

# General comments on Gaspeewudwade

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gispaɔts  
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: In older times waxa'i (a laxmən gasp) used to be the head chief of the gispaɔts, at Metlakata, on the island of laxk'ts'a'mət near Metlakatla... (2) his brother a'äyε'ox in the same house; (3) lε'et (4) 'nias xoxo'n

boys: 1. li'gwε' (2) naɔwitsi'εt (3) gäspehe'itk (4) gabəkət kəm st's'ot abbr. st's'ot (5) dzot  
ladies: bεlhe' (2) lε'ä daks (3) bεlha'tk

girls: 1. ginaxpö/ha'tk

Before waxa'i was head chief, lε'et was head chief of the tribe and of this house. This happened on the same island. <sup>In old times waxa'i was head of the gaspaɔts. He was the one who started the gispaɔts tribe. This house has all died out, no one represents it, they disappeared before coming to Port Simpson.</sup>

: The gitksədz were people of the Nass. They were not called gitlaxmən. They have a story of their own. The gitksədz houses:

- (1) wiget (gives names)
- (2) sukalaε'it

They are not gitlaxmən. They are different from gitəm lax'am.

The gitna'gun'aks are a gitlaxmən people. (a common word to mean people of the salt water) 5 houses trace ancestry from ~~the~~ naɔnaks:

- (1) t'amaks
- (2) tsayam sε'isk
- (3) niasna'tsk
- (4) sugūne'ot
- (5) a'ti'daks
- (6) nias'əmaxε' }
- (7) wu'tsint }

all gispaɔts.

This is about all of those that came from naɔnaks here. Some other people here claim that they came from naɔnaks, but they really come from gidstsu, that is a place near naɔnaks. Matthew Johnson lε'as

lɛ'ns, is head of a house (gɛpaxlɔts, gɛsp); he claims that he comes from gitnagilha'oli; this is one of the gidɔtsu villages; but this is altogether different from the naganaks people.

We would call this branch of gɛspɔwɔwada ... the gitnagilha'oli branch;

(1) lɛ'ns

(2) gɛwityuhɔ'ɔsk (gɛpaxlɔts) also tracing its ancestry to the same place

(3) Many of the gitxa'ta trace their ancestry back to same places. ...

The gitnaganaks and gitnagilha'oli are both gitlaxmɔn groups

The gɛspɔwɔwada came from

(1) t'ɔmlax'am

(2) ksɔdzɔ'

(3) 'naganaks

(4) gitgilha'oli group

gitsg'a'hɛs is the Lushan word for gɛspɔwɔwada.