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LOSTE-BROWN_S01

**Sound recordings collected by
Scott Lose-Brown, 1994**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1994

Extent: 5 audiocassettes

Production history

These recordings were collected during December, 1994 at Taroom, Queensland by Scott L'Oste-Brown and Luke Godwin. The purpose of the fieldwork was to record oral history from the speakers Gordon Henry, Ted Mitchell and Vera Tyson in order to document their experiences of living on the Taroom Aboriginal Reserve and the surrounding settlements. Contained within the recording too, are important aspects relating to Indigenous culture, predominantly in Queensland.

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ITEM LIST

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
030054 030055	Field Tape 1	Oral history of life at Taroom Reserve with Heather [possibly Tyson], Gordon Henry, Ted Mitchell and Vera Tyson
030056 030057	Field Tape 2	Oral history of life at Taroom Reserve with Heather [possibly Tyson], Gordon Henry, Ted Mitchell and Vera Tyson
030058 030059	Field Tape 3	Oral history of life at Taroom Reserve with Heather [possibly Tyson], Gordon Henry, Ted Mitchell and Vera Tyson
030060 030061	Field Tape 4	Oral history of life at Taroom Reserve with Heather [possibly Tyson], Gordon Henry, Ted Mitchell and Vera Tyson
030062 030063	Field Tape 5	Oral history of life at Taroom Reserve with Heather [possibly Tyson], Gordon Henry, Ted Mitchell and Vera Tyson

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

030054 + 030055/Field Tape 1

Performer/speaker(s):	Heather [possibly Tyson], Gordon Henry, Ted Mitchell and Vera Tyson
Personal subject(s):	Ted Mitchell's parents, Gunn family, Gordon Henry's relatives, Mr Doyle, Georgie Bowman, Bishop Ash, Jimmy Lamb, Jack Ranger, Willy McKenzie, Charlie Coddison, Dan Murray, Claudie Willow, Vera Tyson's relatives, Doctor Shillingsworth, Kenny, Jimmy McEnroe, Landy Richard, Matthew Conway, Lorna [Mitchell?], Mabel Lloyd.
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, Settlement and contacts - Resettlement and removals
Language/people:	Unidentified Indigenous language, Gungabula people (E35), Yiman people (E31)
Places:	Taroom (SW Qld SG55-08), MacIntyre River (N NSW SH56, SE Qld SH56), Hornet Bank (SW Qld SG55-08), Woorabinda (SW Qld SG55-04)
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030054	00:00:00	Discussion of Ted Mitchell's childhood and family life in Taroom and on the Macintyre river.	December 1994	Taroom, Qld
	00:08:12	Discussion of Gordon Henry's family history and personal experiences, including sporting events, working conditions, hunting and church.		
	00:30:26	Discussion of language terminology of different groups, corroborees and performers and material culture.		
	00:41:42	Discussion of burial ceremonies and totems.		
	00:47:38	End of LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030054.		
LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030055	00:00:00	Continuation of discussion on funerals.	December 1994	Taroom, Qld
	00:10:28	Discussion on various events at and aspects of Taroom Reserve, medical assistance, dormitory life, the well, cemetery, vegetables grown by the residents.		

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
	00:21:23	Discussion on traditional foods and medicine. Discussion on rations and brewing beer.		
	00:47:30	End of Tape 1 and end of LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030055.		
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030056 + 030057/Field Tape 2

Performer/speaker(s):	Heather [possibly Tyson], Gordon Henry, Ted Mitchell and Vera Tyson
Personal subject(s):	Mr Granville, Mr Pincerby, Mr Bulga, Mrs Murton, Nurse Hampstead, Mr Bradshaw, College family, Lottie and George Weazle, Queen Victoria, Jack Tommy, Watting family, Tommy Hughes, Hubert Dooley, Sister Christine, Father Hayes, Kernel family, Gough Morgan, Ted Mitchell's sister, Fred Grandbow, Captain Kidd, Superintendent Maxwell, Horace Pincham, Mr Bartley, Mr Quigley/Quinn, Miss Davies, Scully family, Leigh family, Waterson family, Zhu family, Leisha family, Linda, Mickey Dooley, Billy Lakeland, Alec Mullenow, Florey [Tyson], Lorna, Gordon Henry's father, Tommy Tommy family, Wild Toby, Toby, Archer family, Tom Kirk, Sergeant William Wright, Constable William Dwyer, Willie Newton, Harry, George Lamb, Tom Clarence, Gilbert, John Bundi, Elsie Doolan, Granny Kemp, Frank Booth, Geoffrey Carmine, Harry Noble, Harry Green, Miss Bradford, Sandy Mackenzie
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, Settlement and contacts - Resettlement and removals
Language/people:	Gungabula people (E35), Yiman people (E31)
Places:	Taroom (SW Qld SG55-08), Woorabinda (SW Qld SG55-04), Cherbourg / Barambah (SE Qld SG56-10), Hughenden (E Qld SF55-01)
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030056	00:00:00	Discussion on Taroom and Woorabinda settlements and Taroom's non-Indigenous residents.	December 1994	Taroom, Qld
	00:03:18	Wages for Indigenous workers. Gordon Henry's sister and brother-in-law. Jobs for Indigenous men. Butchering a bullock. Hunting.		
	00:11:08	Discussion on Government issued clothing, Christmas gifts, and Jack Tommy Tommy's prison breakouts.		
	00:17:55	Discussion on on-Indigenous homes, the cemetery, the Taroom flood and Christian influence.		
	00:41:26	End of LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030056.		
LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030057	00:00:00	Discussion on Chinese descendants Cooktown Murri, the Aboriginal Affairs Department and birth	December 1994	Taroom, Qld

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
		Certificates.		
	00:13:51	Discussion on Indigenous disputes, The Tommy Tommy family, and Bushranger murders.		
	00:24:10	Discussion on non-Indigenous pioneers, Catholic Priests, appropriation of Indigenous artefacts and interracial relationships.		
	00:32:58	Indigenous fights. Elsie Doolan and Granny Kemp. Harry Noble and Harry Green. Hunting. Guns. Kangaroo skins.		
	00:47:27	End of Tape 2 and end of LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030057.		
RETURN TO ITEM LIST				

030058 + 030059/Field Tape 3

Performer/speaker(s):	Heather [possibly Tyson], Gordon Henry, Ted Mitchell and Vera Tyson
Personal subject(s):	Thompson family, Gough Morgan, William Fraser, Pat Shanahan, Mabel Lloyd, Watt families, Stanley, Eddie, Murray family, Shean family, Harry Green, Harry Noble, Peter Cunningham, Michael McGooda, Phil Donnelly, Heather's husband, Lorna, Kylie Armstrong, Oscar, Albert Watson, Mrs Chifley, Cossie Waterson, Nola, Ray Vaughn, Red Shelley, Graham Walsh, Kidd family, Mummins family, Mr Kemp, Mr Cotton, Nellie Bulla, Evans family, Granny Coddison, Annie Evans, Beryl Horton, Cissie Eastwood/Cadell, Arthur Conlan, Herbie "Bungie" Mitchell, Jeffrey Carmine, Albert 'Boomerang/Bullocky,' Mr Doyle, Copper William, Charlie Coddison, Mr Blair, Lorna, Jimmy Garbi, Sambo Garbi, Peter, Jackie Johnson, Tom Johnson, Bob Etker, Weazel family, Superintendent College, Rolly Armstrong, Walter Miley, Jack Bird, Mr Edwards, Jack Bell, Johnny Henry, Mona Banfield, Bonner family, Mr Lamb, Tom Ryan, Doris Mitchell, Billy Lakeland, Nurse Hampstead, Henry family, Dick, Joe Rankin, Arthur Bondi, Stan Albert, Rory Charville, Jerome family, Mrs Merton, Aussie Dick, Harry Bonney, Dooley family, Arthur Wilson, Oscar Munns, Waddy family, Raymond Cressbrook, Bob Bond, Arthur Burnett, Bernie Grey, Twoddle family, Auntie Toddie, David Tommy, Claudie, Jack O'Dollard, Noble family, Libby Chambers, Norman Bird, Rigby, Connie Dodds, Tyson family, Leo Rebel, Walter Marley
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, Settlement and contacts - Resettlement and removals
Language/people:	Gungabula people (E35), Yiman people (E31)
Places:	Taroom (SW Qld SG55-08), Cherbourg / Barambah (SE Qld SG56-10), Woorabinda (SW Qld SG55-04), Dawson River (SW Qld SG55, SG56), Euraba (N NSW SH55-04)
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030058	00:00:00	Discussion on Eddie and Jimmy Thompson, Chinese opium, William Fraser and Indigenous massacres and death marches.	December 1994	Taroom, Qld
	00:08:26	Discussion on yandi, pituri and gumby gumby, the contraceptive use of yams, Indigenous law, and a river site.		
	00:22:33	Discussion on gunyahs, Taroom's cemetery, Harry Green and Noble and Devil country.		
	00:27:39	Discussion on Indigenous organisations and prejudice, the		

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LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030059	00:42:39	Woorabinda cattle drive and Vera's family photographs.	December 1994	Taroom, Qld
		Discussion on Indigenous language		
	00:47:29	End of LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030058.		
	00:00:00	Discussion on bullock drives, Euraba Mission, Indigenous fisherman and a cultural centre.		
	00:09:26	Discussion on hunting, Leaving/escaping the Mission and Neville Bonner.		
	00:19:47	Discussion on marriage, showtime, Murri policemen, Taroom jail and enlistment and army recruitment.		
	00:33:33	Discussion on droving plants and cattle stations, feuds.		
	00:40:13	Discussions on the Noble family and fighting.		
00:47:27	End of Tape 3, Side B and end of 030059.			
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030060 + 030061/Field Tape 4

Performer/speaker(s):	Heather [possibly Tyson], Gordon Henry, Ted Mitchell and Vera Tyson
Personal subject(s):	Roy Tippo, Jack Tommy Tommy, Simon Brightly, Mr Grandbow, Horace Pincham, Andy Richard, Annie Hopkins, Mary Woods, Waterson family, Jacob Mundow, 'Bullocky,' Jack Rankin, Superintendent College, Grandfather Henry, Mr 'Grandfather' Mitchell, Eric Judd, Harold, Mrs College, Mrs Merton, Nurse Hampstead, Tyson family, Sister Doris, Katie Saunders, Annie Bourke, Cinderella Saunders, Jim Bowden, Lorna, Hector Smith, Frank Raudebaugh, Frank Mungallala, Billy Bourke, Auntie Amy Doyle, Fred, Theo Doyle, Patsy, Querie family, May (nee) Serico, Teddy Marinol, Galaroi Yunepingu, Collins family, George Lucas/Lakeland, Territory Protector Blakely, Mickey Dooley, C.J. Carroll, Sergeant Jeffrey Carmine, Morrie Tyson, Billy Mounthurst, Arthur Hoffman, Jack Canvas, Simon Brightly, Doolan family, Tommy Teasewater, Charlie Carney, Doc Roberts, Lorna, Mrs Mitchell, Bentley family, Adam Clark
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, Settlement and contacts - Resettlement and removals
Language/people:	Gungabula people (E35), Yiman people (E31, Gaagudju / Gagadju / Gagadyu people (N50), Gulngay people (Y126)
Places:	Taroom (SW Qld SG55-08), Woorabinda (SW Qld SG55-04), Kakadu National Park (NT SD53-01, SD53-05), Dawson River (SW Qld SG55, SG56)
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030060	00:00:00	Discussion on Tommy Tommy's escapes from prison and aerial photographs.	December 1994	Taroom
	00:21:02	Discussion on totems, burial services and songs.		
	00:30:13	Discussion on societal taboos, traditional justice, a Northern Territory assassin and Indigenous law.		
	00:36:21	Discussion on authority, polygamy, non-Indigenous and Indigenous weddings and Galarrwuy Yunupingu.		
	00:47:32	End of LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030060.		
LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030061	00:00:00	Discussion on Indigenous organisations, corruption and lost money retrieved.	December 1994	Taroom, Qld

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
	00:09:07	Discussions on Indigenous policemen, gambling, curfews, Northern Territory camping areas, material culture and the Legal service.		
	00:31:55	Discussions on non-Indigenous houses, farm produce, cooking, paddocks and the cemetery.		
	00:40:05	Discussions on rowing boats, diving competitions, a flooded cemetery, family, Dawson river and the Rainbow Serpent.		
	00:45:53	End of Tape 4 and end of LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030061.		
RETURN TO ITEM LIST				

030062 + 030063/Field Tape 5

Performer/speaker(s):	Heather [possibly Tyson] and Vera Tyson
Personal subject(s):	Auntie Amy Doyle, Vera Tyson's mother, Superintendent College, Uncle Bunji, George Aiden, Maureen Watson, Brown family, 'Bullocky,' Dougie, Granny Mitchell, Auntie Rebel, Granny Cinderella, Tom Davy, Yvonne, Ken Davy, Mr Sinclair, Hayden family, Smith family, Charlie Ward, Gunn family, Beasley family, Dodd family, Joe Macgregor, Mervin Lang, Auntie Nunne, Kenny, Uncle Bunji, Ranger Peter Smith, Sergeant Jeffrey Carmine, Paddy Miccolo, Tippo Prowder, 'Moke,' Billy Brown, Auntie Topsy Saunders, Mason family, Fisher family, Kenny Bulbridge
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, Settlement and contacts - Resettlement and removals
Language/people:	English, Gungabula people (E35), Yiman people (E31)
Places:	Taroom (SW Qld SG55-08), Woorabinda (SW Qld SG55-04), MacIntyre River (N NSW SH56, SE Qld SH56),
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030062	00:00:00	Discussions on traditional Indigenous wedding and Celebrant College.	December 1994	Taroom, Qld
	00:06:55	Discussions on Indigenous funeral ceremonies, repatriation of Indigenous remains, dormitory experiences and Christian prayers.		
	00:39:36	Discussions on rail station stops, girls and cattle station work and work comparisons between Indigenous boys and girls.		
	00:47:28	End of LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030062.		
LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030063	00:00:00	Discussions on traditional ways of northern Murriss and Eastern seaboard population shift.	December 1994	Taroom, Qld
	00:04:15	Discussions on Aboriginal Reserve land, Vera Tyson's parents, the Gunn family and the plague at Euraba Mission.		

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
	00:10:55	Discussions the girls' dormitory. Auntie Nunne. Kenny, Policeman's creek and Indigenous sayings.		
	00:22:48	Discussions on massacres of Indigenous people, fencing off of gravesites, Indigenous policemen and Jail sentences.		
	00:32:05	Discussions on spear fighting, family challenges and Indigenous traditions.		
	00:42:58	End of Tape 5 and end of LOSTE-BROWN_S01-030063.		
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