## Achumawi Database: Summary for December 2020

The current backup can be downloaded (with instructions) from the usual location at http://zelligharris.org/achumawi-db.html, and I have updated the webonary site https://www.webonary.org/odissi/. Lexicon entries will be enriched with examples in the future. To view examples of roots, prefixes, and suffixes in particular words, open the Lexicon view in the database, right-click the entry, and select Show Entry in Concordance.

Although there is a lot more work to be done analyzing the verb stems, I decided that they are sufficiently well understood for me to shift attention to the pronominal prefixes, something very much needed by revitalization activists. This will take a while, so I haven't so much to report on the pronouns yet this month. De Angulo gives an incomplete table of pronominal paradigms on p. 91 of his grammar, but it is incomplete and of course has his phonetic and phonological problems that I have documented elsewhere.

To give you an idea of what might emerge, consider míl. De Angulo shows this as màl- in his 'volitional future' paradigm, singular both for $1^{\text {st }}$ person "I will" and for $3^{\text {rd }}$ person "he/shi/it will". Some examples:

ỷuučímci kú má ánca mlúnná. If it rains, I'll come.
uučímcí wátém mlúnná. Even if it rains, I'll come.
uućímcí wátém aawátca mlúnná. I'll come only when it rains.
$q^{h}$ é ỷuuthuukí mámm mlúpta. If he comes, I'll go.
čé ỷucci kú tuućímc mámm m̉lúnná. If it doesn't rain, I'll come.
mlám
I will eat!
I will be confused/dizzy!
$c^{h} u ́ s a ~ a a m a ́ a ́ ~ o ́ ~ m l i ́ s ~ s$
Let her say whatever she wants
mlám
mil mưúw
he should eat!
let him be confused/dizzy!

The $l$ - prefix alone is $1^{\text {st }}$ person volitional, as in lúpta "I'll go!"; the $m$ - prefix alone is $3^{\text {rd }}$ person irrealis, or potential vs. actual, as in mápti kúcí "he might go", which with rising intonation is translated as a question "might he go? will he go?". Their combination in mí- is ambiguous, hence the two meanings in the table above: either "it is my will that he might eat" or something like "it is my will that it may be that I eat".

However, while I was working on the pronouns, something else came my way to structure my work the past few days of this month. Last September, a colleague asked me about Yana because of the paper I wrote in 1970, but I had to tell him I haven't worked with that language since then, and don't have anything new to say. On Christmas Day, he sent me a spreadsheet comparing the Yana dialects with Achumawi, Atsugewi, Chimariko, Okwanuchu, and Shasta, all of which are said to be archaically relatives in the Hokan stock. He also includes neighboring languages Konkow, Nomlaki, Northeastern Maidu, and Wintu (but not Klamath/Modoc). This list is based on a version of the Swadesh list. Morris Swadesh proposed a list of English glosses for objects and concepts that he thought would be most universal across languages and cultures, to facilitate comparisons. He guessed that such words might be less easily subject to the social influences that cause language change, and used them as a basis for proposed statistical measures of relatedness (glottochronology). There are numerous revisions and variants of the list.

I undertook to give him better data in the Achumawi column of his table. I won't share the whole thing-that's his prerogative—but here is that one column for about half of it (12 out of 25 pages), and I will finish it in January. The Achumawi examples illustrate a central point of my paper "Why proto-Palaihnihan is neither", which I have to rewrite for IJAL. Comparison with a complex word is useful only if the same manner of construction is found in the language being compared. Otherwise, you have to look to single morphemes and morphologically simple words for cognates.

Preparing these examples leads to a lot of refining of analyses and sometimes improved rectification, so be sure to refer to the latest backup.

Looking forward to a productive new year, with everyone staying well and safe and happy in our interdependence upon each other.

## English

I
you (you pl.)
he
we ( $=1$ st poss. pl.)
you pl. ( $=2$ nd pl. poss.)
they ( $=$ that pl .)
( $=$ 3rd poss. pl.)
this (=here-deictic)
that
here (this -place)
there (that -place)
yonder
who
what
where
when
how
not, no
all
many
some
few
other, unrelated
one

## two

three
four
five
big
long
short
deep

Achumawi
it
mí (mici)
kac
$i t t^{h} u^{\prime}$ ćó
micist ${ }^{h} u$
$q^{h} e ́ ~ c ́ o ́ ~$
pi $q^{h a ́}$
$q^{h} e ́, q^{h} a h e ́, q h e ́$
$p^{h i ̛ ́} \neq a$
$q^{h}$ ééwáté
huky'í, h’uky’é
ki, ki wáli
táq
$c^{h} a$
chúúṫtać
$c^{h} u$
ćé
tóólol
$q^{h}$ ám
$q^{h} a w w a$
$k^{h o ́ k c a, ~} k^{h o ́ k c a m}$
aka
hamís
hak
cásti
hattáámá
láttíw
waẃá
čókcam aqcúúci'
waw̉á aqćúúm̉́’

## Analysis \& Notes

it -ééka agentive
m̉im 'ééka agentive mici- plural
kac -ééka agentive
it + -ú possessive + ćó plural
mi-ci -st -ú
$e$, ti are probably loans; and te $=$ "thus".)
kac -ú čó
Preaspiration misled me to write piqq${ }^{h}$ á originally.
-wُa place of. Aspiration \& pitch vs. pi unexplained.
cp. $p^{h}$ é aapáám̉i midafternoon (aapáámíi dropping thither)
$q^{h} e+w a ́ t e ́ ; ~ w, l, y$, etc. allomorphy suggests -wá, -wáté are suffixes. This huk is not found in isolation.
ćó plural, wáwi collectively; kíỉmas somebody
$s a$ indefinite, $y a$ emph.; mim indeed (definite)
táqsaya something or other; táqmas whatsis, something
$c^{h}$ á qa $X$ ? + -w̉a place of: chááwa qa $X$ ?
May be chúttać: cp. pittać now, mittać meantime w/ short vowel
Semantic range broader than "how".

+ e.g. lıa $(=\dot{w} a), m i(m)$
$q^{h}$ ammim some of; + coó is possible. $q^{h}$ heard as $k^{h}$ -wa usually locative or instrumental
+ can, mim, sa, wáka, ...

There are other words for "heavy"
$q$ extend $+c u$ thrust, cross
c̉u rise, lift, go along with. ćókcam aqćúúmí short distance, ćillíq aqčúúm̉í’ children increasing, ímaqc̉uumí tracking

## English

narrow
thin
woman
women
man
male
male of fish sp.
man (human being)
child
baby
little girl
little boy
wife
husband
mother
father
animal (game)
fish
sucker fish
bullfish
catfish
bird
dog, slave
(hound)dog
body louse
head louse
snake
worm
tree
forest

Achumawi
aqmí
ith'haahi', wiq ${ }^{h} a a w$ ̛́n $^{\prime}$
amitthéẃcan
amitthéẃćcan ćó
yályú(yályúúcan)
yáwwí q̉ussááwi
aatí
is
maníkcan
čillíq
molt ${ }^{h}$ ááyá
yáwak̉a
lúmmé
amitthéẃcan
yáwwí
taty̌í néécan, níniícica, mááni mommy
waaýí
mah̉hoq̉
ál
lathi
halaamíc
lééq${ }^{h} o q \not$
činekćílka, činetčíka
caahúm
ááláám̉ukí', áálámki
áclímmuki
aamíc
ac
h̆uumé
ámuq̉
ámthewáy, ámtuwáy
aswúu
asw̉íćcan, asw̉ú coó

## Analysis \& Notes

 plural. ćó plural. Plural often unmarked.-can individuating suffix.
múút $t^{h} a a q$ álcan; timúút ${ }^{h} a a q ̉ i ́ ~ m a r r y ~$ yáwwí husband -k’a diminutive lúmmé' maiden, marriageable woman, wife woman

Generic, but specifically trout
(póóni is some other language?)
$+-a k a$ dimin. after arrival of horse. Cp. wacli cunt, perh. cp. inámmaclíwci trading

Incorrectly rectified to $\dot{c}$ at first.
Generic.
earthworm, generic worm
angleworm
yellow pine; generic tree
yinálali is unconfirmed (Curtin 1888). álisti aqmí' narrow(-hole) rock. ćókca aqmí' (house); hamisk ${ }^{\text {hám aqmí' (road, room, house); }}$
ćókca aqciimí' narrow (river, valley), small/short (field).
am eat; itthééwi hearing, heeding; -can individuating suffix, sometime
quussá testicles +- wi belonging to, having (cp. Ats.)
wéécan daddy. níniíca, núnnááca father! síné, sínéécan upriver dial.
prob. not used for larger birds. many specific names.

Prob. European hound. Cp. aláála cheek, m̉u hanging down $-k$ hither

Final $c$ is fronted, but examples from LR not laryngealized.

LR's mother spoke of qá wéétát qá asw̉úúwáté edge of the trees

| English | Achumawi | Analysis \& Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| wood | áw |  |
| stick (of wood) | ááwívikca, ááwiúica |  |
| long stick, staff, cane | lohq̉á |  |
| digging stick | qáswa |  |
| fruit |  | No generic word. No large fruit in territory. |
| sweet; sweet fruit | çimááyuuhí | Each berry has a name. |
| seed | náácí |  |
| leaf | ćálah’̉i |  |
|  | aataap̉a | Upriver (least conservative dialects). Cp. ticaatááảa put in tidy pile |
| root | wattu |  |
| bark | aapáála | aapálcan piece of bark; pal tip, flip, turn over; pal float, flood |
| outside bark $=$ skin | üm̉u | taq̉ooq́áatili is the "bark" that a dog makes. |
| cedar bark | cutẏeh' | woh, wah = grizzly bear, \& maybe the "bark" that he makes. |
| flower | amál | yamááli it blooms |
|  | mahhháw | white grass, deer grass |
| grass | tahállóo | JPH from Yana speaker, unverified: |
|  |  | "Grt. tchắpúlha = Pr. ta hálXoh, mg. grass." [ $\mathrm{X}=$ crossed out] |
| hay | hásti |  |
| rope | asli |  |
| skin | ümu | of person, animal, fish, egg, or even bark |
| meat | missuć | also muscle of person, meat of nut |
| blood | ahti |  |
| bone | cíwci | állááti: cp. taalaatíwi strings of bone beads la line + -tiwi round abou |
|  |  | laap ${ }^{h} u$ úcica awl of any material: la line, $p^{h} u c ̧$ prob. onom., ilaap ${ }^{h} u$ úući |
| fat (noun) | ipho | + -wi fat-having $=$ adj. |
| egg | issá |  |
| horn | puwwá |  |
| horn, hook | listé | mtilísté he might hook you! |
|  |  | cp. lilísté (downriver) tiliśsté (upriver) headband |
| tail | ippi |  |
| feather | tóhh'̉̇ | Cp. hii using head, heading, leading |
| hair | $t^{\text {hiyy }}$ í |  |
| head | láh |  |
| ear | issat | íssat $=$ great-grand[mother/child $]$ |
| eye, face | áásá |  |
| nose | yammi |  |

## English

mouth
tooth
tongue
fingernail, toenail
claws
foot
leg
knee, elbow
kneecap
hand
wing
belly, stomach
overhanging belly
guts, stomach, intestines
neck
back iqqús
breast; milk íccit
heart hatááci
liver uwwé

| drink (drinking) | is; (issi) |
| :--- | :--- |
| speak (saying) | is; (issi) |
| sing (singing) | éési |

eat (eating)
bite (biting)
suck
suck
spit
vomit
blow (wind); run
breathe

Achumawi
áp
iic̉á
ipí
qứp, quúúp̉a
aliicháh
cíkkoh
saayéh
quohbwáy
púllúc
il
tawálci
pıínnuk
péswa
pičhul̉, pُééwam
wápti
is; (issi)
is; (issi)
éési
ám (ámmí)
ić (iićí)
člup wisỷí
pla
sia
$c^{h} i$
hiitús
tok tok tuci
tiyápháákỷi
hu
suć

## Analysis \& Notes

tiiči bite, sóóćá I bit, líc̉ I'll bite! çwa by biting pla using mouth (plaaquís sandhill crane, q̉is break) talaaquúúpaké clip one's nails (-áké reflexive)
čí using foot, upon, atop

Curtin koltituqki is unattested by anybody else. Don't rely on it. It could be qulti-, $k^{h}$ olti-, etc. \& his $q$ is $q^{h}, k^{h}, h, h$, or ${ }^{h}$ preaspiration. $l i$ using hand, reaching, extending arm $t$ - 3rd psn subordinate $+w a l$ flap $+c$ do

Has the form of $u w$ copula (adjectival) $+-e$ "implement for" sóósá I drank; lís I'll drink!
ó sisýí I said; ó lî́s I'll speak! (The o is optional, can disambiguate.) siwáásá I sang; lés I'll sing!
$\dot{c} w a$ by biting (verb root) may be $\dot{c}$ bite $+w$ TBD "says ćlup". One of many onomatopoeic forms. wáplasp̉iimí he quit sucking (thumb) pl̉a with tongue, mouth wásláaspıïmí he quit sucking (juice) sl̉a TBD waachící he's sucking, suckling, nursing
onomatopoeic tok $+c$, uc make, do.
$-k \dot{y},-k^{h} a y$ up from below; pha may be onomatopoeic, cp. cough. tihuumi run thither, blow thither. $p^{h} u$ is by mouth, not wind.
cf. ỷanph húúwááq̉aci he gaped, sanphuscúúququí I pout wínásuuc̉aswُací is still breathing; ínásuući’ breathing; tináásuçỷé nostril

## English

laugh
see, look, find hear, heed, be heard
pound
know about
know how [see how]

## learn

think
smell, sense an odor
smell, odor, stink
fear
feel fear
be scared hearing
sleep
sleepy
sound asleep
live one's life, dwell
die
cut; die, faint
kill
fight
fight battle

Achumawi
iliúyummi qénén yááwací
inímmááci
$t^{h} e$

$t^{h} a$

$t^{h}$
îmacquáti ímmaací, inámmaací
túmačci
ipsíwci
hay
islimmááci
ímaslímmááci
yámaslíy ${ }^{\text {équti }}$
ímássaykí
álictiikí
isúctiikí
$i t^{h}$ éctiikí
mat
sq̉oy
kut
iikááci
íyuumi, inááyumi
$a k^{h} a ́ a ́ t i, ~ a ́ n w a a k h a ́ a ́ t i ́ ~$
étẃi
aatíwci
aslíwci

## Analysis \& Notes

for Curtin/Olmsted h’awasú, cp. h’aw haw tissa whisper! etc.
he laughs all the time
$n$ - iter/intensv $+m a+c$ do [ma perceive, $\&$ sight is dominant?]
itt ${ }^{h}$ ééwi hear
it ${ }^{h}$ écpuumi obey, tit ${ }^{h}$ ecpiǐýa behave!
$i t^{h}$ éctiik̉̉́ frightened by hearing
it ${ }^{h}$ anáááy listen
ithákỷi pray (-kỷ up from below)
$i t^{h}$ ááći shout (-ći upon, atop: crier on housetop; sound goes up)
$a a^{h} i$ (usually acorn)
sát aat ${ }^{h} i$ blacksmith (sát obsidian, glass, metal)
$m a$ see $+c$ do $+\dot{q} a t$ compress, consolidate
[Learn how by example, quat consolidate from know-how.]
$m a$ see $+c$ do + ćí using foot, upon, atop $+c$ do
Perh. $p$ allomorph of $m a$ see, find, know
$p+s$ say $+-i w$ reciprocal, together
hay tuci, haý suwi etc.
slimma TBD; sli odor? $+m a+c$; $m a$ sensing, usually sight
$m a+s l i$ odor? $+m a+c$
it's stuck on; $m a+s l i$ odor? $+y e q$ sticking on
$m a+$ say push $+-k$ hither
$l i$ extending hand/arm; analysis of $c t+i k$ TBD
su feeling
$t^{h} e$ hearing
tuumáááti sleep; áámát, waamáát sleeper
sq̉oý suwí I'm sleepy
kut ýuwí He's conked out
ka collective action $+c$ do
yum
$k^{h} a ́ t$
ti move toward $+i w$ reciprocal $+c$
waslíw warrior, soldier; sl TBD, cp. hammer, etc.

## English

hunt
hit
knock
strike ballistically
cut
split
stab
stick, poke hole in
scratch
itch, scratch
scratch, dig out
dig
swim, bathe
swim like snake fly, make a fence
walk, step

## Achumawi

$s$

$$
\dot{q} a l
$$

$$
\dot{q} o l
$$

ćeq̉
aakhááti
aac $^{h}$ áápi
athílili
allaachíísi
aalááti
$c^{h}$ it chit ucí' (ỷuwí)
icuuq ${ }^{h}$ úúćci
íncuuq ${ }^{\text {hóóquátí }}$
iliiq ${ }^{h} a ́ a ́ c i$
$q o c$
$q^{h i} y / q y$
iwî́ỷi
úúsááyi
acwááýi
ínaphac̉ci
ahpááci
issáácumí; aasaymí
itáwááti
itammi
itááláátiwí
$\dot{q} i$

## Analysis \& Notes

lhóslúltánumí we hunt rolling down lul roll + tánu from above tóósi (participle), euphemism for presumed archaic word for deer. ituuuquááli hitting with fist; t̉uuq̉aalá prairie falcon; tủ using fist ituuquóóli knocking on it
aaćéq̆ti being hit by (arrow, bullet, rock, falling tree)
cutting; aliik ${ }^{h} a ́ a ́ t i ~ s a w i n g ~ l i ~ e x t e n d ~ h a n d / a r m ~$
chopping
cutting tules, grass
cutting up meat
slicing/splitting (meat, wood) [laryngealization not always heard]
(it is) split up; onomatopoeic $+c$ do
$c u$ thrust $+q^{h} u ́ c ́ c$ [ticuuq ${ }^{h} o ̛ q$ wací keeps poking holes in]
$c u$ thrust $+q^{h} o \dot{q}+t i$ move toward
 li extending hand, arm, implement $+q^{h} a ́ c+c$ do; $q^{h} a c q^{h} a c t u c i ;$ ẃńnćwaaqóócíwcí they bite \& scratch each other;
qoc qoc suwi I feel itchy
tícaaqhíyaaláké scratch self w/ hand;
wáćwáqyáké scratches w/ teeth
tillaaqhítyáála dig it out w/ (linear implement, la making a line)
digging a hole [de Angulo, unconfirmed]
digging roots
digging (roots); (bird) scratching around for food
uncover, dig up; ínaphi bury ( $n$ iter., intensive) + ći upon, upward Other verbs of motion in context of water translated "swim" e.g.
$s a$ move, propel $+c u$ thrust, cross $+-m$ thither $t a$ form a line, move linearly + wá TBD + tí toward
[fly in a straight line]
la make a line + iwí around and about
aaq̛íícumí walking across; q̉i step $+c u$ thrust, cross $+-m$ thither aaquíc̉ćumí walking along with; ču rise, lift, go along with, -m yánálláqcí walks backward na go + láq/lq turn, reverse


| English | Achumawi | Analysis \& Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| hold (in hand) |  | ca grasping $+c$ do |
|  | icaswací | $c a$ grasping $+s$ indefinite? $+w a$ continuous, habitual $c$ do |
|  | iluuçáswaci | $l u$ pulling $+\dot{c} a$ upright, up $+s+w a+c$ |
|  | icaasáçci | $c a$ grasping + sać lift [ $=s a$ move $+\dot{c} u$ or $\dot{c} a]+c$ |
|  | icaasááki | $c a$ grasping + sa move $+-k$ hither |
|  | itúćcci | t̉u with fist $+\dot{c} u[$ or $\dot{c} a]+c$ |
| hold in/have in/put into | iluuwísti taluuẃśsté | lu by gravity + wis TBD + tu upon; cp. winaaẃwisti help, defend container |
| squeeze | icanóóq̉i | ca grasping + nóq̉ ducking motion (Radin sadja'nı̀ki, sedjanı̀ki) |
|  |  | [sacañááki "I squeeze it" was a quick and dirty first rectification.] |
|  | ikuuỷúútit, ikuuỷúúpi | $k u$ pressing $+y u t / y u p$ squishy [also other onom. roots] |
| rub | ikuusúúyi | ku pressing + suy TBD [or su feeling + y TBD] |
|  | icúúqí | ámúúyá wa sáácóóqáke I rubbed self with mud; $c u$ thrust $+q$ extend |
|  | tikústaaqi qa áp | rub lips; $k u$ pressing + staq flabby, loose; áp mouth |
|  | tikúúp̉ahk haykáké | rub one's eye |
|  | etc. | $k u$ pressing + pah cover eyes $+k^{h} a y$ up from below $+-k+$-áké |
| wash, clean | psa | icapsááyi, icapsááci, clean one's face |
|  |  | itapsááyi clean game animal |
|  | tul | icaatúúlí wash clothes by hand; tul suds, foam |
| wipe, clean | luc | ilúúci cleaning off; tilúúci campsite; tuuquulúúci rawhide; |
|  |  | láh ulúccící aaq̉u head-polished mountain (tr. Bald Mt.) |
| pull | $l u$ | tilúúci pull |
| push | say | îkuusaymi push thither; $k u$ press + sa move, propel $+-m$ thither |
|  | sa | ikuusách'hi push into liquid; $k u$ press + sa move, propel + -çhi/cche |
|  |  | ikuusákẏi push up from below, lift onto ... $+-k y / k^{h} a y$ |
|  |  | ikuusaatánumi push down from above ... + tánu + -m |
| throw | pa | See fall |
|  | inéémíci, inééyímci | tie knot: nee TBD $+m i / i m$ down to surface $+c$ |
| tie | inéélúúli | tie knot: nee + lul back and forth |
|  |  | (tinéélúlici ducking back and forth) |
|  | ínéétáyi | tie bundle: nee + tay TBD [or ta linear sequence $+y$ ] |
|  | $i t^{h}$ óquti | tie string through hole: $t^{h} 0$ ¢́q $T B D+t$ toward |

