

nx5

1. nx5'a'lux

2 nx5 t/a'gwax



l'a'n

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1. tsag. awəxtə' : little beings with long noses, on pole (Bynon: resembles g. tsi's myth of tsag. awəxtə)

2. hanagam mədi'k woman grizzly

It was not originally their crest. It was acquired in recent times from the Inumshan who came here to trade. It was a mask, a naxnəq, and it was formally adopted by this house as a crest. It is shown on a pole now at Kespayaks, a sitting bear.

naxnəq adopted as a crest

3. ti'u'on : brant on top of same pole.

This is not their own crest, but was adopted from a naxnəq of kciməxshan, gitlaxda'iks, ganha'də (Russ). Informant doesn't see why they use it

Informant is a swal of this house, says they have no myth.

Isaac Ina (see origins of l'a'n & qε'l)

l'a'n

cuəns (qε'l)

1 pistə'i (grouse?)

1 mədi'gəm dzawə'aks

2 'next

3 lu'ayug

4. wi'le'lt on long snake pole at Kespis



qe'l

Jimmy Williams version, 1920.

One time a Tsumshian raiding party captured luxk'ist of the house of xk'adət. he'l of gitxa'ta redeemed him, under the mistaken impression that he was a direct nephew of gwiya mbə (who was a relative of he'l, having the same origin). luxk'ist "was really of the house of 'a'lsq who is of the house of l'a'n".

While with he'l at gitxa'ta, luxk'ist was holding a shield of he'l and it urinated on him. This placed he'l under obligation to luxk'ist, and he gave him one of his names qe'l and also a crest called lu'ayu'gx (shown on front of house of qe'l at Kispox, a many humans on top of each other, with large mouths. l'daox is known to gitxa'ta but not here). he'l took luxk'ist to Kitselas and gave him over to his brother chief ni'stax'k, who in turn took him back to Kispayaks.

When qe'l (now known as such) returned he went back into the house of l'a'n, and (about 4 generations ago) "he stood ~~up~~ out for himself" <sup>re-established himself over that house.</sup> usurping the rights of gwiya mbə. The house of gwiya mbə were going to recover their supremacy among the people when the law prohibited potlatches.

Regards qe'l as nephew and still actually in house of l'a'n although he assumed position of house of gwiya mbə.



l'a'n

Isaac Jens version, Hazelton, 1920

Controversy over name qε.l

qε.l (Then known as cu'ons - naxn>g - "blind") was always head chief of Kispayaks. He came from anlagas'asmdex near Kisqagas, leaving his close relative wigεt there. His crests were

1. medi'gam dzawε'aks
2. lu'ayu'g

One time nistax>'k and qε.l (a different qε.l) came to Kispayaks from Kitselas to trade, and stayed in the house of qε.l. (cu'ons), who gave a great potlatch.

nistax>'k took his red paint and painted the medi'gam dzawε'aks on the houseposts, which explains why they have this crest. qε.l bestowed his name on the house of cu'ons.

\* This house was connected with the house of l'a'n; he [l'a'n?] was the original head of this house. This name of cu'ons is still used by this house as a chief's name. Other chiefs in this house are xka'dot, kstiyag.ɔmci'mas, l'a'n, Su'ons, 'a'lux, nistax>'k. g.alha'iton is not of this house but of qisq.ag.as, but of the same family of Kisqagas. The present holder of the name lives at Kispayaks.

This house used to be the foremost house of Kispayaks.

[There were 2 houses]

1. l'a'n

dzok  
g.alhe'don  
msautks

2. Cu'ons

xkadot  
'alux  
kstiyag.ɔmci'mas

Both had same origin, from anlagas'asmdex, but <sup>diff myths</sup> and crests

Crest pistε'i (redmine)

Crests

1. medi'gam dzawεiks
2. 'next
3. lu'ayuq
4. wi'elt

At one time the house of l'a'n became extinct, and the



house of cu'ns split in two: \*ka'dət and ta'gwəx left and reestablished the old house of la'n and took the pistē'i crest as their own, renouncing the ones they had had before.

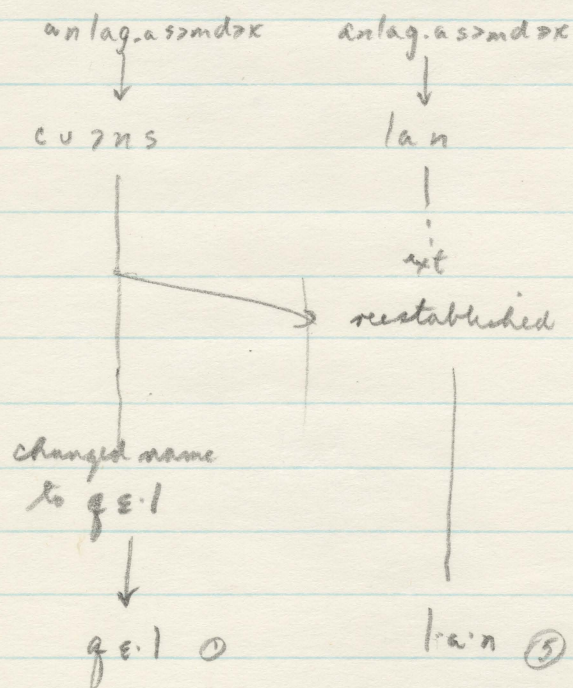
The 2nd house remained, consisting of cu'ns and 'alux, and they retained their crests.

They [two houses] used the names in common, interchangeably.

It was after this that cu'ns changed his name to qɛl.

Rank of q'isq.a'st houses at Kipayaks at that time:

1. cu'ns, qɛl, etc
2. qitludat
3. wəssmlaxɛ' (incl. nuxs) a sep. house
4. kwiyet
5. la'n
6. liləbəkəsu





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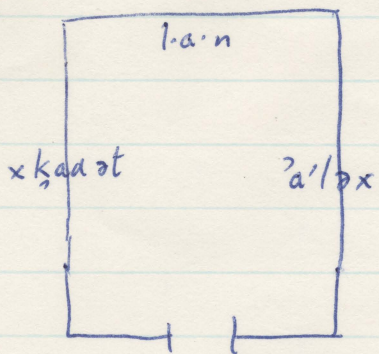
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Ancient Kispayaks group. No foreign relatives

Practically extinct. Names adopted by other families





lan includes xkadət and a'lux,  
use same names.