

ATHAPASKAN

Next to us white men, the most recent arrivals in B.C.

Name: confounding Amer: Athapascan Athabascan
Can.: Athapaskan

also called Déné (Tinneh) "people"
as in Chilcotin - people

Total Population:
1835 - 8800 [4000 carriers]
1895 - 3700 recovered early - white man more of a blessing to them.
1963 - ~~6900~~ 7000+ [4000 carriers]
of Lemah: 8500 - 3500 6800
C. Sol 12000 - 4200 9000

Linguistic Relations.

Athapaskan }
Tlingit } Nadéné phylum centred in NW
Haide } N America
Eyak }

Athapaskan - most widespread family in N. America
Alaska to Hudson Bay
NW neighbours of Eskimo - Haida, Kutchin (Yukon R) - Chippewyan Hudsons Bay

Pacific { Oregon, Washington }
California - Nupa } 2 migrations began 13-8 cents ago
e. of Rockies → Navajo
Southwest Plains Navajo - Apache - 100,000 Navajo!!
Sarcu - Plains tribe w of " → Cal

Time depths: Whole stock 13 centuries (Nicola remnant)

Separation of southern groups: 7-8 cents.

Reconstruct great movements -

10 language groups in BC ^{subdivisions} (3 extinct)

1. Carrier
2. Chilcatin
3. Tahltan
4. (Tsetsant)
5. (Taku)

List and put on map.

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6. Kaska
 7. Sekani
 8. Beaver } same language
 9. Slave

10. (Nicola)

"NAHANNI." people over there (west) not the name of any one group

Physical Relations

lean, fine boned (stout bodies, heavy faces not found)
medium stature 5'5 - 5'7
heads & faces smaller - but still broad

Culture -

simple culture basically - Copycats -
tend to absorb, adopt cultures of dominant neighbors

transmission of language
copycats " culture

- : Saucel → Klans
- : Bulkley Carrier → Gitksan
- : Tahltan → Tlingit.

Basic culture: subarctic culture area

- social organization: small autonomous bands (no tribes)
- : each band owned territory
 - : no family territories
 - : chieftanship on character not inheritance
 - : no class divisions, no slaves

Applies to all
Arctic
Drainage

sparsely
wandering
population

- nomadic within band territory
- : no fixed dwellings, no villages
 - : shelters of brush, bark, skin
no pit houses

not fishermen (w/young) - hunted caribou marmot snowshoe
mtn goat

famines

Pacific Drainage sub-area - adopted coast traits

1. SALMON fishing main subsistence
2. NWC culture:
 - matrilineal descent
 - clans, crests, traditions, myths
 - potlatches
 - costumes
 - cremation "Carriers"
 - labor "Bobines"

CARRIER

Alexandria - Prince George - Smiths (Hazelton)

Name - Portance - from Sekini name - widows carried charred bones of husbands.
Takulli

Territories - { upper Dean R. footholds on Skeena & Fraser
eastern parts of Skeena system (Babine, Bulkley)
northern part of Fraser (all above Alexandria)
IN SALMON AREA ENTIRELY - FISH THE STAPLE FOOD.

Population - 1835 - (3800) 1915 - (1800) 1963 - (3939)⁴⁰⁰⁰
largest by far - about 1/2 total more than 1835

Culture: Absorbing Gitksan culture - MOST ALTERED..
transitions as you go west Acculturation

- 29 Totempoles: Burns Lake visible remainder
Fraser Lake
Merrittown
Hagwilget

- Clan system - matrilineal kin groups phratries
- phratries own territories
- rectangular lodges
- villages - at fishing places

Hagwilget just like another Gitksan tribe.

History - NWC forts 1805 McLeod 1806 St James, Fraser
NEW CALEDONIA
ABC. Longer contact than anywhere else in BC.

Catholics - Father Le Jecq 1869 -
Father Morice 1885 - 1904

Carriers "sub-tribes"

Lower Carrier	Algatcho	240	(Anahim)
Bella Coola Stick Indians	Kluakoten	65	
	Kozkoten	123	
	Talkoten	42	(Alexandria)

Upper Carrier	Tanoten	67	(St George)
<u>CHINLAC</u>	Tachick } Kulka } with	328	Stony Creek
<u>Suff</u>	<u>Chelatta</u>	98	
	Omanee (many)	133	
	Burns L	25	

<u>Necosliwatin</u>	Necosliwoten	418 437	(Ft St. James)
Tachiwoten	Tachiwoten (many groups)	500 520	Stuart Tremblers <u>Camp 24</u>
Natliwoten		221	Takla Lake
Maxime George	Ratliwoten	143	Forest
	Stellawoten	141	

Nataotin	{ Nataotin (Babine) Waterwoten (Bulky L.)	739 754	Babine Ft. Babine & Burns L.
"Babine"		464, Morocetown 493	wice'twatini
Witsiwoten wice'watini		170	Hazelget 169
<u>wice'twatini</u>			

progression - of adoption of NWC culture
 - of inc. density of population

2. CHILCOTIN

Do Lanier theories on these people

Name - "people of young man's river"? Chel/Ko/tin
river

Territories - upper Dean, Kluaklini, Homathko
- Chilcotin river drainage, above Hanceville
- recent to Fraser

Population 1835 - 1500? 1885 - 430 1963 - ¹²⁰⁰ 1129

Culture - see Lanier theories little affected by NWC
basically and primarily No. Athapascans

Borrowed more from Gnawep than coast: pit houses
basketry
Gnawep had more coast traits.

Recency: Culture like Sekani, Traditions of origin N & E,
Traditions of little ADNA, little coast culture, Pit houses
Blackwater → Dean for maritime fur trade
Dean → west after trade
Who was there before them? 3 or 4 centuries ago

Subdivisions - formerly many bands (nomadic bands)

Anaham	503	not at Anaham Lake (Algatcho)
Alexis Cr	261	
Kemuch	141	
Stone	140	
Joory (Kukii)	84	
	<u>1129</u>	