

Merer 1916

laxskik groups other than m'mesk

Names

### g̓ilaxna'maq̓ap

Men

1. g̓ilaxna'maq̓ap
2. 'wɔ'mxk̓
3. t̓su'aq̓x
4. ksaq̓q̓is

Boys

1. halduwi'as
2. seitkaya'tsk̓
3. g̓amna t̓s'tk̓u

sun coming up and then going behind mountain

### t̓sasgo'k̓u

Men

1. tsasgo'k̓u
2. ko'mit
3. qamca'a'm.

Women

1. yu'di

### t̓s.t̓x

Men

1. t̓s.t̓x armour made of sticks inside of alkskin
2. x̓t̓siye' going on trail from Skeena to Nass
3. q̓ilaw̓s'
4. d̓en̓is
5. g̓adax̓e'k̓

Women

1. n̓ox̓s ha''st̓k̓u

q̄q (Buynon) 1927  
ḡtlāda'mks

## The peculiar standing of family of q̄q, laxskik, ḡtlāda'mks

Our family would invite the laxkiba in their feast and the ganhads. They would marry with them. They invited also the gispwudwads but only recently. Years ago, it was different. The gispwudwads are [were?] our relatives. We could not marry with them, otherwise whoever would do it would be qa'ts. It was done by one of the foolish men of our grandfather's family, who went with a gispwudwads woman. His name was kwa t̄-sk. The woman belonged to wiget's house. <sup>q̄t̄səgakla</sup> It goes back to the time before we came to the Nass. It was done on the Skuna, in times immemorial. From that moment they split away from the gispwudwads and took them as wives ever since. We were no longer of the same [phratry]. Our grandfather's were different, they were <sup>with</sup> of the ḡsgas and laxkiba together. They would not marry each other in the old days. But when q̄q came here he joined the laxskik and married the laxkiba and the ganhads and the gispwudwads. They were laxskik only.

q̄q among the q̄t̄san [kitwanga] still holds feasts together with the laxkiba and the laxskik. He could not marry a laxkiba.

Barton: q̄q used to belong to 3 phatries for a long time. When a ganhada had a feast they could not go to certain feasts. neither the gispw neither the laxskik. They could only go to the laxkiba and the ḡsgansnat.

After they considered that carefully, one of them took a gispwudwads wife and they settled after that into laxskik.

Inference.  
on Skuna  
q̄sgas &  
laxkiba are  
together

laxskiik

(proper, not incl. laxtsome'lx)

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I man·ɛ'sk

naski'edəks, wiq̄.et, g.adε'ləp, q̄.q̄.

II galaxna'mog.ap., wɔ'mənk

III tsasqo'k'u

IV tɔ·tix (xtsiye', ḡlawɔ')

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I manɛ'sk

nriske'dəks

q̄.q̄"

tsasqo'q"

wɔ'mənk

II [The laxtsome'lx]

III galaxna'mog.ap

IV xtsiye', ḡlawɔ', nəgwase'i

[The 1927 data boils down to 2 groups:

1. manesk

Inf. manesk himself

2. q̄.q̄, (xtsiye) Inf. Dennis Woods, q̄.q̄ ]

