

TSIMSHIAN

<u>Name</u>	čəm siä'n inside	Skuna	Inside Skuna Inside river of mouth
		ks ä'n river mouth	

Territory & Dialect divisions:

- a. Tsimshian - Skuna river 70 miles to Kitchikan Canyon
- coast south to Milbanke Sound
outside Kitamant
- b. Litkwan - upper Skuna (except Babine and Bulkley)
gət | ksa'n cutting across to upper Nass
- c. Niska - Lower Nass
Nishga - Portland Canal

Neighbours - Tlingit - Haida - Kwak - Carrier

Relationships: Physically, typical No. NWC. mid-tall 5'7
heavy trunks
large heads and faces
little lighter { skin yellowish
hair straight, coarse like Americans
Mongoloid eye fold
admixture of Athapaskan type - slimmer
- smaller faces & heads

Culturally, typical No. NWG too, with some differences

1. Annual migrations to Nass in spring, "grace trails"
2. Most developed class system
"royal class of chiefs" } assumed other
nobility } tribes did too
commoners }
slaves }

3. Clearcut tribal organization. 25 tribes

- 1 - named subdivisions ^{local (territorial)} Git. -- "people of (a place)"
- 2 - comprised of a number of kinship groups
 "house of" --- which owned the resource areas
 "lineages"
- 3 - had clear social and political structure
 - houses in order of social rank
 (village also laid out by rank - Kiteyukla - Kitwanooc)
 - "tribal" chiefs and "tribal" lands (Tsimshian proper only)
- 4 - shared common winter village.
 (exc. lower Nass)

"tribes"
 of Haida
 No 1. not named (exc Kung'it-Haida)
 2. Kin groups the same ones
 3. Ranked in village
 4. Common village

Linguistic relationships:

- not related to any of neighbours, formerly considered a separate stock CHIMMESYAN
- distantly related to CHINOOK (44 centuries)
 PENUTIAN

Population

1835	8500	quite (unlike Haida)
1895	3500	
1963	6500	exp. increasing, New Haida
1965	6700	
	<u>6785</u>	

Dialect Divisions: distinct dialects

~~Tsimshian proper - coast and lower Skeena (14 tribes)~~

~~Kitksan - upper Skeena (7 tribes)~~

~~Niska - Nass and Portland Canal (4 tribes)~~

Will deal first with

The Tsimshian Proper (14 tribes) LIST ON BLACKBOARD.

2673 (1965)

2639

A. Coast Tsimshian - (south of Skeena)

1. Kitasoo - China Hat, Klenmuk.
- ③ 2. Kitkiata - Hartley Bay
3. Kitkatla -

B. Lower Skeena or Nutlakatla tribes

4. Gitwilgyots

5. Gitzaklalth

6. Gitsees

7. Ginakangeek

8. Ginadoiks

9. Gitandaw

10. Gispakloats

11. Gilutsau

12. Gitlan

9 tribes

(10)

Summer villages along Skeena

Winter " " Nutlakatla

Nass (Venn Passage)

Spring - Nass River

9 (10)

C. Canyon tribes - (stayed at Canyon, no saltwater villages)

13. Kitsumkalum

14. Kitselas

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A Coast Tsimshian

1. Kitasoo

G'itəstsu (meaning?) gidəscu'

Most southern Tsimshian -

- Old village, Kitasoo, ^{IRL} (shdi) - on west side Princess Royal

- Klentw (China Hat) Com Is in Finlayson Channel

mixed with Betta Bettas - 1870 or so, on steamship route
Haikais

Kitasoo band, (225) (1963) 282 1965
234 1965 and

gitga'ətə

2. Kitkiata

G'itga'ətə people of the cane
tradition of migration from Skeena

Souglas Channel - Old village - Kitkiata Inlet

- Hartley Bay

Kitkiata band - Hartley Bay -

(281)

292

(309)

Lost Upton's village

gitxä'ta

633 (633)

3. Kitkatla

G'ot/xä'ta
saltwater

now Kitkatla Band

613

large and important tribe

Village on Dolphin Island - territories west of Banks & Pitt I

Early history - Chief Shakes

wis'e'ks great Shakes

Kitlakatla

git/xäta
paper/saltwater

Kitkatla

maxta /kxä'ta
passage to saltwater

Metlakatla

Canyon Tribes

Ljoke Tamschans dialect
Walked overland to Nass

Near Terrace

13 Kitsumkalam Kitsamg, e'lem
upriver?

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106₁₀₅

14. Kitzelas g'utsola'sa Kitzelas Canyon
canyon

86

85

87

2 villages on both sides of river
Territories over near Kitimat

These went down to Port Essington - now split

1880's main port at mouth of Skeena
Cunningham, trader

These two tribes partly moved down
Five about 2 years ago Some still there.