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INDIAN GRAVES.

On 31 May 1934, there was read over, to August Jack Haatsalano, W.A. Grafton's narration re Indian graves at Chaythoos, Stanley Park. He nodded assent to each statement, and to my query respecting its accuracy, said, "Yes, but Supplejack not buried in 'grass house,' but 'glass house.'"

Query: Can you tell me what this story is about Sue Moody (Moodyville Sawmill) borrowing \$2,000 from Supplejack to pay the mill hands when the money did not come by boat from San Francisco?

Andrew Paul, 12 February 1934: "I remember them telling me about it when I was a little boy. Some Indian—you know Indians can be very quiet in the woods, and can watch you without anyone knowing they are watching—well they told me an Indian was watching in the trees somewhere over about Victoria, and saw a Chinaman or somebody burying something. He afterwards told Mr. Moody about it, and Mr. Moody said to him, 'You take me and show me where it is,' and he did, and got the money.

Query: How much did the Indian get out of it?

Andrew Paul: "A few blankets, I suppose, but I never knew it was Supplejack, although now you remind me, I have some hazy recollection."

Note: the story is told by Harold E. Ridley that Mr. Moody of Moodyville Sawmill borrowed \$2,000 from Supplejack, of Chaythoos (Stanley Park). The money was in gold and silver coins of American denomination. (See *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 2, re this interesting Indian.)

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH AUGUST JACK HAATSALANO OF CAPILANO RIVER, 31 MAY 1934.

Query: What is there in the story that Sue Moody (manager of Moodyville Sawmill Co.) borrowed a big sum of money, about \$2,000, from your father, Supplejack (Khay-tulk)?

August Jack: "That's all wrong," disgustedly. "That was Alec Tom; same fellow killed a man on Granville Road to Eburne; knock him on the head with an axe, kill him. He was in jail eighteen years for doing it. I'll go tell you.

"Alec was working for Sue Moody; flunky, wash dish; Alec goes holiday in Victoria, then he was looking for place have rest, sit down; went in bushes, sitting in bush very quiet, and a Chinaman come along. He heard noise of Chinaman coming along; here was Chinaman; so he sit still. He watch Chinaman; the Chinaman bury this box; then he get up and walk towards the place where the Chinaman was burying this; he dug it out. The Chinaman's gone.

"He open the box and found the money inside the box, so he did not want to take the money, so he cover it over again, and came down to Victoria city; stay there two days after; and they caught the Chinaman, and the Chinaman would not give away where he had put the stolen money; so Alec found out the Chinaman stole the money, and he" (the Chinaman) "was arrested.

"Then Alec go back that place and move the box, and bury the box again. He took some out. So he came home and went back to his work washing dishes in the kitchen, and Moody was crying 'cos he did not have no money to pay his men; so Alec went up to Moody and says, 'What's the matter, Moody?' Moody answered, 'I got no money to pay my men.' So Alec said, 'I was in Victoria, in the bush, and the Chinaman come along with a big box, money in it, and the box is there yet.' So Moody said, 'Let's go and see.' So Alec said, 'All right,' and they go to Westminster and take steamer from Westminster to Victoria, and they got the money."

Query: How much?

August Jack: "Oh, can't say; don't know. That's the story, anyhow."