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Finding aid

SHADFORTH_W01

Sound recordings collected by William Shadforth, 1969

ACCESS

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1969

Extent: 2 audiotape reels (32 min.) : analogue, 3 ¾ ips, mono.

Production history

These recordings were made by William Shadforth in 1969 in Borroloola, NT. They feature oral history, cultural discussions and songs by Mr Shadforth in English interspersed with Garrwa words and phrases, and brief conversations in English with several of Mr Shadforth's children, including Hazel, Ray, Ned and Kenny.

RELATED MATERIAL

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ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

This finding aid was compiled from information contained in documentation provided by William Shadforth and audition sheets prepared by AIATSIS staff.

ITEM LIST

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
001615A	Field tape 1a	Oral history account by William Shadforth and conversations with Hazel, Ray and Ned Shadforth
001615A	Field tape 2A	Oral history account, traditional stories and songs by William Shadforth, and conversation with Kenny Shadforth and Frank [Shadforth?]

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

001615A/Field tape 1A

Performer/speaker(s): William Shadforth, Hazel [Shadforth?], Ray Shadforth, Ned Shadforth
Subject keywords: Oral history, Settlement & contacts, Language - Texts & translations - non-Aboriginal to Aboriginal language
Language/people: Garrwa / Garrawa / Garawa
Places: Borroloola (North NT SE53-03),
Recording quality: Poor to fair
Notes: There is a change in speed between 00:24:28 – 00:27:23 on the analogue copies of this recording, which should be removed when the recording is digitised.

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
SHADFORTH_ W01-001615A	00:00:00	Oral history narrative in English and Garrwa by William Shadforth. Includes an account of the Garrwa people's first encounter with Europeans, passed on to Mr Shadforth by his grandmother.	1969	Borroloola, NT
	00:11:18	William Shadforth talks about his own life growing up on a cattle station. Brief conversations with three of Mr Shadforth's children, Hazel, Ned and Ray, primarily about education and the value of learning Garrwa.		
	00:31:20	End of field tape 1A and end of SHADFORTH_W01-001615A.		

001615A/Field tape 2A

Performer/speaker(s):	William Shadforth, Kenny Shadforth, Frank [Shadforth]
Subject keywords:	Oral history, Ceremonies – Initiation, Music – Traditional – Ceremonial, Stories & motifs – Birds, Death – Mortuary customs, Occupations – Pastoral industry workers
Language/people:	Garrwa / Garrawa / Garawa
Places:	Borroloola (North NT SE53-03)
Recording quality:	Poor to fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
SHADFORTH_ W01-001615A	00:33:25	Mr Shadforth introduces his ten year old son, Kenny. He talks to Kenny about Garrwa initiation ceremonies.	1969	Borroloola, NT
	00:36:32	Mr Shadforth sings Garrwa ceremonial songs.		
	00:37:33	Mr Shadforth tells a story about the Brolga, Eeaglehawk, Crane, Crow and Night Owl, followed by Garrwa words for various reptiles.		
	00:43:04	Mr Shadforth tells Kenny about Garrwa beliefs and ceremonies relating to death. Various songs follow.		
	00:54:18	Mr Shadforth, Kenny and another child, Frank, talk about droving. A story about Green-Eyed Jim the drover follows, as well as various songs in English and Garrwa performed by Mr Shadforth and the children.		
	01:04:47	End of field tape 2A and end of SHADFORTH_W01-001615A.		

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