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TRADITIONAL BIG HOUSES

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I give here a list of the tribes and their subdivisions.¹

TRIBES AND SUBDIVISIONS

1. L!a'sq!enox^u - T!ta'skinuxw T!tat!tasikwala (People of the ocean) Klaskino Inlet
Numayma - 'Na'mima:
 1. Pe'pawil!enox^u - Pa'pawit!inuxw
 2. T!e't!anel!enox^u - T!e't!anet!inuxw
 3. O'manits!enox^u - O'manitsinuxw (People of O'manis, a place on Klaskino Inlet)
2. Gwa'ts!enox^u - Gwa'tsinux (People of Gwa'tse') Northern entrance to Quatsino Sound
Numayma - 'Na'mima:
 1. Xāmanā' (Xa'wana'wa) - Xa'mana' (Xa'wana'wa)
 2. Gwa'ts!enox^u - Gwa'tsinuxw
3. Gāp!enox^u - Ga'pinuxw Entrance to Quatsino Sound
Numayma - 'Na'mima:
 1. Gāp!enox^u - Ga'pinuxw
 2. Q!o'L!enox^u - K!o't!inuxw
4. Go'sg'imEX^u - Gusgimukw (Koskimo)
Numayma - 'Na'mima:
 1. G-e'xSEM - Gi'xsam (Chiefs)
 2. Nae'nsx-a - Na'ansxa (Dirty Teeth)
 3. G-e'xSEM's'anaŋ - Gi'xsam'anaŋ (Body of Chiefs)
 4. Tse'tsa'ya - Tse'tsa'ya (Next ranking - Younger Chief)
 5. Wexwa'mis - Waxwa'mis
 6. Gi'q!o'!eqwa - Gi'q!o'lakwa
 7. Kwa'KwegemaL'enox^u - Kwa'kwakamal'enuxw
5. Naqe'mg-Elisala - Nakam'galisala (Always staying in their country?) Cape Scott
Numayma - 'Na'mima:
 1. G-e'xSEM - Gi'xsam (Chiefs)
 2. Nae'nsx-a - Na'asxa (Dirty Teeth)
6. Yu'L!enox^u - Yu't!enuxw (People of Triangle Islands)
7. L!a'Lasiqwala - T!tat!tasikwala (Those of the ocean)
Numayma - 'Na'mima:
 1. Gi'g-Elgam - Gi'galgam (the First Ones)
 2. La'la'wit!ela - Lala'wit!ala (Always going across)
 3. G-e'xSEM - Gi'xsam (Chiefs)
8. Gwa'sela' - Gwa'sala (Smith Sound)
Numayma - 'Na'mima:
 1. Gi'g-Elgam - Gi'galgam (the First Ones)
 2. Si'senL!e' - Si'sant!a' (The descendants of SE'nL!e' - Sant!a')
 3. Q!o'mk!ut!ES - K!o'mkut!as (Rich Side)

9. 'Na'k!wax+da«x - 'Nakwaxda'xw (Semour Inlet)
Numayma - 'Na'mima:
 1. G-e'xSEM - Gi'xsam (Chiefs)
 2. Si'senL!e' - Si'sant!e' (The descendants of SE'nL!e' - Sant!a')
3. Tsi'tseME't!eqala - Tsi'tsame't!akala (the Tseme'LEqalas - Tsame'lakalas)
4. 'Wa'las - 'Wa'las (the Great One)
5. TE'wi't!emLEts - Ta'wi't!amlaŋts (the Ground Shakers)
6. Kwa'kweg-ut - Kwa'kwagut (the Kwa'g-ut - Kwagu't)

SOUTHERN GROUPS

10. Kwa'g-ut - Kwagu't (Fort Rupert, Turnour Island, Call Creek)
- 10a1. Gwe't!ela - Gwi'tala or Kwe'xa'Amut - kwi'xa'Amut
Numayma - 'Na'mima:
 1. Maa'mtag'i!a - Ma'amtagi'la (the Ma'tag'i!as - Ma'tagi'las)
 2. Lo'yalaŋawa - Lo'yalaŋawa
 3. G-e'xSEM - Gi'xsam (Chiefs)
 4. K kwa'k!wem - Kwakwakwam (the real Kwa'g-ut - Kwa'g-ut)
 5. Se'nL!EM - Sant'tam (the real Sen!e' - Sant'ta')
 6. La'aelax s'Endayus - La'alaxws'andayus
 7. Elgwenwe' - Algwanwi' (Speaker's Side)
- 10a2. Ma'dit!be' - Ma'dit!bi' (point of Ma'tag'i!a - Ma'tagi'la)
Numayma - 'Na'mima:
 1. Maa'mtag'i!a - Ma'amtagila
 2. G-e'xSEM - Gi'xsam (Chiefs)
 3. Haa'yalik'awe' - Ha'yalikawi' (the Chief Healers)
 4. Unknown
- 10b. Q!o'moya'e - Kumuya'i or Kwe'wa-Kwi'wa (Rich in Middle) or (Murderer)
Numayma - 'Na'mima:
 1. K kwa'k!wem - Kwakwakwam (the real Kwa'g-ut - Kwagu't)
 2. Ha'anaLenā - Ha'anad!ina (those shooting passers-by)
 3. Yae'x-agate' - Ya'ixagami'
 4. Haa'yalik'awe' - Ha'yalikawi' (the Chief Healers)
 5. Lā'xsa - Laxsa
 6. Gi'g-Elgam (?) - Gialgam (?)
- 10c. 'Wa'las Kwa'g-ut - 'wa'las Kwagu't or La'qwi'lala - Lakwi'lala (the great Kwag-ut - Kwagu't) or (setting fires here and there)
Numayma - 'Na'mima:
 1. DZE'ndzenx-q!ayu - Dzan'dzanxk'ayu (the DZE'nx-q!ayus - Dzan'xk'ayus)
 2. Wa'weliba'e - Wa'waliba'yi and He'maxsdo-Hi'maxsdu
 3. Gi'g-Elgaem - Gialgam (the First Ones)
 4. G-e'xSEM - Gi'xsam
- 10d. Q!o'mk!ut!ES - K'omk!ut!as or Lo'elq!we'noxu - Lo'alk!wi'noxw (Rich Side) or (Halibut Fishers)
Numayma - 'Na'mima:
 1. L'e'q!EM - D!igam (Real Name)
 2. L'e'L'Eged - D!i'd!agid (Those From Whom Names are Obtained)
11. Mamaleqala - Mamalilik!ala (Village Island) the Ma'leleqalas - Malilik!alas
Numayma - 'Na'mima:

1. Te'mttemÂels - Tamttamfals (Ground Shakers)
 2. Wi'womasgem - Wi'wumasgam
 3. 'Walas - 'Wa'las (the Great One)
 4. Ma'maleq!am - Mamalilikam (the real Ma'leqala - Malilikala)
12. Ławits!es - Ławitsis (Cracroft Island - Angry Ones)
Numayma - 'Nā'mima:
1. SisENL!e - Si'sant'te' (SENLe's - Sant'te)
 2. Nu'nemasEQālis - Nu'namasakalis (the Old Ones From the Beginning)
 3. Le'LEged - Dt'i'dtāgid (Those From Whom Names are Obtained)
 4. G'ig:Elgam - Gi'galgam
13. 'NE'mgis - 'Nāmgis (Nimpkish - Nimpkish River)
Numayma - 'Nā'mima:
1. Ts!e't!et'wa'lagame' - T'si'tst'wa'lagami (the Famous One)
 2. L!a'L!Elamin - T'fā'ttālamīn (the L!a'lamins - T'fā'lamin)
 3. G'ig:Elgam - Gigalgam (the First Ones)
 4. Si'sENL!e - Si'sant'ta' (the SE'nLe's - Sant'ta's)
 5. 'Ne'nElk!enox' - 'Ni'nalkinoxw (Up River People)
14. Qwe'x sot!enox'² - Kwikwasut'inux (People of the Other Side - Gilford Island)²
Numayma - 'Nā'mima:
1. Naxnaxwela - Naxnaxwala
 2. Me'mog'ents - Mi'mugants (Salmon Traps)
 3. G'ig:Elgam - Gigalgam (the First Ones)
 4. 'Ne'nElbe' - 'Ni'nalbi' (Those on the Upper End of the River)
 5. (?)G'e'xSEM - Gi'xsam (Chief)
15. DE'na'x-da'x' - Da'naxda'xw (Knights Inlet - New Vancouver) (the Sandstone Ones)
Numayma - 'Nā'mima:
1. Q!amq!a'mtalat' - Kamkamtalat' (the Song Dancer's, descendants of Q!amtalat' - Kamtalat')
 2. G'e'xSEM - Gi'xsam (Chief)
 3. Q!we'q!waenox'³ - Kwi'kwa'inuxw³
 4. Yae'x'agame' - Yaagami'
 5. P!e'p!aL!enoxu - Pipat'inuxw
16. A'waiLEla - A'wā'ettāla (Knight Inlet - Those Up the Inlet)
Numayma - 'Nā'mima:
1. G'ig:Elgam - Gi'gagam or Awa'wa - Awa'wa (the First Ones)
 2. Ts!o'ts!αena - Tsutšana (Thunderbirds)
 3. K!Ek!ae'nox' - Kakanuxw
 4. Awa'wa - Awa'wa
17. Dza'wadēnox' - Dzawada'enux (Knight Inlet - People of Oolichan place)
Numayma - 'Nā'mima:
1. Le'LE'wag'ila - Lila'wagila (Heaven Maker's, Mythical Name of Raven)
 2. G!l:g'egane' - Gi'gamani' (Chief's)
 3. W!ogame' - Wi'ogami' (Not To Be Looked At)
 4. K!a'k!Elak!a - Kākalaka (Those Trying to Strike)
 5. Qeqādiliqala - Kikadilikala (the Qa'wadiliqālas - Ka'wadilikālas)
 6. G'ig:Elgam - Gi'galgam (the First Ones)
18. Gwa'waenox' - Gwa'wa'inuxw (Durey Inlet)
Numayma - 'Nā'mima:
1. G'ig:Elgam⁴ - Gi'galgam (the First Ones)⁴
 2. Gwe'gwaenox' - Gwi'gwa'inuxw
 3. Gwa'gwaenox' - Gwa'gwa'inuxw Kwa'kwaenox - Kwa'kwainox
19. Haxwa'mis - Haxwā'mis (Wakeman Sound)
Numayma - 'Nā'mima:
1. G'ig:Elgam - Gi'galgam (the First Ones)⁵
 2. G'e'xSEM - Gi'xsam (Chief)
 3. Ha'yalik'awe' - Ha'yalikawi' (the Greatest Healers)
20. Le'gwi'tda'x' - Ligwi'tda'xw (from Knight Inlet to Bute Inlet and on the opposite part of Vancouver Island⁶)
- 20a. Wi'weqe' - Wi'wiki' (the Wiki's)
Numayma - 'Nā'mima:
1. G'ig:Elgam - Gi'galgam (the First Ones)
 2. G'e'xSEM - Gi'xsam (Chief)
 3. Unknown
 4. Wi'weq!aem - Wiwikam (the real Wi'qe's - Wi'ki's)
- 20b. Xa'xamats!es - Xa'xamatsas (Food Kept on Ground a Second Season) Recently, they have adopted the name 'Wa'litsEM, 'Walitsam
- 20c. Kwe'xa - Kwi'xa (Murderers)
Numayma - 'Nā'mima:
1. Wi'weq!am - Wiwikam (the real Wi'qe's - Wi'ki's)
 2. Q!o'moyewe' - Kumuyami' (Rich in Middle)
 3. Kwe'xa - Kwi'xa (Murderers)
- 20d. Łaa'lewis - Łaalawis
- 20e. Q!o'm'enoX' - Kum'inuxw

The tribes are groups inhabiting one winter village each and acting on many occasions, as in war or rituals, as units. They are village communities often bearing the name of the locality they inhabit. The common ending -enox' of tribal names means "person of a certain place," but also "one whose occupation is" - as our ending "-er" in "helper" and "hatter." The other frequent ending, -x-da'x', is the third person plural for human actions and might be translated by "they are." It corresponds to the analogous endings for tribal names among the Bella Bella and Nootka.

FOOTNOTES

- 1 The variants given in foot notes were obtained from the informants in 1930.
- 2 In a tale told by a Mamalilikala, one of the Kwiksut'inuxw 'Nā'mima is called Wi'wumasgam, another one Kwiksut'im, Real Kwiksut'inuxw. The latter may be due to the fact that the Kwikwsutinuxw who are very few, live with the Mamalilikala.
- 3 According to another source: 3. is Yaixagami', while the Kwik'ainuxw are given as 'Nā'mima 2. of the Haxwa'mis. According to this source 'Nā'mima 4. is Kānk'ainuxw perhaps identical with 16. 3. Kāk'ainuxw.
- 4 According to another source, the Gigalgam belong to the Dzawada'enux (where they have been added in this table). This source gives as 'Nā'mima of the Gwa'wainuxw: 1. Gwa'gwaenox' - Gwa'wa'inuxw, 2. Gwe'gweenox' - Gwi'gwa'inuxw, 3. Ga'g'exala - Ga'gixala, 4. (Wolf?)
- 5 According to another source, 1. Q!o'mux'se' - Ku'mux'si', 2. Gwe'gwaenox' - Gwi'gwa'inuxw, 3. G'ig:Elgam - Gigalgam, 4. Te'mttemfals - Tamttamfals, 5. Ha'yalik'awe' - Ha'yalikawi'
- 6 I have not been able to recheck these with a new informantion.