

Myths told by Kispiox informants

[and 2 other names]

1. Tradition of name *līgi'ū'n* (Boy's name in house of *kwyetl qisqast*). John Brown, 1920.

This name used to be that of the head chief ^{of the} ~~at~~ Temlaham *qisqast*.

All the people of a village except a woman and her daughter (*kcemahamhe'm* and *lu. ləpłəhə'-su*) were killed by a village across the river. A man appeared and married the daughter and left the woman in the ruined village. Long after, they reappeared with two daughters *lu-ga'lamg.am dzzmddzmg.iz* and *kcəmhamhe'm*, and a son *līgi'ū'n*.

The village was rebuilt, the husband went back to the sky. Nobody could overcome the village now.

"No one knows exactly where these events happened, but it was found afterwards to be near Temlaham".

2. ~~The sqaq̓ myth of~~ ^{sqaq̓} (long abstract taken) ✓

2. *ye·l*, founder of Kispiox. Hakst, Glen Vowell, 1920.

Long ago there was only one village, Temlaham. A wicked man named *ye·l* would kill at the slightest provocation, then flee to a hiding place, which was *kispayaks* "— place of hiding". He would return with many beaver skins.

The people built a *t'in* across the river below Temlaham, and caught salmon. A boy named *q̓əg̓ən* taunted the snow, bringing on local winter. The people vacated the village. *ye·l* took a party and founded Kispiox.

3 A Niska raid upon Kispiox. Jimmy Williams, 1920

The Niska raided Kispiox to get food, for they had run out of food. They always had 4 scouts out in front of the war party, and special precautions were taken.

təlg̓.am̓iq. was at qatq'ałidz̓n Mountain and saw the raiders. He set off to warn the Kispiox, but he and his wife were captured and killed. Their child was thrown in the river, floated down, and the people found it. Alarmed, they fled to the ^{laxt̓-d̓z̓p} four miles up the Kcan. The invaders ^{took} some food and belongings from the village. They attacked the fort but didn't capture it (although xt̓imlax̓, ma'u's, x̓antu, ~~and~~ the wife of dz̓us, and others were killed).

(The fort was a base rock in the middle of the channel, in swift water. There was a cave at the lower end. They built houses surrounded by a palisade (yes). upright stakes.

There was one like it opposite ^{an} lag-asəm̓dəx.

4. The last Niska raid upon the Kispiox. Jimmy Williams, 1920

Account of raid in his grandparents' time.
Some killed on both sides.