

gitwintku'ul lineages

laxkibu'

Successor:-

1. wixε'ʷ, gwasta'ʷm
ʷandʷlaksəm tʷks

(gamgaxməlmux)

2. mali
ni:s tagano:s.

(ni:s tagano:s)

3. ha'idzəmxs
ligigalwi'l

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4. wilits
txawəq

(atsol'n)

laxse'ʷl

1. gamlaxye'ltku

(ta'mi)

2. luxə'n

(wudaxaye'ts ?)

3. wudaxaye'ts

4. kwinu

5. yaxyaq
daxəns

War with the Tsetsaut.

Told by somædi:k, Kitwanga, 1924.

luxo:n of gitwintku'l had been murdered by the Tsetsaut. Among his wives were a Kitwanga woman and a Kitegukla woman of the house of guxsa'n (or ksu', a great warrior). The Tsetsaut had taken many captives, who marked the trail of the retreating party by breaking branches and dropping leaves on the ground. So the gitksan warriors were able to follow the trail to the Tsetsaut village.

They surrounded the village, planning to attack before dawn. One of the gitwintkul warriors happened to break a branch, and the noise awoke qid:igle'in the Tsetsaut halait. The attack began immediately, the warriors having to cut through a net made of strips of beaver skin. They tore the bough roofs off the houses and the two head warriors of qitsoqu'kla and gitwög.ε stood at the doors to club the inmates as they came out. Many Tsetsaut were slaughtered. The Tsetsaut halait, though wounded, stabbed ksu' with his spear and escaped. The Kitwancool warriors wanted to kill ksu' rather than carry him home over the long trail, but his relatives would not permit it.

On the way home, ksu' asked for a drink of water made muddy from the mud of a beaver dam, and when he drank it, noises could be heard from his lungs like beavers swimming. The beaver was one of his "charms", and he knew that he would not die.

gitwəntkwɪlaxkɪbu

- Alexander Smith in 1924
- I ~~wixɛ~~ wixɛʔ
 II mali'c
 III andɔləmkɛm tɔxs (subdiv of I)
 IV haɪdzəmsu (assoc with II but of different origin)
 V wilits
 VI lɪg, g. alwi'ɪ (same house and grounds as IV)
 VII tɔxawɔq (same group as V)

laxseɪl

- I g. amlax'ye'lk
 II wudaxaye'ts
 III kwɪnu
 IV tɪg. e'wɔn (same as III)
 V tɔ'xənsu or yaxyaq
 VI lɔxɔ'n

gisg. ast

I yeɪl

In laxseɪl, II and III have same myth of origin and crest but different hunting territories. The flying frog is the only crest owned exclusively by wudaxaye'ts

1/21t, Kitwanga says there are 3 groups of laxkɪbu

1. wixɛ
2. mali
3. haɪdzəms