Major Lugenbeel states that all these tribes derive their origin from the Flatheads. On questioning Montour however he says that he knows of no such tradition.

He says further that nothing exists among any of the Flathead families resembling the Iroquois system, either as regards division into clans (the totemic system) or their mode of descent. Descent here is always in the male line from father to son, although in case the son is of tender age, a brother succeeds temporarily and may perhaps by means of influence and force keep the rightful chief out of his place. This corresponds entirely with what I have seen among all the tribes of the same family on the Sound, and I think extends all through the Oregon nations.

An old Cayuse told Montour that his tribe first got horses from the Snakes when he was a small boy. The Spokanes got theirs from the Cayuse and Nez Percés.

Capt. Fraser gives the following as the chiefs and principal men of the Yakamas with their localities and number of people.

Kamaiyakan, who was properly a Peloose [illegible] the whole. His residence was on the Simkwé and Atahnam.

	Ske-mah-way, on the Nahchess,	150	souls.
	Shah-wa-wai, on the Kwy-wy-chess,	45	"
	Sil-man-ni, mouth of Atahnam	60	"
	Swal-ta	400	"
	Supelia, Pisko and Satas	200	"
	Michel, Priest's rapids	125	"
	Shu-shoos-kan, Ketetas valley	375	"
dead.	Owhai, Spwock	75	"
	Kat-holt, Lakes	150	"

Te-ai-as, with only his family, vibrates between Owhai and Katholt.