

Gitwilgots

Story of move to saltwater by Tsimshian
driving out Thaget

Chief Kelly's was
borrowed 1960

and Kagajagix occupied by the Gitwilgots.

THE ALASK PEOPLE

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The people who now living in Alaska known as Laxsala tribe who formely located their village at the present site of Maxlthaltha B.C. The ^{Gitwilgots} Gewilkoots tribe leaded by a man known as Axka battle with them and defeated the Laxsala and were driven off from their land. This tribe was moved farther north as far as Gdune now (Work canal) and settled down here with in a few years. The ^{"outlaws"} Wajinanga of the Getcheese tribe was their neighbor village and the people of Lasala have not speak the same language as the Tsimshians. Within a few years passed the Wajinanga people gain to speak their language and understand each other.

In the mean time, Disputes arose between Getcheese tribe and Laxsala tribe regarding hunting and fishing ground and soon grew into open battle with them. The Laxsala tribe were defeated by Getcheese tribe, and this tribe was move farther north as far as Gjimateen which also belong to them. By this time the whole Gdane (Work Canal) passed into the hands of the Getcheese tribe. There is no land on the salt water coast which was claimed by the Tsimshians without battle.

THE GETWILKOOT'S TRIBE'S DRIVEN OFF THE LAXSALA
AND TAKE ITS PLACE

After the Getwilkoote had driven off the Laxsala from their village which was located at the present site of Maxlthxaltha. The Getwilkoote tribe had build their village on the same spot where the abandoned village of Laxsala was, and called it Laxaddabees which mean (On Beautiful) Maxlthigaxltha is not the name of any village that was located on both sides of this passage, but this name was given to the whole passage which mean (Salt Water passage) Laxaddibeas is the real name of the present site of Maxlthigaxltha, which was given by the Kilwillgoote tribe While Maxlthigaxltha is the real name of this salt water passage. This is the first village known as Laxaddabees was build here by this tribe who was succeeded in capturing this place:

When their neighboring tribes who had lived along the banks of Skeena River heard that the Getwilkoote had occupied this place. This fame induced them to go and look over the land suitable for location. Some of these tribes set out at once to seek a new place where to located another village and arrived at this place, and chose a good land for their village site. Many other tribes followed, and made other settlements along both sides of Maxlthigaxltha passage. Each tribe took possession of that land out side their village site where to hunting and fishing. For these people lived mainly by hunting and fishing, and roamed in their owl selected terretory from place to place in search of game. By this time. All these tribes who formely living in Skeena River now had permanent homes and living in

large villages. Houses have been build in every village,
each sheltering many families.

By this time. Each tribe has two villages, one at
Maxlthigxalthe and another one up in Skeena River.