

XIX House of laxaxliha'itk

(gispawudwa'da)

Men's names

- (1) laxaxliha'itk
laxaxliha'itkot natkutkot gex 'alaxgan
both sides on stands the offspring of raven on tree
"the offspring of raven stands on both sides of the tree"
- (2) gilasdaik a foreign name watsta?
- (3) giyo't ditto
- (4) dzεba'x

- (5) ksɔg,ɔmgade'
ksɔg,ɔmgadet natkutkot xskiɔk alaxgan
first sideways into the offspring of eagle on tree
"the offspring of eagle sits sideways on the tree at first"
- (6) ska'nxs - a naxn>x name

ska'nxsəm sit wihagwil'ɔ'ɔx
sores of feet large monster
"the large hagwil'ɔ'ɔx has sores on its feet"

The person representing this naxn>x would put on a costume of the water monster and would dance around, pretending to have sores and scabs in between its toes. It would "die" of this, then be restored to life by the halait.

- (7) dzε'ts a foreign name
- (8) galdzao
- (9) ligipaik ligipaikot natkutkot gex alaxga'n
on flies of the offspring of raven on tree
"the offspring of raven flies on the tree"

Boys names

- (1) gamayaim
gamhayemxt gex 'asila gex
only mocking of raven another raven
"the raven only mocks another raven"

Abstract of Narrative "The Flight from Alaska of Neeskahlot"
 Bygnon 1916 Leo McCandley & Mary ataxsgexs.

The laxkibu, with niasgato't chief, lived with gankadas at head of Stikine R. laxkibu were richest in furs and owned salmon river, traded salmon to gankadas & laxskiks (who lived further upriver.) Others jealous, raided nees' traps (pitfalls). Caught a laxskik at it. This was a trap by laxskik and gankada to provoke laxkibus into a war. While laxgibu fought laxskiks, gankadas razed their village. laxkibu fled downriver. Came to glacier under which the river flowed. Some went overland to head of Nass, some north. niasgato't and his group went under ice, lived below it a while. Then lived at laxse'ala (Cape Fox), then joined gitsis at lax'nesis on Work's Canal. Some stayed with gitsis. Rest went to gitxata. tsibesa took them in but they had no wealth so didn't become chiefs.

After a long while tebaksk came from gitsis, and since niasgato't almost extinct, took over. He had been the branch that had stayed with gitsis, and was having trouble with them over fish traps, so when his grandfather niasgato't heard of it he went to k'ton and brought him back and made him head of the house.

Abstr. Narrative An Old laxkibu house at gitxata. Bygnon 1916 same informant.

Confirms above exactly but adds some details. When tebaksk came, there was another laxkibu house at amalgamated with (niasgato't) which has become extinct. There had been no laxkibu before it came. tebaksk had stopped at k'ton and amalgamated with wasagalien laxkibu, gitsis. Then trouble over fishtrap, tebaksk left and amalg with near-extinct niasgato't and took leadership.