According to southern Tsimshian oral history, after a series of disasters befell the people, a chief led a migration away from the cursed land to the coast, where they founded Kitkatla Village, the first of three Southern Tsimshian villages. Kitkatla is still considered to be the most conservative of the Tsimshian villages.[5] The Nisga’a and Gitxsan remained in the upper Skeena region (above the canyon) near the Nass River and forks of the Skeena respectively, but other Tsimshian chiefs moved down the river and occupied all the lands of the lower Skeena valley. Over time, these groups develop

According to Boas, the majority of the Tsimshian oral traditions were obtained from four individuals: Philip, Moses, Chief Mountain, and Mood. Of the greater number of them are myths of the tribe. Judging from similar myths which I collected in previous years among the Tsimshian proper, they are only moderately well told. Possibly the method of transcribing sounds is not quite satisfactory. I have not been able to determine definitely if there are one or two palatalized Ts.
