

Kwa'-mə-n

Names

Origin

Crests

5ag.ad.1>  
A halart of the animals

Myth of name g.ad.1> (sag.ad.1>"'), house of  
kwa'-ms'n, fax.k.bu, qal'd>".

Mr & Mrs Isaac Tens, Hazelton, 1924 :

A woman named gws.s walked down the river. Bending to go beneath a tree, she put out her eye on a stick. She called her eyeball, and heard an answering call. She went in that direction, found her eye, and put it back in its socket. Farther downriver she saw a village on the far side, and called to its chief: "Come over for me, tsag.ad.1>". The man did not want to come. First she offered him an abalone shell cup (a'aksm b3lhe), then her uncle's black stone axe [adze?] (ta wi sm t'u tk), finally herself as a wife. tsag.ad.1> patched up his canoe and came across.

He took her far upriver, and then had intercourse with her as the canoe drifted back down. All of her badness [?] came out, filling the canoe with a greasy substance. This he had ~~for~~ his people put in food boxes when they reached the village.

tsag.ad.1> prepared to give a potlatch to all the various animals. Each of the guests danced in turn. This is called lu.hale'.it. Each took off his robe and ~~then~~ threw it to tsag.ad.1>. The grizzly (legel.nsu) danced first. Its song was:

"When walks along the person with rotting eyes"  
Then the chief mountain goat gave his halart, singing

"I take but one step to get over the mountain  
I am a great chief"  
The wolverine (nag.c'ts):

"I have carried across a large vessel for snow,  
In it I will place a little trout"

The caribou (*wudzis*) chief:

"The caribou scatters its excrements about"

The groundhog (*sawiqwi'uk*) chief:

"The snow is falling, that is why we  
are scattering."

The rabbit (*qaq*) chief:

"The paws of the rabbit are tied behind it  
while it is roasting."

The grouse chief:

"As I was making my canoe in the calm <sup>spring time</sup>  
I was hung up by my neck  
My bladder began to smell foul  
The flies defecated in my mouth"

And like the others, gave his garment to tsagadis.

The snake (*la/t*) chief:

"I twist myself around the trees"

The frog (*g.ana'*) chief:

"My garment is bad, it is all cut up."

After the dancing was over, a woman  
(woman raven) came in and went to the many  
grease boxes. She dipped her fingers in each  
one and tasted the grease, commenting on  
what fine grease it was. But when she  
reached the last box, she spat it out - "This  
tastes like the body of tsagadis." Everybody  
ran out of the house, the frogs being killed in  
the rush. tsagadis threw the box at the  
woman, making her lame. That is why ravens  
waddle from side to side as they walk.  
With all the guests gone, tsagadis never did  
get to give his feast.

kwa'mon

(lax̕kibū)

## Men

1. kwa'mhɔn "flesh of salmon" , naxn̔g name.

The performer wore an imitation salmon on his head and crawled about the house

Long [2. qad̕lɔ' from sag.ad̕lɔ' , a character in a myth.

3. haqx "goose" , a naxn̔g name

4. əwɪtqaxspa'n "large dragging belly" (of the frog)

5. txa'mzcalks "all bright" (where rises the sun)

6. g.a.l.a'; tɔ:p

## Boys

1. tɔ:ɔxs

txal tɔ:ɔxs + g.anā' - o  
against crushed the frog

2. nixpa'laxsus "on sitting on top of" (the grouse)  
The grouse sits over its offspring

3. tsixsa'a'lgaxs "continually talking" (the frog)  
The frog continually croaks over the pond

4. txal'dixa'ma'qt "to one side placing" (the frog)

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Women

1. mason tsetsa'-ut "young Teetsant", nañng name
2. lu-a deda'qu "in bad" (in the hands of the frog)  
The palms of the hands of the frog are bad.
3. ɿin for nag-am g.a t'i'n t pist'e'-i  
dress of tail feathers the grouse  
The grouse makes a dress of its tail feathers
4. t'a-be'-qx

Girls

1. ma-su "red" (fireweed)
2. ɿwi tyibe "like earth" (the frog)
3. nag-am gaxtin

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1. nx5 kwɔ'-yam

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Oregon  
Crests

kwa'mon

(lax kibun)

Mrs. Tens Oregon: Same as k'sluget, but independent house  
same relatives at Kugagash.

Crests

1. tsɔg.ɔtsam kibun cut in half wolf
2. tsɔg.ɔtsam smax " " " bear on pole
3. taqsa'mas g.a'lu 'crown of claws': made  
here of mtn goat horns. Human with crown was  
at top of pole
4. 'wulnag.a'x a big hole (ceremonial  
entrance) high up on the house front.

John Brown: Oregon: Same as k'sluget. Separated from the same  
house when they left qitang. ask for  
laxwimif which was later changed to qal'dz'

Crests

1. tsamxpiget inside of half person  
House name. It is represented on pole at qal'dz'
2. kibun on top of pole.  
Also used as a naxnɔg.