

qina'diks

haxnag.7m xs7. is a naxn7x

of hi·s wε'xs not a crest

Anaxn7x is never used as a crest.

In the societies people try to show
tricks belonging to the supernatural

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gina dsiks crests

Crests of ganhada house of tsitid'sx

origin of crests

See Handa Myths pp 189-190

g'na-diks
g. an-ha'ds

Origin of n-i-s-g.a-m gugune': t, g.an-ha'ds, g'na-d's'iks.
Told by Emma Musgrave to Rasmussen 1915.

At Kitimat a g.an-ha'ds woman named se-t married a lax-skik man, and they had 2 boys and a girl. One day the man beat his wife and that night she took her children and started into the hills to find the Stein River and join the Similkameen. After four days they came to a lake, where they saw a supernatural sea lion which emerged and then disappeared again. Later they saw a supernatural frog with abalone on its back and its feet, which also vanished. They came to the g'na-d's'iks village of lax'a'o's. The woman sang a dirge, the people came out and took her in, and she became a member of the house of g.ak t'g.a.m t kwa'.

The next year her eldest son gave a potlatch and adopted as crests the two things they had seen. These were

1. t i' b o n (sea lion) with the special name wilgaibon "where emerged", used painted on the housefront, on robes, and carved on top of poles.
2. g.a.n.a'om g.uspiste "fog of g.- lake", (same name).

He also took took the name given to him by his mother : gamgugunet "big dear man". He added the prefix ni-s to it, "the equivalent of the English Master", and started a house of his own.