

# Territories

k'ek" and tog

tax kibū

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Morven  
1929

k'ek" and tog had same territories  
Kungs was same group but had his  
own hunting ground apart.

O git'tin as the name of the territory  
/fettrap

and that is the name of the river (kitew)  
(Salmon group at only a few miles: sprng. who only)

1. git'angal'k" 'people of salmon spear' 1254?  
fishing station on river [1257]  
Kinayug

2. A trail goes from 1. to the berry and groundhog  
area 'an max /z m g.a'n "over across on a tree"?  
and the mountain w/ibax tata kibū  
where uphill sits wolf  
(2 carvings of wolves on stones along trail)  
for goat, groundhog, fox, martens.

There is a house here at w/sg.a.ye'pt  
where across earth

3. There is a house at the mouth of ksanmaxslop  
Creek, and the mountain at its source is

4. 'an maxs lop "where stand stones" (out of ground)  
goat. Beaver along creek

5. The trail goes on up the kitew to ksewssa'n  
waters of willow

where there is a cabin at w/ndgu'c where against  
shoot rugged country.

6. Another trail follows the crests of the mountains  
into this district (the kwunstemn range)  
(groundhog)

7. *ksaxpalist* 'waters of stars', a little creek runs into Nass on lower frontier of this territory (trout)
8. *ksana'ot*, a little creek, this northern water of roasting frontier, where they often gathered and roasted 'ax (fern roots) to salmon
9. *tamqinlatsan* a small lake on the frontier lake elderberries of *luxon*'s grounds. They came to the edge of it (beavers) Lawne Lake
10. *tamsaqat* lake. lake pinnacle (beavers)

This territory is bounded on the north by that of *luxon*, which is on the Cranberry, and is called *ksaqagaskit* run down from his hills.

Huge fall at (Cranberry) *ksaqanluxon* water where gather salmon.

On southern frontier is *gog* (*luxskik*)

There is a controversy over ownership with *gitwintkun* *wutaxayets* and *tsxans*. In former years *tsxans* married into this house, and as a dowry the chief gave him the privilege of using portions of the hunting grounds for the benefit of the children. The rights of the dowry ended upon the death of the *gitwintkun* man, but the *gitwintkun* still claim the privilege, claiming that the right has not been extinguished. The present *tsxans* may not claim it, but the house of *wutaxayets* does. They are Tsetsaut people in origin

(2) *ksigilaxksip* - above blouse Hr. name of river & valley Coho waters of fine sand

Fishing station also there on Nass.

kexk & to-q (laxkibn)

Beynon 1929 1 ① When this group under g. am s' on came to Nass? the Nass, this territory was at xtsz g.ag.zt across opening

(Nass Harbor)  
Our gofa married a sister of g. asg. zt, ganhada, gitxatin and gave this territory to him. It has since been completely abandoned by the laxkibn and is used by the g. anha'do.

Fishing: humps, cohoes, dogs, steelhead

They moved upriver, staying for a time at gitxadin and got trout salmon at qin lu log.

The original local laxkibn were  
ni-s12s yin  
tabz ksk

The gwankhut laxkibn arrived:  
kindzadax

gwaxsu  
g.adit ts'in

They came to strife. Our family moved up to

2 ② w1axg.ap, joined others of the wolf group, and built a house. This was on si-aiks.

It was supposed that the original owner of the Nass R was si-aiks. Here they gathered their cranberries, and erected a halibutk.

When the volcano erupted, they moved to

3 ③ g.t'angetk "people of where speared". Here they hunted with the other laxkibn (groundhog) kettin was the name of the valley.

Territory

kstiya'ox (laxkibu) also nisyzq.

In Andrew Ross' (kstiya'ox) adaox he tells how his family lost the si'aks (formerly) qimwu'dzax. They owned it before the eruption.

laxpi'lx of our house killed axtineq of nisyzq's house, of the other side (qisq.ansna't) axtineq had taken a woman <sup>away</sup> from laxpi'lx.

As compensation ksisku the family of axtineq asked for the river, and got it. That is how it was transferred to house of nisyzq.

# kstiya'ox

Andrew Nass  
kstiya'ox

- ① The large territory, around Ornannuck L.  
had different names for its different sections

1. tsam'e'nx "inside of a box"? s.w. portion
2. kw̕g.aq.e'it "like wings (of Eagle)", includes a mountain and a river
3. hawitax "outside lake" a little lake
4. ga/wɔ'xən

The big lake was tamginausk "lake where gathered hamuk (wild celery)"

- ② There is a fishing station on the Nass called 1249? k̕ing.e'luk̕ "towards detour" (to avoid swift currents)  
Falls in the river prevent fish from getting to the lake. There is a cabin at the mouth of the lake. The Telegraph trail follows their old trail, to the foot of the lake

- 1259 ③ an'uksw̕q "where out steps" (steeping place)  
a fishing stn across Nass below Kurnanuck Cr

- ④ an̕xa'sa'n "where portage" (canyon)  
a fishing stn on n. side.  
across from grinnell harbour

Mercer, 1927 (Barton)      ranked list of families  
git laxda'mks

g.i.sg.ansna.t (laxkibu)

I sg.atr'n (xa·ni)  
galg̓ə

II tsixg.a'n (also wineha'basku)  
taxkamwe.1x

III kwa·ndamxs

lɔ·bəg.ət

IV nis.yoqt

niskinwe.tk [Mercer]

g.i.sg.ansna.t (gispwundwa'da)

I p̓i·l

ni·st̓·

witriye·itk

logomhadag̓n

~~g.i.twi.hnagze (taxkibu)~~

I k̓əm̓xa'n

II axqalqa'n

III se·t laxa·dənsku

IV tuku

"The gispwundwi'das are also with sqatin  
They hold sqatin, nis.yoqt, niskinwe.t as their  
chiefs, so they are also called g.i.sg.ansna.t

g.i.twi.hnagze (laxkibu)

I k̓ə·xku

II nimpts

II k̓stiya·ux b. kwungs·

IV k̓ədəs or laxwi·gət

laxskik

I manesk

niskel'daks  
g̓əgu  
tsasgo·gu  
wə-nət̓k

} laxskik

II t̓əq past, next  
hadag̓.məsm̓·gət  
t̓axq̓e·nəx  
gamne·itk̓

} laxtsəm̓·l̓x

III gelaxna'mgeəp

} ayuksite never to manesk but still a  
separate people

IV xts̓i.yər or g̓ilaw̓  
nəgwase·i

} laxskik

Based on  
Merri 1916

Structure of *kit'anwi'ks* }  
*gitlaxda'mks* } Tribe

ptəq

Phratry

Clan

"Houses"

1	qitsq.ansnat	- laxkibu	sq.ation	4
		- gispawndwa'dz		1
2	g.anadz	- g.anadz	txag.an/laxatku	2
3	gitwilnake's'	- laxkibu	kstiyasox	5
4	laxskik	- laxskik	maneesk	4
5	laxts'me's/ix	- laxskik	te'fx	1
	qisg.aha's (recent)	- qisgahes	wiget	1

q̄q̄ (xtsiye) (laxskik)

Dennis Woods  
JULY 1929  
Beyond

Fishing stations on Nass:

① gitxgas "people of wild rice" on a little creek k̄sixs q̄as "waters of wild rice". The salmon were caught in the Nass with a trap.

Directly opposite was a former village of the laxskik called kinixox, where they built underground houses because they were afraid of spirorels. (IR 51?)

IR 56 ② wi matku another fishing station and  
wimatgu large net trap cache house. above ①

③ c̄ceḡet's "new labret" - IR 59?

a fishing station with ban-e ~~trap~~ type of net (platform, long handled dip net, a stick fastened to its mouth moves when salmon enter.)

Also cache house.

✓ ④ Kunmien "towards smoke"

Fishing station

IR 76?  
(v)

Hunting grounds:

⑤ tamsg.alaxs̄t lake in front of tree branches across with mountains 'ukshaḡst "outwards pointed" (rugged pointed mountains) hunting house there (groundhog, minkgoat, marten, foxes,)

⑥ q̄isiw.lax's̄m Big moss lake (Hoodoo Lake)  
along large on moss

⑦ liḡxtax "along lake" (long lake)  
(beaver)

(highbush cranberries will crabapple)

In this vicinity were a mountain trashums

and a low plateau gwənt qe g. antk  
towards marshy ponds  
abundant in berries and bears

8. 'ənsewag.əxs "where gathered maple"  
a territory on west side, trail from ④ went  
to mn̄esk territory  
Plateau here. ənxha'gu "where geese"  
sgat in to north  
Trail through here to mn̄esk

ksamxsan (ganhads)

monest  
nisyq 1927

① There is a controversy over who owns Dragon Lake (tagam q'inala'nx). At any rate ksamxsan owns the mountain

1. kwunstam'z'n  
like humpback (salmon)

2. They own 2 fishing stations on the Nass at [?] gitanga'tk'u and also the trail to the mountain (1).

Also another fishing station across from 2 at ~~E~~ ksjaltsap Creek.

② gagaxla'lxat Place of rockslides downwards slide rocks

a mountain east of Lava Lake including headwaters of Cedar R. gatt (ga l, x'it) (marten, lynx, groundhog, caribou, bear, weasel. Plateau country.

gwango

taxkiba

tam qin la'ux place where caught trout

Beynon 1929  
Susanna cog.

① tam kin la'ux Dragon Lake

lake of trout

Beaver lake of this house. Hunted adjacent mountains, but didn't use the entire mountain range

There was a hunting lodge and trout station at s. end. of lake

② angut g. s/gan "where woodworms"  
a fishing station on Nass1869 ③ gitkundapwen <sup>re. sharp teeth of fish</sup> "people of towards teeth"  
another fishing station on Nass④ tam-on seg. sxt "lake for gathering cedarbark"  
Beaver & otter in lake, and general hunting vicinity

The trail to this territory came from ② and went to ④ and then on to ①

Others have claimed tam kin la'ux, esp. yet,  
g. s/g. gitwonku!Andrew Hass  
Bartram② angut kut g. on (place where grubworms)  
A fishing station exclusive to kungs  
lives at w. side

# Territories

mansk

(Taxskik)

- ① hagwələsp

Mountain range at top of kṣag.e'/tsəp C  
(kshadn) belongs to him. Trail up the creek  
is used in common for fruit.

(groundhog, marten, lynx, caribou, foxes).  
There is a little beaver lake on the mountain:  
kingots.

sqatin's territory adjoins above.

- ② The upper part of the kwina ta'al, extending  
towards Alice Arm (close enough to meet) along  
Govt trail. A good valley, not formerly owned.  
goats, cedar roots.

The lower Kwnatahl was owned by  
g. amne.tk of təg group, Taxskik. No salmon

- ③ tsəmwi/g.e'/sg.ən a mtn 5 miles from  
river, south of Mt. Priestly. (groundhog)

Fishing station is on Nass, but house is at gitkseidikst on  
kshadn at jcn of creek. Others also had stations there  
(lilaks of kṣəməsan, called at gitke'i)

Recognized that his territory smaller than some  
others, just because he was not so concerned  
with acquiring it. Property increases and dwindles  
by interchange due to marriage in form of dowries.

- ④ tamgingo'ts "lake where gathered berries (special kind)"  
[Taylor Lake] on sqatin's territory but belongs to  
mansk group. təg.a.səməd'i'lap (along top hard rocks)  
name of territory - for beaver, hunting, berries.

⑤ King-i-it "place of spent sockeye" A creek just east of Siviks. Territory & creek have same name.

[also claimed by nisqayq]

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t<sup>e</sup>q, (ax<sub>k</sub>ig<sub>i</sub>)

laxts'me'lx.

mneskete  
1927

① ksamst<sup>t</sup>

inside of other side  
valley of the other side

a mountain range and valley

The river is sg. askini's 'across pitch'  
(Seaskinnish). The upper valley is  
ksk<sup>i</sup>t "on this side". At the mouth of the  
river was a fishing station also called  
1. sg. askini's  
(berries; blue, soap, Saskatoon)

2. tsamw<sup>s</sup>a'n      Mountain <sup>belonging to</sup> used by t<sup>e</sup>q  
inside a shrub      (brother?)

pa<sup>o</sup>et<sup>-</sup>next      an independent group (2 houses) from t<sup>e</sup>q,  
has separate hunting grounds

① ksa<sup>g</sup>e'ltsap      "waters of hook and pole used for pulling  
out groundhog.  
Seems to be kshadin R.

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