

(g. spəwudwa'də)

II gwənz

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III tsutse kewe

(g. anha'də)

IV t'ut'uwe

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V tsaxəmgəgəx

(g. anha'də)

VI təmti'alao

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VII 'wəmiqil'əx

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VIII gəsəx

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IX gə'it Stikine origin

(laxskək)

A. gid'astsu proper

Royal	I	niəsɫs	}	original	(gispəwudwa'də)
	II	laxaxnitsk			(")
	III	himesaqε			(laxskiək)
	IV	tkulaxε			(laxskiək)
	V	hεmdzit			(ganha'də)
	VI	gutdɔ	}	nugunaks	(gispəwudwa'də)
	VII	wudimes			"
	VIII	tsayamsaqisk			"
	IX	gutiyohos			"
	X	t'εmks			"
	XI	games	}	Same as III, IV	(laxskiək)
	XII	'wεmεlasu			"
	XIII	'ənsuwetk			"
	XIV	niəsiyεgε's	}	nugunaks	(ganha'də)
	XV	niəskiwε			"
	XVI	txadzios	}	nugunaks	"
	XVII	siyal'əmex			(laxskiək)
	XVIII	niəsmootk			(gispəwudwa'də)