

gitwinksitk<sup>u</sup>

List of villages through time:

1. laxksel'u<sup>u</sup>x      The Chiefs who lived there were:  
    gwixma'u<sup>u</sup>      (laxskik)  
    txaxyé'aks  
    n'éwis  
    wigedəmsk<sub>2</sub>ε·k  
    paxk<sub>2</sub>ap

After many years they moved to

2. laxsakutk<sub>2</sub>ist      then  
3. ta'ɔ'dzəp      a fortress of rock, on which stood 5 houses  
    Then moved downriver, to opposite side:  
4. laxluske'dzət      a part of the land there is called  
    laxkwunpste'<sup>u</sup>i      They stayed there 3 yrs, then  
5. gitwinksitk<sup>u</sup>      site of the present village. They  
    increased in numbers, more chiefs [were added]:  
    agwila<sub>2</sub>xε  
    kwe<sub>2</sub>n<sup>d</sup>ɔ's  
    tsənhot  
    kwenlaxno<sub>2</sub>t  
    txaxε'xs

About 40 years ago the village burnt down during the summer when everyone was away. They rebuilt at

6. gwu'ma'he      a little below, on the opposite side of  
    the river. They lived there about 4 yrs, then moved  
    to another place, not very far above, called  
7. tak<sup>u</sup>t'ya'ns      They built a nice village there and  
    on the leaf      lived there about 4 yrs, then it  
    was washed out by a flood [same one damaged Aryanah]  
    They were unsettled for a year, then decided to go back to  
    gitwinksitk<sup>u</sup>. Many of the people had scattered after  
    the fire - they were now only a few. The only ones left  
    there now are Paul dzalu, Johnny oye' (mɔ.)  
    and Eli adzəx and their families. That is the complete  
    list

Totem Poles of gitwinksitk<sup>n</sup>

1. Pole of gwanos and wilaxe (gisgast)

Bottom 1. medigam dza wey aks

2. ?

3. tsgs (sun)

4. negut ligina'ts one legged being

5. 'ne.xt

6. niganski over the top lies

Box repr  
maxe. rainbow

30-35 yrs old sun. former gwanaks

2. Poles of axtimanadza (taxkibu) at Ewunaha

1. spasma'x

The being in the circle is bear.

Over the bear is tena'utn personified bear

NY

Carved by wicks 36 yrs ago

2 ksedaphitk<sup>n</sup> "half protruding" box on top  
Carved by Brian Peck.

3. Beaver Pole of Ewunaha, of gitse'een (taxstik)

called gamnag.ε'ig.ε remnants of gnawing

gitse'een is of family of na'us, independent  
of gwixmaux.

Henry Adzeke to Bynon 1929.

Re. 2 (1) above. His Fa's pole. He paid all funeral expenses, so he now.  
spasma'x (name of pole) Name of bearcult whole ciphawatk  
yet taxoo  
2 figs with arms entwined galksagalgalg.ox through pack on back  
Fig on top g.an'odzonax shadow. then wolf, then hunter who killed bear

Re 1 above Pole of wilaxe, gisgast. name: niganski  
18 yrs old.

Mercer 1916

gitwinksi'tk Territories

Villages:

1. g. alä'ant g. altsa'p "the back of the town" The pre-volcano village, on a former lake. From here they moved to
2. cauxtki's to
3. laxta'>'t'sap "on high rocky islands" to
4. gitwinksi'tk 127 which burned, to
5. laut'yans "on leaf"

Territories:

1. Common. Fishing and berries
2. tsobase' and wilaxe'
3. gitse'q incl. canyon and tso'ltsap R
4. laxtiyoqt fished canyon, hunting, coabapples.

kuxma'ux used common grounds.

## Informants

William Foster (gwix ma'ʷo, laxskik)

1. g. audix ʷambu'k first, very young
2. tsətagi'xt boy
3. ala'utkʷ quite a lad
4. gwix ma'ʷo When his uncle died he gave a yak  
and became his successor

Fa: g. amsg.ale' (laxkibu), son of nawʷs (laxskik)

Mo: x tsʷbɔle't (laxskik)

Goody (Barton)  
~~Goody~~, 1927  
(Barton)

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All extinct now

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(laxskik) 'am tam'ən chief of house  
tsinsho't

gisgast group

wice'ks  
kwa'nos  
g.amqil'se'i

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laxlu'ks - another group of laxskik  
in bundle of 20 dried fish  
so they described themselves, as numerous

gwixma'ux  
agwilaxε another house  
'wi'nəg  
dzalul

gana'də group

no group name. Numerous in Uat house

la'dəx

laxkibu group

paxka'p  
'oye  
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la'gε  
kwε'ε  
qalu'

laxkibum laxtiyo'x enforcement was of that group himself

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of laxkibu at gitwinksitk. All the laxkibu.  
{ Cohoes, dogs, humps, <sup>white</sup> springs (no rocks) before eruption  
{ Cohoes, punks only, after eruption

Origin of name gitwinksitk:

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other fierce little animals, and the stench was very  
strong. After the eruption the course of the river  
was changed, and washed the lake out of existence  
(Village formed there after eruption). Lizards never used  
as crest.

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a piece of granite rock in its back and watching  
it try to swim, making fun of it. When they  
went to sleep they were awakened by a rumbling  
noise and heard the ground shaking. They saw flames  
from the vicinity of siaks, as of a house burning.  
The flames rolled towards them. They ran, many  
up to the sitk' lake as it was a high place.  
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house, and they forgot to tell her. The whole  
village burnt. The flames <sup>and fire</sup> came down to a place  
, a xpsmaxnsg, named kwax pa'ngwag. The  
lava flowed in huge currents. The water had now  
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showing it was still unsafe. After many days  
the fire subsided, but the lava was still too hot to  
walk on. When it cooled, they walked on it. They  
wondered what had become of the young woman in  
seclusion, and found the house still standing  
except for 2 side walls. They could see the woman

Eruption

Woman turned  
to stone

still sitting, with a head covering coming down to her shoulders like a comb. She still retained the same features, (and so) still to be seen, 2 or 3 miles from the bank, at the canyon. There is a fish trap there, also turned to stone.

Mentions a

"Fishing station and fruit ground of all the laxkibu group of wison and kwe"

[He regards laxtiyq and incl. wison as laxkibu]

laxkibu laxtiyq

Moody (withson)  
 Barton, 1927  
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kwε'

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