

Narda Villages

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Population "about 800" p 12

Nyda Villages pp 22-24 "seven inhabited, and fifteen deserted villages" (22)

\* inhabited 1884]

1. Kak-oh in ruins 6 h. 10 poles s. ch. Parry Pass. (p 22)  
Yakh p 75 Yakh p 76

2. Ki-oo5-ta in ruins 15 h. 18 poles s. ch. Parry Pass (p. 22)  
1, 2 "near each other on the south shore of the passage" p 45

3. Tadense 6 sm. h., 1 pole still occ in summer s. end North Is. opp Lucy Is. (p 22)  
[I suspect by Karganis]

4. Yatze 3 h. 1 pole rocky exposed shore just e. of Klas - Kwun Pt.  
Occasional stopping place. Its builders formerly occ. deserted Kung (p 23)  
Yat-za Village - the most rocky and difficult landing of any Indian village on the island p 45  
"It is now only the occasional stopping place of parties of Indians en route to and from the west coast.  
Its builders formerly occupied deserted Kung --- p 23.

5. Kung w. shore, at ent. Naden Hbr. 15 houses, all in ruins exc 2, 20 poles  
(p 23) abandoned (p 46) small creek about 1/2 mi e. of village.  
- spent night in one of the three habitable houses - -  
p 75

6. Yan, abandoned, 20 h. 25 poles. on w. side (p 23)

\* 7. Utte-was - now Mascett - principal village of the <sup>Nyda</sup> ~~Narda~~ nation, about 350  
40 occ. houses, 50 carved poles, and the ruins of many ancient lodges.  
HBC have had Trading Post since 1855, Mr Alex. McKenzie having been their  
agent for the last 6 years. 1877 Episcopal C of E Mission. Now Rev Chas  
Harrison & wife

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Eighty houses, great and small... The house of Chief Weeah is fifty-five feet square...  
now 350 "the remnants of a once numerous people, the houses in ruins here having  
accommodated several times that number" ... the best canoe makers on the continent

This is the abode of the aristocracy of Hyda land - of Head Chief Edensaw, and of Weeah, Stilla, Kinaskelaw, Kiltsoya, Spencer and Cootay . . . . Chief Edensaw and most of his people were away at North Island and other points hunting for seal . . .  
went from Edensaw, chief and ranking chief of the Hyda nation . . . about 75 . . . he saved crew of Susan Sturges

8. Ka-Yung, about a mile below Messett . . . only the ruins of a few houses and carved poles. (p. 73)

p. 23 9. . . at the mouth of the Hiellen, where there was formerly a considerable village. (only the ruins of a few houses and carved poles).

11. . . A still larger one is said to have stood at the base of Rose Spit Pt. called by the Indians Ne-coon . . .

12. . . and another between this point and Cape Ball . . . the remains of which may still be seen. (p. 23) [Cathlamet]

\* 13 Skidegate, an imposing village, 30 h. 55 carved poles  
Methodist Mission, Church, and School  
Dare Island - once a fortified stronghold of the Skidegate tribe" p. 53  
30 houses, 100 people (p. 60) Skidegate Oil Co, . . . gives employment to Indians from all parts of the island. On Sterling Bay, about 30 mi from Skidegate  
Nin-Ging-Wash, 65, ranking chief - Skidegate, his cousin. Dr Modests of Kold Hr p. 70-71

\* 14 Gold Harbour, on David Island 108 people . . . removed from  
Kold Hr, on the west coast, a few years ago. 13 h. 18 poles. (p. 23)  
[he means Kamin people]

- \* 15. Cumshewa 60 people, 18 h. 25 poles. (p 23)
- \* 16. Skedance only 12 people, but 25 h. 30 poles (p 24)
- \* 17. Tanoo, or Laskeek "second in population to Massett" 150 natives,  
20 h. 25 poles. (p 24)
- \* 18. Ninstant 30 inhabitants, 20 h., 25 carved poles, and  
20 burial columns. (p 24)

There are five other villages on the west coast of the islands, all abandoned, and most of them in ruins. (p 24)

19. Tasso on Tanoo Hbr (24)

20. Gold Harbour, between Gold Hbr and Skedgate Channel (p 24)  
Kisson, abandoned. (p 36)

21. Chathl, on Canal Passage near its western entrance  
abandoned.

21. Lenna-how on Graham Is. opp. Nests Is. (p 24)  
in Skalwo Inlet. Proceeding n.w. part the island will of Lenna-how  
and around Skoot-koon Pt., ... p 41

e. side Nests Is.  
'formerly occupied by  
Indian lodges' p 41

22. Tiahn on Tiahn Cove, between Stowe Hbr and Frederick Is.  
"The old abandoned village of Tiahn is situated facing the south,  
with a sandy beach fronting on the second indentation north of Stowe  
Harbour." p 42

23. Susk, on Graham opp Frederick.  
"The site of the deserted village of Susk is seen on the south side of  
a small bay to the s.e. of Frederick Is."