

GITKSAAN

Name get / ksan
people of Skena

2037

7 tribes, occupied 7 winter villages in upper Skena area

Relationships : Linguistically a dialect of Tsimshian
: Physically an admixture of Athapaskan
: Culturally - NWC, Tsimshian, but adapted to

Inland environment:

eg. walked rather than canoes
no saltwater foods exc. trade

The only NWC group
wholly inland.

RIVER,
(not coastal)

Populations

1835 - 2600
1910 - 1183
1963 - 1967 1965-2037

(2086)

Territories:

a. Skena - above Kitallas
- except - Sabine Lake
- Bulkley R.

b. Rass - Cranberry & above
- Mendenhall
- except - Bowser L.
CF Nishga Petition.

List

- 15. Kitwanga
- 16. Kitwancool
- 17. Kitsegukla
- 18. Kitanmaks
- 19. Kispiox
- 20. Kisgegas
- 21. Kuldo.

locate on map

15 Kitwanga

git wan gä'x
people where rabbits

283

302

307

north side, 1 mi. above Kitwanga river

Traditional homes a little way downriver

neqf - warmer sands on Kitamat & Rassa

Battle Hill t'v'v'z'p "fortress" All Kitwanga lived there
rolled logs down (see Totem poles)

Then out to river -

Totem poles 24 in 1924 1925-6 Reiterations
MEANSKINISH T. - below Kitwanga
ANDIMAU - Salvation Army - above Kit.

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16 Kitwancool

git wan t'gü'1
people where small

201

194

213

15 miles up Kitwanga R., few miles below lake
on grease trail

Really more Rassa than Skuna - territories up Rassa
Here they fought until about 1870 with Tsetsant

Next lecture on Kitwancool

17. Kitsegukla

git sagukla
pupug - Kitsegukla (mountain)

(309) 323
335

South bank, little below Kitsegukla Creek Skema Crossing

1872 11 lodges burned with poles - a little armed conflict
13 to 10 canoes
Lt Gov + Att Gen - \$600 compensation

Few poles scattered about now

18. Kitanmaks

git pan ma'ks
tored light fishing

(583) 604
611

Hazelton

corner between Skema & Bulkley, on Skema
- old village face Bulkley

1860's Skema Forks (Hazelton) America gold rush 1871-

became center, people moved in

Formerly owned Bulkley - until Hagweldget moved in
'nice gentle people'

1920

Temlaham - 3-4 miles below Hazelton - Traditional
homeland - Can't find archaeological remains

BARBEAU - DOWNFALL OF TEMLAHAM

Kispiox gispay aks

(432) 470 470

(159) 144 150

"people of the hiding place" Ellen Vowell

on Skeena just above Kispiox R.

1850 legare and his umbrellas - burned village

1964 - totem restoration - 12 poles.

Ellen Vowell - now 159

founded 1898 Salvation Army

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Kisqegas

gis ga ga's

people of sea gulls?

n. bank Babine 6 mi from Skeena

native bridge

large tribe 1893 - 300

amalg. Hazelton in 1940

Some became Bear Lakers

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Kuldo

ga/d>'s

out beyond

wilderness

smallest, remote

12 mi above Kuldo Cr.

amalg with Keesee about 1920's

Villages fairly close together

Territories stretch far north - Kitwanoal
Kiepiox
Kiegegas
Kuldo.

Annual Round -

Spring^{Feb.} - Race - Grease Trails

Summer - fishing salmon June July.

Fall - hunting & trapping groundhog. mbr goat
Caribou

Winter - village - potlatches

Tsetsaut - "inlanders" assimilated in - became Tsimshian