

gitəm̄g.aldə'

(laxse'.1)

Men

1. gitəm̄g.aldə' [person of Kuldo?], a naxnəq name.

Informant Holland recalled a large feast given ~~to~~ when this name was assumed. The villages of Hagwiyate, Kispayaks, Kitwanga, Kitwancool, and Kitsegubla were invited. The guests did not come directly to the village but camped across the river ~~at~~ on the point at kwəndzi't. (Hagelton is called 'ansisu'ks 'place of sticks of driftwood'). The people of git'anmaks went over and distributed food, and the hal'it went among all of the camps. Then the git'anmaks went back and decided where all the guests were to be accommodated. They transported the guests' belongings and finally the guests themselves across the river to the village.

The guests remained on the beach. The naxnəq [gidəm̄g.aldə' ?] came out of the house accompanied by all the other hal'it performers and for about an hour performed in front of the guests. They dramatized each of the naxnəqs. Then a man shouted that he would take qe'l and xti'mlaxə (meaning that he would put them up during the performance). Another took ~~məx'tə~~ məlxən and wige't, another qəq and te'ngwəx, another wixε' and g.amlaxye'ltu. All were accepted as guests in various houses.

gitəm̄g.aldə' [then] called them all and showed all the naxnəqs, those of gitəm̄galdə', axti'am, and b.ɪəm wiltu.

2. 'axti'a'm \*not good', naxnəq name. The performer acted disorderly, and the people shouted for him to stop: "axti'am" - "it is not good". ✓

3. pɛlɔmwil't "to pretend to", naxnɔŋ name.  
Performer pretended to grasp and strike the guests.
4. 'ax'ya'was "not hiding (information)". The performer tells secrets about other people, and the master of ceremonies called out his name to stop him.
5. tɛm'amu'st "sitting in the corner". Not a naxnɔŋ name.
6. mɔdi:ŋɔm ɣɛt "~~grizzly~~ bear man", a naxnɔŋ name. The performer puts on a bear robe and ~~impress~~ imitates a bear (informant says not a grizzly).

## Boys

1. ɣisɛ'.

ɣisɛ' ta xɛ'  
down- | clouds  
river | or  
wind of the sky

The clouds running down  
the river in the sky.

2. pi:lsɛ' ɣɔx

3. saŋ.ɛtɣ.awɔ' "all together barking" (the wolves)

4. 'axtɪmɔ'.dɔmɔx "not afraid of killing" (the bear)

5. tsuwɔ'.n "fighting over salmon" (the grizzlies)

Women

1. n7x5n7'

(said to be woman's high name)

Girls

1. n7x5ci:lu t>'> tux "mother of now in going"  
(the little bear into the den)

2 g1stam'i'>itux

Tradition of *g'itəm g.aldə'* (explaining hunting ground).  
Isaac Jens, Hazelton, to Bygones, 1920.

A sister of *g'itəm g.aldə'* ~~had~~ (then known as *lu/axs*) disappeared, and he went into the woods to search for her. Finally he found her, in a house full of fine furs and meat. Her new husband arrived home with a new pack of furs, and *lu/axs* asked how he was able to be so successful in hunting. The man refused to tell him.

One day *lu/axs* followed his brother-in-law to a lake, and watched him bathe. He stole the man's urine vessel (*'ən'is*) and refused to return it until he had told him the secret. While they were arguing, the man turned into a wolverine (*'nege'ts*), which *lu/axs* overpowered. Finally he was given the secret: every night for a month he was to cover his body four times with the juice of the plant *hadex*, then sleep with his wife. After that he was to abstain completely from contact with his wife.

*lu/axs* returned to his sister's house, and they packed all the furs and meat back to *g'itən'maks*. They gave a great feast and *lu/axs* announced that he would keep that territory as his hunting ground *'ən mekst 'negetz* "where the wolverine bathed". Afterwards, he used the secrets he had learned from the wolverine to bring him success in hunting.

gitamg.aldɔ'

Campbell: This family is all gone now - James White, the present  
 1920 gitamg.aldɔ' really belongs to wigble's house,  
 but he took the name 2 or 3 yrs ago. Charhe Clifford  
 and Anice White are the only two of the old family.  
 Clifford, now named axyawasu, did not want the  
 name because he is a half breed.

Holland heard that a man named het once came  
 from a huge village and built a settlement at  
 kwang.ade'ko, near here across at a place named  
 Sealy. That was origin of house of gitamg.aldɔ'.

Barbours  
 Kunental  
 (Jambakoon)

Campbell: Long ago, I hear, they belonged to g.aldɔ  
 No close relatives left there now.

gi təm g. ald'o

Holland

1. ganao on totem pole
2. gaq " " "

Campbell

1. wigana''o on totem poles : on stone in graveyard
2. gaq - on pole (old fallen pole along the road below the village)  
- at graveyard, above g.ana''o
3. g.am dəp kci'ku - man half into the water ~~and~~ or in the ground up to hips.
4. gi dəm g.ald'o "wild man", or "man of the bush". Carved on the pole. Could use it on blankets etc. Old crest.

John Brown adds  
1920

gi sta'x |u'.ləq

a carving on the pole with  
line on the body

## Potlatch list of laxse'1 chiefs

1. gitəmgaldə' head man in town here long ago
2. haxt, dzə'ix
3. dzəg. ɔ'stle.
4. tsin
5. wi.g. ɔ'bla
6. lutkudzius used by mother. "My name now, but seldom use it"
7. t'ens
8. lig, ta'm
9. 'ax'ya'was"
10. luxsg. ɛ'xs
11. sanɔ's
12. ha'atu
13. 'axti. 'ya'm
14. 'ax'we'g.asu



haxtidzε'ix (dzog.ɔstle)

(laxse'1)

## Men

1. haxtidzε'ix "never satisfied" (the bear, with salmon)  
The bear never gets enough salmon

2. nɔgwɔtstε'ix "father of hammer"  
nɔgwɔts | ha'mɔdε'ix  
father of | pile downer?

3. 'axwe'g.asu "energetically", naxnɔg name. ✓

4. ti'la<sub>x</sub> a Hagweligate name

5. g.a'itɔts atto

6. cɪwɔndɔnye' "just recently away walked" (bear)  
The bear has just recently walked away

7. dzog.ɔstle

8. ya.g.ax'ε'g

## Boys

1. 'maslegε'nsu "white grizzly"

2. i.ma'ltu "strangled" (grouse)

3. tsɔks'ne'x

4. windaxlaxs  
large throat pine needles (grouse)

The grouse has its throat full of pine needles

5. ~~caag~~ cauxtse'gəmxs  
'partially going out' (the sun)

6. ne'ku for  
g.am'nigε'ku pstε'i      The grouse is alone  
on top      alone      grouse      on top of the trees

7. 'maswist      den of bear.

### Women

1. nɔxs cəwiltɔ      from beləmwi'ltu, naxnɔg in  
house of gitəmg.aldɔ'

### Girls

1. kwilaxyu'k      "at night hooting" (the grouse)

2. 'masg.ε'it      "white dog salmon"  
(g.ε'it is a crest of the Kitwanga laxskik)

3. wudzi'adɔ'x

The sound of thunder goes downstream

4. 'axtigwi'skit      "never lies down" (the wolf)

5. pε'ɔl for gaxpε't tusmax t'sap

The bear feels about from side to side in its den  
inside feeling bear

6. tsi.kus

ksadzaks tsi.ukus tət p ɪstɛ'si  
dentalium feathers grouse

The feathers of the grouse are like dentalia.

7 tɛtsx

g.am tsi tɛtsx hɛ.st

only out removing  
epible part  
(with teeth) foreweed

Eating out the core of the foreweed.

haxtidzε'ix

Holland - doesn't know origin  
- Crest - Frog, on a pole of haxtidzε'ix.

Campbell: "I hear that they belonged to old Hagwelgate. hatidzε'ix  
origin  
(Hagwelgate)  
is an old Hagwelgate name, not gitkcan. This is  
old Paul's family; his name is 'ax we'g, asu.  
Recently married again to Hagwelgate; but I understand  
that his family was from Hagwelgate before. Has a  
hunting ground among the Hagwelgate on the  
Bulkeley, 16 miles above here. No close relatives  
among Hagwelgate now"

Crests:  
1. Frog. Small frog on pole here called  
g.ana'o lag. and apg. a'n "frog stand in tree"  
The frog was horizontal, on top of the pole  
Even git'ongald' could not represent the frog  
in the same way, as haxtidzε'ix would get matted <sup>at</sup> <sub>the</sub>

2. gε'dom x ski-k "man eagle" Irons hands, feet,  
but with beak, wings, tail. Will be put  
in the graveyard soon.