

no sign, she returned slowly to the Eagle village. The laxski.k planned their attack carefully. They loaded their families and belongings in canoes ready for flight, then attacked and burned the Wolf village, and got away almost unscathed. They headed south-east, where they had heard there was a great and bounteous river.

Needing rest, they went into a sheltered bay and anchored. For an anchor they used the ~~larger~~ of two stone eagles they had brought from na'a. At daybreak they saw pursuing laxkibu and g.anha'də canoes approaching, and in their haste to escape they cut the anchor line and lost the eagles. Once more they escaped. The next night ~~also~~ they slept in their canoes, this time using "coppers" for ^{an} anchors. Again they awoke to find pursuers near, and lost their anchor in escaping. Finally they came to a large river, klu'sams (Nass). ni-swa'amak decided to go on to the Skeena, but a group led by man'e'ask and saga'wan left them and went up the Nass.

On a sandbar, ni-swa'amak and his party saw a huge whale-like monster with human faces on its fins, and heard a voice singing a dirge. ni-swa'amak announced he would take it as his crest, the loq.əm qibalk' (rotten qibalk'), and it disappeared in the sand. A short distance farther, they stopped to fish for halibut, and a monster halibut with human beings on its back, tail, and tips grasped the hook (not hooked). ni-swa'amak announced that he would take this too, as a crest, the naxnəq.əm t'xa'o.

They came to the qispaxlɔ'ts village on the Skeena, where lɛ'ət (qispawudwa'də) was

chief. Here they stayed, and before long ni-swa'amak assumed the chieftainship in his place. One of his brothers, gutxe'x moved to the neighbouring tribe, the gitands', on the invitation of the chief ge'tuk, who had married gutxe'x's sister. He soon was head chief.

→ A nephew of ni-swa'amak named lutkutsemti joined the gitxa'ta

The Eagles were great warriors and hunters, and their influence spread. They gained control of the trade with the people of the upper Skeena, and built their (gispa'x'ets) village on the Skeena at the mouth of the ksamg'ot river to show their control of the river. Once when ni-swa'amak was at Hazelgate trading, a ~~Kitimat~~ gitama't war party raided his village, and one of his ~~or~~ neeces was among the captives. She became the wife of the Kitimat chief, then was again captured by a watste party and became the watste chief's wife. She bore him two sons. The elder grew up to be superior in strength and skill to his playmates, who began to taunt him for his unknown origin. He was named lege'x.

His mother approached the chief her husband and asked if she could take her sons back to their own tribe. The chief (ham't's'i't) agreed, but first he trained his sons and assembled much wealth for them to take with them. Finally they ~~at~~ reached Metlakatla and went to ni-swa'amak, who recognized his niece both'e'm ne'ox (Abalone Fins). He took his "nephew" lege'x as his successor. When lege'x finally succeeded ni-swa'amak, he retained his watste name, and being a warlike leader, he soon became head chief of all the Isimshian.

gispa^xl^ots

Beynon 1927
Chas Abbot, house of tanks.

Narr: Migrating South from Larhsail

The gispa^xl^ots at one time had as their royal house
wa x a i t ^{gispa?} (now extinct), and on the Shena the original
gispa^xl^ots were

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|----------------------|-------|----------------|--------|
| 1 suhalait | gispa | 2 wiget | gap |
| 3 niast ^o | gan | 4 niastmesgaos | gan |
| 5 seqipaik | gan | 6 gamayaim | gispa. |

These formed the original gispa^xl^ots, there were no laxki^{bu} or laxki^{ka}

In flight from la x se'el^o came the laxski^{ok}

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| 1 niastwa mak | } royal | |
| 2 xpilak | | lakak.get. |
| 3 xiyop | 5 sp ^o x s | 7 linese'nxs |
| 4 niast'awelp | 6 gaweie | 8 niastmootk |

On the way they saw the carcass of a monster bird and
called it gibalk (crest)

After the laxski^{ok} left, the laxki^{bu} fought among
themselves and some fled. They came on the same carcass
now rotten and took the crest log'gibalk. From among
these who had gone to the nose came 2 to gispa^xl^ots

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| 1 xnes | Crests: 1 log'gibalk |
| 2 dzikshaotks | 2 gasg ^o 's |
| | 3 gibeo |
| | 4 semi brown bear. |

The royal house of logex was a later addition to the
gispa^xl^ots, coming from the watste village of gitaoye.
There the supremacy of this royal house was challenged in a
feast, they were defeated and split up and fled, to wigimo,
other watste village, and gispa^xl^ots. Here they were known as
gitdzox people/shame. "Shame people". They were accepted as of
royal rank, intermarried, became prosperous through war, and
became the Eagle leaders. The laxse'el^o group were known
as gunho.t; the watste group as gitdzox

The gunho.t group are still represented in the
gispa^xl^ots in the house of gasexs who is the present
gunho.t chief.

Putingquacks
also came later

Clah 1915 (Byron)

Narr

Origin of Legyaesh

A Kitimat man crossed to the Skena and came to Metlakatla, married a ^{qispaxl^ots} woman and took her back to Kitimat. They had children and moved to Bella Bella. Learning of their northern relatives, the children returned to Metlakatla. The eldest was legex "Stone Cliff", and he became qispaxl^ots chief.

Louis Grey says legex is a Kitimat term meaning "go back"

Louis Grey's version:

While the people were living at Tamlaham a group of qispaxl^ots hunters pursued a white bear a long distance and found they were near the Kitimat village. A sayal laxskik woman (house of nisswa'mak) married and settled here. One day one of her sons was gambling and winning, and was called an intruder "We will call you legex [go back]. He did go back to the land of his uncles and assumed the name legex (it was common to assume a name given in ridicule, thereby cleansing it of ridicule and spiting those who gave it to you). He later became chief of qispaxl^ots.