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Finding aid

MCCONNEL_U01

**Sound recordings collected by
Ursula McConnel, 1934**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1934

Extent: 4 sound tape reels (1 hr., 40 min.) : analogue, 7 1/2 ips, mono. ; 7 in.

Production history

These recordings were collected by Ursula McConnel in 1934 in Queensland. They contain songs and stories in various Cape York languages, including Wik Mungkan, Kaanju, Ndraangidh, Linnghithigh, Mbeiwum and Adyinuri. Speakers and performers include Jimmy (Andyimban), Billy Mammus (Bambeigan), Rosie Pantiauwa, Mathew, Paul Teidyola, Jimmy Long, Maria, Billy Aie Ago, Jimmy Corporal and Johnny. The original recordings were on twenty-seven wax cylinders held by the National Museum of Victoria. The cylinders were transferred to four reel-to-reel tapes by RMIT in 1966. Copies were deposited at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies (AIAS) in 1969.

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ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

This finding aid was compiled from information contained in documentation prepared by Ursula McConnel and Alice Moyle, and audition sheets prepared by AIATSIS staff. Cylinder 22 was not transferred to tape and therefore does not form part of this collection.

ITEM LIST

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
001390A	Reel 1	Stories and songs in Wik Mungkan and Kaanju with Jimmy (Andyimban) and Billy Mammus (Bambeigan)
001391A	Reel 2	Songs and stories in Wik Mungkan with Rosie Pantiauwa, Mathew , Billy Mammus (Bambeigan) and Paul Teidyola
001392A	Reel 3	Stories and songs in Wik Mungkan, Ndraangidh, Lingithigh and Mbeiwum with Paul Teidyola, Jimmy Long, Maria and Mathew and Billy Aie Ago
001393A	Reel 4	Discussion in Kaanju and Adyinuri with Jimmy Corporal and Johnny

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

001390A/Reel 1

Performer/speaker(s):	Andyimban-Jimmy, Billy Mammus (Bambeigan)
Subject keywords:	Language elicitation – Narratives, Music – Vocal – Solo – Male
Language/people:	Wik Mungkan
Places:	Cape York Peninsula (Qld SC54, SD54, SD55)
Recording quality:	Poor
Notes:	This reel contains copies of original cylinders 1 – 8. Information relating to 00:00:00 – 00:11:35 can be found in U. McConnel, <i>Myths of the Mungkan</i> , MUP, Melbourne, 1957, p.71. Information relating to 00:11:35 – 00:30:00 can be found in McConnel, U. 1935, 'Myths of the Wikmunkan and Wiknatara tribes', <i>Oceania</i> , vol. 6, no. 1, pp. 66-93.

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
MCCONNEL_U01-001390A	00:00:00	Dillybag narratives in Wik Mungkan with Jimmy (Andyimban).	1934	Archer River QLD
	00:11:35	RESTRICTED, MEN ONLY: Bullroarer narratives and songs in Wik Mungkan with Billy Mammus (Bambeigan).	1934	Watson River QLD
	00:29:48	End of reel 1 and end of MCCONNEL_U01-001390A.		

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001391A/Reel 2

Performer/speaker(s):	Rosie Pantiauwa, Mathew , Billy Mammus (Bambeigan), Paul Teidyola
Subject keywords:	Music – Vocal – Solo – Female, Language elicitation – Narratives, Kinship terms
Language/people:	Wik Mungkan, Linngithigh
Places:	Cape York Peninsula (Qld SC54, SD54, SD55)
Recording quality:	Poor
Notes:	This reel contains copies of original cylinders 9, 11 – 16 and 23. Information relating to 00:00:00 – 00:03:10 can be found in McConnel, U. 1937, 'Mourning ritual among the tribes of Cape York Peninsula', <i>Oceania</i> , vol. 7, no.3, p.367. Information relating to 00:07:10 – 00:31:00 can be found in McConnel, U. 1935, 'Myths of the Wikmunkan and Wiknatara tribes', <i>Oceania</i> , vol. 6, no. 1, pp. 66-93 and McConnel, U. 1940, 'Social organisation of the tribes of Cape York Peninsula', <i>Oceania</i> , vol. 10, no. 4, pp.434-455.

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
MCCONNEL_U01-001391A	00:00:00	RESTRICTED, WOMEN ONLY: Ghost song in Wik Mungkan with Rosie Pantiauwa –	1934	Archer River, Qld
	00:03:10	Linngithigh language elicitation with Mathew, including kinship terms.	1934	Cape York Peninsula, Qld
	00:07:10	RESTRICTED, MEN ONLY: Wik Mungkan narratives and elicitation of kinship term with Billy Mammus (Bambeigan) .	1934	Archer river, Qld
	00:23:08	Elicitation of Wik Mungkan kinship terms and discussion with Paul Teidyola.	1934	Holroyd River, Qld
	00:31:04	End of reel 2 and end of MCCONNEL_U01-001391A.		

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001392A/Reel 3

Performer/speaker(s):	Paul Teidyola, Jimmy Long, Maria and Mathew, Billy Mammus (Bambeigan), Billy Aie Aigo
Subject keywords:	Language elicitation – Narratives, Music – Vocal – Solo – Male, Kinship terms,
Language/people:	Wik Mungkan, Linngithigh, Ndraangidh, Mbeiwum
Places:	Cape York Peninsula (Qld SC54, SD54, SD55)
Recording quality:	Poor
Notes:	This reel contains copies of original cylinders 17 – 21, 10, 24 -25. Information relating to 00:03:32 – 00:14:40 can be found in McConnel, U. 1936, 'Totemic hero-cults in Cape York Peninsula, North Queensland, part 1', <i>Oceania</i> , vol. 6, no. 4, pp. 452-477.

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
MCCONNEL_U01-001392A	00:00:00	Elicitation of Wik Mungkan kinship terms and discussion with Paul Teidyola.	1934	Holroyd River, Qld
	00:03:32	Ghost narrative and song in Ndraangidh with Jimmy Long.	1934	Cape York Peninsula, Qld
	00:14:40	SOME RESTRICTED CONTENT - MEN ONLY: Elicitation of Linngithigh kinship terms and discussion with Maria and Mathew.	1934	Cape York Peninsula, Qld
	00:18:52	Mbeiwum kinship terms with Billy Aie Aigo.	1934	Cape York Peninsula, Qld
	00:30:36	End of reel 3 and end of MCCONNEL_U01-001392A.		

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001393A/Reel 4

Performer/speaker(s):	Jimmy Corporal, Johnny
Subject keywords:	Language elicitation, Kinship terms
Language/people:	Kaanju / Kaatju / Anjingid, Adyinuri
Places:	Cape York Peninsula (QLD SC54, SD54, SD55)
Recording quality:	Poor
Notes:	This reel contains copies of original cylinders 26 and 27. Information relating to field tape 4 can be found in McConnell, U. 1950, Junior marriage systems: comparative survey', <i>Oceania</i> , vol. 21, no.2, pp.107-145.

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
MCCONNEL_U01-001393A	00:00:00	Elicitation of Kaanju kinship terms and discussion with Jimmy Corporal.	1934	Cape York Peninsula, Qld
	00:04:08	Elicitation of Adyinuri kinship terms and discussion with Johnny.	1934	Cape York Peninsula, Qld
	00:08:18	End of reel 4 and end of MCCONNEL_U01-001393A.		

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