

Tlingit dataset information

Name : Tlingit

Region : Alaska

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Source: "The relationship systems of the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian", in *American Ethnological society*, G.E. Stechert and Company, Vol. XI, New-York, 1928 (p.173-7 and charts)

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The Tlingit are a native American people who inhabited historically the region of the North Pacific Coast from the Portland canal to the Copper River delta in Alaska.

Tlingit society is divided into two matrilineal moities (phratries), the *Raven* and the *Eagle*. These in turn are divided into clans, which are subdivided into lineages or house groups.

This dataset contains 125 individuals (118 are present in the Mayer Durlach's Tlingit genealogy (pp. 173-77) and 7 are additional women, according to informations present in the notes of the Chart).

In the « Name » field, the first number refers to the individual's generation, the second to the individuals' listing; in Mayer Durlach's document the listing starts again from number 1 at each generation. Therefore, the individual « named » 4-3 will correspond to the third individual of the fourth generation. This listing was made in order to simplify the reading of the data, the transcription of Tlingit language being quite complicated (see table below). The original Tlingit names have not been coded in the dataset, however additional information accompanying these names in the sources has been coded in the "Name information" field.

Some information concerning the individuals' names, houses or clans of origin is also available. This is mentioned as attributes under their respective mentions.

Abbreviations used for clans:

Kag : *Kàg^uàⁿntàⁿ*
Nes : *Nèsádi*
Ga : *Gà-náx-tè'di*
Na : *Nàn-yà-àyi*

L'ùk : *Ł'ùk-náx-'ádi*
Lùkx : *Łùkàx-'ádi*
L'i : *L'inèdí*
X'at : *X'at'-káx-'àyi*

Structure of phratries, clans and houses

| Raven Moiety (Phratry) | | Eagle Moiety (Phratry) | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| —— | <i>Gà-náx-tè'di</i> | ===== | <i>Kàg^uàⁿntàⁿ</i> |
| A | Whale House ; Raven House | A | Finn House * |
| B | Frog House | B | Killer House * |
| ----- | <i>Ł'ùk-náx-'ádi - Sitka</i> | C | Grizzly Bear * |
| A | Whale House | D | Drum House * |
| B | Sea lion House | E | Sitka House |
| | <i>Łùkàx-'ádi</i> | F | <i>'Ák^u-kàh^uàⁿntàⁿ</i> House ** |
| ----- | <i>X'at'-káx-'àyi</i> | ===== | <i>Nàn-yà-àyi</i> |
| xxxxxx | <i>L'inèdí</i> | ==:==:== | <i>Nèsádi</i> |
| | | | *Chilkat river, **Juneau |