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## Kaititj field notes of Harold J. Koch

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<b>Title:</b>	Kaititj field notes of Harold J. Koch
<b>Collection no:</b>	MS 2414
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## COLLECTION OVERVIEW

### Scope and content note

The collection consists of photocopies of Harold Koch's field notes which he compiled while working with the Kaytetye/Kayte people of the Barrow Creek area of the Northern Territory on the recording and analysis of the Kaytetye/Kayte language.

Some of the notes are annotated with information about accompanying tapes. These tapes are held in the AIATSIS [Audiovisual Archive](#).

### Provenance

This collection was deposited in the AIATSIS Library by Dr Harold Koch.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Harold Koch was born in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada in 1943. He holds a B.A. (Hons) in French and Latin from Waterloo Lutheran University, Canada; a masters degree in Classics from the University of Washington (USA) and a masters and PhD in Linguistics from Harvard University.

Since 1974 Koch has taught in the Linguistics Department at the Australian National University and is currently a Senior Lecturer in Linguistics and Head of the School of Language Studies.

Koch's major expertise is in the field of historical-comparative linguistics. He has worked with Kaytetye/Kayte people of the Barrow Creek area of the Northern Territory on the recording and analysis of the Kaytetye/Kayte language, has done extensive historical-comparative work on the Arandic language family, and has written on the methodology of language change and reconstruction with respect to Australian languages in general.

Reference:

Information supplied by Grace Koch, Native Title Research and Access Officer, Native Title Unit, AIATSIS

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## SPELLING CONVENTION

Kaititj, the spelling for the name of the Kaytetye/Kayte people used in the title and in the Item Descriptions section of this finding aid, is that used by Koch in the field notes.

Elsewhere 'Kaytetye/Kayte', the spelling used in the AIATSIS thesaurus, is used.

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## ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

### Folder

- 1 Kaititj field notes 1, 18 December 1974 – 24 January 1976, annotated with the AIATSIS tape numbers (LA6856 – LA6880A) and timings (120 leaves)
- 2 Field notes 2, 9 August 1976 – 21 November 1976 annotated with the AIATSIS tape numbers (LA6880A – 6893B) and timings (120 leaves)
- 3 Kaititj field notes 3, 22 November 1976 – 23 November 1976 (12 leaves)
- 4 Kaititj field notes, from tapes received 15 December 1976 – 20 December 1976, (17 leaves)
- 5 17 May 1977 - 26 May 1977 (20 leaves)

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