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Finding Aid

BERN_J01

Guide to sound recordings collected by John Bern, 1968

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1968

Extent: 2 sound tape reels (ca. 54 min.) : analogue, 7 ½ ips, mono.

Production history

These recordings were collected by John Bern on 29 and 30 September 1968 at Mataranka, while he was an AIAS Research Officer. They document ceremonial songs of Mara people, including Lightning Burala and Dennis Daniels.

RELATED MATERIAL

For a complete listing of related material held by AIATSIS, consult the Institute's Mura® online catalogue at <http://mura.aiatsis.gov.au>.

ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

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

ITEM LIST

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
001725A 001725B	Field tape 1	Ceremonial songs performed in Mara by Lightning Burala
001725B	Field tape 2	Ceremonial songs performed in Mara with a brief discussion in English with Dennis Daniels

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

Field tape 1

Performer/speaker(s):	Lightning Burala
Subject keywords:	Music – Ceremonial music, Music – Vocal, Music - Traditional
Language/people:	Mara / Marra
Places:	Mataranka (NT Top End Upper Roper SD53-09)
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BERN_J01-001725A	00:00:00	Mara Gunabibi series - Whirlwind song performed by Lightning Burala. RESTRICTED CEREMONIAL MATERIAL.	29 September 1968	Mataranka Station NT
	00:31:50	End of Bern_J01-1725A.		
BERN_J01-001725B	00:00:00	Continuation of the Mara Gunabibi series - Whirlwind song performed by Lightning Burala. RESTRICTED CEREMONIAL MATERIAL.	29 September 1968	Mataranka Station NT
	00:02:20	End of field tape 1.		

Field tape 2

Performer/speaker(s):	Dennis Daniels
Subject keywords:	Music – Ceremonial music, Music – Vocal, Music - Traditional
Language/people:	Mara / Marra
Places:	Mataranka (NT Top End Upper Roper SD53-09)
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BERN_J01-001725B	00:02:22	Mara Gunabibi series - Rainbow song performed by Dennis Daniels. Brief discussions in English about the songs, ceremony names and Jungkayi relationship.	30 September 1968	Mataranka Station NT
	00:20:36	End of field tape 2 and Bern_J01-1725B.		