

*Capture of wives.*—The Indians living at the mouth of the Quinaielt River were formerly hostile to those tribes living further up the stream towards its source, a lake. Two S'Kokomish Indians came over the mountains to the lake hunting elk. Two Quinaielt Indians were hunting near by and found the fire of the S'Kokomish Indians; also a squaw left in camp, whom the Quinaielts captured and carried home with them. As they journeyed, the woman tore her blanket and scattered pieces along the way. These were found by her two friends, who returned to their tribe and brought a large number of S'Kokomish Indians back with them to the lake. The S'Kokomish were on one side of the lake, the Quinaielts on the other. S'Kokomish Indians sent one of their number for canoes. A lake Indian, who was fishing, discovered the S'Kokomish crossing in a canoe and informed others of the Quinaielts, who captured the S'Kokomish. Two of the lake Indians then crossed to see where the rest of their enemies were concealed. They were found in the woods, gambling by a fire, while awaiting the return of their messenger. Consequently, the S'Kokomish Indians were surprised at night when asleep, and were killed by the Quinaielts with flint knives and hammers.

The Quinaielts took with them to their village the S'Kokomish who was captured while crossing the lake. He was bound to a stake in the middle of the village. A council was held to decide his fate, and he was pierced by a great number of arrows and left to die. The woman first captured became one of the numerous wives of the Quinaielt chief.