## **Skull Place**

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1. Wətəpsək.

[Skull Place (Ash Island, PQ).]

2. Salahkiwi wəpayana piləwi-Mak<sup>w</sup>ak. Wəpayana waci-naci-mattahahətit Wapanahkia. Maawi kini-pəməkahətin.

[Once some Mohawks from away came. They came to kill the Abenakis. A big dance was being held just at that time.]

3. N=ak<sup>w</sup>a pasək<sup>w</sup> Mak<sup>w</sup>a kətəmąkitahama Wapanahkia. N=ak<sup>w</sup>a waci-atohkalat alənapai-phanəmo waci-poləwahətit ali-=ak<sup>w</sup>a -sahohsahətit Mak<sup>w</sup>ak. N=ak<sup>w</sup>a nah<sup>w</sup>əci ata olamawaləmawəna, ni nəta wəpoləwawəna.

[Then, they say, one Mohawk took pity on the Abenakis. That, they say, was why he told an Indian woman about it, so that they should flee when the Mohawks appeared. Then, they say,

some did not think that she was telling the truth, and they did not flee.]

4. Yokik məsiwi nəta poləwakk<sup>w</sup>ik mahci-nląną. N=ak<sup>w</sup>a məsiwi otənəməną tkinąkanal ni wəpihkakaak<sup>w</sup>toną sipohsisək waci-wskitohsahətit.

[All these who did not flee were killed. And, they say, (the others) all took cradle boards and laid them across the creek so that they could walk on top (of them).]

N=ak<sup>w</sup>a wəci ni wəmąciną Mak<sup>w</sup>ak mahci-nląhətit Wąpanahkia. N=ak<sup>w</sup>a wəwikohsaną
Wətəpsək. Ni ni wətosəkoməną.

[Then, they say, the Mohawks left, after killing all of the (remaining) Abenakis. Then they went to camp on Ash Island. And they spent the night there.]

6. N=ak<sup>w</sup>a apatialihətit Wapanahkiak, ni hlana kahsi-nlamək wətalənapaməwa. N=ak<sup>w</sup>a waci-wəlacihətit waci-nohsohkawahətit Mak<sup>w</sup>a.

[Then, they say, when the (other) Abenakis returned from hunting, they were told how many of their people had been killed. For that reason, they say, they got ready to follow the Mohawks.]

7. N=ak<sup>w</sup>a wətain pasək<sup>w</sup> mətawələno, n=ak<sup>w</sup>a na wək<sup>w</sup>ilaqpin waci-wawalətamohətit tqni wikohsahətit Mak<sup>w</sup>ak. N=ak<sup>w</sup>a mətawələno wənamihq ali- məsiwi -kaolətihətit, n=ak<sup>w</sup>a waci-

akamək -pihkakat ni waci-lapasək məsiwi wik<sup>w</sup>aolal. N=ak<sup>w</sup>a sipiwi kətakik Wapanahkiak pihkakahətit, əni mahci- məsiwi -nlana illi-kawihətitəp Mak<sup>w</sup>ak.

[There was a shaman there, and, they say, he sought to see where the Mohawks were camping. And, they say, the shaman saw how all of them were sleeping, so he went across (to the island) and cut cords on all of their birchbark canoes. Then, they say, when the other Abenakis crossed over, there they killed all of the Mohawks as they were sleeping.]

8. N=ak<sup>w</sup>a ipiwi pasək<sup>w</sup> wənək<sup>w</sup>əcilana Mak<sup>w</sup>a. N=ak<sup>w</sup>a ni wəkacihtawak<sup>w</sup>asana. Ni wəci ni wətihlana waci-macit ni wətacəmin ali- məsiwi -matənamək wətalənapama.

[And, they say, they only spared one Mohawk. And then, they say, they cut off his ears. After that they told him to leave and then to tell how all of his people had been killed.]