



TRADITIONAL TLINGIT COUNTRY

CIRCA LATE NINETEENTH CENTURY

TLINGIT TRIBES, CLANS AND CLAN HOUSES

"...a name once given (to a clan house) survive(s) the mere structure." George Emmons, 1916

GALYÁX KWÁAN: YAKATAGA-CONTROLLER BAY AREA SALMON STREAM TRIBE

RAVEN MOIETY
Gaanax.ádi
Kooos'ei'dí
Kwáashk'i Kwáan
Tukyeyidí

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Kaagwaantaan
Jishkweidí

LAAXAAYÍK KWÁAN: YAKUTAT AREA NEAR THE ICE PEOPLE

RAVEN MOIETY
L'uknax.ádi
Shaa Hit (MOUNTAIN HOUSE—for Mt. Fairweather)
Dagínaa Hit (FAR OUT IN THE SEA H.)
Eech Hit 1 (REEF HOUSE 1)
Eech Hit 2 (REEF HOUSE 2—located at Sitka River)
Kwáashk'i Kwáan
Aanyuwa Hit (IN FRONT OF TOWN H.)
Tsisk'w Hit (OWL HOUSE)
Dis Hit (MOON HOUSE)
Yéil S'aagi Hit (RAVEN'S BONES HOUSE)
Noow Hit (FORT HOUSE)
Shaa Hit (MOUNTAIN HOUSE—for Mt. St. Elias)

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Kaagwaantaan
Gooch Xaay Hit (WOLF STEAM BATH HOUSE)
Lkuweidí
Teikweidí
Xeiti Hit (THUNDERBIRD HOUSE 2)
Gijook Hit (GOLDEN EAGLE HOUSE)
Gaaw Hit (DRUM H.)
K'at'aa Hit (MAN WHO ACTED LIKE A WOMAN HOUSE)
Tóos' Hit (SHARK H.)
Xóots Hit (BROWN BEAR HOUSE)
Dagisdinaa
Xeiti Hit (THUNDERBIRD HOUSE 1)

GUNAAXOO KWÁAN: DRY BAY AMONG THE ATHABASCANS TRIBE

RAVEN MOIETY
X'at'ka.aayi
Kooos'ei'dí
L'uknax.ádi
Xixch'i Hit (FROG HOUSE)
Lukaax.ádi
Shaka Hit (CANOE PROW HOUSE)

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Dagisdinaa

JILKAAT KWÁAN: KLUKWAN CHILKAT TRIBE

RAVEN MOIETY
Gaanax.ádi
X'áakw Hit (FRESHWATER MARKED SOCKEYE HOUSE)
Yaay Hit (WHALE H.)
X'áak Hit (GULLY OR RAVINE H.)
Kutis' Hit (LOOKING OUT H.)
Xixch'i Hit (FROG H.)
Ishka Hit (HOUSE ON THE SALMON HOLE IN THE RIVER)
Lukaax.ádi
Naach'oonéidí
Noowshaka.aayi

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Kaagwaantaan
Gooch Hit (WOLF H.)
Kéet Hit (KILLER WHALE HOUSE)
Lijoooshi Hit (KILLER WHALE DORSAL FIN HOUSE)
Dagisdinaa
Xeiti Hit (THUNDERBIRD H.)
Shis'gi Hit (SALPING HOUSE)
Dak'aweidí
Ch'ee't Hit (MURRELET HOUSE)
Tleilu Hit (MOTH H.)
Kéet Goooshi Hit (KILLER WHALE DORSAL FIN HOUSE)
Kéet Kwáani Hit (KILLER WHALE PEOPLE H.)
Kéet L'oo'ti Hit (KILLER WHALE TONGUE H.)
Kéet Déx'i Hit (KILLER WHALE BACKBONE H.)

JILKOOT KWÁAN: HAINES CHILKOOT TRIBE

RAVEN MOIETY
Lukaax.ádi
Yéil Hit (RAVEN H.)
Yéil Kiji Hit (RAVEN'S WING H.)
Shaa Hit (MOUNTAIN HOUSE)
Kooos'ei'dí
Geisán Hit (MT. RAINIER H.)

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Shangukeidí
Kaawdiyaayi Hit (HOUSE LOWERED FROM THE SUN)
Kaagwaantaan
Xóots Hit (BROWN BEAR HOUSE)
Ch'áak Hit (EAGLE H.)
Kaawgaani Hit (BURNED HOUSE)

XUNAA KWÁAN a.k.a. KÁAWU: HOONAH TRIBE OR PEOPLE FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE NORTHWIND

RAVEN MOIETY
T'akdeintaan
T'akdein Hit (T'AKDEIN HOUSE)
X'áakw Hit (FRESHWATER MARKED COHO HOUSE)
X'áakw yádi Hit (SMALL FRESHWATER COHO HOUSE)
Yéil Kúdi Hit (RAVEN'S NEST HOUSE)
Yéil Hit (RAVEN HOUSE)
Yáay Hit (WHALE H.)
K'óok Disi Hit (MARTEN MOON HOUSE)
Teet Hit (WAVE HOUSE)
K'óok Disi Hit (MARTEN MOON HOUSE)
K'aa Shaayi Hit (MAN'S HEAD HOUSE)
Tax' Hit (SNAIL HOUSE)
Kooos'ei'dí
Xaas Hit (COW HOUSE)
Gaanax.ádi
Gaanaxaa Hit (GAANAXAA HOUSE)

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Woosheetaan
Wooshaa Hit (OVER ALL HOUSE)
Tóos' Déx'i Hit (SHARK BACKBONE HOUSE)
Noow Hit (FORT HOUSE)
Chookaneidí
Naanaa Hit (UP THE BAY HOUSE)
Xaati Hit (ICEBERG HOUSE)
Xóots Saagi Hit (BROWN BEAR'S NEST H.)
Wandaa Hit (AROUND THE EDGE H.)
Xóots Hit (BROWN BEAR HOUSE)
Yan Wulihashi Hit (DRIFTED ASHORE H.)
Aan Egayaak Hit (ICEBERG ON THE BEACH HOUSE)
Shux'aa Xaay Hit (FIRST YELLOW CEDAR H.)
Kadakw.ádi
Xáay Hit (YELLOW CEDAR HOUSE)
Kaagwaantaan
Xóots Kúdi Hit (BROWN BEAR'S NEST H.)

T'AAKU KWÁAN: TAKU GEESÉ FLOOD UPRIVER TRIBE

RAVEN MOIETY
Gaanax.ádi
Ishka Hit (SALMON HOLE HOUSE)
Yanwulihashi Hit (DRIFTED ASHORE HOUSE)
Yéil Hit (RAVEN HOUSE)
Ishkahittaan
Kookhittaan
Tooka.ádi

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Yanyeyidí
Ch'áak Hit (WILLOW HOUSE)
Tsaateeneidí
Xóots Hit (BROWN BEAR HOUSE)
Yayuwa Hit (BETWEEN THE RIVER FORK HOUSE)
S'ee't'gweidí

DEISLEEN KWÁAN: TESLIN BIG SINEW TRIBE

RAVEN MOIETY
Ishkeetaan
Kookhittaan
Deisheetaan

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Yanyeyidí

ÁA TLEIN KWÁAN: ATLIN BIG LAKE TRIBE

RAVEN MOIETY
Ishkeetaan
Kookhittaan
Deisheetaan

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Yanyeyidí
Yayuwa Hit (BETWEEN THE RIVER FORK HOUSE)
Dak'aweidí

AAK'W KWÁAN: AUKE BAY SMALL LAKE TRIBE

RAVEN MOIETY
L'eeneyidí
Gaataa Hit (TRAP H.)
Téel' Hit (DOG SALMON HOUSE)
Yaxte Hit (BIG DIPPER HOUSE)
L'uknax.ádi
L'ook Hit (COHO SALMON HOUSE)
Gaanax.ádi
Gaanaxaa Hit (GAANAXAA HOUSE)
Yéil Hit (RAVEN H.)

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Woosheetaan
Gunakadeit Hit (SEA MONSTER HOUSE)
Hit Tlein (BIG H.)
Noow Hit (FORT H.)
Tóos' Hit (SHARK H.)
Xeiti Hit (THUNDER H.)
Xóots Hit (BROWN BEAR HOUSE)

S'AWDAAN KWÁAN: SUMDUM DUNGENSES CRAB TOWN TRIBE

RAVEN MOIETY
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WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
S'ee't'gweidí
Si't Hit (GLACIER HOUSE)
S'ee't Hit (BLACK BEAR HOUSE)

XUTSNOOWÚ KWÁAN: ANGOON BROWN BEAR FORT, a.k.a.: XUZZIDAA KWÁAN — BURNED WOOD TRIBE

RAVEN MOIETY
Deisheetaan
Dánaa Hit (SILVER HOUSE)
Deishú Hit (END OF THE ROAD HOUSE)
C'oon Hit (FRESHWATER SPRING HOUSE)
Shdeén Hit (STEEL HOUSE)
Táka Hit (NEEDLEFISH HOUSE)
Yéil Hit (RAVEN HOUSE)
Yéil S'aagi Hit (RAVEN'S BONES H.)
Kak'weidí
Kakáak'w Hit (BASKET BAY ARCH HOUSE)
L'eeneyidí
Aany'ak Hit (CENTRAL HOUSE)
Yanxoon Hit (LOG JAM HOUSE)

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Kéet Hit (KILLER WHALE H.) A.K.A. WOOCH DAKÁDIN HIT (HOUSE FACING AWAY FROM OTHERS)
Yaa Ayaanasnak Kéet Hit (KILLER WHALE CHASING A SEAL HOUSE)
Kéet Ooxú Hit (KILLER WHALE'S TOOTH HOUSE)
Teikweidí
Shaanaax Hit (HAUBUT HOUSE)
Xóots Hit (BROWN BEAR HOUSE)
Woosheetaan
Noow Hit (FORT H.)
Noow Shaka Hit (HEAD FORT HOUSE)
Xóots Kúdi Hit (BROWN BEAR'S NEST H.)

SHEEY AT'IKÁ (a.k.a. SHEET'KÁ) KWÁAN: SITKA OUTSIDE EDGE OF A BRANCH TRIBE

RAVEN MOIETY
Kiks.ádi
At.uwaxiji Hit (STRONG HOUSE)
Gagaan Hit (SUN H.)
Kaxatjaa Hit (JUMPING-HEBBING H.)
Noowtu Hit (INSIDE THE FORT HOUSE)
Noow Dagayaa Hit (OUTSIDE THE FORT HOUSE)
S'e' Hit (CLAY HOUSE)
Shdeén Hit (EAGLE'S NEST HOUSE)
Tináa Hit (COPPER SHIELD HOUSE)
X'aaká Hit (POINT HOUSE)
Watineidí
Kooos'ei'dí
Xaas Hit (COW H.)
L'uknax.ádi
Dagínaa Hit (OUT IN THE OCEAN SALMON BOX HOUSE)
Kuta Hit (SLEEP HOUSE)
L'ook Hit Tlein (BIG COHO HOUSE)
L'ook Hit Yádi (SMALL COHO HOUSE)
Shgat.aayi Hit (House named for creek near Yakutat)
Taán Hit (SEA LION HOUSE)
Xinaa Hit (HOUSE AT THE LOWER END OF TOWN)
Xinaa Hit 2 (HOUSE AT THE LOWER END OF TOWN)
Xixch'i Hit (FROG HOUSE)
Yáay Hit (WHALE HOUSE)
T'akdeintaan
Danakoo Hit (DANAKOO HOUSE)
X'at'ka.aayi
Kayaashka Hit (PLATFORM HOUSE)
L'ook Hit (COHO H.)

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Aanyáidí Hit (NOBILITY HOUSE)
Eech Hit (REEF HOUSE)
Ch'áak' Hit (EAGLE H.)
Ch'áak' Kúdi Hit (EAGLE'S NEST HOUSE)
Ch'ee't Hit (MURRELET H.)
Chattí Hit (HAUBUT H.)
Déix X'awool Hit (HOUSE WITH TWO DOORS)
Shdeén Hit (EAGLE'S NEST HOUSE)
Gooch Hit (WOLF HOUSE)
Kutxayanahá Hit (STAR HOUSE)
Heenka Hit (HOUSE ON THE WATER)
Xóots Hit (BROWN BEAR HOUSE)
Kaawagaani Hit (BURNED HOUSE)
Kuháada Hit (FISH-CHASING STICK HOUSE)
Kookhittaan
Tóos' Hit (SHARK HOUSE)
Kóok Hit (BOX HOUSE)
Kutis' Hit (LOOKING OUT TO SEA HOUSE)
T'laadein Hit (STANDING SIDEWAYS HOUSE)
Chookaneidí
Xaati Hit (ICEBERG HOUSE)
Aan Egayaak Hit (ICEBERG ON THE BEACH HOUSE)
Woosheetaan
Noow Hit (FORT HOUSE)
X'ax'a Hit (CLIFF HOUSE)

KEEX' KWÁAN: KAKE THE OPENING OF THE DAY (DAWN) TRIBE a.k.a. THE TOWN THAT NEVER SLEEPS

RAVEN MOIETY
Kaach.ádi
X'áakw Hit (FRESHWATER MARKED SOCKEYE HOUSE)
Kutis' Hit (LOOKING OUT TO SEA HOUSE)
Sukteeneidí
Aany'ak Hit (MIDDLE OF TOWN HOUSE)
Shaa Hit (MOUNTAIN HOUSE)
Tax' Hit (SNAIL HOUSE)
Wandaa Hit (WOODEN ARMOR H.)
Yéil Hit (SPIRIT H.)
Teeyineidí
Kóoshdaa Hit (LAND OTTER HOUSE)
Teey Hit (CEDAR BARK HOUSE)
X'alchaneidí

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Tsaagweidí
Aan Yakawitsei' Hit (THE HOUSE THAT ANCHORED THE VILLAGE)
Tóos' Hit (SHARK H.)
Xaay Hit (YELLOW CEDAR HOUSE)
Woosheetaan
Tóos' Hit (SHARK H.)
Noow Hit (FORT H.)
Shangukeidí
Kóok Hit (BOX HOUSE)
Nees.ádi
Kéet Goooshi Hit (KILLER WHALE FIN HOUSE)
Was'ineidí
Tax' Hit (PLATFORM OR BENCH HOUSE)

KOOYU KWÁAN: KUIU ISLAND STOMACH TRIBE

RAVEN MOIETY
Kooyu.eidí
Kutxayanahá Hit (STAR HOUSE)
X'ik Hit (PUFFIN H.)

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Naasteidí
Ch'ee't Hit (MURRELET HOUSE)
Kóon Hit (FLICKER HOUSE)
Deikee Noow Hit (FAR OUT FORT HOUSE)

SHTAX'HEEN KWÁAN: WRANGELL BITTER WATER TRIBE

RAVEN MOIETY
Kaach.ádi
Náalx Hit (HAUBUT HOUSE)
Xixch'i Hit (FROG HOUSE)
Alkaa Hit (CANNIBAL HOUSE)
Gaach Hit (BIG OR MAT HOUSE)
Kaawliyaayi Hit (HOUSE LOWERED FROM THE SKY)
Yáay Hit (WHALE HOUSE)
Kaas'agweidí
Xeiti Hit (THUNDERBIRD HOUSE)
T'laadein Hit (STANDING SIDEWAYS H.)
Xixch'i Xaayi Hit (FROG'S DEN HOUSE)
Taan Hit (SEA LION HOUSE)
Kiks.ádi
Gagaan Hit (SUN H.)
Tax' Hit (SNAIL HOUSE)
Xixch'i Hit (FROG H.)
Taallweidí
Shaa Hit (MOUNTAIN HOUSE)
Kaxkyendu Aa Hit (NAME OF WATER SPIRIT THAT STANDING SIDEWAYS H.)
G'it' Hit (CLIFF HOUSE)
Teeyhittaan
Teey Hit (BARK HOUSE)

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Kayaashkeiditaan
Kéet Hit (KILLER WHALE HOUSE)
Kayaashka Hit (PLATFORM HOUSE)
Naanyaa.aayi
X'atgu Hit (DOG'SH HOUSE)
X'atgu Naasi Hit (DOG'SH INTESTINE HOUSE)
Kóok Hit (BOX HOUSE)
Hit Tlein (BROWN HOUSE)
Tatook Hit (CAVE HOUSE)
Chéx'i Hit (SHADOW HOUSE)
Aan Shooka Hit (HOUSE AT THE FAR END OF THE OLD VILLAGE)
Sik'nax.ádi
X'aan Hit (RED CLAY OR FIRE HOUSE)
Ank'w Hit (TSUBSHIAN CANE HOUSE)
Xook'ei'dí
Shdeén Hit (STEEL HOUSE)
Aandaa Oonaa Hit (CANNON HOUSE)

TAANT'Á KWÁAN: KETCHIKAN SEA LION TRIBE

RAVEN MOIETY
Gaanax.ádi
Gijook Hit (GOLDEN EAGLE HOUSE)
Kutis' Hit (LOOKING OUT TO SEA HOUSE)
Noow Hit (FORT H.)
S'ax Hit (STARFISH HOUSE)
X'aggon Hit (NARROW POINT HOUSE)
Xaas Hit (COW HOUSE)
Yáay Hit (WHALE H.)
Yan Wulihashi Hit (DRIFTED ASHORE HOUSE)

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Teikweidí
Kaats' Hit (HOUSE OF KAATS'—man who married the bear)
Shaanaax Hit (VALLEY HOUSE)
Wandaa Hit (AROUND THE EDGE H.)
Xóots Hit (BROWN BEAR HOUSE)
Dak'aweidí
Kéet Hit (KILLER WHALE HOUSE)
Kóon Hit (FLICKER HOUSE)

TAKJIK'AN KWÁAN: PRINCE OF WALES COAST TOWN TRIBE

RAVEN MOIETY
Gaanax.ádi
Yan Wulihashi Hit (DRIFTED ASHORE H.)
L'eeneyidí
Téel' Hit (DOG SALMON HOUSE)
Téel' Yádi Hit (SMALL DOG SALMON HOUSE)
Taakw.aaneidí
Taan Hit (SEA LION HOUSE)
Teeyneidí
Gaaska Hit (GAASKA HOUSE)
Heenka Hit (ON THE WATER HOUSE)
S'ax Hit (STARFISH HOUSE)
Yéil Hit (RAVEN HOUSE)
Yéil Yadi Hit (SMALL RAVEN HOUSE)

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Kaax'ooos.hittaan
Naasteidí
Deikee Noow Hit (FAR OUT FORT HOUSE)
Shangukeidí
Ch'áak' Hit (EAGLE HOUSE)
Gooch Hit (WOLF HOUSE)
Tsisk'w Hit (OWL HOUSE)
X'atgu Hit (DOG'SH HOUSE)
Teikweidí
Saanyaa Hit (SOUTHWEST HOUSE)

HINYAA KWÁAN: KLAWOCK TRIBE FROM ACROSS THE WATER

RAVEN MOIETY
K'ooxeneidí
K'oox Hit (MARTEN HOUSE)
Taakw.aaneidí
Yáay Hit (WHALE H.)
Teeyneidí
Yéil Hit (RAVEN HOUSE)
Yan Wulihashi Hit (HOUSE DRIFTED ASHORE)
Teey Hit (BARK HOUSE)

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Kaax'ooos.hittaan
Kaa X'ooos Hit (MAN'S FOOT HOUSE)
Tsisk'w Hit (OWL HOUSE)
Shangukeidí
Gunakadeit Hit (SEA MONSTER HOUSE)
Xóots Hit (BROWN BEAR HOUSE)
L'kuweidí

SANYAA KWÁAN: CAPE FOX SECURE IN RETREAT, LIKE A FOX IN ITS DEN/SOUTHEAST TRIBE

RAVEN MOIETY
Kiks.ádi
Weix' Hit (BULLHEAD HOUSE)

WOLF/EAGLE MOIETY
Neix.ádi
Ch'áak' Hit (EAGLE HOUSE)
Ch'áak' X'ooosi Hit (EAGLE FOOT HOUSE)
S'igeidí Xaayi Hit (BEAVER LODGE HOUSE)
Ch'áak' Kúdi Hit (EAGLE NEST HOUSE)
Ch'áak' Kooowú Hit (EAGLE FAN-TAIL HOUSE)
Chaati Hit (HAUBUT HOUSE)
X'éix Hit (RING CRAB HOUSE)
Xeet' Hit (CANT CLAM HOUSE)
Teikweidí
Xóots Kooowú Hit (BROWN BEAR'S DEN HOUSE)
Kaats' Hit (HOUSE OF KAATS'—man who married the bear)
Gooch Hit (WOLF HOUSE)

CARCROSS/TAGISH

CROW MOIETY
Gaanax.teidí
Ishkeetaan
Kookhittaan
Deisheetaan

WOLF MOIETY
Yanyeyidí
Dak'aweidí

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