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Collection Overview

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Scope and Contents

Probably a Kutenai story or a Salish (Flathead or Kalispel; the 2 Salish tribes have lived together near Flathead Lake for many, many years.) The Kutenai on the Flathead Reservation live near Big Arm, on west side of Flathead Lake. Both Kutenai and Flathead Salish have told me myths about Flathead Lake. Flathead Lake is in western Montana, not in the area of any Algonquian tribe. If the correspondence reveals the tribal origin of the story, will you please let me know ? I don't know whether it is Kutenai or Salish. Ella E. Clark-1956.

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Names and Subject Terms

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- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Northwest Coast
- Salish Indians -- (identification uncertain)

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