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21 JUNE 1939.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY, FIRST BURIAL. CARADOC, SON OF DAVID AND NELLIE EVANS, DIED 26 FEBRUARY 1887, AGED 10 MONTHS.

On Wednesday morning, 21 June 1939, Mrs. David Evans, in company with her daughter—and only child—Mrs. Harold Lucas, née Joy Awrey Evans, whose husband is an official of the City Treasurer's Office, Seattle, Washington, and Master Evan Lucas; together with Mrs. M.E. Harris, 1284 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, Major Matthews, City Archivist, and Miss Margaret Giles, assistant archivist, visited to Mountain View Cemetery and took a number of photographs of the covered little gravestone.

The marble headstone, formerly white, now grey from exposure, is on the highest top of the ridge, west of Fraser Avenue, and about ten yards from East 33rd Avenue, formerly Bodwell Road.

The inscription reads:

CARADOC
son of
David & Nellie
Evans
Died Feb. 26, 1887
Aged 10 mo's.
AT REST

DAVID EVANS. PETER AWREY. RACHEL AWREY.

The graves of Mr. David Evans, who died 1906, and Peter and Rachel Awrey, father and mother of Mrs. Evans, are in the "new" cemetery—north of 33rd Avenue—and located about 100 yards northwest of the northwest corner of Fraser and 33rd Avenue.

Read and approved by Mrs. Evans, 22 June 1939.

J.S. Matthews.

MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH MRS. JAMES WALKER, ELDEST DAUGHTER OF JOSEPH SILVEY, OR "PORTUGUESE JOE" No. 1, RESIDES AT 721 CAMBIE STREET, AND CALLED AT CITY ARCHIVES THIS AFTERNOON, 17 JULY 1939.

OLD CHIEF KI-AP-I-LA-NO. CHIEF CAPILANO JOE.

Mrs. Walker said: "When I was about three years old—it was before my sister Josephine was born—my mother took me over to the Indian houses at Capilano Creek, and there I saw old Chief Ki-ap-i-la-no; a great big old man with big legs, and loud voice—anyway, it seemed so to me; that's how I recall him, of course, I was little and perhaps he looked bigger to me than he actually was—and long white hair hanging down over his shoulders, down to his shoulder blades, and the ends used to curl upwards; he was short sighted. He had a son called Lahwa, who I think had a Nanaimo Indian woman for wife; Lahwa was chief afterwards.

"Old Ki-ap-i-la-no used to come over to Brockton Point and camp in a tent—I've told you about it—and he had a hunchback slave wife to look after him; I used to visit him constantly in that old tent."

MARY CAPILANO.

"The well-known Mary, widow of Chief Capilano Joe, was not old Ki-ap-i-la-no's daughter; her mother was a Comox woman. Then she married Capilano Joe; Joe's father was a Chilliwack Indian. Mary Capilano is not near blood to the Squamish Capilanos."

LOMTINAHT. STURGEON.

"Lomtinaht was my mother's sister; this is her photograph; her name in English was Louise; my mother's English name was Mary Ann. Lomtinaht was a very good looking woman; the dead image of my mother who was very good looking too. Lomtinaht married Joe Thomas, who is still living at North Vancouver.

She was killed in a buggy accident. There was a ceremony of consecrating the Indian Roman Catholic Church, and the horse ran away coming home, and they turned over, and she was injured; she lived to be brought to St. Paul's hospital, and died there next morning." (See A.J. Khahtsahlano conversation, July or August 1939.)

POTLATCHES.

"Lomtinaht was the 'princess' or 'queen' that they had at the potlatches, all over, sometimes at Musqueam, sometimes at Whoi-Whoi" (Lumberman's Arch); "she was good looking, and it didn't matter where it was, they always had her to be 'princess'; she had a lovely complexion, and was the image of her sister, my mother, Khaaltinaht" (Joseph Silvey's first wife.) (See photo No. C.V. P. Port. 392, N. Port. 174.) "She was the princess at the potlatch at Lumberman's Arch I told you about, the time I got frightened and ran away."

STURGEON.

"Lomtinaht told me she had to give potlatches for the sturgeon rod, that her father used to fish for sturgeon with; the old rod is out at Musqueam yet; I must try and get it if it is not broken; she said she had to give one about every year. I asked her, 'What do they do that for?' and she said, 'It's the memories; to bring back the memories of the highest people.'

"She told me the Indians used to go out in the water in a canoe, away out from the North Arm" (Fraser River) "and put a long pole out with a sort of hook on it" (see Khahtsahlano conversations) "and they would leave it down in the water for a little while, and then they would come back with the great big sturgeon. I think they used to dry those sturgeon. Celestine, she's very old, at Musqueam, told me all about it, too."

CELESTINE. CHIEF JOHNNY WHEE-WHY-LUK.

"Celestine is living at Musqueam now; she must be about one hundred; she is sister-in-law to the old chief Johnny Whee-why-luk; he's been dead now twenty or twenty-five years. He was my mother's first cousin; she was married to Chief Whee-why-luk's younger brother."

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LOMTINAHT. KHAALTINAHT. JOHN THOMAS. "NAVY JACK."

Mrs. Walker said: "Lomtinaht, or Louise, married Joe Thomas, full blood Indian, now living on Indian Reserve, North Vancouver, and my mother, Khaaltinaht, or Mary Ann, who was Mrs. Joseph Silvey, were full sisters.

"Mrs. 'Navy Jack' was a half sister to both Lomtinaht and Khaaltinaht, but her own full sister married an Indian at Chilliwack. All were grandchildren of 'Old Man' Chief Ki-ap-i-la-no" (of 1859.) "But Christine Jack of North Vancouver will know; ask her." (Note: A.J. Khahtsahlano said, July 29th 1939: "Lomtinaht was some distant relation of my father, Supplejack; Christine Jack, wife of Henry Jack of North Vancouver, is a daughter of 'Navy Jack,' and his wife, who was Lomtinaht's half half sister, but the similar surname 'Jack' does not mean that Henry or Christine are members of my family; they are not.")

JOSEPHINE SILVEY. STEVE ANDERSON.

"Josephine Silvey, my only full sister, was younger than I am; she married Steve Anderson; there is Anderson's Creek, near Ladysmith, named after him; I don't know if Anderson's Point, Stanley Park, was so called. Mrs. Anderson's children were:

1. Nellie Anderson, eldest child, now Mrs. McDonald [*sic*] who lives at Trout Lake.
2. Alf. Anderson, younger than Nellie, eldest son, he died in Vancouver leaving one son and two daughters.