

Mongol pressure and displacement since the days of Kublai Khan, in the latter part of the thirteenth century, and even before then, cannot be disputed. There was an old civilization at Lake Baikal, as archæological remains attest; long before Kublai's time, and its consequence was the expulsion of nomad, and especially of hunting and fishing, tribes, into the north and east. It is, therefore, most probable that a large body of the Tungus followed the Dakotas and the Eskimos into America over the ice-bridge of Behring Strait, and made their way through the latter to their present habitations, where they are known as the Dénés.

THE TUNGUS AND DÉNÉ TRIBES.

Sauer, towards the close of last century, said: "The Tungoose wander over an amazing extent of ground, from the mouth of the Amour to the Baikal Lake, the rivers Angara or Tungooska, Lena, Aldan, Yudoma, Mayo, Ud, the sea coast of Ochotsk, the Amicon, Kovima, Indigirka, Alasey, the coast of the Icy Sea, and all the mountains of these parts; constantly on the look out for animals of the chase." The names given their tribes by Adelung and Klaproth are largely derived from their places of abode and possessions or mode of life. Thus Klaproth's eleven vocabularies are those of Yeniseisk, the Tshapogirs, Mángaseya, Nertchinsk, Bargusin, Upper Angara, Iakutsk, Ochotsk, the Lamuts, Lower Tungusa, and the Manchus. Here Tshapogir, Lamut and Mantchu cannot be taken as Tungus titles. The Russians divide them into Horse, Reindeer, Dog, and Foot-going Tungus. The Mantchu, or rather Tungus emperor, Tai-dsu, who overthrew the Ming dynasty, and took possession of the Chinese throne, left on record, through his chronicler, a list of the Tungusic tribes under his sway, about the year 1616 A.D. These are some sixty-five in number, and should be valuable for comparative purposes. The lists of the Mithridates and of the Asia Polyglotta are not quite the same, although Klaproth appears to have been responsible for both. The following table presents the tribal names in alphabetical order, the variants to the right being those of Adelung.

TUNGUSIC TRIBES IN 1616 A.D.

Akiran	
Andarki-Aiman	 Andarki.
Antshulaku	 Antschulaku.
Antu-Gualgia	
Barde	
Chada	 (Ch hard.)
Chesiche	 Cheshiche.
Chingan	 Chinn'kan.
Chaiifa	 Choifa.

Indachun-takurara-Golo	
Kuala	
Mardun	
Muren	
Namdulu	
Neien	 Neyen.
Nimatsha	
Noro	
Olchon	 Olcho.

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