

A. N. S. "Sparrowhawk"

at Fort Simpson 23 November 1871

The depositions of Paik taken before  
H. W. Mist Beane J.P. for British Columbia

Mr W. Duncan of Metlakatla was sworn  
as Interpreter

Deponent stating that she knows the  
nature and obligation of an oath was accordingly  
sworn and deposes as follows

About a year ago my husband ("Nanlachah")  
and I had been warned that a man named  
"Lutluoh" proposed to do him an injury, but we  
disbelieved it - On an invitation being given  
to my husband by the Ritzeek tribe to attend a  
feast he declined for fear there might be some  
truth in the report, but sent me in his place  
in the mean time my husband and daughter  
went to get firewoods, on their return, the feast  
being over, and I having returned to my house  
received an invitation from Lutluoh's brother in  
law "da-esh" to go to his house where Lutluoh also  
lived - we refused to go on the first invitation but  
went on its being repeated we sat down by  
the fire with Lutluoh, his uncle (Wohsh),  
da-esh and his wife and others - I suspected  
something something wrong as my husband and  
I were not seated together as is usual - While  
my husband was laughing and talking Lutluoh  
suddenly got up, my husband was rising  
fearing danger from Lutluoh who at that

moment

Moment stepped behind him and shot him in the back with a pistol which he had under his blanket. My husband stood up bleeding from his wound for a few seconds and fell on his face dead near the fire. I took up my husband's knife which was hanging round his neck intending to avenge myself on Dethroh's mother but Dethroh and his brother (Xaich) each presented a musquet at me one on either side Xaich saying let us kill the wife and throw her body on her husband's but I gave up my knife and they did not fire. Then Dethroh taking up an axe was about to strike the dead body of my husband when a man named Mash-shah-nahl took the axe from him and defended me from further violence. A Chief of Dethroh's tribe (Mash-nah-wah) got some Calico and wrapped up the body of my husband and took it to our house.

Paiik her  
Mash

Sworn before me this 23 day of Nov  
1871 at Fort Simpson

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Dethroh Columbus

Neash-shah-naht - states  
that he understands the nature and  
obligation of an oath, and being duly  
sworn, deposes as follows

About a year ago I was sitting in  
my house when I heard a gun fired  
in the next house, and heard my wife  
who was there shriek out Duthnoh  
has shot Mantachah, I came out in  
my house Duthnoh has shot Mantachah  
and ran into the house where it occurred  
I found Mantachah lying dying on the  
ground, and his wife calling out to  
me too, several men in the house have  
musquets in their hands and appeared  
greatly excited some pointed them at  
Mantachah's wife crying out to me this  
slave woman too, I then rushed to the  
woman to defend her and pushed aside  
a man who was about to strike the dying  
man with an axe, the excitement  
having subsided a little Neash-nah-wah  
and I wrapped up the body in calico  
and took it to his own house

Neash-shah-naht his  
mark,

Sworn before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day  
of November 1871 at Fort Simpson

H. W. Mist  
J. P., British Columbia.

Depositions of Shahisbutu taken before me at  
Methacatta Nov 25 1870

The Deponent states that he knows the Nature  
and obligation of an Oath and was accordingly sworn  
and deposes as follows — I was in my house when  
I heard a shot fired in the farther Camp and a little time  
after heard a great low out side

Some one came in and told me that Manlacha my  
brother in law had been shot by Rutnok I immediately  
took up my gun determining to avenge myself on  
Rutnok and proceeded towards his house. When  
passing the fort Mr. Cunningham told me that  
Manlacha was killed and when I reached near  
his house a number of that tribe were in a very  
excited state and told me I would be shot if I  
went on but I insisted on entering the house when  
I saw the body wrapped in Callico saturated with  
blood. On returning to my own house crying I  
passed through a great crowd of Indians I lifted up  
my gun & said "I could have used this but God will be  
angry if I follow my own heart so I will leave it with  
him to avenge my brother" and then I went home

Sworn before me this 25 day of November  
1870 at Methacatta

A. W. Mirt