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Tales on the Gitwiltksobe Tribe

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This tribe now extinct had a territory on the Skeena and it was a small river running into the Skeena River. The river and territory ~~is~~ ~~is~~ This was the common territory. Very little is known of them excepting that at one time when the royal laxskiook house of sqaqwet became extinct and only one man survived whom the people did not want as he was not wealthy or a good leader but half witted while the Git'ands people were thus divided a laxskiook man who was the father of miss kumiook of the Giludzan came over from among the Gitwiltksobe people to become a Git'and. He brought over a copper shield and put this on sqaqwet's body and announced he had come to stand in his brother's place. So that there must have been a royal laxskiook on the Gitwiltksobe tribe. This sqaqwet then assumed the name on the Git'ands at Ksto's and then when all were at the Nass river he announced that he was going to erect a Totem pole to commemorate his brother and invitations were sent to all the Tsimshyan and

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(Git'ands)

Totem
pole

gitxata and when they came to the village
of port Simpson. The gitxata people
who had been taunting the ~~gitwilksabe~~
people as to the origin of their gitwilksabe
chief, were called upon to erect the
pole. This is the present pole which stands
gamnagaigest. pole of sgaqwet. This pole
was carried by mistag nos. assisted by
gam'yarm of the git'ando. The man then
sgaqwet announced that he was a git'ando
and was of the same origin as the extinct
kinse of sgaqwet in this manner the kinse
kinse was perpetuated on the git'ando.
The last of the gitwilksabe died several
years ago. The reason that they became
so few in number was jealousy sprang
up about their women folks and
resulted in a war among themselves.
The survivors then went to their nearest
neighbor which was the git'andzaw.

git'ando

Port Simpson