

Origin of git'ando

(Early groups)

gitwilksab'e

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"The git'ando once were of the gispaxl'ots, and when the children of ga'alksak grew, it was then that the git'ando started off on their own chieftainship. They had not been a tribe before that.

There were 2 small independent groups of people
1. at gitwilga'xsu 2. the gitkspax'oi

There were all gispawudward's crest and over them was ge'otuk [I] as sam'ogot when the git'ando were of the gispaxl'ots still. These people were treated more or less as servants of the gispaxl'ots, and when he so wished legex used to treat them harshly. Sometimes he would not let them have water, and in every way he made them miserable. Because their water buckets were destroyed all the time, these git'ando people made thick buckets that could not be destroyed, and they were sometimes called gitwit'agaxt'si'umt
people of large thick bucket

And he used to treat them as slaves. When he had a chance, he would sell one of them, which gave rise to another term ga'atobolga'hut, which is what legex used to do. When to sell for beads

he fancied beads sold by other tribes he would sell one of the git'ando for them, and this is still used at present to throw shure to the git'ando. And when the children of ga'alksak (the elder of whom was sagawet) he did not like the way the gispaxl'ots treated the git'ando and he (sagawet) took this git'ando people and moved from the gispaxl'ots village, and moved to gispax'oi and to gitwilgaxsu. These people were not known as git'ando when under gispaxl'ots but were known as gitwilksab'e people, and when sagawet came with his followers of the gispaxl'ots into the territory then governed by ge'otuk (of gispax'oi), ge'otuk retired voluntarily and (gave) his position of sam'ogot to sagawet. But sagawet was not recognized as a big chief. Then the people of gispax'oi and gitwilgaxsu and those from the gispaxl'ots changed their

name to git'na'do. "people of over there" and
people of over there

git'and'o is the ga'namx term for it.

The original houses that came from gispaxlōts

1. gistε'ku [III, laxskik] was of the gitwilksobe' gispaxlōts then

2. gayε'lowx [V ganhada] " " " " , not related
to niasyaxiyunet

3. niost'satlewanos was one of the gispaxlōts gitwilksobe'
[VII ganhada]

4. gɔ's [IX 6 gisp] was one of the gitwilksobe' gispaxlōts (gispaw)

5. la'xs [XI laxskik] " " " " " "

[IV ganhada] niasyaxiyunet was not of that group. He was originally
of gispax'ɔl and independent, the sɔm'ɔiget of the ganhada
group. He was from the kst'u's river (gispax'ɔl people)

[IX a gispaw] gasyε't was also of gitwilgaxsu', under ge'ɔtuk
[VI ganhada] laxl'itkwa was from gispax'ɔl under niasyaxiyunet;
closely connected but an independent house. According to the myth
they were always from gispax'ɔl, no other place.

[VIII ganhada] txatkwεtk is from niasyaxiyunet, same crests and myth.

[IX gispaw] gasyε'tk was from gitwilgaxsu under ge'ɔtuk, of
the loka kiget.

[X gispaw] halɔp accompanied the children of ga'ɔlksok when the
git'and'o village was formed on the Skelaa. Orig. a git'nanaka

These gitwilksobe' people were mostly divided between the gilodza
and the gispaxlōts. The gitwilksobe' people used to go between these
two tribes, helping both. They were more or less independent, but mostly
under the chieftainship of legex and niasxawε'. They had no chief
of their own. These later left the village and divided themselves
among the two tribes. In the gilodzax there are many gitwilksobe'
not mentioned in Swanson's list. 1. t'saxamtkwāi (gispaw)
2. t'xɔl (ganhada) 3. mɔ'.loxan (ganhada) 4. wɔmdzɔp (ganhada) 5. kse'qɔ'
(laxskik). These are all gitwilksobe' (gilodza), all extinct. Not one gitwilksobe'
left anywhere. At one time in the past they were a most populous tribe.

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~~ganho-t chief.~~
Extract from Narr.

Migrating South from Lathsail

git'ando' "This group on the Skeena in original times were composed ^{entirely} ~~only~~ of gispawud. and ganhada houses, having as its royal house the house of getuk. This house had married into the house of nizswamek, and while they were living in the Skeena, and the house of getuk became extinct except for this woman who was married to gutxex of the royal house of nizswamek. gutxex then assumed the chieftainship of his brother in law and established his house which afterwards became the royal house of sqagwet.

gunhot gispaxlts

From territories viewpoint

It is evident that g.anhada under n12syaxiyune't is.
V, VI, VIII, and IX are original g. t'ands'. They own Ekstew
lwer.

laxlitkwa (VII, g.anhada) came later from ^{g. t'axtet.} Ekstall.

n12sxts' (III, laxskiok) came later from g. lodzax.

sq. agwe't (I laxskiok) came later and owns no territory.

The g. spawudwado territories (X and XI) are across the
river, isolated. Connected with g. inaxangik g. spawudwa'do?