

Early Vancouver

Volume Seven

By: Major J.S. Matthews, V.D.

2011 Edition (Originally Published 1956)

Narrative of Pioneers of Vancouver, BC Collected between 1931-1956.

About the 2011 Edition

The 2011 edition is a transcription of the original work collected and published by Major Matthews. Handwritten marginalia and corrections Matthews made to his text over the years have been incorporated and some typographical errors have been corrected, but no other editorial work has been undertaken. The edition and its online presentation was produced by the City of Vancouver Archives to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the City's founding. The project was made possible by funding from the Vancouver Historical Society.

Copyright Statement

© 2011 City of Vancouver. Any or all of *Early Vancouver* may be used without restriction as to the nature or purpose of the use, even if that use is for commercial purposes. You may copy, distribute, adapt and transmit the work. It is required that a link or attribution be made to the City of Vancouver.

Reproductions

High resolution versions of any graphic items in *Early Vancouver* are available. A fee may apply.

Citing Information

When referencing the 2011 edition of *Early Vancouver*, please cite the page number that appears at the bottom of the page in the PDF version only, not the page number indicated by your PDF reader. Here are samples of how to cite this source:

Footnote or Endnote Reference:

Major James Skitt Matthews, *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 7 (Vancouver: City of Vancouver, 2011), 33.

Bibliographic Entry:

Matthews, Major James Skitt. *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 7. Vancouver: City of Vancouver, 2011.

Contact Information

City of Vancouver Archives
1150 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 3J9
604.736.8561
archives@vancouver.ca
vancouver.ca/archives



**FROM *SQUAMISH INDIAN NAMES*, MATTHEWS, 1931-1940, A COLLECTION OF NAMES,
SQUAMISH INDIAN VILLAGES, LANDMARKS AND PERSONS, BURREARD INLET AND HOWE
SOUND.**

PAGE 65:

STAH-PUS

According to the reliable authority, August Jack Khahtsahlano, (Kitsilano).

A cave, or overhanging rock above a ledge, which, together, form an open mouth cave on the west coast of Gambier Island. It is on a point a short distance south of mountain marked on maps "3176 feet." There is—or was—a log shoot about a quarter of a mile south of Stah-pus. The Squamish Indian legend is that the skunks held a potlatch in the cave; the skunks gathered the fish, and put them in the cave so that they could have a big feast. The cave—not a real cave, but an overhanging rock roof with ledge below—is about eighty feet long, and fifteen feet above high water.

Another legend is that a whale was jammed lengthwise along the mouth of the cave, and thus jammed all the little fish in between the whale's body and the walls of the cave; the little fish could not get out, and the skunks gobbled them all up.

Meaning: pus, a beach, i.e., an overhanging beach.

See narrative, according to Captain Charles Warren Cates, above.

See also *Conversations with Khahtsahlano*, 1955, Matthews.