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MS 5068

Janice Monk,

Aboriginal household & dwelling survey, NSW

1965

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COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator:	Janice Monk
Title:	Aboriginal household and dwelling survey, NSW
Collection no:	MS 5068
Date range:	1963-1970
Extent:	51cm; 3 archives boxes
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Jones to Rowley, 9 Mar 1964, Janice Monk, Aboriginal household and dwelling survey, NSW, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, MS 5068/2/1.

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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Scope and contents note

Records produced by Janice Monk during her doctoral research on socio-economic characteristics of Aboriginal communities in rural NSW in 1965: original completed survey forms recording results of interviews with selected Aboriginal householders in Cowra, Coffs Harbour, Coraki, Deniliquin, Fingal Point and Griffith, and inspection of their residences, including demographic, housing, health, education and employment data; together with photocopies of Monk's field notes, copies of records of community organisations, such as Aborigines Advancement Organisations, and press cuttings; and her correspondence with Charles Rowley, and her supervisors at the University of Illinois.

Janice Monk's field work was supported by the Graduate College of the University of Illinois and by the Aborigines Project of the Social Science Research Council of Australia. Charles Rowley, Director of the Aborigines Project, helped facilitate her field work.

Provenance

The collection was deposited in the AIATSIS Library by Dr Janice Monk on 30 December 2013.

Material separated from the collection

56 photographs, taken by Janice Monk during her doctoral research in rural New South Wales in 1965, held by the AIATSIS Audiovisual Unit at MONK.J01.DF (D00025261 - D00025316). The images in this collection are not yet accessible on-line. To make an appointment to view this material please contact the Audiovisual Access Unit.

Related material

Janice Monk, *Socio-economic characteristics of six Aboriginal communities in Australia: a comparative ecological study*, Ph.D. Thesis - University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, 1972. Copy held in AIATSIS Library, MS 305.

Janice Monk, 'Australian Aboriginal social and economic life: some community differences and their causes', in L.J. Evenden & F.F. Cunningham (eds), *Cultural discord in the modern world: geographical themes*, Vancouver: Tantalus Research, c.1974, pp.157-174. Copy held in AIATSIS Library, pMON.

See also C.D. Rowley's Aboriginal household survey papers at MS 3775 and Rowley's records of the Social Science Research Council of Australia study project, Aborigines in Australian Society, at MS 5014.

For a complete list of works by Janice Monk, held by the Library, and for other related material consult [Mura®](#), the AIATSIS catalogue.

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Archivist's note

The completed survey forms are original documents. Janice Monks' field notes, correspondence, press cuttings and other research materials are mainly photocopies. Janice Monk and Richie Howitt (Macquarie University) have supplied copies of the completed survey forms to families / descendants in Griffith, Deniliquin and Coff's Harbour.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Janice Monk (née Jones) studied at the University of Sydney 1954 to 1957, completing an Arts degree with honours in Geography. In the following years, 1958 to 1961, she was employed as a research assistant and demonstrator in the Department of Geography at Sydney University.

In January 1961 Janice participated in a project to build a house for an Aboriginal family in the white community in Kempsey, NSW, which stimulated her interest in the relationships of Aborigines to the community as a whole. In September 1961 Janice went to the University of Illinois to undertake an MA and, subsequently, her Ph.D investigating 'the problems of Aboriginal people within the fringes of non-Aboriginal communities'.

In 1964 Janice wrote to the Social Science Research Council of Australia requesting information about their major study project, *Aborigines in Australian Society*, and outlining her own research interests. There followed a correspondence with Charles Rowley, Director of the project, which resulted in their collaboration in 1965 over the scope and design of her survey of Aboriginal households and some SSRC funding support for Janice's travel.

Janice Monk's PhD thesis, *Socio-economic characteristics of six Aboriginal communities in Australia: a comparative ecological study*, was submitted at the University of Illinois in 1972.

Janice Monk is currently (April 2016) Research Professor, School of Geography and Development Research Social Scientist Emerita, Southwest Institute for Research on Women, College of Social Sciences, University of Arizona.

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SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series 1 Aboriginal Household and Dwelling Survey: completed survey forms, 1965

Original handwritten survey forms, completed by Jan Monk, for selected households and dwellings in Cowra, Coff's Harbour, Coraki, Deniliquin, Fingal Point and Griffith. Four forms were completed for each dwelling, as follows:

Form 1. Household and Dwelling Survey: naming the head of the household and listing persons usually living in the household; together with details of location of the dwelling, its type, ownership, construction, site, design, water supply, light and heat, household

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equipment, disposal of waste, care and maintenance, and actions taken by local government or housing authority; often with extensive additional comments by Janice Monk.

Form 2. *Individuals in Household and Dwelling Survey.* Filled out for each of the persons listed in Form 1, giving personal details, and additional comments.

Form 3. *Further details relating to males who are over school age,* with additional comments.

Form 4. *Further details relating to males who are over school age,* with additional comments.

Subseries 1 Coff's Harbour: completed survey forms, 1965.

MS 5068/1/1/1 Coff's Harbour 1. Includes list of Aboriginal households in Coff's Harbour in 1965, Ts., 1p., and completed forms for all residents in the following households: Smith, Carriage, Hoskins, Ferguson (or Mercy), Waters, Dodds and Johnson.

MS 5068/1/1/2 Coff's Harbour 2. Includes completed survey forms for all residents in the following households: Cowan and Lynwood.

MS 5068/1/1/3 Coff's Harbour 3. Includes completed survey forms for all residents in the following households: Thompson, Hart and Hoskins.

Subseries 2 Coraki: completed survey forms, 1965.

MS 5068/1/2/1 Coraki. Includes list of Coraki households, Nos. W1-W13 and T1-T6, and completed forms for all residents in the following households: Skinner, Knight, Kapeen and Drew.

Subseries 3 Cowra: completed survey forms, 1965.

MS 5068/1/3/1 Cowra 1. Includes completed survey forms for all residents in the following households: Simpson, Kennedy, Harris, Ingram, Caine and Connors.

MS 5068/1/3/2 Cowra 2. Includes completed survey forms for all residents in the following households: Whitty, Coe, Simpson, Wedge and Roberts (Coraki).

Subseries 4 Deniliquin: completed survey forms, 1965.

MS 5068/1/4/1 Deniliquin 1. Includes completed survey forms for all residents in the following households: Ross, Day and Briggs.

MS 5068/1/4/2 Deniliquin 2. Includes completed survey forms for all residents in the following households: Ross, Farrant, Sampson and Day.

MS 5068/1/4/3 Deniliquin 3. Includes completed survey forms for all residents in the following households: Smith and Atkinson.

Subseries 5 Fingal: completed survey forms, 1965.

- MS 5068/1/5/1 Fingal 1. Includes completed survey forms for all residents in the following households: Slabb, Leon and Browning.
- MS 5068/1/5/2 Fingal 2. . Includes completed survey forms for all residents in the following households: Paulson, Compton, Fay and Corowa.
- MS 5068/1/5/3 Fingal 3. Williams, Rotumah and Moreton.

Subseries 6 Griffith: completed survey forms, 1965.

- MS 5068/1/6/1 Griffith 1. Includes completed survey forms for all residents in the following households: Wymer, Burns, Grant and Bloomfield.
- MS 5068/1/6/2 Griffith 2. Includes completed survey forms for all residents in the following households: Firebrace, Bloomfield, Charles, Fields, Little and Bamblett.

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**Series 2 Aboriginal Household and Dwelling Survey:
correspondence, field notes, collected press reports and
other research material, 1963-1970**

Photocopies of Janice Monk's field notes and other research materials made in conjunction with her household and dwelling surveys in Cowra, Coffs Harbour, Coraki, Deniliquin, Fingal Point and Griffith.

- MS 5068/2/1 Monk – Rowley correspondence, Oct 1963-Sep 1966, Ts., p/c., 44pp., including:
- Janice E. Jones to Secretary, Social Science Research Council of Australia, 30 Oct 1963, re announcement in the *SMH* of the study project 'Aborigines in Australian Society', Ts., p/c, 3pp.;
 - R.S. Parker (Secretary, SSRC) to Janice Jones, 21 Nov 1963, referring her to C.D. Rowley, Director of the Project, Ts., p/c, 1p., with outline of the project attached, Ts., p/c, 3pp;
 - Janice Jones to C.D. Rowley, 9 Mar 1964, reporting on her research plans, requesting information about Rowley's plans and indicate that she would like to seek additional financial aid for her fieldwork from the Social Science Research Council, Ts., p/c, 3pp.
 - C.D. Rowley, to Janice Jones, 7 Apr 1964, re the possibility of collaboration and funding support, Ts., p/c, 1p.
 - H.J. Green (Superintendent of Aborigines Welfare, Aborigines Welfare Board, Sydney) to Janice Monk, 4 Mar 1965, giving her approval to visit

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- Aboriginal stations and reserves in NSW, attaching an Authority to Enter and be upon an Aboriginal Reserve, Ts., p/c, 2pp.
- C.D. Rowley to Jan Monk, 30 Apr 1965, re design of her interview forms, Ts., p/c, 1p.
- and a considerable amount of other correspondence and related papers.
- MS 5068/2/2 Correspondence with C.S. Alexander, Monk's dissertation advisor, University of Illinois, Jan-Mar 1965, excerpts, Ts., transcripts, 9pp., together with Monk to Joseph Russell, Head, Geography Department, University of Illinois, n.d. (1965), Ts., transcript, 3pp.
- MS 5068/2/3 Janice Monk's correspondence with and data received from public agencies, Jun 1965-Aug 1966, Ts. & Ms., p/c, 9pp.
- MS 5068/2/4 Coff's Harbour Field Notes, n.d., Ms., p/c, pp.175-210 of field notebook.
- MS 5068/2/5 Coff's Harbour Supplementary Notes, n.d., Ms., p/c, pp.175-210 of field notebook (as above), and Letter to the Editor, *SMH*, 18 Aug 1958, Ts., transcript, 2pp., drawing attention to the 'shocking circumstances of the Aboriginal population of Coff's Harbour'.
- MS 5068/2/6 Coroki Field Notes, n.d., Ms., p/c, pp.251-270 of field notebook (2 copies), with transcript of extracts, Ts., 3pp.
- MS 5068/2/7 Coroki Supplementary Notes, including:
- 'Reminiscences of Oliver Jones', *Richmond River Herald*, 1936, Ts., transcript, 3pp.
 - *Wyrallah's Golden Jubilee 1889-1939, Souvenir Booklet*, extract, transcript, Ts., 1p., and other notes from the Coroki Localities file, Richmond River Historical Society, Ms., p/c, 4pp.
 - 'For Aborigines cooperative system only solution', *Northern Star* (Lismore), 3 Nov 1964, Ts., transcript, p/c, 1p.
 - James Morgan (Box Ridge, Coroki), contribution to the discussion during the conference on the Future of Aboriginal Groups, Grafton, 22-24 Sep 1961, broadcast over Radio 2LM, 8 Oct 1961, Ts., transcript, p/c, 2pp.
- MS 5068/2/8 Cowra Field Notes, n.d., Ms., p/c, 20pp.
- MS 5068/2/9 Deniliquin supplementary notes and materials, n.d., Ms., p/c, 20pp., with transcript of extracts from Deniliquin field notes, Ts., 1p.
- MS 5068/2/10 Deniliquin supplementary notes and press clippings, p/c, 18pp.
- MS 5068/2/11 Deniliquin supplementary notes and clippings from newspapers, Ms. & Ts., p/c, 40pp.
- MS 5068/2/12 Fingal Point Field Notes, n.d., Ms., p/c, pp.211-250 of field notebook (2 copies), and some supplementary notes, Ms & Ts., 9pp.

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- MS 5068/2/13 Griffith Field Notes, n.d., Ms., p/c, pp.87-130 of field notebook, with transcript of extracts from pp.122-145 of field notebook, Ts., 5pp. (2 copies), together with supplementary notes, including:
- notes from minutes of the Griffith Aborigines Advancement Organisation, Ts., 4pp.
- MS 5068/2/14 Griffith supplementary notes and materials, including press cuttings, p/c, 9pp.
- MS 5068/2/15 Miscellaneous field notes, Ms., p/c, 6pp.
- MS 5068/2/16 NADOC [National Aborigines' Day Observance Committee] – *Sydney Morning Herald* press clippings: *What is NAIDOC?* (pamphlet); Hansard, Senator John Gorton's contribution to the debate on the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Bill, Hansard, n.d.; and press cuttings, p/c, 28pp.
- MS 5068/2/17 *Dawn*, 14:3, Mar 1965. p/c.
- MS 5068/2/18 Press cuttings, 1963-1964, p-/c, 29pp.
- MS 5068/2/19 Miscellaneous press cuttings, 1965, c.70pp., p/c.
- MS 5068/2/20 Miscellaneous press cuttings, 1966, c.80pp., p/c.
- MS 5068/2/21 Miscellaneous press cuttings, 1967-1970, c.14pp., p/c.

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