



Finding aid

CHESSON_M01

**Sound recordings collected by
Marlene Chesson, 1979-1982**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1979-1982

Extent: 18 audiocassettes : analogue, mono.

Production history

These recordings were collected by Marlene Chesson during fieldwork at Mowanjum, Jigalong and Derby in Western Australia. The purpose of the field trip was to document traditional stories, songs and events of people connected to or living in Broome, Mowanjum, Jigalong and Derby. Interviewees include Daisy Uttamarra, Paddy Roe, Granny, Joe Nungan (Nangan?), Jack Davis, Jean, Buru, Lily, Jumbo Colley, Pompey Charlie, Toby Oates, Trixie, Jessie Jeffries, Sambo Sampson, Maggie Malana, Pincher Ruben and Joshua. Also there were a number of people who were not identified. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 25 May 1982.

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This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Marlene Chesson and audition sheets prepared by AIATSIS staff.

Timing points may be slightly out depending on the technologies and procedures in place at the time the recordings were auditioned.

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ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

016120/Mowanjum 1

Performer/speaker(s):	Daisy Uttamarra
Subject keywords:	Religion – Dreaming – Wandjina
Language/people:	English
Places:	Mowanjum (WA West Kimberley SE51-07)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M01-016120	00:00:00	Daisy Uttamarra talks about the three tribes living in the area.	12 April 1982	Mowanjum, Derby WA.
	00:11:30	Daisy Uttamarra tells the story about the Wandjinas fighting.		
	00:31:35	Daisy Uttamarra tells the story of Rattlesnake and Sun.		
	00:40:30	Daisy Uttamarra tells the story of the Native Cat and the Python.		
	00:49:00	End of Field Tape Mowanjum 1 and end of CHESSON_M01-016120.		

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016121/Mowanjum 2

Performer/speaker(s):	Daisy Uttamarra
Subject keywords:	Religion – Dreaming – Wandjina, Religions – Christianity
Language/people:	English
Places:	Mowanjum (WA West Kimberley SE51-07)
Recording quality:	Poor to Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M01-016121	00:00:00	Daisy Uttamarra tells the story of the Wandjinas and also a story about the Owl.	18-19 January 1982	Mowanjum, Derby, Western Australia.
	00:23:45	Daisy Uttamarra tells the story of when Wandjina gets angry and makes rain and lightning.		
	00:31:54	Daisy Uttamarra talks about beliefs.		
	00:52:30	End of Mowanjum 2 and end of CHESSON_M01-016121.		

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016122/Mowanjum 3

Performer/speaker(s):	Daisy Uttamarra
Subject keywords:	Religion – Dreaming – Wandjina
Language/people:	English
Places:	Mowanjum (WA West Kimberley SE51-07)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M01-016122	00:00:00	Daisy Uttamarra continues the story of the Wandjinas.	22 January 1982	Mowanjum, Derby, Western Australia.
	00:16:50	End of Mowanjum 3 and end of CHESSON_M01-016122.		

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016123/Mowanjum 4

Performer/speaker(s):	Paddy Roe
Subject keywords:	History – Biographies – Indigenous, Music – Vocal
Language/people:	English
Places:	Wupipi/Broome (WA West Kimberley SE 51-06)
Recording quality:	Poor
Notes:	Jack Davis also an interviewer on this recording

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M01-016123	00:00:00	Paddy Roe tells his life history.	14 May 1981	Broome, Western Australia
	00:08:40	Paddy Roe sings a song and gives an explanation.		
	00:31:42	Paddy Roe speaks of stories and places.		
	00:57:30	End of Mowanjum 4 and end of CHESSON_M01-016123.		

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016124/Mowanjum 5

Performer/speaker(s):	Granny
Subject keywords:	History – Biographies – Indigenous
Language/people:	English
Places:	Wupipi/Broome (WA West Kimberley SE 51-06)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M01-016124	00:00:00	Granny is talking to Jack Davis in Broome. Granny recalls childhood memories about people and places.	17 May 1981	Broome, Western Australia.
	00:12:40	End of Mowanjum 5 and end of CHESSON_M01-016124.		

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016125/Mowanjum 6

Performer/speaker(s):	Joe Nungan (Nangan?)
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history
Language/people:	English and unidentified language
Places:	Wupipi/Broome (WA West Kimberley SE 51-06)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M01-016125	00:00:00	Joe Nungan (Nangan?) tells a story in English and includes some words from his language.	17 July 1981	Broome, Western Australia.
	00:38:00	Joe Nungan (Nangan?) continues with stories, songs and a discussion.		
	00:51:34	End of Mowanjum 6 and end of CHESSON_M01-016125.		

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016126/Mowanjum 7

Performer/speaker(s):	Jack Davis and Marlene Chesson
Subject keywords:	Substance use – Alcohol, Councils – Land councils
Language/people:	English
Places:	Wupipi/Broome (WA West Kimberley SE 51-06)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M01-016126	00:00:00	Jack Davis speaks at a meeting about some problems in the community.	19 July 1981	Broome, Western Australia.
	00:34:10	Political problems mentioned.		
	00:34:34	Jack Davis and Marlene Chesson talking about political problems.		
	00:37:03	End of Mowanjum 7 and end of CHESSON_M01-016126.		

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016127/Mowanjum 8

Performer/speaker(s):	Daisy, Jean, and Buru
Subject keywords:	History – Biographies – Indigenous, Literature and stories
Language/people:	English and Worrorra.
Places:	Mowanjum (WA West Kimberley SE51-07)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M01-016127	00:00:00	Daisy talks about her childhood. She had a book published about Kimberley traditional stories.	22 July 1981	Mowanjum, Western Australia
	00:17:10	Jean talks about her childhood. Jean uses some words in the Worrorra language. Jean tells a traditional story.		
	00:37:50	Buru tells a traditional story. General discussion. A story about Wanjiinas.		
	00:60:00	End of Mowanjum 8 and end of CHESSON_M01-016127.		

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016128/Mowanjum 9

Performer/speaker(s):	Several unidentified women and Lily
Subject keywords:	Magic and sorcery
Language/people:	English and an unidentified language
Places:	Jigalong (WA East Pilbara SF51-13)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M01-016128	00:00:00	Unidentified people speaking about a time when they were in Perth. Women singing and clapping.		Jigalong, Western Australia
	00:03:20	An interview with an unidentified woman through her interpreter. She walked from the desert to live at Jigalong.		
	00:35:11	End of Mowanjum 9 and end of CHESSON_M01-016128.		

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016129/Jigalong 1

Performer/speaker(s):	Unidentified women and men, Lily
Subject keywords:	Occupations – Pastoral industry workers – Drivers/Stockmen, Environment – Deserts
Language/people:	English and unidentified language
Places:	Jigalong (WA East Pilbara SF51-13)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M01-016129	00:00:00	Unidentified man talks about working on stations in the early days.	1979	Jigalong, Western Australia
	00:10:20	Lily talks about coming to Jigalong with her parents.		
	00:31:50	End of Jigalong 1 and end of CHESSON_M01-016129.		

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016130/Jigalong 2

Performer/speaker(s):	Jumbo Colley, Pompey Charlie, unidentified woman, and Toby Oates
Subject keywords:	Occupations – Pastoral industry workers – Drivers/Stockmen, Enterprises – Mining
Language/people:	English and an unidentified language/Martu people
Places:	Jigalong (WA East Pilbara SF51-13)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M01-016130	00:00:00	Jumbo Colley provides a narrative in his language about non-traditional foods.	5 May 1979	Jigalong, Western Australia.
	00:10:05	Pompey Charlie talks about being a drover.		
	00:20:48	Toby Oates talking along with an unidentified woman.		
	00:38:05	End of Jigalong 2 and end of CHESSON_M01-016130.		

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016131/Jigalong 3	
Performer/speaker(s):	Unidentified speakers
Subject keywords:	Social organisation – Kinship – Marriage – Wrong marriage, Religion – Dreaming – Seven Sisters
Language/people:	English and unidentified language
Places:	Jigalong (WA East Pilbara SF51-13)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M0 1-016131	00:00:00	Unidentified man telling a story of a man and woman who were missing.	17 April 1979	Jigalong, Western Australia.
	00:03:30	A traditional song is sung. A narrative about a war story.		
	00:06:45	Women are talking in their language and in some English.		
	00:12:45	End of Jigalong 3.		

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016131/Jigalong 4

Performer/speaker(s):	Jessie Jeffries, and Trixie
Subject keywords:	Stories and motifs – Seven Sisters
Language/people:	English and unidentified language
Places:	Jigalong (WA East Pilbara SF51-13)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M01-016131	00:12:45	A story in language and English about the Seven Sisters.	17 April 1979	Jigalong, Western Australia
	00:28:15	Trixie is giving her account of a story.		
	00:30:15	Conversation with Jessie Jeffries (?), about seeing non-Indigenous people for the first time.		
	00:53:40	End of Jigalong 4, and end of CHESSON_M01-016131.		

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016132/Jigalong 5

Performer/speaker(s):	Unidentified people, Sambo Sampson, and ? Pompey
Subject keywords:	History – Biographies – Indigenous
Language/people:	English
Places:	Jigalong (WA East Pilbara SF51-13)
Recording quality:	Fair - Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M01-016132	00:00:00	General conversation with unidentified man.	1979	Jigalong, Western Australia.
	00:13:10	Interview with unidentified man who names tribes in the area.		
	00:24:07	Narrative in language. Mention Halls Creek.		
	00:28:20	End of Jigalong 5 and end of CHESSON_M01-016132.		

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016133/Jigalong 6

Performer/speaker(s):	Unidentified male interviewer and unidentified male speakers
Subject keywords:	History – Biographies – Indigenous, Religion
Language/people:	English and unidentified language
Places:	Jigalong (WA East Pilbara SF51-13)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M0 1-016133	00:00:00	Narrative in language with an unidentified person.	1979	Jigalong, Western Australia
	00:12:35	Interview with male speaker talking about timber cutting. Memories of his father. Talking about religion.		
	00:18:35	Another male speaker gives a narrative in his language.		
	00:22:20	End of Jigalong 6 and end of CHESSON_M01-016133.		

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016134/Jigalong 7

Performer/speaker(s):	Auntie Maggie, Pincher Ruben and unidentified male speakers
Subject keywords:	Music – vocal
Language/people:	English and unidentified language
Places:	Jigalong (WA East Pilbara SF51-13)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M01-016134	00:00:00	Unidentified male singing with boomerang clapstick accompaniment.	10 May 1979	Jigalong, Western Australia
	00:02:50	Auntie Maggie tells a story of Two Women. Creation story.		
	00:13:15	Pincher Ruben tells a story about people who were looking after the rabbit proof fence.		
	00:21:23	Singing with boomerang clapstick.		
	00:31:38	Unidentified man singing and tapping.		
	00:63:05	End of Jigalong 7 and end of CHESSON_M01-016134		

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016135/Jigalong 8

Performer/speaker(s):	Unidentified male interviewer and unidentified male speakers. Joshua and Lily and Maggie Malana
Subject keywords:	Animals – Birds – Parrots, Culture – Relationship to land
Language/people:	English/Martu people
Places:	Jigalong (WA East Pilbara SF51-13)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M01-016135	00:00:00	Dreamtime stories told by Joshua in Martu.	23 March 1979	Jigalong, Western Australia
	00:02:42	Story of Two Galahs – in English. Canning Stock Route story.		
	00:06:25	Lily tells a story in English. Women speaking in language.	18 April 1979	Jigalong, Western Australia
	00:10:00	Discussion about land, culture and beliefs. Reading translated stories.		
	00:30:03	Maggie Malana tells some stories. Collector discusses the stories.	22 April 1979	Jigalong, Western Australia
	00:53:11	End of Jigalong 8 and end of CHESSON_M01-016135		

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016136/Jigalong 9

Performer/speaker(s):	Unidentified male interviewer and unidentified male speakers
Subject keywords:	Stories and motifs
Language/people:	English and unidentified language
Places:	Jigalong (WA East Pilbara SF51-13)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
CHESSON_M01-016136	00:00:00	Narrative in language and English with an unidentified person.	1979	Jigalong, Western Australia
	00:12:35	Interview with male speaker, who is asked about his family.		
	00:14:07	Stories in language.		
	00:22:25	End of Jigalong 9, and end of CHESSON_M01-016136.		

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