

gwix ma'ux

letter 01.542x  
1927

1. xskεk eagle - single headed eagle
2. gatg.adε' loon  
A huge wooden bird with flapping wings was shown at a feast.

Foster 1927

1. xskεk eagle - hat, tattoos (on informant's chest) other uses

same as  
gatg.adεt

- 2 taxatxade'txut a diver [cormorant?] similar to haots. lomzi connected
3. gi'ε bεlx looks like a human being
4. qεt shark no adax
- 5 'anlo'tkum we'lp "nest (of eagle) house" a 4-grade da'q with eagles at corners.  
Also used as hat.

Origin of the taxatxade'txut crest: ✓

Foster

One spring, the wife and nephews of gwix ma'u went off with a party to gather bark sap, near their well of laxselu'. The woman went off by herself and began barking the base of a tree. A handsome man came along with a qaxtaksk (rope and stick climbing device), went up the tree, and dropped all the upper bark down to her. ~~They~~ She scraped the sap off the bark, roasted it and made it into ~~st~~ cakes. The chief tasted it that night, and knew it was from the top of a tree where the sap is richer. He told his nephews to watch the woman the next day, and kill any man who visited her.

The next day they were out gathering sap again,

and the same man appeared and climbed up the tree to get the best bark for the woman. A nephew shot him with an arrow, and he hung in the tree on his climbing device.

That night they saw a light in the lake, and a woman emerged and began to cry (the dudge) she was a loon, and the man in the tree was her son. She sang all night, beating the water with a piece of cedar bark.

The party reported this to the chief, and he took the g.a.t.g.a.d.e.t as his crest.

gwixma'uxPeter n125y29  
1927

gwixma'ux and agwilaxe' are of same origin: one branch of the gwunh'u't. Informant doesn't know if they came themselves but they have as a main crest the g.a't - shark showing that they are of saltwater origin. Doesn't know relatives.

Peter (gwixma'ux)

Was of the earliest village, laxkse'lo'ix. There is no story of him coming from any other place. When the Flood came, they saved themselves by tying on to x'ta'wət (highest mtn nr Kitwinksith.) The flood rose above the mountain but they tied on with ropes.)

agwilaxe' - was a ganha'ds at first, came from gitg.a't (Hartley Bay)

Barton || among tingit, ganha'ds and laxski'k are one together, g'ispaw and laxtibu are one.

and joined gwixmaux, laxskik.

[Then adds] During the flood, agwilaxe drifted away to gitg.a't. He and gwixmaux had been together before. It took him a number of years to find his way back. gwixmaux did not drift away.

Merces  
1916

kuxma'ux, of laxlo'ksk "tribe" "on pile of dried salmon" Old stock here, only one house, but many people. Divided long ago from gitxon and called him wa'kε "brother", helps him sometimes at feasts.

Summary, gitwinksi'tk

gispawadwida gisg.ä'st

1. tsəbase (taxayε', txaxε'xs)
2. kwa'nəs
3. wilaxε'

laxskik laxlo'ksk

1. gwixma'ux
2. agwilaxε'
3. wigala'idəx
4. winə'g

laxkibu laxtiyə'igt

1. ma'lqəsq, oyé,
2. wigədəmxskək
3. laqε'
4. gwε''ε

laxskik git'sε'g  
= lətsəmə'lix

1. na'wus
2. tsənshu't

Mercer, 1916

Agrees with Sapir

qitwinkci'tku

I t'səbase' qisq.ähäst  
kwa'nəs  
'wilaxε'

II kuχma'us laxski:k laxlo:ksk

III m-a'gəqsku (oye') laxkibu laxtiy:qt  
wigədəmχk'εk  
laqε'ε  
gwe''ε

IV na'us laxski:k qit'sεq pεεq  
5 <sup>houses</sup> ~~formations~~

Sapir:

qitwankci'tku

I kispo'ndwida phratry  
1. kisqä.'stε dan

II laxsqi'kε  
1. laxlo'ukεtε "bundle of things"  
2. kit'sε''εqε "on the bow"

III laxkibu'<sup>u</sup>  
1. laxtiy:qt

gitwinksi'tk

Rank of groups

- 1. laxskik 'real laxskik' gwixma'u
- 2. gispaw. <sup>gotsuuly laxskik</sup> txaxyε'ks (taxayε')
- 3. laxskik (git tseiq) na'was
- 4. laxkibu paxkap.

I laxskik

gwixma'ux, winoqt  
 agwilaxε'  
 wigalε'idax

II gispawudwa'da *Went as a single family in Litwinkutk but not all of same origin*

taxayε', txaxyε'ks  
 kwa'nɔs bityetku  
 kwɔskɔmle', gamksiwe  
 txaxε'xs, gwina'no'tz  
 tsu'l

III laxskik (gittseiq)

na'was  
 tsansho't

IV laxkibu

paxkap, oye', wigedamxkek  
 laqε'  
 xkwɔ'yamtku, hu'm  
 naxta'xt, kwudziks

gitwinksitk Poles

Fin of shark pole nag. omget tsanshut laxskik gitwinksitk  
TP I p. 102 desc.

Remnants of Enawing Kwunaha TP I p. 116 desc

Spasmair Kwunahaw ✓ TP I p 236-8  
MAMI pix 237

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Pole of gwanaks called niganski Kwunaha TP II 435-438  
MAMI. pix p 438 ✓

Half Protruding Pole actimznawdzak Kwunaha TP II 438-9  
pix 439

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(Barton)

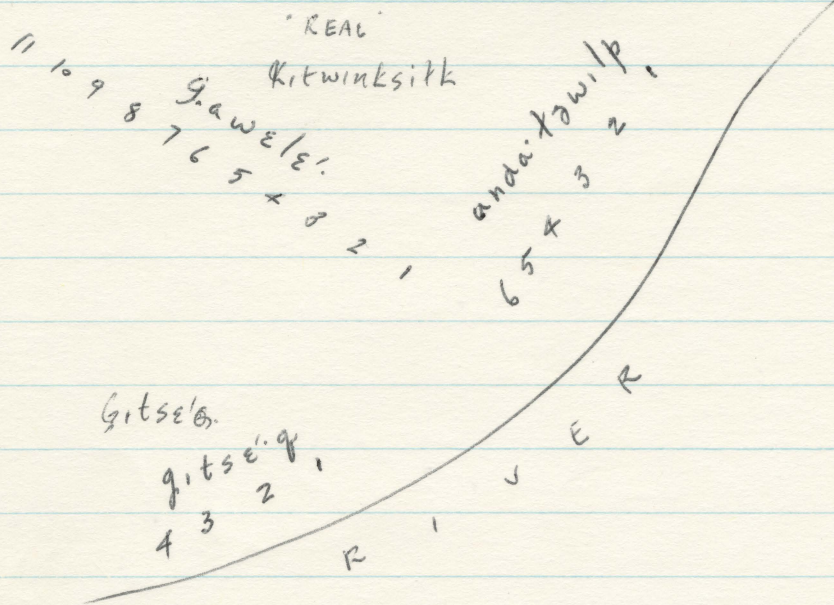
gitwinksitk

at its height

Three rows of houses

In 2 parts

1. gitseig
2. Real gitwinksitk



anda.towilp houses, (facing river, from upper down)

- |   |                 |            |
|---|-----------------|------------|
| 1 | oye'            | } laxkitu. |
| 2 | paxka'p         |            |
| 3 | xkw'yan'tku     |            |
| 4 | 'wigedamxsk'e'k |            |
| 5 | lage'           |            |
| 6 | naxta'xt        |            |

gitsex houses - going down

- |   |             |                |
|---|-------------|----------------|
| 1 | na'wɔs      | } laxskik      |
| 2 | 'amta'mgan  |                |
| 3 | tsənsho't   |                |
| 4 | g.amksi'we. | } gispawudwedɔ |

gitgawela part - from river to clay bank

- |   |                |           |
|---|----------------|-----------|
| 1 | agwilaxe'      | } laxskik |
| 2 | gwixme''u      |           |
| 3 | 'wi.gale''idax |           |
| 4 | kw'e'nɔs       | } gisgast |
| 5 | pət'ye'tku     |           |
| 6 | txaxy'e'ks     |           |



7	txaxε'xs	gisgast
8	gwi'ax'nd'tx	"
9	tsu.l	"
10	kwudzinks	laxkibu
11	wi'noqt	laxskik

21 houses [21 x 20 = 420]

These were all the houses. Must have been 20 people in a house in those days.

gitwinksik had more houses than the earlier village.

All the gitwinksik that ever belonged to the tribe are included here.

gitwinksi'tk    laxski.k    gitʒε'q

Mercer 1916

gitʒε'q is the pteq "people of canoe bow" (from form of the village).

na'us is the chief.

5 houses, all of same family.

Relatives:

teq and gamne:k were wɛ'kət (gitlaxda'mks)

They were from here, from na'us' pteq. Moved up to gitlaxda'mks.

Cresta

1. tʒəme'lix (standing) beaver

tkuwitksitkum tʒəme'lix

2. tkuwitksitkum xskε.k

used only skin with pearls in it

smaller ayuks (not much good)

3. səmge:k

4. məsg.aya'it    bullhead

Foster, 1927.

They were not really laxski.k (na'wus, 'amlay.ən, tsənsho:l)  
They were called kit tʒε'q.

1. na'wəs

2. tsənsho:t

1. na'wəs: higher chief of the two. They had different ada'ox. na'wəs was always gitwinksi'tk from beginning. No outside relatives

2. tsənshu:t: was different, from Temlaham, they said. That tsənshu:t was not really laxski.k, they are gitʒε'q. Different ada'ox from na'wəs.

qitwinksittk      laxkibu

Mercer, 1916. I ma'lgəsk<sup>u</sup> also called eye'

II wigədəm<sub>2</sub>kεk

4 families

III laqε'ε

IV gwε'ε

All called laxtɪyɔ'qɪt (a place on coast down below)

gwε'ε is the only family from laxtɪyɔ'qɪt, but nevertheless that name has been given to the whole family.

I ma'lgəks :

Origin : eye is from qisgagəs, came long ago

Crests : 1. smāx black bear

2. makskamgibu white wolf

II wigədəm<sub>2</sub>kεk :

Origin : local

Crests : now same as I

III laqε'ε

Origin : local

Crests : 1. la'yεspaints big belly man  
name of slave in myth

2. hogo'tam t'saqx nose cutting knife

IV gwε'ε

Origin : laxtɪyɔ'qɪt

Crests : 1. wa'n deer

2. 'aaxt porcupine

Wolf does not belong to him. Doesn't use it.

Zoster, 1927

1. paxkap, oye', wige dəm x s k e . k .
2. laqe
3. xkwəyətku, hu-m
4. naxta·xt, kwudzi·uks

I paxkap, etc

origin: Always gitwinksitk, Not of the people who came from the north.

II laqe:

origin: local, of original village of laxselu

III ?

IV naxta·xt etc

?

gitwinkci'tk      gisg.ähä-st

Mercer 1916

gisg.ähä-st - "tribe name"

I t'səbase' chief

II kwa'nəs family

III 'wilaxε'

I t'səbase'

Origins:

- Crests:
1. haɣwels'ɔŋ' sea monster, robe, hat.
  2. 'nɛq.t whale (not prince)

II kwa'nəs

Origin:

- Crests: 1. tkuwilksitkum 'nɛq.t

III 'wilaxε

Origin: from t'omlaxa'm, the only one from there.

- Crests:
1. məd.i'gəm tɕəm'aks
  2. mə'tiɣ called mə'tiɣom t'ɕəm'aks

Foster 1927

Went as one family, but several chiefs, different origins

t'səbase  
| above

- =
1. taxayε', taxayε'ks
  2. kwa'nəs, bityetku
  3. kwɔskəmle', g. amksiwε
  4. taxεxs, guna x nots.
  5. tsu.1

- Origins:
1. Kugagas, long ago. Has many gitksan relatives: wa'iqət, t'səbase
  2. local always. No outside relatives
  3. Isumshan, from git'si's. Rel. to ~~the~~ 2., had some adaox of Isumshan.
  4. Isum or gitxata because same name, but doesn't know
  5. From Kugagas recently (50 yrs) Died out now  
Rel: tən̄i Kugagas

gitwinksi'tk, laxskik, lax lo·ksk

Mercer, 1916 : lax lo·ksk "on pile of dry salmon"  
One house, many people, old stock here  
Divided long ago from gitxon and calls him brother  
wä'k'  
I kuxma'·u' family

Foster 1927

1. gwixma'ux                      The real laxskik, close  
2. agwilaxe                      relatives, all one adax,  
3. wigale'·idax                      a very large family.  
4. winog

1. gwixma'ux  
Origins: local } see other notes  
Crests:

2. agwilaxe'  
Origin: gahada from gitg.a'to (see other notes)

3. wigale'·idax  
Origin: from gitssmg.e'·lam. Related to high  
family of ni·sg. angwa'dzaks, ni·sg.e'l,  
kwat g.ex. They have a dance called wigale'idax

4. winogt  
Origin - same as gwixma'ux