

3. Ninestints, Haida World Heritage site
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1983 remote places"

Ninestints located on Queen Charlotte Island
Problem in site - the danger of nature to reclaim
these monuments of culture.

Haida's description - tall, lighter skin than
mainland Indians.

Their crests, esp. among "high born" were
tattooed on their bodies as well as their clothing +
homes

Ninestint Indians known as Kunghit Haidas.
Great fighters - 2 dozen villages of Haida
scattered throughout their territory - esp. along
salmon run streams

~~each~~ Typical village: 1) half dozen or more
houses - each home to 20 or 40 individuals.

2) Pop - 200 - 500. 3) Each village included
families from different lineages both Eagle & Raven.
Their tribes regulated into marriage & succession of
rights & ^{property} ~~inheritance~~. 4) Village chief always from dominant
tribe 5) each village controlled a salmon breeding stream,
offshore fish. rights for black cod or halibut, + collecting
areas for shellfish. also hunting & gathering rights on
the islands.

Village life: Spring - families abandoned towns
& scattered to camps where men fished - & women
picked berries & grew tobacco

After owners finished picking berries families
with no "ownership" could glean with permission or
by "buying" rights