

TSIMSHIAN

~~3 sessions:~~ 1. General
2. Kibancool
3. Caribbean *informal*

Reading: Garfield: Chs. 1-3

Drooker : 1965 ch 6 The Opulent Transients

We have dealt with aesthetic, tragic Hard; now
opulent Tsimshian
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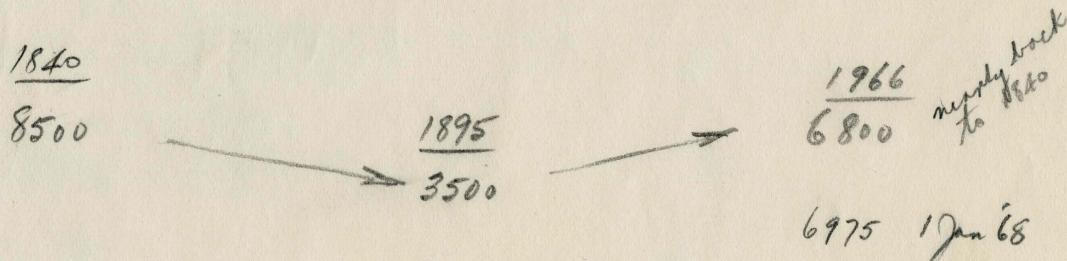
Duff : Kitwancool. ^{vocative?}

Name: čəm | sɪɛ̃n
meade ks | ɪɛ̃n
mer mets
skuna tsəm |
 ksiān
 skuna

3 territorial & dialect divisions	(see linguistic map)	explain Tsetsaut Na'55' Skuna P.
long { a. Tsimshian	- 70 m. Skeena to Kitimat	
	- coast outside Kitimat to Metlakatla Sh	<u>14 tribes</u>
long { b. Nisga (Nisga) - lower Nass & Portlina Canal		<u>4 tribes</u>
long { c. Kitksan ^{g, t / ksan} _{Skuna}	Upper Skeena & Nass	<u>7 tribes</u>

NASS negotiations

Population - a different picture from Hada



Relationships:

- Physical No NWC (Ath. admixture)

- Linguistic - unrelated to neighbours
not much borrowing Chimmesyan stock

Tsim. }
Chinook } 44c. }
} PENUTIAN 90-100c

Proto-Tsimshian speakers and Oregon - moved north
split from Chinook - Sahelian similarities - to
Skuna & down to coast.

In culture - no trace } example of linguistic
Physical type - " " } due to prehistory

- Culture - typical Northern Province, but some features
deserve special mention:

1. Seasonal migrations to Nass = canoes
= green trails
= other tribes

2. Clearcut Tribal organization
had tribes as political units

3. Clearcut social class system

sangiget

tsakiget

wa'ain

titlingit

"Chiefs" "Loyal" class only Tsimshian proper-
"Nobility" headmen they assumed others
"Commoners" freemen had it too.

Slaves. Slaves

leave
out
now

NISKA [not covered]

- Name - call themselves Nisga
 - Haisla, Th. call them Nasska Nase "great food depot"
 Great artists, totem carvers.

Territories

- lower $\frac{1}{3}$ of Nass River
- Portland Canal, Alice Arm (even on Alaska side)
- part time owners of Eulachon fishery

Pop.

2000 → $\frac{1910}{800}$ → $\frac{1965}{2060}$ 2138 1 Jan '68

Tribe

4 tribes -

History is complex, when missions came

Present

Now 4 villages - Kincolith 678 $\frac{1}{2}$ thrd

2 Greenville 551

3 Canyon City 16 - on lava -

4 Aiyanech 620 git/tax/da'mks
people on sponge

- isolated Indian communities

- population 800 → 2000 in 50 yrs (will double again)
what to do about these people on wrong places?

- Land Question leaders

Nisga Petition 1913

Ottawa 1915, 1916

Nisga Tribal Council 1955 - now

Frank Calder.

Goksan Maps

1. Sunshian name

2. divisions
population

3 Relationships

Social Organiza^z

house - matri^{ly}
lineage }
phratry } beyond village

Krafolks
relatives
beyond village

Social Units
(Kinship Units)
matrilineal
exogamous

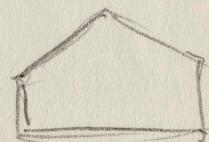
KitKsan =

Kitwancoot -

- house
- lineage (F_1 & F_2)
- phratry (Wolf & Frog)

} matril exog

house



the family that own the
house

men
brothers

(wife)
(sons
children)

nephews
bro-s-sos

and their
wives & small
children

Ergmyx

Moved next Monday 17th

Reference reading: Donder 1965 Ch. 6 ^{The Opulent}
Tsimshian
 Duff. Ch. 1. ~~last~~ pp. 16-17 and Tab 2.

We did ethnic & tragic Haida, now the Opulent Tsimshian

<u>Name</u>	com/sie'n coast	ksien ocean/mists	not 'people'
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Dwelling (territory & dialect)

- a. Tsimshian ^{Skuna 70 mi to Kitselas Canyon}
^{Coast south to Mulgrave Isd., outside Kitamaat} 14 tribes
- b. Nuxalk - Lower Nass and Portland Canal 4 tribes
- c. Gitksans - Upper Skuna, cutting across upper Nass 7 tribes

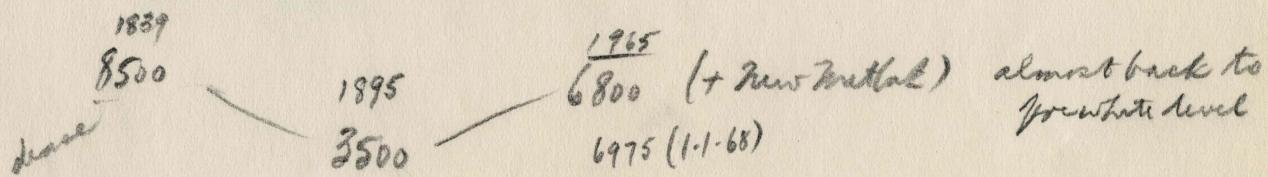
Neighbours (and influences)

Haida trade, war

Thlinget

No. Kwak shamanism

Alsekarians - Carver & Tsetsaut

Population - a different picture from HaidaRelationships - Physical No. 2MC (Ataypn adventure)

Linguistics - unrelated to neighbors Chumashyan stock

(and what art means) Tsim Chilkat } 44c } Penutian 90c

Culture - typical Northern Province of RWT.

1 - Seasonal migrations to Nass some features deserve special mention

2 - 'Imbal' organization clearest (25 tribes) most highly developed social & political structure on coast.
matrilineal line groups 'house' more 'house of' -
fractions - houses
^{pop} potlatches.

cf Haida

(houses)

(phratry) (4)

Eagle
Wolf
Raven - Frog

Esquimaltada (Salish).

clearest local units 'tribes' (^{local} territorial substructure) political units

- a number (1-4 dozen) of 'houses'
- shared winter village
- named Git - (people — place)
- social structure - ranked houses
 - layout of village
- tribal chief & some tribal lands.

3 - Social class system clearest

'Royal' class of 'chiefs'

Only Tsimshian proper
(and they acquired others
did too)

(nobility) -

(Commoners)

slaves

Relationships - myth of Polynesian origin etc

Physical type - Northern NW type

Language - Haida
Tlingit
Eyak
Athapaskan } Native 90c time depth
71
Eyak } 50c
Ath } 90c

Culture - Northern prov. NW.

: economy fishing hunting gathering
trade

: technology built on coast

canoe - (industry) boxes, dishes, etc
house -

totem poles -

art - like an ancient "civilization"
not for export

argillite 1820 on

Edenshaw AEE 1815-94
CE 1839-1924

[Northern Graphic
Style]

Haida

Social Organization (population 4-5 times present)

{ Contingency
Kinship

Basic - not political - can't subdivide into "tribes"

- Kinship - the basis

family tie - units: lineage extended to moieties - Eagles
Clans

Matrilineal descent and inheritance Exogamy

boy born into mother's lineage. At 10 moved to uncle's house
girl at marriage moved to husband's

descent: man → brother → nephew

Lineage: "family" the corporate unit Fins.

- named "those born at —" (place where they split off)

- histories - moved, split.

- chief a strong office

Functions: owned-property (streams, rabbit banks, etc)

- village sites

- social pole dances

- names

[From paper topic]
plot sites owned
by lineage

- houses & totem poles in winter villages. (3)

Villages: uneasy aggregations of lineages (1-10 or more)
on map - "town chief" (chief of owning lineage)
- impermanent - changing composition
not corporate units