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Jaxski-k

Names

Crests, poles

Oregon myth

Relatives



te'walasu

(laxskik)

## Men

1. te'walasu
2. tigwundza'uxs  
    'axtigwundzaust g.ana'oo  
    never killed the frog
3. laksi'wəlwε'tix "stranger", naxnɔŋ name ✓
4. kwalax'me'lix "constantly dancing", naxnɔŋ ✓
5. hayetsg.an "striking stick", a naxnɔŋ. The  
    performer, masked, had a staff which telescoped  
    into itself, with which he struck each chief in  
    turn.
6. pε'iku (boys name?)  
    menkuxsum gipe'uk + pistε'i  
    upwards cannot fly the grouse
7. lutxal'ɔ'lxsu "in against floats" (the frog)
8. sada.g.asu "to make bad", a naxnɔŋ name ✓

## Boys

1. tε'qt, or 'atmatxəmpɛŋ  
    'a xmatxəmpɛ'qt + g.ana'oo  
    constantly changing its pɛŋ the frog  
    [photography  
    creek]
2. uksla'ux "out from shore, trout" (the frog)  
    The frog swims out in the water like a trout



3. sq a'n>' "across dead" (the frog)

4 kuswa'aks

5 wuda x'ai wexs

Women and tools - same names as sqayen.

1.



Oregon  
Crests.

te'walasu

(taxskik)

Senedik:  
Oregon This is the same family as gog, separated from  
gog's house when they came here. They were only  
one house at to'odzop.

Maggie Wells agrees.

Crests:

Maggie Wells:  
1924

1. g.a.nis dog salmon on pole
2. tsont'ik squirrel " "
3. Other crests of house of egayen.

Poles:

1. g.a.nis dog salmon pole
  - (a) Tail up salmon
  - (b) get.

Erected for te'walasu, uncle of the one preceding present one.

2. Squirrel on top

~~set~~ sposemi

Erected 20 yrs ago. Carver gwimhu kitwanesh.

Crests

Senedik  
1923

They have 2 totem poles, one of the oldest ones here.

1. (a) Squirrel tsont'ik on top, with tail
- (b) sesusumsk'ek small eagle. It is also used on the ends of the rafters house beams (outside) as

xsk'eg'am g.alp g.a.n. (eagle under roof planks?)

Name gani's  
still standing

2. a. g.a'nis dog salmon
- b. get - man called spose'mi (bear hole), <sup>carved</sup> with a hole in his belly.
- c. Man in the mouth of the salmon



Poles of tewalesu :

Sumedik 1923

1. g a n i s dogsalmon pole (standing)

1. g'et holding spear (top)

2. g. a n i s salmon

3. sta'get split person

4 g. a n i s

5. sta'get (bottom)

Carver? Age - carved when informant young, very small.

Commemorates tewalesu.

2. ~~ts~~ ka'nid et tsantik (name of pole)  
on top sits squirrel.

1. tsantik squirrel on top

2. Human with head in hands

°a'tku (master) in hands.

3. x s k e g o m g a l p g a n "small eagle of pole"

4 g. a m a t s - starfish (The carver was related paternally to this house and he carved his crest on pole)

sta'get Human figure at bottom of pole with g. a m a t s on hands.

Age - 16 yrs ago ~~at~~ same age or older than informant's pole



Tradition of tsantik crest (squirrel), house of  
te'walasu, laxskik, gitwang.ε'.

Semedak, 1923.

Some people had a fish weir (t'in) and smoke  
house ~~near~~ at laxkungs.εx near gitlaxdamks  
on the Nass. ~~Some~~ <sup>a</sup> big <sup>white</sup> squirrels "just the size of  
bears" ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> seen running across the weir. Frightened,  
the people left the camp. Two women,  
kstiyoq.əm wə' and lu.sag.ε'tuxs came to  
gitang.εt. <sup>along Lone Creek.</sup> One of them brought the haladamskε'k  
"hat of eagle". Both had children here.

kstyoqung.εt

Later, they heard that all of their people on  
the Nass had been destroyed by plague, and they  
went back to gitlaxdamks and raised large  
families there to fill the places of those who had  
died.

These women had been laxskik on the Nass, and  
they were adopted into the laxskik at gitang.εt.  
That is why we use the squirrel crest.