

and the mouth of the river. Very probably an intermediate or middle division would have more accurately described them, embracing that part of the territory between Oak Point and Fort Vancouver. The present vocabulary belongs to those nearest the mouth, of which there were five principal bands.

Mr. A. C. Anderson, formerly of the Hudson's Bay Company, long resident on the Columbia River, assigns their boundaries as follows:—On the north side of the river, first the Chinooks proper (Tchi-nuk), whose territory extended from Cape Disappointment up the Columbia to the neighborhood of Gray's *Bay* (not Gray's *Harbor*, which is on the Pacific), and back to the northern vicinity of Shoalwater Bay, where they interlocked with the Chihalis of the coast; and above them the Wakiakums (Wa-kai-a-kum), who extended up towards Oak Point, having behind them the Willompals (Kwa-lwi-ó-kwa), an isolated band of the Chepewyan family (Athabascans of Gallatin), who inhabited the country on the Willompah River, and the head of the Chihalis. On the south side of the Columbia the Clatsops (Klat-sop) extended along the coast about twenty miles from near Tillamook Head to Point Adams, and up the river to Tongue Point. Thence the Cathlamets (Kat-hla'met) reached to Puget's Island, and were followed by the Coonias of Oak Point (Kahn-yak or Kukhn-yak, the Krehuits of Franchère and Skilloots of Lewis and Clarke). This last tribe, closely connected with the Klatskanai, another band of the Athabascan stock, who lived on the upper waters of the Nehalem, a stream running into the Pacific, on those of Young's River, and one bearing their own name, which enters the Columbia at Oak Point. The above may properly be considered as constituting a single tribe, although under the jurisdiction of different chiefs, and though dialectic variations existed in their language. The language of the bands farther up the river departed more and more widely from the Chinook proper, so that the lower ones could not have understood the others without an interpreter.