

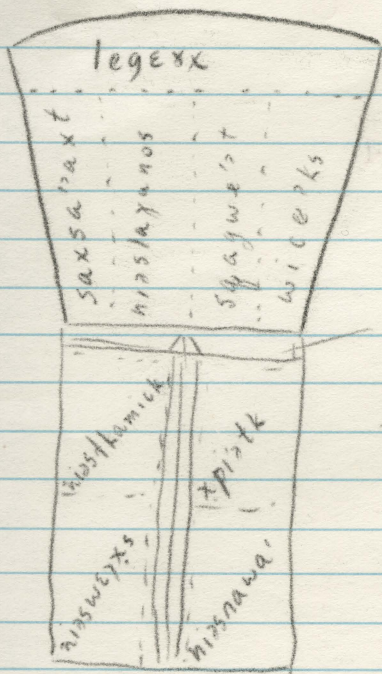
# Naming ceremony of chief - [Copper]

H. Wallace Ethnis file.

In (Wallace's) case, for his appointment as chief and taking the name of *nissya'axax'e't*; the chiefs of all the tribes here were assembled. In taking the name he held the copper in his arm, and the person who proclaimed the name announced that he was acknowledged as head chief. [copper - *haye'tsk*] and he handed it to *legeyx* (*gispa'lx'ls, gispaw* *ndwad>*) who was considered the first chief here, and then to *tsiebase'z* of the *gitxaxla*, and *alimlax'e'* or *wice'ek's* of the *gitna*, *xangi'ok*. It was handed around by the various chiefs but the ones named above in the order of their eminence as given there. As he was a *ganhada* and then it was handed over to other chief as to the other chiefs of the *ganhada*, they get nothing in the ceremony, but they help in the ceremony to collect all that will be distributed in the ceremony.

In the case of Wallace's death his successor will take this copper and divide it up into portions, and distribute the portions to the chiefs of all the other tribes, but of other crests, and it would be cut in pieces

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"Crest" goes to tsiebase'  
 it is the first portion of  
 the copper lifted up.

The distribution of the copper represents  
 the distribution of the bones of the deceased  
 chief.

This copper is haye'tskas niisyanane'ts  
 it was formerly known as  
 haye'tskas hal'ma's. It is a hereditary  
 copper.